

make the transition to a lighter, higher, freer form of life, thereby attaining greater perspective, moving more swiftly and having greater perception and understanding of life as a whole and not just as one grade or class out of the school of it, is to millions an unquestionable fact.

More and more light is to shine on this subject as the human mind en masse opens to it. As we know, the theory of reincarnation is one of the oldest forms of religious creed. "Spirits" of the dead have been worshiped and feared by people of all nations. This has been true since the beginning of human civilization. But the time is coming shortly when fear will be removed through gaining of a thorough understanding of what happens when we "die."

When this is as an open book contain-

ing no secrets from us, there can then be no superstitious fear of ghosts, wandering spirits, or "spook" manifestations, or even of death itself.

It will all seem so natural and desirable that we shall feel relieved of the sorrow and grief now attendant upon the loss of a loved one. We shall love life no less, and we shall face it more bravely. We shall know we *cannot* lose our loved ones. True, we shall no longer have them with us in their familiar bodies by which we knew them. But we can sense their presence, hear their silent voices and perhaps at times be able to actually see them, and we shall know they are happy, busy, and relieved of all physical suffering. Also that they are not decrepit or maimed, but are perfect in their "Light" bodies which are etherically material, although not of material substance as we know it.

Bible Course in Questions and Answers

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LESSON 3

Q. What does Elohim mean? Adam? How did Elohim rest?

A. Elohim means a host of dual-sexed Beings. Adam or ADM (the original spelling before the vowel was inserted by the translators) vibrates to the number "9" and signifies the whole of humanity (and not a single individual). Elohim "rested" when Man became responsible for his own acts and was left to hew out his own destiny.

Q. Give something of the early history of humanity as told in Genesis.

A. Human beings were first dual-sexed, and unawakened physically. With the advent of the Lucifer Spirits and the division of the sexes, they took the generative force into their own hands, which shut out the heaven worlds and brought physical consciousness, dense

bodies, and the pain and sorrow of a more material phase of evolution. Noah symbolizes the pioneers who raised themselves from this materialism by building the "soma psuchicon," or attaining Initiation, or contact again with the heaven worlds, through self-mastery.

Q. What is the meaning of Involution, Materiality, Evolution, and Epigenesis?

A. Involution is that part of our journey during which we came down from the higher planes into denser matter. Materiality is the bottom of the journey, or the densest part of our evolutionary cycle. Evolution is the return journey to the heaven worlds. Epigenesis is the ability to put into action fresh or original causes, without which there would be no individual genius or difference in types of hu-

- manity, etc. Without it we would be automatons.
- Q. What are the monkeys and what are the apes ?
- A. The monkeys belong to the animal kingdom, while the apes are degenerate beings of the human life wave who have dropped behind in evolution.
- Q. What is the real meaning of Adam's rib? Why is it sometimes said that woman has no soul?
- A. Adam's "rib" is better translated "part" or "side," and refers to that part or side of humanity which developed the feminine characteristics. The literal interpretation does not show that the "woman," if believed created from Adam's "rib," ever received a soul from Jehovah.
- Q. What is a soul? Which soul lives? Which soul dies?
- A. The soul is the result (or product) of the Ego working in and through the physical body, or the experiences of the life. The good and constructive experiences ("soul") "live" on by being incorporated into the higher vehicles. The lower experiences ("soul") must "die" by being expurgated in Purgatory.
- Q. Why is it evil to drink blood, according to the Bible? How can one eat flesh without drinking the blood?
- A. It is evil to drink blood because the blood contains the life of the man and the beast. It is not known how it is possible to eat flesh without drinking the blood, since the blood permeates the flesh.
- Q. What are the group spirits and how do they work?
- A. A group spirit is a self-conscious entity belonging to a different evolution, who functions through a spiritual body composed of a number of virgin spirits whom it is helping to evolve.
- Q. Describe the "fall" of man and the result of the fall.
- A. The "fall" of man was the advent of the Lucifer Spirits into our lives, who taught us the use of the generative force. The result was our misuse of
- this force and the loss of our spiritual consciousness, our descent from the heaven worlds, and the "curse" of materiality.
- Q. How will man regain his spiritual vision?
- A. Man will regain his spiritual vision by reversing the process whereby he lost it. That is through mastering and conserving the Life Force.
- Q. What does St. Paul mean by the "Princes of the Power of the air"?
- A. Air symbolically refers to the mind or to mental things. The "Princes of the Power of the air" would refer to the hierarchy which helped us to build the mind. But as the mind is selfish and self-seeking, the influence of this hierarchy, if carried beyond a certain point, would be detrimental to us.

LESSON 4

- Q. What is meant in Genesis when it is stated that Adam *named* the beasts?
- A. In symbolism, to "name" a person or a thing means to actually KNOW its "number" or vibration, or to have power over it. Thus, primitive man had power over the beasts.
- Q. Why is the name of Deity emphasized so much in the Bible?
- A. This is to impress the reader with the high, unknowable vibration or power and spirituality of God.
- Q. Tell briefly the inner story of Cain and Abel.
- A. Cain represents the mind, and Abel, the heart. That is why Abel's sacrifice was acceptable. Cain (the head) kills Abel (the heart) and wanders unhappily in the "land of Nod" (unrest), until he takes a "wife" (starts cultivating the heart side again), and finally, through his suffering and the wisdom engendered thereby produces Enoch or "wisdom," from whom springs Noah, who symbolizes the Initiate. We must all live this story personally.

(To be continued)