

MYSTIC LIGHT

Catastrophes, Their Cause and Cure

MADAME Helena Blavatsky in her book, *The Secret Doctrine*, says the following about karma: "It is not, therefore, Karma that rewards or punishes, but it is we who reward or punish ourselves, according as we work with, through, and along with nature, abiding by the laws on which harmony depends, or breaking them."

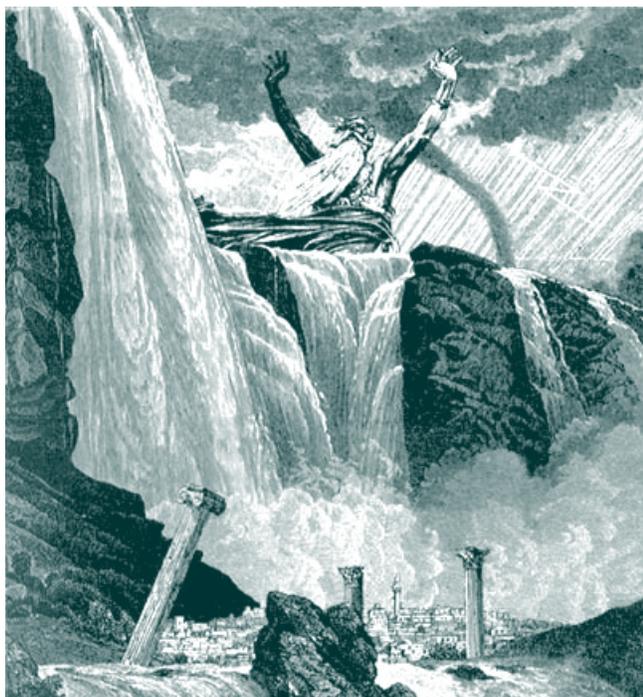
In the book, *Coming World Changes*, by Dr. and Mrs. Curtis, we find the following about catastrophes:

When storms, earthquakes, tidal waves, volcanic outbursts or catastrophes of other kinds take place many say, 'Behold the work of God! How insignificant is man!' This is false. God never made a storm or a catastrophe of any kind, for God is the great law of love. They are all evidences of man's power. Had man never sent out evil thoughts, wicked words, blasphemies and curses, the Earth's aura could never be so charged with destructive forces that a catastrophe was necessary to dissipate them and bring about equilibrium.

In a book called, *A Dweller on Two Planets*, by Phyllos the Tibetan, appears the following:

Karma is penalty for evil doing, and it is the law of God; it knows no abatement of payment, accepts no vicarious price, but is faithful gaoler over that prison which is life-action; whoso is cast therein shall not come out till every farthing is paid. Beware of doing wrong, for thou must bear the penalty, only thou. Verily, life is long enough to make payment; 'tis better to have none to make!

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The cure for the ills of humanity is for people to feel and express sympathy and love for each other. If individuals would live up to the highest in their religious teachings, they would soon change the conditions of their lives for the better. Through the ages all of the great religious teachers have urged people to deal mercifully with one another and to be honest and truthful. The Christian Bible points out the way and it is really all the guide that is necessary. For those who feel the need of further explanation of the mysteries of life I suggest the Mystic and Occult teachings that are taught by certain organizations connected with the seven schools of the lesser Mysteries. The people of the western world should take up the Rosicrucian Fellowship teachings set forth by Max Heindel.

In connection with the subject of catastrophes of nations, I will tell you a little about the misfortunes that have come to individuals because of what they did in some past life. This will give us a broader understanding of this important subject. Perhaps this knowledge will help us to understand ourselves and others better and enable us to be of more service to humanity.

One morning a man who is a Helper stepped off a

train in an eastern city and started to go down a street. Before he had gone very far he met a colored man who had no arms. This poor man was poorly dressed and looked unhappy. He asked the stranger for something to eat.

“Where can you get something to eat?” inquired the stranger.

“In the depot,” answered the poor man.

They went back and the Helper ordered a breakfast for the man and started to feed him as soon as the food was served. While he was feeding the man, some people whom he had met on the train came into the lunch room and saw him. Their little boy at once came to the Helper to see what was going on. The parents of the child went up and invited the Helper to their home.

“No, thank you,” replied the Helper. “I am on way to another depot to get a train to continue my journey. I met this man and he asked for some food and I am feeding him.”

“May I help you?” asked the lady “You are too slow.”

The lady then took the fork and began feeding the armless man and her husband sat down at the same table. After the man had finished eating, the Helper asked him how he lost his arms.

“I was helping on a farm one day and in some way my arms got caught in a threshing machine and they were cut off at the shoulder,” the man said.

“Tell us your story,” said the Helper. “Let us join hands while this man talks and maybe we will see and learn something.”

“After I had my arms cut off and was in a hospital,” the man continued, “I wanted to die, for I knew that I would have a hard life. A voice spoke to me and said, ‘Look back, cruel old king, and see the misery and suffering you caused by cutting off the arms of your slaves. Though your life will be hard, you will not die until you have suffered as long as your longest victim did. This was many years ago, but you must pay off the debt. Your four henchmen suffered the same fate as you the day you were injured.’”

After briefly telling his life history, the armless man spoke to the Helper. “Tell me the meaning of what I saw and heard that day. Have I ever lived before?”

“Yes, you have lived many time before,” replied the Helper. By means of thought he asked someone

to let them all see the man’s life when he was a king. They found out that this man was a Babylonian king and had a great number of people under him. Some of the people were white but the slaves were colored. He worked these slaves very hard and when they failed to complete the tasks that he gave them, he had his men cut their arms off above the elbow, and cast them off to die. Some of these unfortunate people were destroyed by wild beasts. Others lived for many years, whole some of his victims died at once.

“I have been this way for ten years,” the man said.

“I saw another man without any arms in the city where I live,” the Helper told him.

The travellers offered the poor man some money but he refused it. “I do not want any because someone would take it out of my pocket,” he said.

After that the Helper went home with the boy’s parents and made a short stay and then he left for his train.

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One night two Helpers were passing by the bed of a woman in a hospital. “Lady, will you please stop here a moment?” she asked.

“I will be with you in a few minutes,” replied the Helper.

This Helper spoke to the nurse on the ward about the woman. “She only has a thousand and one questions to ask you about religion,” said the nurse.

The Helper went back to the sick woman and sat down beside her bed. “Nurse, may I ask you a few questions,” the sick woman said, and the Helper said “Yes.” “I am sixty years old and I had a husband who left me for a younger woman,” she said. “Now he has lost his money and I have worried myself sick. Why do I have to suffer this way? I have been a true wife to my husband, but we have no children. I don’t think I have been treated justly.”

“No one is mistreating you,” said the Helper. “You did the same thing in some past life when you were married before. Now you must pray for forgiveness and accept what is being meted out to you.”

“Can you prove this to me?” the sick woman asked.

“I do not know whether I can or not,” replied the Helper.

She took the poor woman’s hand and began to read her past for her. “Two lives before this you were a beautiful Cretan woman,” she said. “You married a

man and when he grew old you left him and found a younger man. Then you met reverses and died after much suffering.”

While the Helper was talking the sick woman rose up in bed with her mouth and eyes open and spoke in a hoarse whisper. “What became of my husband?”

Then she saw him in his home with her picture, made of copper, in front of him. He had just come from work and he was thinking of her. He became well-to-do but he had no interest in anything. Every evening he went home and sat there alone. One evening he returned home and ate his supper. Then he sat in a chair beside his table and took her picture in his hands. This picture showed that she looked as she does in this life, only she was younger at that time.

“Oh, God,” he said. “I can’t stand it any longer,” and his head dropped down and he passed on. The Helper and the woman saw him form beside his dead body and the scene closed.

“Thank God, I know now,” said the woman, “and I forgive him.”

The Helper told her about the law of Cause and Effect and what she must do to have a better life and home. She saw by means of the Jupiterian Consciousness that her husband in this life had been her husband in that past life. These people did not meet in the life before the present one when she was a man.

After the woman said that she forgave him, she fell back on her bed. The lady Helper called another Helper who works with her.

“I believe she is dead,” the regular nurse said.

“Look at her heart and her head and see if you can see the flame of life,” the man Helper said.

“Yes, I see it,” the lady Helper said. “She is not dead. She has only fainted.”

The man Helper told the nurse that her patient would be all right and to let her alone but to watch her. He told her that she would not ask any more questions and would be a better woman.

The Helper had told the woman all she needed to know and if she carries out what she was told to do, she will make good progress.

Someone has said, “Though the mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceedingly fine.” If the people generally knew of the law of Karma, they would hesitate more often before they cause others to suffer. Then there would be less trouble and sorrow in the world.

Everything we do is not regulated by karma. We have free will in a great many things and we can start new causes for good and for ill. When we learn that we are the cause of our own sorrow or happiness, we should strive to live our lives more in harmony with the laws of God and make a great attempt to rise above these laws of the Physical World. Then we will not make any bad karma that must be paid off in the future. When we are good we prepare ourselves for present and future blessing. There are many spiritual as well as material gifts that God gives to his obedient children.

In his book *Gleanings of a Mystic*, Mr. Heindel, in speaking of the law of Cause and Effect or Karma, says the following: “It is manifest that all the causes that we set going in life do not ripen in the present existence, and it therefore follows that they must find their fruition somewhere else at some other time, or the law would be invalidated, a proposition that would be as absolutely impossible as that the law of gravitation could be suspended, for either would make chaos out of cosmos.”

This means that if the law of gravity should be suspended, everything would be out of place and chaos would result. Gravity tends to hold everything in its proper place. On the other hand, this does not apply to a Helper who temporarily suspends gravity to help a person or an animal.

I will now tell you what took place about six years ago between a man who is an occult student and a Gnome that visited him. While this man was standing on the back porch of the house where he was living, one autumn day, the Gnome came up and spoke to him. “My work is nearly done,” he said.

“What do you mean by saying your work is nearly done?” asked the man.

“We have painted the leaves on most of the trees in this locality,” the Gnome said, “and the leaves are falling and we are about to retire for the winter.”

“What do you mean by retiring for the winter?” asked the man.

“Oh, we are going down into the Earth and there we sleep through the winter,” the Gnome replied. “The trees, grass, and the Gnomes of the whole north temperate zone are preparing for the long winter’s sleep.”

“What is the cause of hurricanes, tornadoes, cyclones, and catastrophes that occur so often?”

asked the man. "What effect do they have on the Earth? Do they cause the Earth suffering?"

"Most assuredly they affect the Earth," answered the Gnome.

"How?" asked the man who wanted some information.

"If you should fall down and skin your arm, or leg, or head, it would make a smarting sore wouldn't it?" asked the Gnome. "Now, there are laggards, and there are those who fail to do in all life waves; consequently, they act as a hindrance in the scheme of evolution. By his ways, thoughts, and actions, man causes the Sylphs, the Undines, the Salamanders, and the Gnomes to congregate in given points of the Earth until they can no longer be held in check. The force of whichever group of Nature Spirits is the strongest will break forth and lead, carrying destruction in their wake, which in a sense makes right some of the wrongs generated by man.

"This also causes pain to the Earth by trees being uprooted, the earth being overturned, animals and humans being killed. It is like an abscess in the cosmic body that has come to a head and now waits for man's dressing. This is known as rehabilitation or reconstruction, like the great Chicago fire which occurred many years ago. After the fire took place, reconstruction began and the city was rebuilt on a much better scale than before.

"These conditions on the Earth and in the Earth, generated by man, cause the Earth suffering. When man commences to repair the damage, this acts as a dressing being applied to a wound."

"How far into the Earth do you go?" asked the man.

"I go down into the third stratum and there stay until I am awakened in the spring, about March twenty-first, and then my labors begin. I spend my time beautifying the grass, trees, and all that grows on the Earth."

Soon after this the wise little Gnome said good-

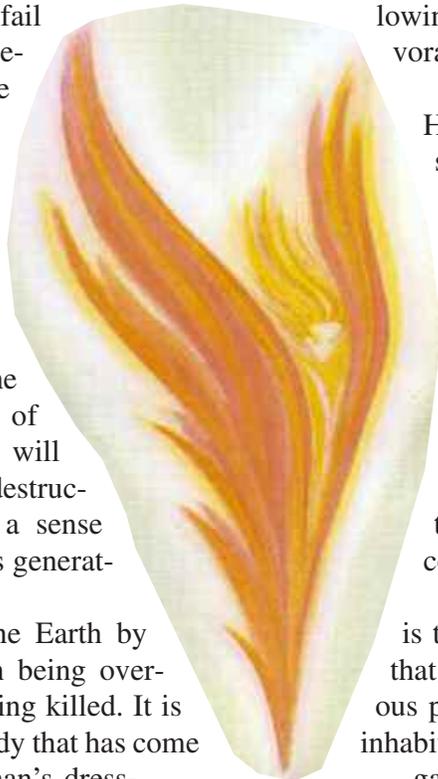
bye to his friend and went away. We seldom realize that the Gnomes are extremely wise Nature Spirits. They are wiser than we are, or can be, until we can awaken the latent sixth sense which is dormant in most of humanity, and can be developed by self-sacrifice and service to humanity.

For my conclusion I am using a letter which came from a friend who has rating in the F.R.X. This friend has kindly given me permission to use the following information about the cause of unfavorable conditions on the Earth today.

"What is the Earth on which we live? Have you ever stopped to meditate on this subject? Have you ever considered seriously what the Earth is and the reason for its existence? You may answer that the Earth is a planet, which is quite true. It is a planet among many others. But whence came these planets? Are they simply luminaries, the Earth excepted, placed in the sky to light our tiny globe, or did they just happen, and if so, how did they happen? It would be interesting to study the various theories put forth and compare them.

"The occult scientists agree that the Sun is the father-mother planet of them all, and that from time to time it has thrown off various portions of itself in order that the beings inhabiting that particular part might be segregated from the rest and given special instruction in the things that would further their evolutionary development. Each globe thrown off from the Sun is under the direct tutelage and guidance of a Planetary Spirit whose body is the planet whereon its particular charges dwell. If Uranus, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus, Mercury, the Sun, and the Moon each have a Planetary Spirit, is it not reasonable to believe that the Earth has a Planetary Spirit also?

"The Planetary Spirit to which each planet belongs has an ambassador whom he sends to each of the other planets. The names of the ambassadors sent to the Earth from the other planets are as follows: The ambassador from Uranus is Ithuriel; from Saturn is Cassiel; from Jupiter is Zachariel; from Mars is Samael; from Venus is Anael; from Mercury is Raphael; from the Sun is Michael; and from the



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A Salamander

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Moon is Gabriel.

“The names of the Elder Brothers are also known, at least, to all Initiates. Why then is the existence of the Planetary Earth Spirit, if there is such a one, shrouded in mystery? Why does the Christ Spirit have to come to the Earth every year and permeate it with His energy and life? Is the Planetary Earth Spirit, if there is such a one, incapable of sustaining the earth?

“Think on these things; meditate on them until you get their full meaning, and then try to realize that what humanity is now thinking, feeling, and doing, and the forces generated thereby are affecting the force centers of the desire body of the Earth. If humanity has not harmonized its thinking with God’s truth and love, but instead has set up counter forces of selfishness, greed, envy, jealousy, and lust for power, engendering all of the consequent negative and destructive forces before mentioned—and who is there who can deny that such forces are rampant in the world today?—consider what terrible diseases must now be manifesting within the body of the Earth.

“All this being true, how long do you think the Earth’s body is going to stand the strain? Those conversant with the true conditions know that it cannot endure it much longer. It is hardly necessary to point out that all seismic disturbances is evidence of nature’s reaction to the inharmonious turmoil caused by the evil, vicious thoughts, emotions, and acts of humanity, and that man’s selfishness and greed have caused the present badly diseased bodies of the human race.

“Seismic disturbances, the result of a diseased Earth body, have increased alarmingly. Look up the records concerning these for the year 1931. Just as negative thoughts and vile physical practices break down the cells in the physical body of the individual, so are the cells in the body of the Earth broken down as a result of the combined evil thoughts and actions of humanity as a whole. In other words, that which evil thoughts and vices do to the body of the individual, humanity as a whole, through its combined evil thoughts and actions, does to the body of the Earth. Humanity so crystallized the Earth that it had to be thrown off from the Sun.

“Later a certain portion of humanity crystallized a spot on the Earth to such an extent that it, along with

those responsible for its condition, were thrown off from the Earth on what is now known as our Moon. These Moon beings, members of our own life wave, are failures. They are on the downward path and are lost to our present scheme of manifestation. Had the Christ Spirit not come to us when He did, another Moon would have been thrown off at that time. Now we are again on the verge of a great crisis.

“It is for this reason that the call is sent out to all occult students to ‘live the life,’ to apply earnestly in their daily lives, without the least reservation, in thoughts, words, and deeds, the teachings given to them by the Western Wisdom School, in order that they may not be found wanting should the final collapse of our present civilization occur, and that they may stand under new conditions as the pioneers and leaders for which the Western Wisdom Teachings are endeavoring to prepare them.”

Several years ago this same friend sent me the words of a poem entitled *The Rosicrucian*. I have never seen it in print and do not know who wrote it or whether it has ever been published or not. Since my friend has now passed from us I cannot find out where he obtained it.

Recently I was shown this poem in the Memory of Nature while out of my body in sleep and I was told that this friend would like to have me use it in this book. I am adding it to this chapter so that you may have this wonderful poem to read and meditate upon.

THE ROSICRUCIAN

The brilliance burning at the core
Of life is manifest to me.
The Rose of Heaven I adore
In solemn trance of Ecstasy.
I am a man, like other men without—
For none may pierce the Veil
Save he who is born of Fire and Spirit.
Such prevail.
The air I breathe is pure delight,
My food is heaven’s celestial bread.
I know the secret of the Light
That shone before the World was made.
Time is a stranger of my Lord
And space a thin dissolving dream.
Round me lies the Eternal Whole
Whence emanates the Cosmic Stream. □