

RESURRECTION

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Thought is infinite. Every word represents an ideal conception of the Infinite, because behind every word and thought is a manifestation of the Infinite. Many waves of thought are dancing in the waves of consciousness, but behind that there is the great unceasing ocean of Truth. Our expressions are waves of the ocean of understanding.

Resurrection—what is its meaning? It is life! To rise again! To rise to life! To rise—what and how? We must understand that resurrection means to live again. Everything is undergoing a process of change. Then changes are either detrimental to the object which changes or are beneficial to it. For example, if I take this glass and strike it on the floor, it would be changed, would it not? It would not be a beneficial change; it would be harmful to this object. But if I polish it up and make it shine, and clean it from bacteria, then that change is beneficial. Resurrection means any beneficial change that happens to an object or to a human being.

Now we are talking about human beings. You can resurrect your old furniture in the carpenter shop. You can resurrect your house through architects. We are talking of resurrecting the human body, and resurrection means any uplifting change. You cannot sit still because you must either go backward or forward. Isn't that a great thing—a marvelous truth that in this life you cannot remain stationary? Either you must accept changes which are harmful to yourself or which are beneficial to yourself.

We say that every human being is an expression of the great vast Spirit. Isn't it marvelous when we see how we human beings, without any motors, without any wires, without any visible electricity, run smoothly? The human machine wakes up in the morning, eats breakfast, goes to work, goes to lunch and eats again; goes back to the office, has dinner, then it goes to the movies, then goes to sleep, then it wakes up again and does the same thing all over again day in and day out.

We are controlled by something like radio-active and vito-active energy let loose by God! Just as ships are radio-operated, so we are controlled by the Infinite Spirit which is present everywhere. But the thing is this—just as the sunlight falling on the water in a glass which I keep moving becomes divided into a million suns, so the Spirit reflected in each human body and mind has been reflected as individualized Spirits or souls. Now though this soul reflects spirit, still, being identified with the body, it is trying very hard through processes of evolution to resurrect itself from the cage of the body, from the thralldom of the body and mind. The soul wants to return to the Spirit. If I had a cup filled with water and I held it under the lamp and moved the water, I have only a distorted reflection of the light in it. That is not the real light, but it may delude you into thinking that the light is real. Resurrecting the reflected image signifies taking it away from the moving cup of restless consciousness and reuniting it with the original all-pervading light.

Soul is reflected from the Spirit in the body and it is caged by the body, so it has all the limitations of the body and the mind. We must resurrect the soul from the thralldom of the body and the mind and unite it with the Spirit. It is easier said than done, isn't it?

Theory and Practice

There is a story that [Billy Sunday, the evangelical preacher famous at this time] met God in Heaven and said to Him, "Don't you remember me? I introduced You to crowds in big halls and sent them up to heaven by the carloads." Then God said, "You sent them all right, but none arrived here." The thing is, sometimes we pray theoretically. We have resurrected ourselves from our blemishes according to our imagination, but facts are different. Resurrect yourself! It must be not only theoretically but practically. Even theoretical prayer is better than nothing at all, but sometimes it is a detriment to practical understanding.

Let us study first about mental resurrection. In the beginning of our life the soul begins to play with the body and gradually becomes the slave of the body. We must learn to live the life above the physical. Mental development is the by-product of physical development. We find according to natural evolution that the soul resurrects itself to the plane of intellect or plane of prosperity, and then rises to the plane of spiritual realization which gives a meaning to all prosperous development and intellectual attainment. Intellectual attainments are undoubtedly helpful—all good things help. Gradually we understand the way how to resurrect the body into the Spirit.

Resurrection means to resurrect the soul from the cage of ignorance; to lift it, to release the soul from the bondage of human life. Human life may be very beautiful, but it is just like a bird of paradise in a cage. You open the bird's cage, but due

