

WOMANHOOD

Everywhere on the Earth today the results of Man's disharmony are to be seen. Man's imbalance has disrupted almost every aspect of life. In particular, as I look at the relationship between man and woman, the male and the female aspects of creation, while they are in their physical bodies of matter I see displayed there a great deal of disharmony. When we talk of the male and the female we are talking of the very essence of life, and if there is disharmony in this most important aspect then there will be disharmony in the creations of their union.

In this lecture I am going to look at womanhood, at its true role and purpose, so that those of you who read this lecture may reappraise yourselves of woman's true and unique status and, perhaps, establish a better balance in your marriages or in your relationships with your friends. I want all of you to try to forget the ideas which you have formed about the traditional roles of womanhood because these are based on the conditioning of your upbringing. I do not even want you to think of womanhood as being related to the female physical form.

The reason for, and the nature of, the creation of this Earth and of Humanity which, together with the three other Kingdoms of Matter, dwell upon it, can be understood only by highly evolved souls, by beings who have progressed beyond this school of life on Earth. Therefore, in this lecture, I will not delve too deeply into how, or why, this planet Earth was first created. Sufficient to say that your Creator, the God of this Solar Body, Whose Spirit dwells in the Sun, created this Earth with His mind. Aeons of time after this, after the molten mass had cooled, after the land and the waters had formed, after the Mineral, the Vegetable and the Animal Kingdoms had manifested, Man was created in the image of his Creator. At this time Man was still joined to the Godhead and knew only perfection. He walked hand in hand with the angels. He was hermaphrodite, both male and female, both

positive and negative. Man was created through the perfect breath according to the will of his Creator. Then, for reasons inconceivable to you, the God of this Solar System decided that in order to further the evolution of the Earth, and of the Solar Body as a whole, it was necessary for Man to become individualised in consciousness and in creativity, to become a living soul, so that he could develop and bring into fruition in matter the power of his Creator. Man was to be able to bring forth on the Earth the secrets and the knowledge of the Cosmos, and thus evolve not only himself but the whole Solar Body.

So Man was reincarnated upon the surface of the Earth, was severed from his former perfection, and was given the divine gift of free choice. From then on he operated upon the frequencies of positive and negative and was subject to the Law of Opposites. Man now became Adam and Eve, man and woman, and from this divine creation aeons of time ago have grown the male and the female physical forms of which you are aware today. In that great reincarnation of perfect Man, if I may call him that, his functions were split into two aspects reflecting his new birthright: the male, which we may regard as the power, the energy, the intellect aspect, and the female, which we may regard as the love, the receptivity, the intuitiveness, the force of God in motion, aspect. It was intended that man and woman should walk their individual paths in life striving to obtain perfection in their separate roles, but at the same time complementing each other and holding each other in balance so that after aeons of time they could unite again on a higher plane of consciousness.

Now is not the time to describe how woman, the female aspect, cohabited with some of the angels, the messengers of God, how the act of creation was abused and how Mankind fell from grace and lost its spiritual birthright, but it was this act of disharmony, this misuse of the true function of the male and the female, that has led to the state of disharmony that exists today. It is now only through womanhood regaining its original state of harmony and demonstrating its divine wisdom, its intuition, that Humanity as a whole can be led back to perfection.

I have tried to make this short description of the initial creation of man and woman as simple as possible, for it is important that you appreciate what happened aeons of time ago so that you may better understand the individual roles of man and woman today. I do not intend to blame womanhood for all the troubles that

Humanity now has to face, for man is equally to blame, but it was because of those initial actions aeons of time ago when the wisdom aspect, the divine, the virgin, the exemplifier of God, fell from grace, that man, who looks to woman for his example, also fell. Subsequently, because of this the structure of society in the World also fell into disharmony and eventually proceeded to the state it is in today where there is complete disharmony and imbalance between the male and the female. In the western civilisations, and even more so in the eastern ones, man, the power, the intellect aspect of creation, is completely in the ascendancy and dominates the woman, the wisdom aspect, and until this balance is restored harmony will not return to this Earth as a whole.

Man and woman are completely equal, yet opposite, sparks of Creation. They came from the same source and although they are opposites, together, like the two sides of a coin, they make a whole. They complement each other to perfection, for the original functions of perfect Man have been split equally between them. It follows, therefore, that a completely harmonised man and woman do indeed form a one and, from that one, perfection in every act, in every creation, will result: but where there is disharmony, then only imperfection will come forth. Man today has to harmonise himself with woman just as much as woman has to re-establish her position as the wisdom aspect of Creation. It is through woman, the wisdom aspect, that man will discover the truth of Creation, how life on this planet should be lived and the true nature of his existence on this Earth. But he will not discover this until he gives womanhood the freedom to be what its Creator intended it should be.

It is essential that women all over the World are released from the bondage in which they are at present enslaved by social societies which are controlled largely by the male, the power, the intellect aspect of creation and which, for the most part, has very little feeling for life. Very few women have political influence today or are in a position where they can influence the events of the World. If they were, then, indeed, how great would be the transformation of life on the surface of this Earth! Would a woman who has experienced the pain of childbirth, who has made the sacrifice of raising children, who has endured the trials and tribulations of motherhood, then sacrifice her children in acts of violence and destruction as willingly as a man does? Would any

woman sacrifice her son, or any other woman's son, to achieve an ideological or political aim? But the voice of womanhood does not speak today. It is suppressed by man and by the material world which he controls.

There are, unfortunately, certain statements in the Bible which have been seized upon by man as being divine revelations concerning the true status of womanhood. You must remember, however, that the Bible was written and compiled by men who traditionally believed in the inferior role of women and that the Old Testament is composed largely of extracts from scrolls and tablets written centuries earlier and from religious stories passed down from memory. Therefore the compilers of the Bible selected those segments which, to a large extent, reflected the prevailing attitudes and beliefs of their time. Consequently, in the Bible woman is portrayed as being subservient to man, and the western civilisations, which have taken so much from the Bible, have maintained this position throughout the centuries. It is only today that we have the situation in which woman is just beginning to re-establish her correct position in society.

Woman is in every way the equal, and yet the opposite, of man. Indeed, in divine consciousness, man, when he operates in a physical body, is the weaker aspect. (In no way should the male and the female be compared,) for they are not the same: they are complementary. Together they unite into a powerful force, but in disharmony they will create destruction. As you look around the World today you can see destruction everywhere. (This is mostly because of the breakdown in the relationships between man and woman,) for from their disharmony has come the destruction and violence of today. There have been civilisations on this Earth, at present largely unknown to Man, where the male and the female aspects did truly fulfil their correct roles, where they lived as equals. In these civilisations a man would study at the feet of a woman, a man would be governed by a woman, a man would be blessed by a woman. In these ancient civilisations women fulfilled the roles of ruler, teacher, prophet and priest. In the ancient Egyptian civilisations, of which Man is only just aware, you can see the remains of such a system with the hierarchy of the Pharaohs where, as you well know, it was quite normal for a woman to be one of them. Indeed, it was the balance of the male and the female Pharaohs that established the harmony of the power and the wisdom to rule and to govern the kingdom

of Egypt.

As I look at your World today, where are women to be found in similar roles? They are almost completely excluded from the Church, and yet in this role they should exist in equal numbers, indeed, even outnumber men, for they were created to bring the wisdom of God down into manifestation on Earth. Woman was created to display that wisdom. That is why it is so important that she puts herself back onto her pedestal as the true virgin: "virgin" meaning the purity of thought and action. Woman has the intuitive sense to foretell the future. She has great psychic and healing powers. With all these talents she is well suited to be a priest. Where is woman in the teaching role today? There are women teachers, but they are usually to be found only in the lower, not the higher, posts. Yet woman, with her wisdom and her intuitiveness, is well suited to be a teacher. She has the patience and the humility, and she possesses that innate wisdom which will ensure that she will teach what is true of life, not what is false. Where is woman in government today? With only a few exceptions, why is she not to be found in the parliaments and the political assemblies of the World? There are just as many women as there are men in the World today, but everywhere man dominates the political scene. It is precisely because you have the male aspect, the intellect, the power, governing your nations without the balance of the female aspect, the wisdom, the receptivity, the femininity, that the World is in the state that it is today. For this we have to blame woman, for if she would only climb back onto her original pedestal, if she would display the divine, the virgin, aspect of Creation, if she would only be what her Creator intended — a living example of His wisdom — then man would once again respect and follow her.

So I invite all the women who read this lecture to remember their responsibilities that came with that act of creation aeons of time ago. It is for you to stand on your pedestals once more. It is for you to uphold that which you truly believe within you to be correct no matter how much it conflicts with the ways of man and modern society. It is for you to say that the political and financial systems of Man today are wrong, that the religious beliefs of Man today are wrong, that the values on which Man bases his life today are wrong and that the path upon which this World is now set is wrong. If only you will arise, unite and display your divine wisdom then you will yet save this World from the holocaust that

is to come.

A wise man once said that behind every great man there stands a woman. This is often true, for it is when man and woman unite in harmony that they become a great power. They complement each other and together, in equal balance, they form a one. They can then be a great force for good in this World. But to establish that balance requires that each respects the other as the individual spark of creation that each is, and that each recognises in the other the facets of creation for which each is responsible.)

Man and woman are, of course, both necessary to initiate conception, but it is the woman who gives birth to the child after carrying it within her womb, who feeds it, who nurtures it, who teaches it and trains it. The development and education of a child is also primarily the responsibility of the wisdom aspect. One of the reasons why society is breaking down today is because womanhood is not fulfilling its intended role in the raising of children. It is the mother, with her innate wisdom, who is primarily responsible for the education of her child. That is not to say that the father's presence is not important and necessary, for there must be the balance of the two, but the child that has chosen to come through the mother has chosen her for the very reason that it is her wisdom which it seeks as it forms and matures its physical body.

Past societies of which Man is not aware have, of course, practised more advanced methods of raising children. There have been societies where, once they had conceived a child, the parents did not work except for the preparation, the birth, the training and the education of that child. It was regarded as a full-time occupation, and neither the man nor the woman worked outside the home until the child was twelve. That is a concept which you could well consider in your society of today, where a woman has her child but then hands it over to other people, at an early age, so that she can go out to work. When a mother hands over her child to a virtual stranger, she is depriving it of the most priceless asset that she has to give. A mother should devote herself completely to her child until it reaches the age of twelve. No teacher can give to a child what its mother can give, and a mother who hands over → the responsibility for her child to another risks great karma.

Most women unite with man in the act of marriage, for marriage is a status necessary in the current state of Man's evolution, but the fact that they have married does not mean that they

should automatically have children. I would like to emphasise that the role of marriage is not solely to produce children. Many of the marriages that take place should not result in children, and if you cannot fulfil the role of a mother with complete responsibility to your child you should certainly not have children. If all mothers were aware of this fact before they conceived their children there would be fewer unbalanced children in the World today. It is the incorrect role of marriage and the incorrect role of womanhood that is the cause of the destruction and violence that is prevalent in the World today. Man and woman unite in marriage and through harmonising their individual powers and talents may achieve great things, not only in producing children, but in the realms of art, music, science, politics and religion. Man and woman, when in harmony, are a powerful force, not only learning from each other and demonstrating to each other but, by combining their individual talents, making a great one: becoming the true Pharaohs.

When man and woman create children they should remember their responsibility for that act of creation. Man must remember that he is equally as responsible for the children as the woman, and that the roles of mother and father as defined by modern society are not necessarily correct. It is difficult to overthrow the established ways of society, but man need not always be the provider and woman the housewife. It is the balance between the two that will create harmony in the family and harmony in the children. Woman should not always be regarded as the preparer of food, the cleaner of the home. This can be done by either partner of the marriage. Woman should not always be tied to the home, to the kitchen stove, for she has her own individual spark of expression within her just as the male. Why should the female be restricted in this way and not the male? It is the nature of her being that the woman who has a child willingly makes the sacrifice of remaining at home for it, but by the time that child is twelve, then she has completed her sacrifice and is free. Indeed, it is essential that she reasserts her individuality and establishes once more the balance of the marriage.

It is obvious that in society as it is today it is difficult for womanhood to portray its true role. It will need a great effort on the part of women to do this, but do this they must. The old souls now incarnating in female bodies at this the beginning of the Aquarian Age are already beginning to revolt against the chains

of bondage which have been created by man. They will no longer accept the concept of the inequality of the sexes for, truly, there is no inequality except in man's mind. They are beginning to demand what is their birthright, equality of life with man, and in that they demand this equality and stand by what they believe, by what they know with their inner intuition, they will change the face of this Earth for the better.

So, finally, I say to all women, no matter what your age, remember the responsibility of womanhood. It is a responsibility which goes far beyond having children, being a mother and being a wife. It is the responsibility for one half of Creation, and if that one half is not in balance then Creation too will be in disharmony. Remember what I said at the beginning of the lecture: that it is the two halves in equal balance that will eventually unite into the one form to become the evolved being of this Earth. These will be the beings of the New Age, who will walk this Earth fulfilling and exemplifying life as it truly should be lived without the division that is now present all over this World.

Womanhood must try to exemplify what is its birthright: the feminine, the receptivity, the wisdom, the love, the force of God in motion. If all women will begin to do this, then they will transform this Earth. Remember that every time you fail in this task, every time you bow to the will of the male just because it is the male, just because it is the way of society, just because it has been done that way for hundreds of years, then you are betraying not only yourselves, not only womanhood throughout the World today, not only womanhood in the Ages that have gone, but you are betraying Creation itself, for you are denying the very purpose of your existence.

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You must also recognise that earthly status does not necessarily reflect soul status. The leader of a country, or of a government, is not necessarily a great soul. You should realise that a country gets the leader that its consciousness deserves. If a leader is too evolved for his or her country, if his or her policies are too spiritual, then they will be rejected by the electorate or else suffer the fate of the Master Jesus. Too much soul, too much spiritual consciousness, can be very threatening to an unevolved soul who is, of course, the antithesis of an evolved soul.

Q: On many occasions both you and the Masters talk about 'The Truth'. Would you care to define exactly what it is that you mean by this?

ZT: Yes; but recognise that I am going to have to give you a very simplistic answer. Firstly, be aware that when I talk of God, I talk of our God, the God that created us, the God of our solar system, not the Being that I call Infinite Spirit, the God of the Universe, which is a Being beyond our comprehension. Our Creator, Whose spirit dwells in the sun, absorbs energy from Infinite Spirit, just as we, in turn, absorb energy from our Creator. I call that energy divine love, the impulse of Divinity, which is, of course, very different from human love. So our Creator absorbs the impulse of Divinity from the Source of all Creation and reflects that Divinity through Its own creations. It is this reflection which we call, which we know as, Truth.

Now this Truth is not infinite, is not absolute. It has its limitations because it is a reflection of the Source, it is not the Source. In a similar fashion, you who receive and recognise the impulse of your Creator, can only understand and demonstrate a reflection of Its Truth. Therefore you can only ever see an aspect of Truth, never the majesty of Infinite Truth. So each of you, as individuals, absorbs the divine energy of your Creator and, according to your soul note, your soul purity, grounds and manifests a point of consciousness, an aspect of Truth. Therefore, although there is only one Truth, there are as many aspects of it as there are people, for you are all unique beings, having walked different paths to arrive at this moment in time or, perhaps I should say, at this moment in consciousness. That is why we are always saying that what is truth for one person is not necessarily truth for another.

Now the Truth of Infinite Spirit manifests through Its Laws, sometimes known as the Cosmic Laws or the Natural Laws. These Laws touch and control every aspect of life on every plane of existence,

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from the great solar lords right down to the least evolved soul. So the degree to which you both accept and reflect these great Cosmic Laws directly affects your understanding of what is Truth. Let us recognise, therefore, that at your present point of consciousness you can only understand or come to terms with an aspect of Truth. Now for some it may be a high or pure aspect of Truth, for others it may be a low or adulterated aspect of Truth. Nevertheless, you are all on the road to discover Infinite Truth through the aspect of truth of your Creator. Each day, as you encounter the world in which you live, as you experience the drama of life, you are being offered the opportunity to discover what is truth for you, and this truth will eventually lead you to the Truth of the Infinite, to the impulse of all life, Infinite Spirit.

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