

WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS

Wars at its most terrific is actually the result of one man's thoughts multiplied by millions of others--it is possible only by the agreement we make with it. Millions agree that inharmony is the order of the day, and they experience all sorts of evil, which terminates in death and destruction. What you accept is yours, and comes to pass regardless of what anyone declares. What you find to be true within yourself takes place on the without. A stream of consciousness passing through your John Smith is colored by what your individual mind accepts as true. Hence, "one man's meat is another man's poison." It is wonderful when you begin to see that only what you accept as real and true can be true to you. And *only that to which you give power can have power over you.*

At first your human intellect is affronted and offended with such a statement, and would recite hundreds of incidents to prove that it is not so. You know many things have happened to you that you did not think of, nor accept as real and true; but *nothing can take place in your human life that has not been accepted by you as true, at some time or other.*

War is a man-made thing, its foundation is greed and hatred. If he cannot go to war, man *can* bring war to himself, and if he is too fearful he may bring it into his own home. Two women working in a field in Florida were decapitated by an airplane. Few worse things could have happened to anyone in the war, yet they were thousands of miles from any battlefield.

Do you begin to see how it is that you have been making your own life, and that something must be done to offset this haphazard process? Despite all the inventions of modern civilization, thousands of years seem to have been entirely wasted, and the simplest teachings of Jesus Christ still not understood. Today we are being mesmerized by floods of words --we need to "see and hear ARIGHT"--we become afraid of everything that man says for tomorrow he changes. There is a good deal of praying that goes on--praying for victory, or a nation,

or a person--regardless of the fact that God is no respecter of persons or nations (even though many people may imagine He is of English extraction). Praying for relief from excepted evil will give us nothing, for the human intellect has too much proof of what it has either seen or heard of evil to throw it off so easily.

War is a natural function of human thought, and goes on eternally between nations and even between members of a family. Until it puts on Christ, the Fatherhood Degree, the human consciousness will continue its way, despite the revelation, "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us." Do you see that it *already* has been bestowed upon us--that it is not a future salvation we are speaking of? Do you see that this love *already* has been bestowed on us Now and Here? It is only an abstract idea until we begin to experience it through this Christ-consciousness. "Love never fails." Never is a long time, and so it is the spiritual love that clears the way for manifestation.

In the mist of all the fury of mortal mind you abide in the City of Refuge prepared for you--remembering all the while that all this is just another appearance from which you must not judge. God is there when you are conscious of Him--no matter what the appearances. Remember also that "if you make your bed in hell, there am I" and that "where I am, there is Heaven." "The water shall not quench thee, neither shall the fire burn thee." You are hid with Christ in God. It is well.

And also comes the wonderful Speaking of the Word from behind the lines to those in the trenches or on the sea. Knowing now as you do the Power of the Word, and that I am here, there and everywhere, your WORD is *instantly* with that one absent from you in the physical, and it surrounds him with a panoply of love and fearlessness and protection through which no device of man can or will pass. All this is so sacred and holy it is almost profaned by putting it on paper, because of the unbelief of many.

And the lines of communication between you and the one out there are perfectly established. Jesus saw everything that the woman under the fig tree had done--there is the power to SEE, when you accept it and when you

BELIEVE in the word of God. Are you beginning to see what the Radical reliance on God has in store for you? It opens up the doors to your senses--extending them into the beyond and giving you the only information worth while.

"I am with you always even unto the end" of this human fury--I will hold your right hand, saying unto you, "Fear not." This can take place literally as well as symbolically if you are prepared to accept it as true. "My Sheep hear my Voice"--Do *you* hear?

If there is no war in your consciousness there is no war in manifestation as far as you are concerned. You may move through the pictures of it all--but only that which is in your consciousness can actually take place. There is no fear in your consciousness and therefore there is nothing to make you afraid on the outer, though you move through a thousand manifestations of so-called evil.

Watch, and do not commit war within the borders of your own homes. A woman recently committed suicide when she read of the slaughter of three hundred innocents--she couldn't stand it. Next morning the report was corrected--only three had been killed. Thought is capable of all evil and it can act from a supposed cause just as well as a real one. Watch--if there is no War in your heart there can be none in your world. When Peter was put into prison he sang until the walls gave away. Not once did he recognize the appearances as something real--and those appearances which depended on the support of his thought gave way--it took an earthquake to do it--but that is nothing. The jailers ran, and finally they invited Peter to come out--invited the very one they had thrown into prison.. "I have a way ye know not of"--it is wonderful!

The great cosmic Ring of Fire around the whole world is today cleansing it of much of its evil. Everything that does not belong here will be purified by this fire, as will every evil place and condition, and these fires will not abate until the last bit of dross is burned up and the Kingdom of Heaven is established on earth.

Jesus was a truth-sayer and He said, "This is the Kingdom of Heaven" here and now--and everything that is making it a hell must and will be purified out of this existence by the Cosmic Cleansing fires.

The Victory is not yours, but God's. You are merely a Temple of the Living God where this Victory may be made manifest. You can do what you are called upon to do for you are led by the Spirit.

And instead of the baptism of Fire you shall have the baptism of Glory. You will stand in the downpour of Light and revelation and exclaim, "My Lord and my God." You have on the armor of Righteousness and the Breastplate of Love through which no bullet can penetrate. It is wonderful--and so it is.

Remember always that the moment the war-thought is killed out of the minds of men, at that moment the physical slaughter will cease, and what is true of a nation is true of an individual.

The Hebrew children passed through fire without any ill effects--yea--not even the *smell* of fire was upon their garments. How will you pass through this "Fire" of human emotion when the whole world is burning with hatred, greed, and the lust for power? Will you come out with the "Smell" or the "Stink" (to put it in more plebeian words) of fire or war on your garments? Remembering that the men who built that "Fire" were burned to death, isn't it time for you to see that even though you *walk through* the FIRE it will not burn you--nor will it leave the smell of fire on your garments? Do you begin to see the difference in it all? You are in a New Day and you have taken the new ROAD or path into the Kingdom of Here and How--and the moment you fully conceive this you will go through the fire of experiences that may be about you, without the "Smell" of fire on your garments.

There is no argument--either you see and *believe*, or you make certain reservations. If you make reservations about the God-Power, you will come under the laws of a *limited* power. If you find any man whom you consider more powerful than God and more omniscient in his wisdom, then you should worship

that man, believing that if every mortal man is a truth-sayer, then Jesus Christ is a liar! Argument lifts its hydra-head and protests with, "Yes, I know, but . . ."

Which do you choose?

The "Call upon ME and I WILL answer you" is no more true in the days of no war than it is true in the days of Total War. Do you begin to see that all the laws of Truth you have been prating about during the years of so-called PEACE are just as true now as then or else they were never true? If you believed in "Protection" when the world was at peace, how much more should you "enlarge the borders of your tent" NOW and see that its very sense of protection reaches out over the entire world. And though your loved ones may be in the midst of the fury of battle--still "Shall my hand lead them"--not so much as a matter of demonstration, but just because appearances of which you have talked so long are still appearances--no matter of what intensity they may be. It is all a more glorious opportunity of "Stand and SEE the Salvation of the Lord"--to SEE and to Know that what you have talked about in so-called times of peace is just as real and true in so-called times of war. For the warfare is not ours, but God's.

Do you begin to understand that this confusion which has enveloped the entire *thinking* world is just an enlarged opportunity for you to "make good" in your belief in God? Now you are getting a *real* chance to see whether or not you believe in God.

Remember what the answer was to the question of the disciples when they returned in the evening and saw that the fig tree had been withered away, "Lord how could these things be" -- in other words, "How in the world could a fig tree which was perfectly healthy and normal, in full foliage this morning, be now (a few hours later) a withered thing?"

Do you recall the answer--and what it carries with it? Do you recall the answer? It is so simple that it is almost tragic. Jesus did not qualify it this time with tears or surprise. He said simply,

"Have Faith in God"--and in that simple, unqualified statement He gave the "Key" to the Kingdom of Power Here and Now. Well, nearly everybody who reads those wonderful words says within himself, "I have faith in God--but why is it that my problem does not work out--how is it that my fig tree which flourishes in all its glorious evil does not wither?"--and the very question answers itself. It is plain that the average person thinks the "Faith" that is required is a sickly belief that is just *believing* in God as you believe in a lucky charm, or a formula, or an affirmation, or a "hunch."

The Cosmic Fires which are lighted will burn out the dross. This time the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth is to be established. We are beginning to see that the Immaculate conception is to be established on earth. Unless we believe in this we might just as well "return to our vomit" of yesterday's findings and believe in what the eye sees and the ear hears--in spite of the rebuke "Ye have eyes and see not and ears and hear not, lest," etc.

Do you begin to see why it is that the truth is individual and not collective? A nurse and a doctor move amid thousands of cases of malignant disease without becoming infected. Why? You say they are protected--they have taken certain precautions and so are all right. You begin to see, when you understand the Truth of your Permanent Identity, that you too, are protected, and that you too, have taken certain precautions--and that it is all right. You are beginning to see that you are moving through pictures which in a few years will give forth many new and startling revelations as to cause and effect. So it is time that you appropriated your good and began to function in the NEW DAY of Life.

And so the "Wars and rumors of wars" pass along. They have been since the beginning of time--and all time began with the Human thought-taking which thought it could create a better world than God had created. Into this whole fiasco came Jesus Christ, telling of the Kingdom of Heaven here and now--but the theologians of that day would not tolerate the loss of their

prerogatives, and so they crucified Him and again tried to return man to the belief in "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth"--and many are so caught with the idea that they actually fall again into the Pre-Christ teaching. But after the smoke of battle has cleared away, then will come again the illumination that Jesus was a Truth-sayer and every mortal man a "liar and the father of lies."