

THE CALL

Greetings in the name of the Lord! I bring you His blessings, my friends. There are very few people indeed who have no belief in God at all. Almost everyone has somehow at least a very feeble belief in a higher intelligence, in a superior wisdom who created this universe. Yet, there are few people who know how to continue from this thought on, consequentially. They limit God all the time. There are many of you who admit God exists, and God or this higher intelligence or whatever you chose to call it is of course one and the same. Yet you do not believe that it should be possible in this wonderful creation that an entity of higher intelligence than human beings should find it possible, if certain conditions are prepared and fulfilled, to manifest to you through a human instrument. This, you think, is incredible. This you cannot believe. But why, my friends, why is it so hard to believe? It is certainly not incredible that there should exist creatures of higher intelligence, of greater wisdom, endowed with more love than human beings! So, there should be a possibility of a communication with them. A hundred years ago it would have seemed impossible to you that a machine can fly in the sky, or that you can turn a knob and hear music which is played hundreds of miles away, or that you turn a knob and you can see pictures, and so on and so on. Merely because some other people, in whom you seem to trust, declare that this is possible and scientific, you admit it and would also do so if you yourself have never experienced it yourself. By the same token, if a communication with the spirit world of God is manifesting to you, you still doubt it merely because science has not put its approval on it. You still say somewhere in your mind, it is impossible. It must be, if not a trick, a delusion, the subconscious of the medium or something of the sort. Is that really reasonable, my friends? If so many other most astounding things are possible in this world of yours, why should it not be equally possible that God sends you His emissaries of truth for your benefit? This, in itself, is not more astounding than so many other things that you have freely accepted.

Furthermore, there are a number of people who know and admit that a communication with the beyond is possible. They have experienced it, they have no possible doubt about it. Yet, they deny the possibility of such a communication with higher entities than themselves. This is even more unreasonable! Although it is quite true that a communication with divine creatures is infinitely more difficult to obtain, as it should be, it is the height of illogical thinking that it is impossible. If God has created any possibility of a communication with people on the other side, then He must definitely also have given you the means of communing with higher spheres from where you can receive teachings that further you spiritually and bring you nearer to God. So, my friends, a communication with divine spheres is possible; it has always existed, and it will always exist. How frequent it is depends solely on man, whether he fulfills the necessary requirements. What these requirements are, I have mentioned already occasionally, and I may do so again in the future, but it is too lengthy to go into now. But for any of you who are seriously interested, you can find out about the mechanics of this and what is necessary to obtain communication with divine spheres, what the difference is, how to determine it, between such a very advisable communication and one with

earthbound and erring spirits. In fact, any of you who really want to judge has the duty to do so. Otherwise you have no right to say, even to yourself, that this is impossible. No, my friends, you have no right to pass judgment.

There are many people who are called! God is calling them. It depends on the person's spiritual development when this call is coming forth. Granted, there are many, many people living on earth who have not experienced such a call. They are still in spiritual childhood, and such a call would be meaningless for them. They have not yet the necessary strength and development to follow it. Therefore God waits until they have reached the necessary maturity in the course of various incarnations, where they gather experience and wisdom and step by step spiritual development. But at one time, this call must come forth. And I venture to say that every one of you, my friends, sitting in this room has been called. How do you feel this call, you might ask? As I have said repeatedly, man consists of two natures, his higher self and his lower self, which are fighting with one another. His higher self registers this call and pushes the person in a certain direction which the conscious self cannot immediately interpret. The conscious self just feels a certain longing, a certain dissatisfaction with the present life even if you fulfill all your earthly duties to the best of your ability. Still, there is a certain voice within you, a certain pressure as though you are pushed in some direction you do not quite know where as yet. But you will find out, provided you do not fight against it and do not give into your lower self. But first you do not know where, why, or what it means. If your lower self would not also live within you, it would be comparatively easy to follow that call. But your lower self does not want any effort, it does not want any change, and it holds you back and furnishes you with many excuses why not to follow your higher self. The excuses are manifold: "There is no time," or in the form of doubts, and so on and so forth. These are all rationalizations. And you who are inexperienced in differentiating and pulling off your masks, pretexts, and self-delusions, you believe the voice of your lower self because you want to believe these rationalizations. It is so much easier. But until this fight is successfully over with, once and for all, you will not have peace. Never, my friends, because this call will become stronger and stronger as you go on. And the more you resist it, the more dissatisfied you must become with your life. The more God can expect from you due to your basic spiritual development, the more dissatisfied you must be if you do not follow this call.

Mankind has asked time and again why there are so many people, inferior to others, who are much happier than they. This appears to be an injustice. Why is this so? -- because less can be expected of a child in a lower class than of a child in a higher class. And if you do not deliver according to your development, you must be dissatisfied with your outer life as well as with your inner life.

Now that you have understood how the call is felt, I will explain to you what follows it, what is expected of you. Your lower self has some idea of it. If it had not, it would not fight against it. Now what does God want from you when He calls you? He does not expect you to be a martyr or to fulfill tremendous tasks -- of some of you, perhaps He expects the latter, but not most of you. But what he wants from you, you can fulfill between your four walls, and no one has to know about it. And who is to say what is a big task and what is a little one? Simply because you are famous and in the limelight does not necessarily mean that your task is a bigger one than if you quietly work spiritually and no one knows. What God wants from each and any of you, as the first step and a necessary preliminary before you can fulfill and give to others, is self-development, self-purification, self-knowledge -- the tearing off of your masks, the tearing off of all your self-delusions about

yourself and your inner or outer motives. God expects this from you. Whoever is not quite happy and harmonious can give himself the answer, "I have not quite followed God's call." Only you yourself will thus be able to answer any question about this. How happy are you? How well-balanced are you? How harmonious are you? Inside, it does not necessarily mean outside. For outside you may have troubles, but if you are truly on the right path and fulfill everything that God wants you to fulfill, no matter what your outer difficulties may be or may not be, you must be happy. And that should be your yardstick and confirmation, where you stand, how much you are fulfilling, my friends. I want each one of you, when you go home tonight, to think about it, "How happy am I? How satisfied am I with my life and with myself?" And if there is any disharmony, any dissatisfaction, you will now know the answer. And if you really want to follow the call, you can! Do not say "I do not know how, where to turn. I cannot do it alone." Of course, you cannot do it alone. But first you must really want to, first you must decide clearly and unconditionally, then God will guide you wherever it may be and through whatever means may be best for you that you receive the necessary help from outside so that you can develop yourself within to the best of what can be expected from you. It is not enough that you lead a decent life and are a so-called ethical person who does not do any harm to others and who does not violate the earthly laws. This may be enough of a person who is a younger soul, but not of any of you, my friends. So give yourself the answer tonight, and test yourself, "How much do I really want to follow the call even if it means that I have to use will power, effort, patience, and experience perhaps some pain," because self-recognition and the tearing off of masks is always painful during the process although it is a great relief afterwards, a relief that will bring a very new peace into your soul once you have overcome the initial resistance.

So you must realize that first you have to go to battle with your lower self. You have to enlist your conscious will power in order to be able to conquer your lower self. Combined with your higher self, your will-directing consciousness must win. But do not be superficial about it. Test yourself again and again how sincere, how deep is your desire to do what is God's will. How much are you willing to sacrifice? -- whether it may be comfort, self-delusion, selfishness, the holding on to your various faults and weaknesses. How much are you willing to give up all this? First this will appear like a tremendous sacrifice on your part, but only while you are in battle. Afterwards will come the realization that you have freed yourself of burdens and chains that were directly responsible for your unhappiness. Afterwards you will recognize without a shadow of a doubt that what God's will is for you is really no sacrifice but brings you happiness on every plane of existence: physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. But as long as you have not actually won this victory, the decision and its consequences will appear to you like a sacrifice -- and this God also wants from you. This is why he does not give you the realization of all this before, but only afterwards! In other words, not until you have completely decided to do the will of God, whatever this may mean, not until you have made your lower self submissive -- and this can be done if you penetrate your will power into all layers of consciousness -- you should not even try to think what you should do or what the practical consequences are of this decision of yours. What follows next will be made known to you through guidance, through inspiration. You do not have to worry about it now. First you have to prepare the ground, lay the foundation stone through this initial fight within yourself to be able to make the great decision. Only then can you cross the first threshold on the path to God. But this fight cannot be settled in one day. It is sometimes a hard battle, and when you go into it, you should know what you let yourself in for. But I can promise you, my friends, if you go about it in this way, if you once have reached the stage when you can say, "I want it 100 percent," you have won the most important and the most difficult of all battles, and nothing that follows on this path can be compared to it. But you will evolve from this battle not only

victoriously, but also a great deal stronger than you were before and therefore also already a somewhat happier person. You will not be quite the same person anymore as you were before you went into this battle. And then God will help you further to the next step, this you may safely believe. And ask God for the strength to win this battle. All you have to do is think of asking God for His help. Many people make wonderful prayers in beautiful and poetic words, but they seldom think of their immediate spiritual problems. And this is a great mistake. For there are certain laws also concerning this question. If you ask for help, you can receive it, particularly such help as I have mentioned it. You are expected to turn to God with these difficulties, and if it does not occur to you to do so, it is just too bad. If you really want this help with all your heart and ask God for it, He will answer you. I can promise it. The only question remains, how honestly do you really want to? How much is there still of your lower self powerful enough to pull you into the opposite direction? And as long as you do not face this and do not want to realize the significance of it, you cannot win, and your prayer will not have the desired effect because it is halfhearted, full of reservations. This is why I am giving you these words so that you will know how to win your battle and follow your call. For only then will you find the peace and the harmony and the fulfillment you are still longing for, all of you.

Everyone knows that selfishness is wrong. And by the same token, everyone knows to give to your brothers and sisters is right. It is according to divine law, and it makes you happy to do so. Now, there are many differences in this giving. For many people, the easiest way out, if I may say so, is to give financially. It hurts least, it means the smallest sacrifice. Everyone knows, on the other hand, that to give love is the greatest gift of all. And each one of you asks of nothing better than to be able to give love. But how many of you find themselves in the position to say to themselves: "If only I could, but how? I cannot. But I would like to. I am unable to love as much as I want to love." Oh, yes, my dear ones, this means your soul is sick in some way. It must be cured. You cannot effect this cure quite alone, but God will help you. For if all your inner currents were according to divine law, you would certainly be able to love. Each one of your faults and shortcomings is a direct hindrance to the unfoldment of love. And when I say unfoldment, I mean that this love you wish to give forth is already within you. You cannot receive it from outside. It exists within you, indeed. It is only covered by certain layers that obstruct your love from shining through so that it can manifest itself. These layers are, as I said, your faults, your fears, and your ignorance of spiritual law. Therefore these layers have to disappear, and this can only be accomplished by your very personal and serious endeavors. This is the path to God! This means to follow the call! Each one of your faults is a direct or indirect hindrance to love. You can never learn love through forcing yourself to do so directly. But love will grow and evolve as a consequence when you purify yourself. One of the best meditations is to think about this: "What are my faults? And how could this fault possibly be a hindrance to the manifestation of the love that obviously must be hidden within myself?" I challenge each one of you to present me with an example. For, at the first instance, you may think a number of faults have absolutely no bearing on the unfoldment of love. And yet, it is so!

At the same time, there is a wonderful and direct road, contrary to the indirect one just mentioned -- and both should be taken simultaneously -- to also further this growth of love within you. If you could bring yourself to learn to do what I will tell you now, you will use a powerful weapon to cure yourself of many sick currents within your soul, and you will unfold the love existing in you! Each living individual has the, in itself, understandable tendency to want to appear superior when he deals with his fellow creatures. He hides his faults, he hides his shortcomings, and he

wants to show his best side. Why? -- because he craves admiration, he craves acceptance, and he craves love. He thinks by showing his best side, he will receive this love. And yet you all know that if you want to receive love, you have to give it first. And do you really give love by impressing other people? For this is actually what you are doing, consciously or subconsciously. On the other hand, you very decidedly give love in the deepest sense if you give and show yourself as you really are, without any masks! -- even if it means a little humiliation. Yes, my friends, in this way you give the greatest gift. Why? -- because your fellow creatures feel equally unsure as you do. And if they see you so perfect as you want to appear, their inferiority complexes will grow even more. They will think or feel, consciously or subconsciously again, "He is so perfect, or she is so perfect, why can't I be that way?" And they will feel even lonelier and more deflated, and they will despise themselves even more, and therefore they will in their blindness, as their only defense, put an even tighter shell around themselves, which separates them even more from their brothers and sisters quite similarly to what you are doing by trying so hard to appear independent, hard, and oh so perfect! While if you show yourself as you really are, with all your weaknesses, without any pretense, you make a great and generous gift because your brother or your sister will say and feel, "Well, he is not any better than I am," and it will give him a lift. He will relax, will feel less lonely. And do you know what will happen? You will receive in this way only exactly what you have set out to gain: love, admiration! because you have first given it up. And you know the spiritual law -- first you have to give up what you want to gain! You have given up admiration and given up to make an impression. You have given up wanting love from others by appearing so wonderful, and instead you have made a gift to others by diminishing their loneliness in their supposed imperfection. For each one thinks he is quite alone with his imperfections even though he may see and criticize the imperfection of others all the time. This is one of the paradoxes of the blind and undeveloped self. You have given up your vanity. You have given up some of your ego. And this is why you must receive in this way and in this way alone what you have never succeeded in receiving the other way which your lower self has chosen so far in its blindness. If you give up yourself in this way, you bestow the greatest gift you can possibly give to another human being, and therefore the law must take effect.

It is such a simple means, my dear ones, so simple that none of you will ever think of it. And yet, it first does not appear easy. It seems difficult to pull yourself down from that high place you consciously or subconsciously have built for yourself. But once you have taken this step in spite of your resistance, you must see the divine law working within you and outside of you. This result must come. And wherever there is a problem that you cannot solve, try this! Try it! You do not have to exaggerate. You do not have to go to any strangers and pull yourself down. No, this might even be embarrassing for others if it is not done quite naturally and unostentatiously. Just take off your masks, and be natural. Find out what and who you really are, and be that person! Here too, you will receive help, opportunity, and the inspiration when and how you can do it if you once decide for it and ask God for His help in this respect too. All of a sudden, if you are open for it, you will find yourself in a position, perhaps with some member of your family or some friend, when you discover for the first time in your life, when you become conscious of it, that you have so far put on an act, that you have not given yourself as you really are. And once you become conscious of this, you will be able to act as you really are, my friends, without any pretense.

No sickly exaggerations! no extremes! for as in everything else, here too exist two extremes. There are also a number of people who indulge in a self-despise, pulling themselves down in the eyes of others. They say, "I am so bad, I am such a sinner, and I am this, and I am that." This is as insincere a mask as the other extreme. Such a person wants by these means to accomplish the very

same thing as the other group of people wishes. This is quite smart although this measure is often taken unconsciously. By accusing yourself, you take the weapon out of the hands of the others. In this way, they find it quite impossible to accuse you and are even inclined to contradict your self-accusations, and thus the ego is bolstered up. Furthermore, you often think by accusing yourself it is quite sufficient, you do not have to do anything further about it and overcome your shortcomings. This exists too, and it is just as bad as the other extreme. So if you think about these words, think of the two extremes. Whoever tends more to one of them will not find it so easy anyway to slip into the opposite extreme. It is merely important, to begin with, that you know what is your weakness, what is your tendency. And only what is truly genuine will have an effect, of that you can be quite sure! This, too, is a law.

And now, my dear friends, I am ready for your questions.

QUESTION: May I have some help in finding the psychological problem underlying my physical condition?

ANSWER: Yes, my dear friend, I will answer your question in a general way in which will also apply partly to yourself. I cannot answer completely personally now. It would not be fair to the others, and it would not be fair to yourself. But I will give some general explanation that will help you to search in the right direction and which will, at the same time, be useful for everyone. Whenever there is a so-called psychosomatic illness, the cause or root of it has to be found in the subconscious. This is very difficult to do alone. Nevertheless, there are certain points which I can give you with which you might be able to get a little further on this road. In the first place, I would advise you to find out all your faults. For there is hardly a human being, unless they have gone through such a purification process with help from outside, who is really aware of all his faults. And this can be found out. It is not easy. It means perhaps also a little humiliation, which is good and healthy for you, particularly in the connection I have just mentioned. Perhaps you ask your dear ones who are closest to you, the people who know you best, ask them: "Please tell me, what are my faults. You can tell me frankly, I will not be angry with you. I will consider it." And after you have brought them to do so, consider every one of the faults that have been mentioned even if you are convinced that it is unjust. You will still find, even if it is unjust, some grain of truth that will give you a further clue. This is very important and a very direct road to come to the roots. And the less faults you know to begin with, the more proof you have that you do not know yourself very well.

After that, I would advise, in order to find out about your subconscious, apart from dream analysis, -- but now everyone knows how to do that -- the best way is what I call the daily review. In that way, you can find out your true reactions about certain things. In that way, you can begin to pull off certain masks and pretenses. And in that way, you can find out where you act against a spiritual law. This should be conducted in the following manner. Let the whole day pass in front of your eyes, in your memory, and think of everything that has happened that has given you in some way a disharmonious feeling or reaction. And no matter how wrong the other person may have been, the moment you have been touched by it, there must be something wrong within you. If you follow this through for some time to come, really faithfully, not just once or twice -- that will not do you any good -- but if you do it regularly and faithfully for some time, you will after a while see a clear pattern coming out of it. At first these incidents will appear entirely unconnected and isolated; they will be meaningless for you at the beginning. But later on you will begin to sense at first and then clearly understand a pattern. I would even suggest that you write down in a few words the

occasions, your reactions, and associations. This will help greatly. You should pray for enlightenment and guidance every time you conduct this daily review. Then ideas will flow into you that will furnish you with further clues eventually even if they first make no sense. Do not oust these ideas, do not resist them. Later on all these will form a clear picture. It is like a puzzle you begin when you look for the stones and you cannot as yet see the picture, but if you are patient, you will succeed. Thus you will uncover your hidden anxieties and complexes which of course are responsible for your disease. Most of it is anxiety or fear, almost all of it, in one form or another, a fear that you do not permit yourself to realize consciously, that you have pushed back into your subconscious. So you have to take it out, and this takes a little time and effort before you can deal with it properly in your conscious mind and in awareness of certain spiritual laws which you have deviated from within your soul. The recognition of your faults is of utmost importance and stands in direct relationship to your hidden anxieties. This is the only way this can be solved. And I tell you, my dear friend, there is a great fear in you, part of which you do not want to realize. A fear that creates a sort of hostility in certain aspects of your life, which again you do not want to realize. When you find this out, you will have the root, and what then remains to be accomplished is the re-education of certain emotional currents. If you go about it seriously and not expect a result tomorrow or next week, and yet keep on working, you must come to the roots and thus dissolve this knot in your soul which creates certain physical symptoms. Is that clear?

QUESTION: I would like to ask, could you explain the miracle of Therese v. Markt Konnersreuth (Germany)?

ANSWER: What is it you do not understand about it?

QUESTION: She is bleeding every week, she does not eat since many years, etc.

ANSWER: Well, I cannot possibly give you in this short time a sort of technical explanation how these things work, but there are many, many things possible in this world. What you call "miracles" are simply laws you do not understand in a similar way as many people do not know the laws governing a communication with the beyond, that a spirit can manifest himself through a medium. I could not even explain this in such a short period. It would take many a lecture to attempt this only to some degree. But there are many spiritual laws governing that a person can obtain mastery over his physical body. And this person is not the only one who has done it. There are others as well, where physical functions are completely controlled. And when this happens, certain influences from the world of spirit can occur. It is all one chapter.

QUESTION: Does it necessarily mean that such a person is spiritually very highly developed?

ANSWER: Usually, yes. Those people have a task to fulfill. They bring something to mankind that they wake up. They produce what are called "miracles." And here I want to stress the point, although you all know it, there is no such thing as a miracle in the sense this word is usually understood unless you consider the whole universe a miracle, which it is, of course! But there are only laws, some of which you understand, and many, many which you do not understand. And mankind has had so far the habit of referring to laws or happenings it does not understand as a "miracle."

QUESTION: I would like to ask about the evolution of animals. When the highest animal becomes a human being, when, for instance, a nice gentle horse becomes the lowest type of human being, perhaps a criminal, I can't imagine that.

ANSWER: No, you cannot say one horse turns into a human being. That is not correct. There are many parts that form a whole. And it does not necessarily have to be a criminal. No, it is not so. It is merely that such a person knows very little, is still very blind, and if he becomes a criminal, it is only because his free will directs him to give in to this lower part of his nature. You see, the particles of souls that are in animals are -- if I might explain it sort of visually -- different aspects of the human inner make-up. Perhaps one horse -- if I may explain it in such a coarse way -- would represent one aspect of the human being, and another horse would represent another aspect, and so on because the animal soul is not the whole. It is just a particle of it. And before the incarnation happens, the group souls of these respective animals are collected in the spirit world, and for a long, long time they are put through an extremely complicated process, which would be impossible to explain to you. They are made unconscious, and their fluids and subtle bodies are dissolved and are put through a process where new subtle bodies can form around the original divine spark, nearer the state that it once was. And then the first incarnation can begin, and there is then a clean slate. Whatever this being decides, it can do. Is that somehow clear? I realize this is extremely complicated for any of you to understand.

QUESTION: For instance, animals have the same diseases as human beings, but human beings learn from their diseases, but what can an animal learn from having a disease?

ANSWER: That is not the point. At that stage, before the human incarnation, there is nothing to learn, it is just something to go through.

QUESTION: Are the great ideas started in the spirit world, or do they start here and are taken back?

ANSWER: Oh no, they start in the spirit world, certainly. There are for each specialty, for each art, for each science -- and I have mentioned this before -- special spheres, and different creatures live in these respective spheres and work and create. And when these beings are incarnated, they bring something of it with them, only part of it, of course. They cannot remember all of it. And this they unfold here with the help of their friends in the spirit world, who guide them accordingly. But it is created in the spirit world because the entire earth sphere is not the origin or cause, it is only the effect. So everything must be created in the spirit world.

QUESTION: Are there spirits or doctors or masters in the spirit world limited in the extent of their ability to advise us as to some material problems?

ANSWER: Oh yes, they are indeed limited to that. They can only do it according to law, which is very firmly regulated and very wisely. Here again, you touch a question that is impossible for you to understand. You can only have a vague idea of it. For instance, the spirits cannot possibly interfere in guidance if the interference would hamper the free will because you live on this earth with your free will for a very definite purpose. It is not so important whether everything is pleasant and painless. Only you human beings think that this is of utmost importance. When you have a disease, when you have a pain, when you have a problem or some sort of unhappiness, you

think this is the end of the world, and your goal is always to be happy and to eliminate your problems the easy way. But that is not the point. The point is how you can overcome, how you can solve your problems, how you meet them from a spiritual point of view. Only by that, you become strong and really independent. If there would be undue interference, you would not be capable of learning what you have to learn.

QUESTION: Even if we ask for certain specific help?

ANSWER: Certainly, help can be given, and this again is regulated according to law. Even the fact that you ask for it is already a sign that you have learned something. But here again, you have to be careful how to ask. I would advise to ask, "Show me, Father, the real reason for my difficulties so that I can solve them." Do not ask that this difficulty is simply taken away. That would be the wrong and immature way of asking. But if you ask the right way, you will be answered. Try to learn from your difficulties, and when you ask in this way, your prayers are much more likely to be answered, if, perhaps, in a very different way than you thought, my dear!

QUESTION: To what extent can we expect to be of help by meditation and prayer to friends in healing?

ANSWER: In healing, I will not commit myself on this subject because there are very few people indeed who have that strength to heal through prayer. But your prayer and your thinking of friends, or of anyone for that matter, in meditation is of tremendous help. You cannot even begin to judge how much you help by that because, as you know, each thought and each feeling is a substantial form in the spirit world. And no thought is ever lost, especially not a constructive and good one that comes from you out of love and good will. These thoughts add to the cosmic reservoir and flow in the universe so that the forces of good become that much stronger compared to the forces of evil. For each evil thought is added to that reservoir and furnishes it with strength. And if, according to many factors I cannot go into here, a direct help to this friend can be given, perhaps in a different form than you human beings can conceive at the present, then your prayer will have an immediate result. If, on the other hand, this dear one has to go through some difficulties for the sake of his own eventual and permanent happiness and freedom of his own bonds, then this prayer will not be lost either. You can be quite sure of that. This form remains preserved, so to speak, and will have its proper effect at the proper time. So nothing of that sort is ever lost or for nothing. And I cannot recommend strongly enough that the few privileged people who have found God in their souls to some extent devote more time to prayer, also for other people, for general development, for the unhappy souls who have not reached a glimmer of light yet. So many thoughts are wasted in unproductive and even harmful brooding. If that same time could be used productively -- and there is nothing more productive than prayer -- then you would add a great force to this plan of salvation that is going on in the whole universe.

QUESTION: I would like to know if everything is a manifestation of man's belief?

ANSWER: How exactly do you mean that, my dear -- a manifestation of man's belief -- what do you mean by these words?

QUESTION: I mean, everything that we know on earth is it the result of what man believes it to be?

ANSWER: It is very difficult to answer this with a yes or with a no. I will try to put it this way. The earth sphere or the material world has been created for man for a certain purpose, which I have mentioned many times and I do not have to go into this again now. The main purpose is development. On this earthly sphere, development proceeds infinitely faster. But your earth sphere with all its things on it, landscapes, mountains, seas, houses, any object you have, exists objectively and does not alter its shape according to people's attitudes. In other words, you see this room the same way as a person of much higher development or as a person of much lower development. The objects in this room remain the same for any human being with normal sense perception; while the spirit world is really the outpicturing of the spirit's ideas, attitudes, thoughts, and mentality. There, everything is the result of thoughts, feelings, and deeds. Therefore there are always spirits of the same development together in one sphere. Other spirits, let us say lower ones, could not even see these landscapes or these objects which the spirits see and which are the product of their personalities. But on earth, it is not that way. And there is a very good reason for it. Yet, in another way, there is some particle of truth in what you say, but not as far as the actual objects are concerned. It is much more in a sense what man makes with his life. He can guide and determine his own life to a very large degree. And in that way, you are right. Anyone who has sufficient faith will also automatically follow the divine laws. And anyone who is seriously trying to learn and keep the divine laws will gain this faith that may still be lacking at the beginning of this path. Here too, nobody can have this faith by forcing himself; it can only grow organically by self-development. And it will grow by living these laws even though it may be difficult at the beginning. And then man guides his own life and produces all conditions that he needs in order to find God. While by not following these divine laws, he produces unfavorable conditions. In that respect, it is true what you think. Do you understand the difference I am trying to explain?

QUESTION: The reason I ask that is because when we read the Bible, it says, "By your faith, you can move the unmovable."

ANSWER: Oh yes, that is quite true. These are then the so-called miracles, so-called supernatural happenings. Any more questions?

QUESTION: Could you give us in a few words the difference between mysticism and white and black magic?

ANSWER: This is too long a subject for tonight. I will suggest that you remember that question for next time, and perhaps you ask it at the beginning of the question period when I have more time to go into this.

I will retire and leave you with the blessings of the Lord. Receive His love, for there is actually a great blessing in this room, right now. And if you are open for it -- perhaps not all of you can see this shining force -- you may feel it and receive it and use it for God. Be in peace!

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