

HOPE

God endowed the first single cell of life, and therefore the latent soul with the capacity to acquire attributes necessary for it to struggle upward from the planes of darkness to the planes of light and become an individualized, fully-awakened human soul. Incarnated as it was in its many multiple forms, it experienced certain stages of evolution, many of which led to despair and gloom. The latent soul at first was devoid of Hope. Being exposed, however, to repeated calamities that apparently were fatal, the soul surprisingly survived these crises. Thus Hope originated as an inherent capacity of the human soul.

Through the long, dark ages of the past, the soul gained the knowledge that even though its material form was dissolved by death, it remained secure and possessed the accumulated knowledge of all the errors of living. This experience naturally led the soul to believe that it could climb upward regardless of its apparent material position at any given time. Therefore, each human soul has an attribute, based upon experience, called Hope in the upward progression of life.

Each of us is dual. We possess a carnal consciousness, which is the result of all experiences since birth. We also possess a spiritual consciousness, which is the accumulation of all experiences since creation. Unfortunately most of us are only aware of the material consciousness, but working within ourselves is this great spiritual consciousness that possesses all knowledge. The whole purpose of the soul's evolution is that it may eventually become cognizant of its Divine origin. Through acquiring wisdom, the soul can then bring itself into harmony with God, its Source. Obedience to the Laws governing the body, mind and soul enables the carnal consciousness to work in harmony with, instead of contrary to, the spiritual consciousness. Toward this end we toil.

The carnal consciousness, with limited experience, finds itself confronted with an unsolvable situation. When it sees no way out, it frequently gives up to what is known as despair. Life becomes dark, undesirable, meaningless. Were it not for the indispensable emotion of Hope, which lies dormant in each human soul, this particular carnal consciousness would eliminate itself through self-destruction. But always the voice of past experience comes to the rescue saying, "Have Hope."

Even doctors, when confronted with a disease that they know will prove fatal to the patient, will bring encouragement with the words, 'Where there is life, there is hope.' And this hope rests upon the fact that each soul has within itself the accumulated memories of past lives and knows that it is indestructible.

Temporarily the human consciousness may conclude that the body is the entire person and, viewing the dissolution of the body by disease, it believes that all is lost and that death will be the inevitable result. Still the invincible spirit of hope clamors for acknowledgment. Then that person calls on those in whom he or she has faith to intervene. The individual called may be a doctor, a religious figure, or another person, but that act is always an expression of Hope.

The human soul, having its memory of the past unavailable to the carnal consciousness, can never be without Hope. During the dark, dismal ages of the past it experienced trials and tribulations never known in this material life. Having always survived the expected annihilation the soul knows it is immune to lesser destructive forces.

To this knowledge you can attribute the spirit known as Hope in the immortal evolution of life. During the evolution of the human soul from the first stage of life to its present form there has been a gradual acquisition of knowledge that enables the human soul to become aware of its divinity and immortality.

Immortality is your supreme hope and constitutes the greatest venture of faith. The hope of life after death provides an incentive for moral perfection. It enlarges and intensifies the worth of personality. It gives significance to many facts of human experience that would otherwise be meaningless. On this Hope rests your faith in the inherent beneficence of the world order, your discrimination of values and your conviction that truth and justice will ultimately prevail. The hope of immortality constitutes one of the greatest stabilizing forces for all humanity.

As the soul evolves and becomes conscious of its destiny, it begins to differentiate between the true and the false. It realizes that some individuals personify the attributes of good, while others are an expression of evil. With its gift of reason and choice, the soul affiliates itself with one or the other. If it aligns itself with those who are good it becomes, the agent of the Divine. By its acts it assists in bringing to a realization the unity of all humanity. But if it affiliates with the exponents of evil, it increases their power. Thus life moves on, either positive or negative.

When negative elements predominate in human life God decrees that justice shall prevail and sends someone who can, through teaching and example, remind the human mind of the realities that exist, thereby creating order out of chaos. Due to this Divine action, the human soul, which has experienced these things in the past is imbued with the spirit of hope.

Anyone who is ill, has problems, and who despairs should heed the old saying, "God's in His heaven, all's right with the world." Nothing happens by chance. All is according to a Divine Plan. That which causes an individual despair has been sent so that the individual may overcome the obstacle and advance upward in the eternal progression of life.

Were it not for the survival of Hope by the time you have suffered enough to be willing and obedient to the laws that operate for humanity's good, you would have no incentive for effort. Hope is the motive power of all effort. It is the attribute that becomes the stepping-stone to the soul's awakening. Out of the awakening inevitably grows an abiding faith in the powers that operate through Nature to bless the pure life and lead humanity along the path of unbroken progression to higher and higher states of nobility and happiness.

There are two kinds of Hope. One is Hope in the eternal progression of life and all its goodness. The other is the perverted idea of life for material gain. The first is purely spiritual, born of a desire to serve the masses. The second seeks personal gain. In that instance, hope is largely centered in things that have only temporal value and even in the gratification of desires and selfishness. Still the very nature of hope, especially its persistence, lends humanity a buoyancy

that aids it from sinking into greater darkness and despair. For someone who lives on the plane of desire, hope must survive the person's dissatisfaction with repeated disappointment and failure-or satiation through gratification-until that soul is led, step by step, to see that the ultimate of all Hope lies in purity, simplicity and obedience to Nature, which is God made visible.

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