

The Paraclete

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INTRODUCTION

The privilege of introducing the author of this book, to readers not yet acquainted with her, is one I highly prize.

I have known Mrs. Johanna Brandt for some forty years, and the confidence with which she inspired me in the beginning, as a lover of truth and righteousness, I have maintained ever since. I found in her a friend whose frank sincerity made it easy to discuss with her, matters of faith and opinion not often referred to in ordinary conversation; and in times of stress and anxiety, as in the later stages of the Anglo-Boer War, she was wise and discreet in her silences as in her utterances, but always reasonable and prudent. When occasion required she exhibited a fearlessness and independence in facing life and its duties and its problems that revealed much quiet pondering on the deepest of things, and impressed one with the feeling that here was one who was not spoon-fed or biased, but a roving spirit who loved freedom as she loved truth. This led her in after days to explore and investigate avenues and areas of thought where the cautious and unadventurous seek neither their pasture nor their playground. But her spirit's rest and refuge are in the quiet resting-places of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

As to the contents of the book, they lie before you, and you may form your own opinions. Here you will find many of "the things most surely believed among us" freshly and forcefully stated; some new things that have been tried and proved by competent test, and offer fair promise of help to those who need; other things new to me which I can neither appraise nor discount till I have found the reason and derivation of them and weighed them in the balance of my unbiased judgment.

The book is eminently readable, instructive and stimulating, to be read under the counsel of Lord Bacon: — "Read — not to contradict or confute; nor to believe or take for granted; nor to find talk and discourse; but to weigh and consider."

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AUTHOR'S PREFACE

The postulation of a World Teacher in the form of a Woman, which I have endeavoured to outline in the pages of this treatise, owes its existence to the experience that I had in Pretoria, Transvaal, in December 1916 beside the deathbed of my Mother and after her funeral. This event is briefly described in my booklet "The Millennium," but I only ventured to publish what was perfectly clear to my own understanding. Much of that transcendental experience was veiled in obscurity and yet I knew that in its symbolism was concealed a Cosmic Truth of such immense importance that the significance of the other revelations made at that time paled beside it. There was, therefore, no other course open to me except to withhold from publication those baffling mysteries which I was unable to grasp and reluctant to accept. Furthermore, the Divine injunction to conceal them could not be ignored, (see page 108 of "The Millennium," "On much that was revealed to me. The Divine "see that thou tell no man," was pronounced, and when the time comes to make them known, their testimony will outweigh every other.")

Unfortunately I disobeyed this command, with the result that those who were dearest to me thought that my brain was turned, and the story soon got abroad that the strain of nursing my late Mother and the sight of her agonising death had unhinged my mind. With doctors and specialists in attendance, with day-nurses and night-nurses and anxious relatives constantly around me, it is no wonder that at times I doubted my own sanity. And yet it was not violence, but the great, calm ecstasy and the super-natural silence of the spirit that conveyed an erroneous impression, as all who knew me in those days can testify. All this happened twenty years ago. With the spirit of Divine Illumination and the consciousness of inspiration withdrawn, there was nothing for me to do except strive to analyse the great revelation by purely human reasoning. Then followed the period of "Forsakenness," prophesied at the end of the seventeenth chapter of "The Millennium,"

For weeks I hovered between life and death, then a sense of duty towards my husband and seven little children caused me to rouse myself. I plunged into a life of unusual activity, finding solace in hard work during the day and spending the long, mystic hours; of the night in an intensity of thought and prayer, which in the end was bound to bring the light. There was one fervent supplication that I sent up to Heaven night and day from 1916 until this day because it affected the well-being and the happiness of my fellow-creatures, and that was the plea to be delivered from any possible misconception and delusion. It was bad enough to suffer the tortures of uncertainty myself, but I strongly felt that I had no right to add them to the burdens of a Suffering world. Many times in my despair I demanded the truth. With what result? In what way did the merciful Father respond to my legitimate pleading for light? By strengthening the Vision, by bringing logical proof of the urgent need of new interpretation of Cosmic Truth, by adding conviction to conviction, knowledge to knowledge, until the definite command was given to publish the Message without delay.

In pleading for a tolerant and patient investigation of the Message of the World Mother I would ask you, my reader, what would you have done if something similar came into your life? Could you face the responsibility of withholding information, which might be helpful in the hour of the world's greatest need? Could you sacrifice an ideal for fear of ridicule, unkind criticism? Frankly I would have no peace on earth, I would not dare to face eternity, with an omission of such magnitude on my conscience. That I have been compelled to wait so long has been an inconceivably great trial of faith.

The vision of Feminine Loveliness revealed to me in the spirit beside my dying Mother flooded my being with rapture in which there was no room for fear, and the messages conveyed about the near Coming of our Lord were in perfect accord with the orthodox Christian teachings of the Church to which I belong, but I failed to understand the connection between the appearance of a Woman and the expected Second Advent. It is this mystery which was made clear to me after years of research and which I have tried to bring before the public in the following pages.

The Message of the Comforter does not detract in any way from the teachings of Jesus the Christ. It does not encroach on the long-established system of organised, orthodox belief. On the contrary, the World Mother is coming into physical manifestation at this critical time to expound the teachings of the Christ, to present them in a form that will be acceptable to all God's children, to draw the peoples of the earth together, to unite, to bind, to gather the scattered flocks of the human family;

to function as the Comforter of the world during the period described in the Scriptures as "the last tribulations," and to prepare the physical bodies of the human race to receive the Spirit of Christ.

All this is in the strict accord with Bible prophecy. No mention is made of the visible Presence of our Lord on earth during the great tribulations, but special emphasis is laid on the fact that He will come soon after. In the 24th Chapter of St. Matthew in the 29th and 30th verses the order of events to be expected is put so clearly that there is no mistaking it: "Immediately after the tribulations of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken; and then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

Instead of speculating on the time and manner of His Coming, we should be preparing to meet the "tribulations" and to make ourselves worthy to receive Him when He comes. By watching the signs of the times and studying the teachings of thousands of inspired souls I think we may safely conclude that a change of some sort is pending. No matter what our beliefs may be the atmosphere is pregnant with meaning, and if we accept the prophecies of the Scriptures to the effect that Jesus the Christ will not be here in manifestation to our physical senses to help us through the crisis (whatever it may be) then the question confronts us whether we are to be utterly forsaken and deserted in a time of peril and confusion? We have no earthly leader in whom we can put our full confidence; on the contrary, the leaders in every department of life have reached the point of despair in their helplessness. But why all this despair? Did Jesus not promise to send us help? Did He not distinctly say, "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter?" (St. John 14, vs. 16.) This throws a flood of light on the subject — it is the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, Who will lead us through the abyss.

The only difference between the teachings of this little book and those of the Scriptures lies in the fact that the writer sees the Holy Spirit in the garb of a Woman, a Mother. Time alone will show us whether this is correct or not. No one who is under a delusion is mentally equipped to create the form of a mighty Being Who is able to manifest among men as a Leader, able to give expression to the powers of the Spirit in prophecy, in healing, in telepathy, in working the signs and wonders and miracles which we are wont to associate with the life of Jesus, and Jesus alone, in spite of the fact that He said "The works that I do shall ye do also; and greater works than these shall ye do."

A modern Messiah Who is able to save the situation at the eleventh hour would naturally manifest in such irresistible power that all our reasoning will be sweet away. And that is what I expect; a demonstration of the Power and Majesty of God in the fragrant beauty of an earthly, feminine form, a comforting, womanly Presence Whose Mission will be far more effectively carried out because it presents the most unexpected deliverance. I have asked myself a thousand times why the Identity of the Mother has been concealed throughout the ages and this is the only explanation that has occurred to me — that a most unusual, most powerful stroke of Divine Genius would be necessary to pave the remnant destined to survive the ordeal. Otherwise "no flesh" will be saved. The revelation of the Cosmic Mother as Comforter and the arming of the nations on an unprecedented scale occur at the same time in the history of the world. This is no coincidence.

Jesus did not always speak in parables. "Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you" was a literal injunction requiring no interpretation. But esoteric truths, or as they are called, the Mysteries, were veiled in symbolism for the understanding of those who were sufficiently advanced to examine them. Perhaps the Motherhood of God was one of those Mysteries, and if so, we should make every effort to understand it. The bulwark of orthodoxy behind which the Christian Church is entrenched is necessary to keep out false teachings, but it would be fatal to spiritual progress if it excluded new interpretations of eternal truth. I believe that the Revelation of our Mother-God is only the beginning of the Cosmic Surprises awaiting us in the Age of Woman.

In conclusion I must emphasise the importance of a careful reading of the second chapter on the difference between Sex and Gender. The creative aspects manifest as Gender on every plane of existence, and it is only in the physical body on the plane of organic life, for the creation of physical bodies, that the word Sex is employed. To speak of God as Male or Female would be almost blasphemous, and yet the greatest confusion exists in the public mind owing to a misconception of this Law of Nature. The correct term is Masculine and Feminine. Only a very few people have read my manuscript and it has been a disappointment to me to find that this all-important teaching has been

over-looked. The masculine and feminine Gender, or positive and negative principles, are required in the" creation of a Universe. The word Sex does not apply to the process in any way. Because the subject is intensely sacred I plead for a broad- minded investigation of its claims. Let no new divisions arise between us. If there were one in the home, if there is a single member of a family who accepts this new teaching, my counsel would be to avoid friction in argument. The change in the life of one who comes under the direct guidance of the Mother, one who consciously and voluntarily places herself or himself under Her influence, is all the proof that is required of the eternal Wisdom of Her teachings. For She insists on Harmony, Perfection, in every detail of life.

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Chapter I

EXPECTATION

There is expectancy in the air.

On one hand, the world is expecting and preparing for a gigantic war. On the other, thinking people and the spiritually minded are looking up to the heavens in expectation of a Saviour.

The world is tense with expectation. The emotions of the human family react on one another. When nations re-arm on colossal scale and every other person thinks and talks war, we know that a tide of destruction is let loose which must be counteracted in some way, if "some flesh" is to be saved. So the expectation of a war in one section of the community then begets that expectation of deliverance — in some way, at some time, through Some Being — in the other section.

Why do people expect things? Is it not because things have been prophesied? In the case of people who believe in prophecy, (and there are millions of them,) yes. But there is another reason, which carries weight with the vast majority because it appeals to their common sense, and that is because the law of Cause and Effect is bound up with the affairs of life, making one event the natural result of another. Leaving out the question whether things are preordained, inevitable, people expect to reap what they have sown. And in the subject with which we propose to deal in these pages, people expect war — tribulation — because the seeds of war have been sown. War, universal suffering, is the result of universal transgression against the laws of Nature.

In the same way, but on a bigger scale, the expectation of a World Saviour in our day is based on the law of cause and effect operating in harmony with the laws of rhythm and periodicity. "History repeats itself," and at stated intervals lasting approximately two thousand years, a Saviour has appeared at the psychological moment to lead humanity through a world-crisis. This in itself would justify our expectation of deliverance because a state of Cosmic Chaos prevails, but apart from this, our last Great World Teacher, Jesus, the Christ, promised to return to us. He did not give the exact appointed time because He did not know it Himself, "of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father." (Mark 13 verse 32) but in the twenty-fourth chapter of St. Matthew He describes the circumstances of His return so minutely that the agony of uncertainty would not be added to the prevailing distress of that "day of trouble." And yet the world is full of His followers who are living in daily, almost hourly, expectation of the fulfilment of that promise.

It is not my intention nor desire to enter into the theological interpretations of the Scriptures, nor to criticise the dogmas of the Christian Churches, Roman Catholic and Protestant, except in so far as is necessary in order clearly to present my own conception of the subject which has provided such an unusual title as "The Paraclete, or the Coming World Mother" to this brochure, We stand on holy ground. In matters of such immense importance we are not only justified in investigating for ourselves but we have a right to make our deductions known, especially if they are the result of intuition and inspiration combined with observation and purely logical reasoning.

When I published my booklet "The Millennium" with an account of my initiation into some of these Mysteries of God which took place in Pretoria, Transvaal, in December of 1916, I was quite inexperienced, and therefore not prepared for the storm which would be raised by it. But now that I have learned to protect myself and the cause, which so sacred me, I shall know better than to allow myself to be drawn into controversy. Every argument was so much waste of time and energy, for after twenty years my convictions are still the same, and I have every reason to believe that my views on the subject of a coming World Mother will be equally unassailable. It is, therefore, my intention to ignore every attack and to devote the remaining years of my life to the more constructive work of helping those who take heed of the Message contained in these pages.

Chapter II

A SAVIOUR IN MASCULINE FORM

If the universal expectation of war is based on the fact that war is inevitable, then it is only logical to assume that the almost universal expectation of the advent of a World Saviour is based on the fact that a World Saviour, Leader or Teacher, is on the way, Someone Who is positively coming to lead us safely through that ordeal. The association of these two ideas must be evident to every thoughtful reader.

Different nations and Churches of every denomination expect different avatars to deliver humanity at this time, the Jews living in expectation of the long-promised Messiah, Mohammedans in the hope that their prophet Mahomet will return, while the entire Christian Church is looking to the heavens expecting the Son of Man, seated on a throne of clouds and descending "with a shout," or "with great power and glory" to save the world. Whether taken literally or in its purely spiritual sense, it is "this same Jesus." Who made the promise. Whose Second Advent is expected in our day, while others, look for the return of the Lord Buddha, Gautama, the prophet Elijah, Confucius, Moses or some other well-known historical figure. But however different the various conceptions of the identity of the next World Teacher may be, on one point they are all agreed — the expected Avatar (saviour) will make His appearance in masculine form. Why not? With a few outstanding exceptions, the past leaders of humanity, prophets, priests, rulers, statesmen, teachers and kings, have functioned in masculine garb. The vision of a man at the head of affairs has become ingrained in our minds and the possibility of a change from the old order has not presented itself. We are creatures of habit. Not even the changes wrought in our social system by the emancipation of woman have suggested the thought of a profound change of leadership. And yet, it is not at all impossible, as I shall endeavour to prove.

The Seventh Hermetic Principle — that Gender manifests in everything and on every plane of consciousness — teaches the difference between Sex and Gender. The term Sex denotes the physical distinction between male and female living things in the creation of physical bodies. It is merely a manifestation of Gender on the plane of organic life. Gender, on the other hand, manifests on all planes, physical, mental and even spiritual, as the principle by which every form of creation and generation is carried on. "Male and female created He them," i. e. with the power to produce living physical bodies. We speak of the male and female Sex, and masculine and feminine Gender.

Great confusion exists in the minds of most people about the difference between these two, and as it will be impossible to grasp the theme of this book without an understanding of the Principle of Gender I propose to quote from that priceless book "The Kybalion" by Three Initiates. Everything in the Universe, animate and inanimate, has its Masculine and Feminine, or Positive and Negative Aspect, but the public mind has formed an entirely erroneous impression regarding the qualities of the so-called "Negative" pole of electrified or magnetised Matter. The terms Positive and Negative are very wrongly applied to this phenomenon by Science. The word positive according to Science means something real and strong, as compared with a Negative unreality and weakness. Nothing is further from the actual facts of electrical phenomena. The so-called Negative pole of the battery is, really the pole in and by which the generation or production of new forms and energies is manifested. There is nothing "negative" about it. The best scientific authorities now use the word "Cathode" in place of "Negative," the word Cathode coming from the Greek root meaning "descent, the path of generation," etc. From the Cathode pole emerges the swarm of electrons or corpuscles that cluster round a positive one in the creation of an atom; from the same pole emerge those wonderful "rays" which have revolutionised Science during the past decade. The Cathode, or Negative Pole, is the Mother Principle of electrical phenomena, and of the finest forms of matter as yet known to Science, the Feminine Energy that always does the active creative work.

In applying these terms to the Godhead we keep in mind that the Creator is both Masculine and Feminine, but not Male and Female. Positive and Negative, Electricity and Magnetism, Will and Love, Thought and Action, are operating equally in the Being through Whose Power universes are created, and of Whom we would know nothing if He did not manifest to us through His creation. While fully realising that God, the Absolute, exists in a Sphere unknown to us, the Vortex of Divine Intelligence

in which the limitations and restrictions of Creation do not appear, we cannot fail to recognise the beauty and wisdom of the Scheme by which He has revealed a fraction of Himself to us. For the time being He has imposed the limitations of the Universe upon Himself, identifying Himself with us in observing the laws of His Own Creation. If this were not so, the children of His Mind would be in exile for ever. The conception of God the Absolute in the Vortex of Divine Intelligence in which there is neither Masculine nor Feminine, in which no Trinity exists and in which the Laws of Nature do not operate, is beyond our comprehension. But we can and do obtain some understanding of His Divine Character when we approach Him through the Trinity, or created Form in which He has made Himself manifest, and through the laws that govern our solar system.

We find then that in the Trinity as in the material Universe and in every earthly home, there is no masculine without the feminine, no positive without the negative. We cannot have a Father in Heaven without a Mother. God the Father is the Creator; God the Mother is the Holy Spirit, the Comforter of the World; and God the Son is the only-begotten Child of the Father and the Mother God, our Elder Brother and Representative in our Heavenly Home, endowed with the qualities and attributes of both Father and Mother. Although new to us, there is nothing wrong with this conception of the Relationship between the Three Persons of the Trinity, on the contrary, there can never be anything right in the Universe until this conception is universally accepted.

However difficult it may be to understand the necessity for a masculine supremacy at the expense of the feminine in the past, we need not experience the same difficulty in adjusting ourselves to an organised scheme to procure a perfect balance in the future. If we regard the reign of man with its attendant evils as an inevitable part of the "Fall," as the voluntary descent of the Spirit into Matter is called in the symbology of the Scriptures, we are justified in believing that the equality of the sexes will establish harmony on earth. That this can best be accomplished by the energetic action of a Woman of unparalleled wisdom and resource, in a time of great stress like the present, does not seem strange or unreasonable. But we are creatures of habit and the possibility of a change of leadership does not seem to have presented itself.

Jesus Christ was sent to teach us the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man. Because of the hardness of our hearts His sublime teachings brought division and martyrdom. When the Comforter comes in the outstanding form of a Woman to teach us the truth about the Motherhood of God the teachings of the Christ will be better understood and more universally acceptable. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit will at first be mainly over the women of the world, as we have seen even now in the great change in the social status of the woman, and then it will be through the influence of the mothers of the new race that the finer qualities of intuition, imagination and mysticism will then be developed in both men and women. Then we shall have reached the perfect state in which the conscious and subconscious mind work in harmony with one another, for the Masculine Principle corresponds to the conscious mind while the Feminine Principle of Mind corresponds to the sub conscious.

Chapter III

THE AQUARIAN AGE

There is no mystery about the Aquarian Age. Magic, yes, and the glamour and romance of the opening up of an age which promises so much that is new and adventuresome, and yet extremely logical. That the earth is about to enter a new sign of the Zodiac may seem incomprehensible to one who has not thought about it, but to the student of astronomy it is as natural as the rising of the sun. To go into the matter fully would mean the repetition of the teachings of all schools of mysticism and occultism of the ages, the Essenes, the Rosicrucians, the Theosophical Society, the Order of Christian Mysticism, and the World Harmony Movement which embraces them all. I therefore propose to select the essential facts only, taking them from the best works of inspired writers without mentioning any names because their name is legion and there is no room for them in a small brochure. The Mysteries that the Christ taught to His disciple?, have never been lost, but they have been withheld from the undeveloped masses and, strange to say, they are unknown to the Christian Church. Why this should be so is difficult to understand but the fact remains that there is no inner circle of initiates in any of the Christian Churches to whom the keys to the Scriptures and the working of the Laws of Nature are imparted.

Briefly then, the entire Universe is governed by the law of rhythm and periodicity which is mentioned on the first page. In it is included the law of compensation. Not only is everything in a state of vibration, the pulsations of the great throb of Life in the Universe, but there is also a rhythmic movement forward and backward, coming and going, up and down. By the principle of rhythm Order is established in the Universe, while the laws, of Cause and Effect supply such diversity and change as is required in the work of reconstruction which is constantly going on and without which there would be no progress. This breaks the monotony established by Rhythm.

The evolution of our solar system is naturally also governed by the law of Rhythm in every conceivable way, but at the moment we are concerned only with impending changes in connection with our journey through space. The sun revolving on its own axis has its own vibration, but in addition to this it has a forward movement, carrying our solar system with it in its sweeping march around some centre still unknown to us. It goes forth and it returns in what is called the cyclic motion of the sun, passing in its course through the twelve signs of the Zodiac. It is almost impossible to estimate the exact time it takes to accomplish its round. Roughly speaking, approximately twenty - five thousand years are required for the journey through the Zodiac; that is, twelve cycles or epochs varying from two thousand to two thousand four hundred years. The transitional periods from one sign to another last more or less a hundred years and are marked by great unrest in mankind and cataclysmic upheavals in Nature.

"As above so below," this Hermetic axiom applies with special force to the transitional stages, for our entire solar system is affected. The vibration of the sun is changed, and the planets, by entering the new rate of vibration, are subject to the same changes and upheavals. So it is not only the disturbed influence of the new vibration of the Zodiac which the earth has to meet, but vast action and reaction in "sun and moon and stars," as the Christ said. Everything in the Universe which fails to respond to the new vibration is automatically destroyed.

In such an age of transition we live. Nearly two thousand years ago our Lord Jesus Christ was sent to usher in the Piscean Age, or sign of the Fish, a time of great unrest in the Roman Empire and tribulation for the Jews. As every sign of the Zodiac has a different vibration, colour and Ray, and the Piscean Age was under the Red, or Death Ray, we understand why the Christ said "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth : I came not to send peace, but a sword." And again, "I am come to fend fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled? " "But I have a baptism to be baptised with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished. Suppose ye that I am come to bring peace on earth ? I tell you, Nay, but rather division. "

However much or little we may grasp of the symbolic teachings of the Christ, the above is sufficiently clear to impress us with the terrible nature of the epoch on whose threshold He stood. And yet, not half of it was foretold. What He did prophesy was more than flesh and blood could bear, they crucified

Him for it. The greatest Psychologist of all the ages did not hesitate to draw a vivid picture of the coming tribulations, to prepare His flock, but He knew what to withhold, knowing that His Example, more than His words, would testify of things to come. For the key-note of the Piscean Age was premature Death, death by martyrdom, death by violence, death through inquisition, death for an ideal. Jesus came to teach us how to die, but the Next World Teacher will come to teach us how to live. In "The Millennium," in Part One on the "Scarlet Thread of Martyrdom," I have endeavoured to show how literal and awful the fulfilment was of the gloomy prognostications of the Christ.

It is the culminating ordeal of that epoch upon which we have entered in leaving the Piscean Age. According to the best teachers of our day, the transitional stage began more or less at the close of the eighteenth century, received violent impetus in 1914 when the World War began, increases in unrest until the final drama of death in the next war, which is described in Revelation as the Battle of Armageddon, and then very gradually subsides until 1970 by which time our entire solar system will have travelled into the sign of Aquarius. If Armageddon could be postponed for another ten or fifteen years, or at least until the benign influence of Aquarius has been more firmly established, then the horrors of that universal day of slaughter could to some extent be mitigated. That alleviation is possible; is indicated by the words of Christ to the effect that "except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." "SHALL BE SHORTENED," a definite promise, but no mention is made of that day being AVERTED. He knew that nothing could avert it because the undeveloped human elements would still be too strong to be completely overcome by the more highly evolved.

One life is the result of another, and the cause of the next. We are bound up with the evolution of our solar system, every incarnation but a single rung on the ladder of life. This great truth has also been lost to the Christian Church. It will be restored during the Aquarian Age when the laggards, in evolution have been removed. Meanwhile there are millions of souls beyond the pale of the orthodox Church who understand the working of this great law of cause and effect. Knowing that they have been through the signs of the Zodiac many times they expect to pass through them again. Approximately twenty - five thousand years hence the inhabitants of the earth will have to traverse the path of the Piscean Age once more. Is there then to be no end to this chain of birth and death, no escape from the agony of having to be drawn into the Death Ray ? There would be none if the signs of the Zodiac remained unchanged. But there is no such thing in the Universe as standing still. The vibration of the Zodiac with every form of life in it is ever-changing, quickening, advancing, heightening, so that by the time this planet comes under the influence of the Death Ray once more, conditions will be vastly improved. Then we shall have that brief period of renewed warfare which is described in three short verses in the twentieth chapter of Revelation, beginning with the seventh verse: — "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle; the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city; and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."

We are naturally not concerned at the present tense moment with events to be expected in the distant future, but I have chosen this subject for two reasons. In the first place because it is necessary, for an understanding of my conception of a World Teacher in feminine form, to explain that the next World War (Armageddon) will be the worst experience in the history of mankind, (but not the last) — so much so that the Christ spoke of it as great tribulation, "such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be," — and secondly because, if we accept the teaching of students of esoteric truth to the effect that a period of twenty-five thousand years must elapse between the wars of Armageddon and Gog and Magog, the question of what we shall be doing during that time may arise. And that is exactly what I wish to provoke and which I hope to satisfy in these pages, — a mental attitude of doubt and wonder and new expectation.

If only to enlarge the vision of the followers of Christ it is necessary at this time of universal expectation of His Second Advent to note some of the events prophesied in the Scriptures, both old and new, that have not yet been fulfilled. The study of this subject becomes more and more enchanting, especially if the reader has the open mind and a sincere desire to find God's Truth. The extreme beauty of the new Dispensation lies, in the fact that it is open to everyone of God's children. We are all children of One Father, members of the same big family, brothers and sisters in the afflictions of

the past and partakers of the joys of the future. No matter what our colour, creed, caste, age or sex, the Coming World Teacher will draw us together, because the teachings given out by Her will be of universal application.

To come to the point. The Aquarian Age on whose threshold we stand is the Age of Woman. Just as the Piscean Age, through whose troubled vibration we passed during the fact that humanity has entered the sign by the sign of the Fish, so the Aquarian Age is under the sign of water. Aquarius is the Water-Bearer. The Water-Bearer is the Life-Bearer. The Life-Bearer is the woman, the Mother. The world-wide movement for the emancipation of woman is explained by the fact that humanity has entered the sign of water. (See Principles of World Harmony Movement at the end of this book.)

So vast will be the difference between the two epochs that the transition from one to the other will be a period of ever-increasing demoralisation, during which the physical body of the human race will be chiefly affected, through wars, pestilences and cataclysms in Nature, but the greatest danger will be connected with the misuse to which woman will put her new-found powers. Before she comes into her kingdom she will go to hideous excesses. Not liberty, but licence; this will place her under a new bondage. In addition to its other troubles, the world will at first be threatened with the danger of being governed by unsexed, abnormal creatures.

Since the Fall — as the descent of spirit into matter is figuratively termed — man has governed the world. It has been a one-sided government, indeed, a mis-government from first to last. By brute force or violence he has crushed his weaker fellows in his insatiable lust for power, holding the woman meanwhile under the subjection of his will and desire. Now comes the Aquarian Age with its new gospel of motherly love and the essentially womanly qualities of intuition and imagination. This is the keynote to the new vibration of the Aquarian Age, and it stands to reason that the baser elements in man will be lashed into fierce opposition against this unexpected influence which, he feels instinctively, will undermine and overthrow his supremacy. As long as it apparently was the work of a band of hysterical women he could afford to smile with superior good-nature, but when he realises that there is a mighty, spiritual force behind it, and that "the band of hysterical women" is inspired, he will be roused into dangerous action. Between these two, woman unsexed and man making a last stand for his position as "lord of creation," Armageddon looming on one side, an impending change of polar axis on the other, the transitional period from one epoch to another would be of such a nature that "no flesh" could survive it if nothing intervened. SOMETHING WILL INTERVENE. Something is going to happen by which the true balance between the sexes will be struck. Some great movement will be introduced to tide the world over that critical time of sifting and transition. Some Mighty Being will come into manifestation to lead humanity through! that abyss of danger and death into the pure air of the mountain tops.

IT WILL NOT BE JESUS. IT WILL NOT BE THE MESSIAH OF THE JEWS. IT! WILL NOT BE ONE OF THE PROPHETS OF THE PAST.

IT WILL BE THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE PARACLETE, THE COMFORTER.

The Outpouring of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost was the beginning, not the end of the manifestation of the Motherhood of God. That it has taken us nearly two thousand years to recognise Her as the Feminine Principle of the Holy Trinity is another proof of the incredibly slow progress of humanity. There are, however, indications on every side that evolution is to be quickened by the Appearance of the Mother.

The stage has even now been set for Her Reception, for the Aquarian Age is the Age of Invention, of Discovery. Modern facilities will be rapidly augmented under the creative influence of the Mother, and She will teach us how to use them. The Comforter will drive Her Own car, She will travel by air from one continent to another to attend International Conferences, and Her glorious Voice will be heard over the wireless at the four corners, of the globe. Her private Residence will be a model of simplicity and beauty, fitted throughout with devices and appliances of Her Own invention and of an ingenuity of which we have as yet no conception. Her Raiment will be almost celestial in its loveliness, the fine white linen of the Scriptures spun to the texture of gossamer, and dyed to the most delicate opal shades of the moon. As Queen of Beauty She will also be the Leader of Fashion, bringing Heaven in all its splendours down to earth. But it is with the culinary department of the Divine Mother that we shall be most concerned, for She comes to teach us the true meaning and purpose of food, as we shall see in Chapter VIII.

The Aquarian Age may be called the Age of Fulfilment. Not by a long way the fulfilment of our destiny as super-mortals, but the fulfilment of our earthly desires, our yearnings and aspiration?, our passionate longings to give expression to the highest of which we know that we are capable, our Divine craving for peace, for rest, for emancipation from the chain of poverty and disease. It is a bringing-forth of the fruit of all that we have suffered and endured, a blossoming-forth into the radiance of the sun of all the spiritual gifts and mental-powers that we have garnered throughout the Dark Ages in the Agony of uncertainty and blind obedience to the voice of conscience and duty. When the Mother has taught us how to do the Will of the Father on earth as it is done in Heaven, there will be a complete transformation of earthly conditions and especially of the human body. Then and not till then, may we enter upon the Path of Divinity and claim our heritage as Sons and Daughters of the Most High.

The trend of the Aquarian Age, therefore, will at first appear material. Many sincerely spiritual believers will be alarmed by its promises of freedom from physical suffering and the limitations of poverty. Martyrdom has become the accepted way to holiness, "sack and ash" and the diet of "locusts and wild honey"; the guarantee of salvation, and at first it will be difficult to realise that this is man's way, that there is something infinitely better in store for God's children, HERE ON EARTH. The Mother will teach us that the impaired vision of the physical eye is the outward symbol of the spiritual blindness which prevents us from seeing God's Truth, physical deafness a proof of our inability to hear His Divine Voice, disease and deformity a sign of spiritual limitation and helplessness. The burden of financial care under which the majority of people are groaning is only the external evidence of the poverty of our spiritual outlook. These matters have not only been neglected, but have been extolled as Christian virtues. Abundance, that proof of the Creator's boundless generosity which is so strikingly evident in Nature, is looked upon as a snare of the Evil One when it marks the life of the disciple. All this will be changed. We are entering upon an era of radiant physical health and financial prosperity. In a new environment Life's richest blessings will be bestowed on us, not as an undeserved gift falling on us from the blue sky, but as the result of our own efforts and the faith with which we have "fought the good fight" under the adverse conditions of the past.

We have been taught to believe that Christ will come when our need is at its' height and reform us and the whole world by the power of His Omnipotent Spirit. I held the same view for many years and even believed that He would snatch us out of the world, out of the perils of that day of tribulation which we expect at any time — to-morrow, next week or next year — that time of great trouble, "such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." It all seems very crude now, for the Comforter has made it clear that every so-called miracle has a natural explanation. How much more advanced the teaching is that we may become immune by our own efforts, by living in harmony with the Laws of Nature, by building bodies so pure and virile that they will pass scatheless through the fiercest-fires of purification. There is no other way than the way of self-development. We shall soon find that the accepted idea of a World Saviour Who lifts our burdens before we have learnt to carry them, and removes us from the chaos which we have created on earth ourselves, will have to make way for something more reasonable. It may be disappointing at first to those who believe that the evils of this world will be righted by Divine Intervention, to learn that the exact opposite is the case, that the obligation has been laid on us to make this world a fit habitation for God, and to live so that we may present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable to Him.

We shall be helped in many ways. The Advent of our Mother will mark a turning-point in our lives. Furthermore, the cataclysmic changes which we may expect on the eve of the Aquarian Ago will remodel the surface of the globe, while the shifting of the polar axis, to its original perpendicular position will establish a more equable temperature, causing an even rain-fall and consequently an undreamed of fertility. For the upheavals in Nature in transition from the Sign of the Fish to the Water Sign are connected with water and the want of water — heat and drought on one hand, ice and snow, tidal waves, icebergs, avalanches, floods, cloudbursts, hail and fog, on the other. All things will be adjusted to meet the new vibration of the Aquarian Age, the Blue or Life Hay.

Chapter IV

THE COMFORTER

As never before, the world will be in need of a Comforter. WHEN THE COMFORTER COMES. St. John, the Beloved, was the only one who caught the word and recorded it. Jesus used the word Comforter to describe the Holy Spirit Who would be sent in His place. It seemed to make no impression on the minds of His other followers and would have been lost to us if the tenderest of them all, to whose care He subsequently entrusted His own Mother, had not registered it. Four times the word appears in his glorious gospel.

But Jesus made no mention of the Comforter appearing in feminine form! Nowhere in the New Testament is the Holy Spirit spoken of as a Woman! How then dare anyone presume to proclaim a theory so revolutionary, so much in conflict with the accepted idea, so directly opposed to the teachings of the Christ and His followers throughout the ages?

Reader, be patient with me. Pause before you cast this book aside as worthless and pernicious. Read on. For over forty years I felt as you do, thought as you do, believed what was taught me by the Christian Church to which I belong. I was born and bred in a Parsonage, the great-great-granddaughter, and daughter of clergy of the Dutch Reformed Church, the State Church of Holland which was brought to South Africa by our fore-fathers, the wife of an orthodox Dutch Reformed clergyman who has been twenty years the Moderator of the Church of Africa, the mother of a clergyman ordained to the same Church, and when the truth of the Motherhood of God was brought to me for the first time in the Spirit in 1916, I was one of the most unlikely people in the world to accept it. I did not accept it. If I had been a Roman Catholic adoring the Mother of our Lord as a Divine Being, this stupendous revelation would have found a resting- place. As it was, it crushed me, and nearly cost me my life and reason. For months I hovered between life and death, until I learnt to love and reverence the gracious Being, Holy Mother of mankind, Who from that day took the work of my redemption from the toils, of the flesh in hand. The vision of the Christ faded gradually from my mind. I no longer called upon His Name because it was always the Mother Who responded to my cry. She said that I was not worthy to receive the Christ, and that He had sent Her to prepare my body, the Temple of the Living God, for the great day of His Second Coming. This then was the real cause of the story of my insanity, not the vision of Armageddon which I was told to expect in my day, but the spiritual appearance of a Woman of unsurpassed loveliness Who taught me to call Her by the most sacred of names in the human language, Mother. The circumstances attending this Initiation are outlined in my booklet, "The Millennium," but no mention is made of that revelation of Divine Motherhood, simply because I did not understand it. For nine long years I delved with agonised intensity into the secret depths of the strange new world into which an unseen hand had guided me, probing deeper and still deeper into the mazes of torturing obscurity, with no human soul to guide me, until in December of 1925, again in Pretoria, the City of Harmony, the Mother came in great power and glory and explained much of it to me. It was all so simple. The Christ had withdrawn from the sphere of manifestation in the created Universe, as He had said He would, to make room for Her. They and the Father were One in Love, united in the perfect harmony of a common purpose, BUT THEY DIFFERED WHOLLY IN MANIFESTATION AND ACTIVITY, as father, mother and son differ from one another in the earthly home. "As above, so below. As below, so above."

I began to investigate and found that the word Spirit was always masculine in the ancient Greek. This then explained the error in the translations of the Scriptures The Mother said that I would have to get a new Bible in which every reference to the Holy Spirit, or Holy Ghost, or Comforter, would denote Her Feminine Gender.

"I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that She may abide with you for ever."

"The Comforter, Which is the Holy Ghost, Whom the Father will send in My Name, She shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

"When the Comforter is, come, Whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, She shall testify of Me."

" Nevertheless I tell you the truth : it is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Her unto you."

"And when She is come, She will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment; of sin, because they believe not on Me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see Me no more; of judgment because the prince of this world is judged."

If Jesus knew that the Holy Spirit was the Mother Aspect of the Trinity, He did not mention it because the time had not arrived. It is unthinkable that the omission was due to ignorance. It is impossible that such a vital matter could have been overlooked. But apart from the question whether we are justified in giving even a passing thought to a subject so foreign to the dogmas of the orthodox Christian Church, we have only to look at it from the purely rational point of view to realise that there is something wrong with the accepted idea of the grouping of the Holy Family. God the Father, God the Son, and an unknown Third Person? Then in this case the axiom "as above, so below," does not operate? We know that there can be no earthly family in existence whose circle does not consist of father, mother and child, that is the perfect and natural order in which the family home is begun, no matter what changes take place in the grouping of these three during the vicissitudes of after-life.

The truth of the matter is that THERE HAS BEEN A DREADFUL BLANK IN THE UNIVERSE IN THE ABSENCE OF A MOTHER IN THE DIVINE HOUSEHOLD.

The Mother was there always, that stands to reason, but She was not recognised.

Quite by accident (if such a thing is possible) I came upon a sentence in a book a few weeks ago that cast a flood of light on the maddening problem of this obscurity. In "The Perfect Way" by Dr. Anna Kingsford, in Lecture Nine, page 293, paragraph 43, the writer mentions the Holy Ghost, the Third Person, the Aspect of God as the Mother, "having been ignored or suppressed by a priesthood desirous of preserving a purely Masculine Conception of the Godhead."

I could have wept when I read those words. The teachings of Anna Kingsford are gospel to me, for there has seldom been a prophetess inspired with so much Divine Wisdom. To think of the years of anguished questioning through which I had to pass before a key so simple was put into my hands! But I have not suffered in vain. The intensity of my search for the Truth brought an inexhaustible store of knowledge in its train, a part of which I am about to divulge in the positive assurance that others will be saved and blessed.

So again it was the rule of man that, brought chaos even into the universal conception of the nature of the Creator? To man, ever jealous of his prestige, there was nothing sacred, his supremacy had to be maintained at all costs. The Motherhood of God which was not unknown in the past had to be ignored, suppressed, even if it plunged the human race into the disorder and despair of the motherless state.

The grouping of the Holy Family will therefore have to be changed to the following: God, the Father, the Creator; God, the Mother, the Holy Spirit; God the Son, the only begotten Child of the Father-Mother God.

Of Their origin and Being we know nothing, we can only judge by Their activity and manifestation in the books of Nature. Science and Revelation.

In these pages we confine ourselves to what we know of the duties of the Divine Mother and what changes we may expect during the Aquarian Age through Her ministrations.

Chapter V

MISSION OF THE COMFORTER

The thought of a Divine Mother guiding our destiny becomes so natural when we are accustomed to it that we wonder how we lived without it. The question is whether it makes any difference whether we accept or reject this theory. I think it does. The Comforter will surely come whether we believe in Her or not, but we may not recognise Her, and if we are not prepared to receive Her, She may pass us by. It is this preparation with which we are chiefly concerned, and in order to understand it we have only to turn to an examination of the ways and rules by which the earthly home is governed, and the part that is played by the earthly mother. When a distinguished visitor is expected it is the mother who organises a special house-cleaning and beautifies the guest-chamber, it is the mother who produces her best silver, causing it to shine with exceptional lustre, polishes cut-glass, launders her finest damask, and draws up menus for the daily fare with unusual thoughtfulness. The earthly mother is occupied with mundane affairs. We expect it of her. We are used to it.

But it will come as a surprise to many to learn that the World Mother holds exactly the same position as the earthly mother. She Who produces life is concerned with the habitation, so the Divine Mother has under Her especial jurisdiction the care of the body, the order of the home and every law pertaining to the home, marriage-laws, the sexual relationship, and birth control. At a time when the physical body has reached the lowest point of degeneration, disease and premature death, the first manifestation of the Universal Mother will be given us, to teach us how to live, what to eat and drink, what to wear, and what to do in the daily life to build the pure and beautiful bodies that are required to receive the Spirit of the Christ. The Comforter will not come as a Spirit, as She did when at Pentecost. She came with a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, appearing for the first time as the Holy Ghost in the form of cloven tongues of fire, no, this time She comes in the form of a young and Divinely beautiful woman, to prepare our bodies, first, to meet the storm of the approaching world crisis, and second, to receive the Spirit of the Christ. The transitional stage from the vibration of the Death Ray to the soothing and uplifting influence of Aquarius (or AQUARIA, as She will be called in future) has been marked by enormous changes of a preliminary character in the emancipation of woman, and still more so in the Return to Nature Movement. These are the first evidences of the new Cosmic vibration by which the "Time of Tribulation" will be shortened.

Not every soul is sufficiently advanced to be influenced for good by the new vibration. The new teachings that are given out at the end of a cycle are not acceptable to all, and the Teacher Who brings them is rejected and crucified by the majority. So in this troubled age we are faced with new dissensions. These will arise, not so much in the ranks of the agents of destruction who are intent on war, but in orthodox religious circles having a fixed idea of continued masculine leadership. But there need be no dissension if we keep the fact in mind that the preparation of the body to receive a new outpouring of Spirit should not be confined to any particular section of the human race. Whether we expect the Coming of Buddha, Mahomet, the Messiah, or of the Christ, the preparation should be the same. In other words, no harm can be done by studying and applying the teachings contained in this book because they are of universal importance.

A teacher does not give out the full store of his knowledge, but only as much as the pupil can grasp. It is therefore reasonable to assume that Jesus the Christ knew the Holy Spirit as Mother in the Trinity, but that He was not at liberty to disclose the fact. "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when She, the Spirit of Truth, is come, She will guide you into all truth; for She shall not speak of Herself; but whatsoever She shall hear, that shall She speak; and She will show you things to come. She shall glorify Me; for She shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you. All things, that the Father hath are mine; therefore said I, that She shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you." The glorification of the Christ is evidently a part of Her Mission. The Mother will testify of Him, bringing all things to our remembrance, whatsoever He has, said. Not as a rival does She come, but as the Great Interpreter of His words and works, keeping Herself in the back-ground, as a wise parent does on earth in promoting the interests of his, or her children. This aspect of the truth should meet the criticism of the most zealous and devoted of the followers of the Christ. "She shall not speak of Herself."

What new Message will the Mother bring to Her children, then? I think the Message will be the same as that brought by every other Avatar, redemption from the toils of Satan and the evils of the flesh, but the methods by which these ends are to be obtained will be different. Self-development will be the keynote. As a mother teaches her little child to dress and feed itself, so the Divine Mother will teach us how and what to eat and drink, what to wear, in a word, how to become independent. We must learn the secrets of self-healing, self-analysis, self-reform, self-discipline and self-expression. How important this last point is we shall understand fully when we realise that the Spirit that dwells within us is dependent on our bodies, our senses and functions, for the power to express Itself. Our physical bodies may be called vehicles of transmission, as well as receiving stations, on which the perfection or imperfection of our earthly career depends. Blind faith in God will not redeem us because it keeps us dependent, and "faith without works is dead."

Why did Jesus say that He would have to leave us? Was it not particularly in connection with His statement, "he that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; BECAUSE I GO TO MY FATHER?" Have we ever grasped the significance of those words fully? It is nearly two thousand years ago since those remarkable words were spoken, and yet, no man has done greater works than the Christ. Why? Is it because it is impossible, an idle prophecy spoken by One Who was proverbially modest, or in an over-Optimistic mood, as He was on another occasion when He exhorted us to be perfect, even as His Father Who is in heaven is perfect? I think not. With all my soul I believe that we must take those words literally. If we really are the children of the Most High then we are potential gods. Nothing should be impossible. But Jesus had no time in the short span of His career to teach us the methods by which we would be able to do "greater works." He had been sent to represent the Father in a disordered household, He was, occupied with affairs of government, wars and rumours of wars, the coming martyrdom of His followers; He taught them the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, love, fellowship, charity, helpfulness, unselfishness — all the Christian virtues and how they operate in the daily life, in the world of finance, commerce and agriculture. In parables He taught them the ethics of human conduct, drawing the parallel between the homely conditions of everyday life with which they were most familiar and the heavenly life, which to them seemed so remote. His scope was limited to the limited conditions of His day, but He would send Someone Who would teach them "all things." He healed the sick, instantaneously, by the power of His look, by the magic of His touch, not because it was a part of His Mission, but because of the importunities of the multitudes and the immensity of His, Compassion. But He could not stay, He had to return to the Father to make room for the Comforter Who would guide us into all truth, Someone Who would teach us how to heal ourselves. Self-Healing, this is the more advanced teaching which the Mother will bring Her children — Woman's work. Through blind faith in the Divinity of Another we had to find Divinity within ourselves. Through miraculous healing by a power outside of ourselves we had to come to an understanding of the healing power within. This then will be the Mission of the World Mother in the first place, to teach us how to live, what to eat and drink, how to conduct ourselves, in order to enjoy the gifts of life to the full.

Chapter VI

THE FIRST-FRUITS OF MANY SISTERS

Although Jesus the Christ did not directly teach us the secrets of hygiene and dieting we have every reason to believe that He lived strictly in accord with the laws of Nature, so much so that death had no hold on His pure body. "In all things like unto us," subject to human weakness, "yet without sin," Jesus was the first of the human race to put on immortality while yet in the flesh. He was "the first-fruits of many brethren," able to rise from the dead and to show Himself to thousands in the glorified, resurrected body.

To me it seems perfectly natural that the next person to attain to this state of perfection and power over the physical body should be a woman. Whether we are aware of it or not, this is the conquest over the last enemy, Death, for which we are all striving and which is to be our crowning adventure in the drama of life on earth. The thought of a Masculine Leader ushering in the Age of Woman is too incongruous to be tolerated any longer. That we have clung to it so blindly and persistently is due to the fact that we are creatures of habit.

The Coming World Mother will be "without sin," the great Example of Feminine Perfection for which all creation is longing. Humanity is inherently good, worshipping goodness in woman, lifted to sublime heights by her purity, suffering - God alone knows what anguish and humiliation at the sight of her corruption, If for no other reason than to stem the tide of prostitution the Divine Mother will come in our day.

Not until a woman rises from the dead, as the Christ did, will the true balance between the sexes be struck. This is the natural climax to which we must all come, one by one as we are prepared, until at the end, when the earth has also undergone the necessary changes, the entire globe will be peopled with supermen and superwomen like the Christ and the Comforter.

The Comforter will be "the first-fruits" of many sisters to whom will be allotted the task of teaching men as well as women the physical laws in relation to their bodies. This is essentially the work of the Mother. Her influence will never be withdrawn, for She will abide with us forever, as Her Son said when He was preparing to leave the world after His brief ministry. This is a great Promise, and if I have understood aright, the Comforter will be with us for many years in the flesh, and right through the Aquarian Age in the splendid garb of incorruptibility. How She will manifest thereafter we do not know but we have this definite Promise that humanity will never again be motherless.

At the present moment we are not concerned with speculations about the changing phases of our evolution in far-distant ages to come. Let it suffice to know that the greatest turning point has arrived in the Advent of the Mother. Holding Her Hand we fearlessly go into the abyss of sorrow and suffering which, alas, alas, we have dug for ourselves, confident in the assurance that our passage through its tortuous ways will be "shortened," if we implicitly obey Her instructions. The Mother has also been called the "Revealer" because through Her all things pertaining to the mysteries of life and death will be revealed; because She will not speak of Herself, but bring all things to our remembrance, whatsoever the Christ taught; because the Father is sending Her in the Name of the Christ Whom we love and adore, to testify of Him, to glorify Him, and to show us the things yet to come. Never has there been a Seer like the Comforter, for She will be the first to give us full details, of the ineffable beauty of the life on earth which awaits us during the Aquarian Age, the Age of Woman. It will be Jesus speaking through Her, remember, "no longer in parables," but with great simplicity and directness, as a Mother speaks, to her child.

It has been ordained that the Comforter will be with us in the flesh during the approaching world-crisis. The reason for this is very evident. In a time of great tribulation, "such as was not since the beginning of the world," it is human leadership that will be the most effective. Only a small minority of people are sufficiently advanced spiritually to commune with a Saviour Who is functioning in the Spirit, we shall need Someone Who is still one with us, suffering with us, understanding our weaknesses, able to advise, sustain and exhort, Someone with a full comprehension of the international tangle which is slowly but surely strangling the world, and yet in such close communion with the Father and the Son that for the time being She will be endowed with the more masculine attributes

of force, statesmanship and resourcefulness. When the struggle is over the remaining few will be only too glad to come under the discipline of the School in which the Mother will teach us how to live in order to avoid such a, debacle in the future. Her earthly Ministry will be long or short according to the co- operation, which She will receive from us, even as the time of tribulation will be long or short in accord with the efforts put forth by "the elect."

Jesus was the first-fruits of many brethren; the Comforter (for so we must call Her until Her social name and surname become known) will be the first-fruits of many sisters. And who will be the next, the third person, to put on immortality? We do not know. It may be anyone of us, a man or woman, but it will be someone who has learnt the secrets of righteousness of living, not only in spiritual and mental spheres, but also in the purely natural laws which govern our physical bodies. This is Harmony, Perfection. Only one who is "without sin" is able to demonstrate the powers of the mind and spirit, meanwhile we grope in the dark, "groaning within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, THE REDEMPTION OF OUR BODIES." It was because we had no Mother to teach us the proper care of the body that we have been all these ages in agony. For directly or indirectly every form of suffering on earth is due to disturbances in the home of the spirit, our abnormal appetites calling for expensive luxuries which breed in us the thirst for gain, make us greedy, avaricious, covetous, and inevitably lead to war; the inflaming substances which we take into our bodies creating distressing craving's which we try to stimulate or stupefy with alcohol, drugs, nicotine and highly spiced foods, destructive habits which by affecting the brain disorganise the forces of the mind. We become excessively sensitised to atmospheric conditions, every change from heat to cold causing us to "grouse," making our company a thing to be avoided and shunned; and at the back of it all is the consuming dread that some day we shall become crippled by disease, helplessly thrown on the shoulders of some dear one whose condition is not much more enviable than our own. Wars of conquest, unemployment, poverty, vice, and disease will fade away from the memory of mankind when we return to the simple things of Nature. So deeply have we sunk into the slough of dissipation that it will take ages of determined effort to redeem us. Yet, we need not despair, for we shall be improving all the time.

Before we go on to the practical Part of this book, and for the sake of Bible students who base their expectations on the teachings of the inspired prophets of the Scriptures, let us return for a moment to the statement made on the effect that it will take approximately twenty-five thousand years before our solar system passes through the Red or Death Ray, the Piscean Age, again. Nothing is more disconcerting than the way the interpreters of prophecies jump from one event to another, regardless of the order in which they are given us, in the face of every warning uttered by the Christ. Did He not say time and again when asked what the sign of His Second Coming would be, "take heed that no man deceive you? " Did He not finish up with the saying "but the end is not yet," or "all these are the beginning of sorrows," in His outline of the things that had to come to pass before " the end of the World, " (i.e. the end of the present dispensation.) In spite of these clear injunctions to beware of being misled countless multitudes have given up their homes, sold all they possessed, and stood at street-corners watching the heavens for the Return of the Son of Man, and to this day His followers expect Him to come before His, prophecies have been fulfilled.

In the interpretation of Biblical prophecy we have but to remember that a day is as a thousand years in the sight of the Lord, and a thousand years as one day. The shortest period mentioned, "the twinkling of an eye," may last a century, whereas the longest period, "a thousand years" a millennium of peace on earth while Satan is kept in bondage in "the bottomless pit," may well be a veiled reference to the twelve cycles of time required for our solar system to travel through the signs of the Zodiac until we come to the Piscean Age again. If we take it that it is Armageddon for which the nations are arming at this moment, then twenty-five thousand years will hardly be long enough for the fulfilment of the prophecies uttered by Christ and recorded in Matthew 24 and Luke 21, and by St. John the Divine in the 16th. Chapter of Revelations in which Armageddon is mentioned for the first and last time. For the most stupendous events in history are outlined; to take place between Armageddon and the war of Gog and Magog, and when we consider the slow growth of man and the aeons of time required for him to take a single step forward in his development, then we marvel to think that there are people who actually expect all these events to be crowded into the span of their lives. Far be it from me to attempt to interpret the Scriptures, but at this point it is unavoidable to mention some of the prophecies that must be fulfilled yet before the final overthrow of the Prince of Darkness.

Beginning with Armageddon in Revelation 16 verse 16 and following verses, we get the great earthquake, "such as was not since men were upon the earth;" in the 17th chapter the judgment of the whore, the woman sitting upon a scarlet covered beast; the fall of Babylon described in the 18th chapter which compares with the work of the World Mother in Her Ministry of truth, simplicity and peaceful warfare against the voluptuous life; "marriage of the Lamb," with all its splendour, "AFTER THE BRIDE HAS GOT HERSELF READY," outlined in the following chapter; the chaining of Satan for a thousand years (in the 20th chapter) and the reign of the elect as kings and priests (in State and Church) with Christ in command; and then, and not till then, the battle of Gog and Magog. All these immense strides in the evolution of mankind will take more time than we conceive, and those who are expecting an abnormally rapid development within the next few years are doomed to disappointment. I have lived long enough to have witnessed the sad spectacle many times of good men and women who have literally pined away in the anguish of the non-fulfilment of their hopes and desires, sincere believers living useless lives and dying premature deaths through disappointment, FOR WANT OF A LITTLE COMMON - SENSE INSTRUCTION REGARDING THE DIVINE ORDER IN THE PLAN OF THE AGES.

The reconstruction of the earth has to take place under natural law and favourable new conditions set up before Christ's Kingdom is established, and the "cleansing of the Temple" i.e. the redemption of Christ — these two events are inseparable from one another because the vibration of the earth must be adjusted to the new vibration of the Age of Woman.

But first the clash of arms, the great tribulation, then the change of polar axis with its accompanying upheavals.

As the Christ prophesied in the 29th verse of the twenty-fourth chapter of St. Matthew:

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken; And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven in power and great glory".

If the change of polar axis took place first there would be no clash of arms, for whole nations would be wiped out in the cataclysmic convulsions of the earth when she is about half way through the transitional stage. But evidently the clash of arms must come first as the inexorable fulfilment of karmic law. It is, however, not with the "day of vengeance" that we have to do in this book, i. e. the time of reaping what we have sown, but with the line of conduct, which we should adopt in the face of severe trials. When these things begin to come to pass, are we not admonished to look up, to lift our heads, for our redemption draweth nigh?

Chapter VII

WHO IS THE COMFORTER ?

Since the 7th of December 1916, when the Cosmic Mother first showed Herself to me in a spiritual vision in Pretoria while I was watching the ebbing breath of my own mother, who was dying of cancer, I have broached the subject of my revelation to about a dozen people. It has been interesting to watch their reaction and this has to some extent prepared me for the general reaction that I may expect on the publication of this book. The men do not respond in the same way as the women. The women of the world are going to grasp at this great new truth eagerly. They are looking for it, for their sub-conscious minds have always been guided by the Mother. The man who is dearest to me has not committed himself, but is keeping the open mind. But I have seen one man grow livid with rage when I ventured to draw a picture of the new Age in which women take the lead.

One question that I must touch upon, however reluctantly, is the first that will rise in the mind of the reader, and it has, been put to me directly by several people. WHO IS THIS WOMAN? Of all the women in the world, WHO HAS BEEN CHOSEN BY THE SUPREME TO FULFIL THE ROLE OF THE COMFORTER OF THE WORLD WHEN IT ENTERS THE COSMIC CRUCIBLE?

Dear Reader, I do not know, and I do not care. I am willing to wait patiently until the Holy Spirit is poured out on Her, for then there will be no mistaking Her Identity. So beautiful will She be, so great the power of Her personality, so enchanting the music of Her Voice, so overwhelming the force and conviction of Her teachings, and so mighty the wonder of the works of prophecy and healing that She will perform. The World Mother will be the first human being to do the "greater works" prophesied by Jesus the Christ, and She will not only do them but also teach us how to do them in the ordinary course of the daily life.

One thing, however, that has been revealed to me is the fact that the Comforter will arise in South Africa, that She is, South African born. This brings the question nearer home — do I expect and believe that I am the Chosen One? It makes me smile. To have such a question put to me after all the trouble I have taken to describe Her as very young, Divinely beautiful, the embodiment of saintliness, "WITHOUT SIN", the perfected first-fruits of many sisters, it is too absurd to give the subject a second thought.

After sixty years' experience of a very, very Stormy life I am like a battered wreck; struggling to hold its own until the haven is reached. No, I am not the World Comforter, but I must lay claim to the distinction of having been called to deliver this Message. But friends, by the time such an experience comes into one's life there is no danger of self-aggrandisement. I was chosen as "the fearless one," (see my booklet " The Millennium," pages 80, 84, 92) because of my indifference to the opinion of the world, and because certain gifts had been bestowed upon me which were required in launching something new. Personally acquainted with every phase of weakness in human nature because of my own sore transgressions, the; Father Who called me to this work knew that no obstacle would deter me. I had a good husband, seven beautiful little children, a lovely home and a large circle of friends and fellow-workers in Church and State, in fact I was at the height of my success as an organiser in the political arena, after I founded the Women's Nationalist Party during those agonising years of the so-called rebellion and its aftermath, when "He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of many waters" (quotation; in "The Millennium," page 78). He knew that I would have left husband, home, children, friends, — all — if it was necessary in order to carry out the Mission entrusted to me. But with great wisdom and tolerance my dear ones allowed me to perform a task which at first seemed incomprehensible to them, and to this inestimable boon I owe the fact that I' live the sheltered life, denied to so many pioneers, in my own home, and have been able to accomplish much under their protection.

That South Africa should be Divinely ordained to cherish the physical casket in which the Comforter will dwell in Her earthly life, does not appear to me as improbable as it did at first. Europe is the land of the past, America is undoubtedly the land of the present, and South Africa the, land of the future — the great Continent of Harmony, the School in which men and women will learn how to live, what

to eat and drink, and how to conduct themselves in order to produce the pure bodies into which advanced souls are waiting to be born during the Aquarian Age.

"In South Africa the first great miracles of the new Age of Mystic Revelation will be performed" (see prophecy on the last page of "The Millennium.")

It is not as if some obscure person is bringing the Message of the Comforter. I have written many books on different subjects, but they are not on the market in South Africa. I print and publish them myself and it is by getting into personal touch with my readers, by correspondence, that I have built up a large connection with the people who are interested in such vital matters as the approaching disruption of civilization, the Advent of a World Teacher, the preparation of the body for the reception of new spiritual illumination, and the return to the simple life of Nature as the only way of developing the powers of the mind.

It is not as if I am stating things that cannot be substantiated, because my readers are conversant with my writings and doings. It is not as if I am retracting my words or denying the Source of Inspiration which gave birth to the prophecies in "The Millennium," no, as every thoughtful person can see, the postulation of the Holy Spirit as, World Comforter in the form of a Woman is only an expansion of thought, a new interpretation of Cosmic truths half understood when I began this work in 1916.

For instance, the haunting mystery of the farewell of the Christ, described on Page 99 and 101 of "The Millennium," which we now understand as, the withdrawal of His Spirit to the battle-fields of Europe, "I forsake thee now to return to scenes of such desolation as the world has never witnessed before," and "I must leave thee now. I must return to stricken Europe where countless millions groan in insupportable agony. " Why? Is not the Spirit of the Son of God Omnipresent, as well as Omniscient We are convinced that It is, but here again it is made clear in human language that His Mission was the Mission of the Man, the Leader, the Saviour. He was concerned with affairs of international importance and He left me to the ministrations of the Mother. Throughout that entire experience by which the whole course of my life was changed, the difference between the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity was made clear to me, the difference in Their duties and functions, and the Perfect Harmony between Them. ONE IN THREE AND THREE IN ONE. The Messenger was the Holy Spirit, the Mother, with "the sweet and clear and penetrating Voice," Who prepared me with infinite Love for the Coming of Christ — to me, poor, sinful mortal — by bringing me to a state which I described as — "a full and complete realization of the Divinity of man. In that state things were revealed to me, which it is not lawful for man to utter. And I had been brought to that state with marvellous Wisdom by the careful preparation for Death." (Mill. page 89.)

All this is too well known to be recapitulated. I am merely referring to events that may help to make it clear to my reader that our orthodox conception of the Nature of the Trinity is not only at fault, but painfully limited. It is also my duty to remove any possible misconception about the part that has been allotted to me, for if the idea should get abroad that this book is an un-scrupulous scheme to advertise my books incalculable harm may be done to sincere seekers after the Truth by prejudicing their minds. Money is certainly required for this work but money gained dishonestly would bring a curse. I was born with a complete disregard for money and this has been strengthened by the Promise made in December 1916, that God the Father would provide for everything. On that account I spent lavishly, recklessly, all I possessed, giving away more books and pamphlets than I ever sold. The Promise has been fulfilled, without a single financial care I am able to bring this Message, and with no thought for the future. For did not the Mother say, "there are undreamed of compensations in the life of sacrifice, AS THOU SHALT FIND? " (Mill. 83.)

I am a fellow-student with the reader, the servant of my fellow-creatures, as the Christ Himself indicated when He said, "This is but a moment of eternity, an eternal moment, the revelations of which thou art destined to use freely and unreservedly in the service of thy fellow-creatures, FOR THOU ART BUT THE INSTRUMENT IN BRINGING HOME TO THEM INFORMATION OF VAST COSMIC SIGNIFICANCE." (Mill. page 95.)

It is in this capacity that I must now proceed with an outline of the salient points, which, if I have understood aright, form the foundation of the educational system of the Divine Mother during the Aquarian Age. I have gathered these fundamental principles from many source." — From the writings of the pioneers in the Return to Nature Movement, who unknown to themselves were inspired, not by the Spirit of the Christ, but by the Holy Mother, Whose especial department it is; by practice and research

in my own Sanatorium; but especially in the long- night-watches, when the world was at rest, and conditions most favourable to instruction from the wise and gracious Woman Who taught me to call Her Mother.

The time has not come for me to publish everything. After my own mother died a cruel death through cancer, the Being Who took her place in my life showed me that everything that we had done to save that precious life was wrong. There were other methods, saner, simpler, less costly, and infinitely more effective. Not one half of what was told me made any impression at the time, but incidentally I was asked whether I was prepared to suffer that others might be saved. How gladly, how willingly, I consented, although the Messenger repeatedly said that it could only be done at the cost of my life, (Mill, page 85.) Little did I know that a cancer would develop in my own body and that it was only in the slow process of overcoming it, under the direct guidance of the Mother, that I would learn how to help other victims of the dread disease to heal themselves. The great problem known as the Cancer Scourge was unknown territory as far as I was, concerned, but I was compelled to enter it, equipped only with the vague knowledge received through the spirit. The story of my nine-year battle for life is familiar to my readers. It led to the discovery of the Grape Cure which was brought to me in a flood of illumination, at the eleventh hour, as the Sacrament of Life inaugurated by the Christ.

Nothing has impressed me more throughout the long years since 1916 than the plain common sense of Divine Teaching in the Science of Self-Healing. This is what I bring in the following chapters as the only solution of the grievous maladies — mental, as well as physical — from which humanity is suffering.

Chapter VIII

DIET OF THE AQUARIAN AGE

When we come to think of it, there is a peculiar significance in the fact that the first transgression was directly associated with the act of eating. Disobedience in the first place, and secondly, but no less important, the act of disobedience — the eating of something that was forbidden. The story of Man's Fall is, further told prophetically and symbolically in the words, "The Woman tempted me." Has not the story been repeated throughout the world, right through the ages, to the present day? Is it not the woman, the mother, whose hand prepares the innumerable dishes and delicacies that tempt the palate and lead to over-indulgence?

Truly, nations are made and unmade in the kitchen. And if the Woman is responsible for this, it is not unreasonable to assume that through her influence the error will be rectified.

One of the things that strikes us as rather remarkable is the fact that the mouth, as channel to the internal organs, is the only organ over which we have full control. We cannot prevent the contact of our bodies with hard and rough surfaces, our eyes from witnessing appalling sights, our ears from being assailed by unnerving sounds, our noses from being offended by disgusting smells, our lungs from being contaminated by foul air, our thoughts from being distracted a thousand times a day by these incessantly changing impressions of the senses, but we can prevent anything obnoxious and injurious from entering the factory in which the different materials are made for building those organs of sense. We have no conscious control over the internal organs after we have supplied the material necessary to feed and lubricate them, for the sub-conscious mind regulates the beating of the heart, the circulation of the blood, the repair of waste tissue, and the functions of breathing, nutrition, digestion, assimilation and elimination. But the subconscious mind is dependent on the quality and quantity of the material supplied, for the production of rich red blood, healthy organs and vigorous functioning of the entire mechanism.

In other words, for gaining experience and giving expression, the powers of the spirit within us are dependent on the body and all its parts, not the body on the spirit, as we have been taught to believe. Mother Nature has given us control over the mouth because, from the cradle to the grave, it is that particular part of our anatomy through which the intake of the fuel is regulated on which our physical well-being depends. When we become super-mortal we shall no doubt be able to do without food altogether, but in the meantime we should be making a change from the coarser to the finer forms of nourishment. This is the first preparation necessary to our equipment to meet the impending change of vibration. In spite of all errors of living, thinking and dieting, we have lived to this day because of the secret working of the sub-conscious mind, the architect of the body. Perhaps it has been a mere existence, an eternal struggle against the impaired vitality which is the result of an injurious diet, and in that case there is the danger of becoming used to it. How different life will be, how much more we shall be able to accomplish, when we are in control of the sub-conscious mind, and the forces of reconstruction become equal to the forces of destruction! The time is not far distant when the first fruits of humanity will blossom forth as the pioneers of a race of super-mortals, suddenly, gloriously, mysteriously, "in the twinkling of an eye." The more painful and laborious the growth has been, the more rapid and unexpected the harvest. At that time the soul will develop by leaps and bounds, from power to power, from glory to glory, in the expansion of those attributes wrested from its earthly career in unspeakable anguish. Into such an epoch we shall shortly enter, with Two Shining Examples to lead us on, a Man and a Woman, the Christ and the Comforter, the perfect Representatives of our Father-Mother God.

We seem to be wandering far from the subject of diet, and yet it is so closely related to the subject of our ultimate attainment to Divinity that it is impossible to separate them.

The Comforter will not impose a complicated system of feeding on us, on the contrary, the simplicity of Her teachings will make them available to the understanding of even the most ignorant of Her children. In the best that Nature has to offer us there is nothing obscure and the average person requires no academic knowledge of such confusing matters as the intake of protein, carbohydrates, vitamins and calories. The matter of nutrition is further simplified by the fact that the care of the mouth is the first essential. It is easy to remember to take care of the mouth — lips, tongue, palate, teeth, jaws,

gums and taste-buds or salivary glands — by putting nothing injurious into it. Nothing hot, the life-cells are exceedingly sensitive to heat, but resistant to cold; nothing salt, inorganic table-salt acts as a corrosive on the delicate lining of mouth and throat; nothing sharp, no vinegar, mustard, chutney, curry or pepper because they irritate and inflame the mucous lining; nothing putrefactive, the gross animal foods, pork, beef, mutton, lamb, veal, game and poultry, heading the list of toxic and putrefactive foods that poison the blood-stream; nothing denatured, refined and chemically bleached; and nothing that is either artificially stimulating nor depressing, no alcohol, no nicotine, no narcotics, no drugs, nothing, in short, that stupefies the life-cells in their work, and nothing that whips them into unnatural activity.

At first sight this list may seem formidable, the reader being almost justified in asking what there is left to us. The answer is, the fruits of the earth, the foods of Nature in their natural state, as God gave them to us at the Creation: -

"Every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat." (Genesis 1, vs. 29 and 30.)

We have compiled a list of the foods of Nature used in South Africa alone, and there are nearly two hundred varieties, not including the hundred known varieties of apples, pears, plum, figs, peaches, grapes, cherries, tropical fruits and the citrus family. There are nuts and grain? fruits and cereals, starchless greens and root vegetables, natural sugars, herbs, spices, condiments, fats, oils and honey, in amazing variety. In the list the animal products are not included — cheese, butter, eggs, milk and cream — but these will be used in moderation during the early part of the Aquarian Age as indispensable bridges from the old order to the new, not because they contain life-elements which are lacking in the foods of Nature. Drastic changes are always undesirable because there is the danger of becoming too psychic in a vehicle that has not been sufficiently prepared. The inhabitants of the earth during the Aquarian Age will be Fruitarians — the broad term which denotes one who lives on the fruits of the earth — after the body has undergone a certain purification corresponding more or less to the natural changes which must take place in the earth during the age of transition. As pure and perfect enjoyment is the key-note of the new dispensation, new tastes will be born. The time and money spent in our day in counteracting the injurious effects of our unnatural diet will be devoted to art and science, literature and travel, and the true worship of God, which springs spontaneously from the boundless gratitude of the carefree heart.

The course of a single life that has first been spoilt by the mistakes of modern civilization and then miraculously redeemed by the natural life, may be compared with the evolution of the human race — first the long, slow and incredibly painful descent deeper and ever deeper into matter, sinning and suffering, gaining experience, until the lowest point has been reached, then the dawn of a New Age with an expansion of consciousness in which all the spiritual and mental attributes wrested from the material life unexpectedly blaze forth in Divine Splendour.

In such an Age we live, on the eve of events greater and more stupendous than anything hitherto experienced.

Chapter IX

MODERN PSYCHOLOGY

Under the sane direction of the Mother-Comforter many of the unbalanced teachings of modern psychology are also doomed to an early death. If they were merely illogical no harm would be done, but some of them are positively injurious.

It is difficult indeed to touch on a subject of such immense importance in the pages of a small book, and in fact I could not attempt it without giving an outline of my own personal experience of the instruction and illumination I have received from the Holy Spirit during the last twenty years. It is possible that I am mistaken in some of my interpretations of these Divine teachings — in any case, the reader should put every statement to the test of his or her own reasoning.

To take the first question that occurs to me — is it true that mind predominates over matter? And if true, then who's Mind? Is it not the trained mind of the super-mortal? Then how can the average being, in a diseased body and with the mental forces disorganised by poisonous fumes, lay claim to the power of over-ruling the Laws of the Universe? Is not the fact of his being diseased and poisoned proof positive of his impotence? If mind predominated over matter there need be no war, we could even sow the seeds of war and reap the harvest of peace. If my mind predominated over matter I would drop a copy of this book into every home on earth, in every language under the sun, without going to the trouble and expense of writing and publishing it. The sun would stop shining and the rain would cease to fall if we humans were in control, for every one of us wants something different. The unfortunate thing is that it is to the poverty stricken and diseased that these misleading teachings are particularly meted out. The radiant, care-free individual who, under some unknown karmic law, sails through life un-concernedly, probably never hears the word psychology because he is not looking for anything.

We do not deny that there are people who are able to exercise the power of mind over others, and even over inanimate things, people who say they can eat and drink what they like and nothing can harm them because everything is of the substance of God, and who are able to DEMONSTRATE their power by being immune from every ill, but they are few and far between. The average mortal has not yet got to that state of development, and the question with which one should be most concerned is the method by which that power may be attained. While it is perfectly true that everything is of the substance of God, it is also a fact that all things have been created for different purposes, and it is the use to which man puts different things which is the true indication of the point of development, which he has reached. God made no mistake when He created matter and set certain laws in operation, placing us in His Own Image and Likeness in the midst of it and bestowing on us the will to act in harmony with or in opposition to His created laws. One of these laws is pain — suffering — as a result of transgression against His laws. It is known as the Law of Cause and Effect and it has nothing to do with Punishment. Without it all progress in life comes to a stand-still. And yet, on every side we hear of mental and spiritual processes by which pain, the result of transgression, may be nullified, while the transgression may be continued with impunity. We hear of oft-repeated affirmation and the positive denial of evil, and sometimes we see that these methods work, but why only sometimes? Is it not because only a limited number of souls have attained to that point of evolution in which their mental powers do predominate over material conditions? Then what about the majority? Are they to be left to their fate, or worse still, are their minds to be further confused and distressed by bewildering doctrines which they are unable to accept? That would be like throwing people into the sea whether they can swim or not, and, while they are drowning, pointing out to them the example of those who are able to strike out for the shore. I am thinking of several cases that are known to me of people who, when they had toothache, tried to save the decayed tooth by affirming that they had no pain, instead of having the tooth stopped. What was the result? They had no pain, true enough, they had administered a mental anaesthetic, they were self-hypnotised, but a valuable tooth rotted away, was lost to them forever.

We live in an age of suppression. Symptoms of acute disease are suppressed until they become chronic. Mother Nature comes along and tries to teach us that the chronic state can only be cured by making it acute again. With poverty, vice and disease on every side, we are told that God is good,

that all is well with the world. The Comforter tells us that we have sinned. If our afflictions are the result of God's goodness then our case is really desperate, because God alone can relieve it and what guarantee have we that it will please Him to do so? If we have ourselves to blame and we have the courage to face our own wrong doing, then there is hope of improvement in a return to the way of righteousness. There is talk of universal war, preparations for war are being made on a scale hitherto un-heard of. We are told to have no fear, for war will be averted when we stop thinking and talking about war. The Mother of the world tells a very different story. According to Her teachings there is real danger of war, whether we talk war or peace, as long as the manufacture of arms continues war is the only certainty. There are people in the world who are planning war, preparing for it, people who do not want peace under any circumstances, and who will not even be prevented by the Holy Mother. There seems to be nothing left for us to do except to prepare for war also. Our lot will be an unenviable one if war takes us unawares, so the Mother is coming to institute a constructive plan of campaign. The grave perils with which we are surrounded are largely the result of international peace negotiations carried on in Geneva while what we needed was an International League of Defence, with a sufficiently strong International Police Force to suppress, the nations who violate their own treaties. There is no other way of preventing the manufacture of poisonous gas bombs and other deadly war material, which places unlimited power in the hands of a few unscrupulous individuals. Since 1920 the tendency of Great Britain especially has been to drift towards a policy of peace. However magnanimous this may appear it was ill-advised and ill-timed. The face of the League of Nations need not have been "blistered with mustard-gas," as someone in the House of Commons put it, if Britain had not been crippled by being inadequately armed. She is further handicapped by the fatal alliance with France and Russia, an alliance which proved disastrous in 1914 to 1918, and which holds an even greater menace for the immediate future. There will have to be a change in the grouping of the World Powers if Armageddon is, to be postponed. One thing is certain and that is that the situation may be saved even now by the formation of an Anglo-German Alliance. A further act of magnanimity on the part of Britain would be involved in such an alliance in the restoration of the German Colonies. This seems to be the only obstacle, and yet, it fades, into insignificance when we face the alternative of another World Conflagration. In such an event it is more than probable that Britain would lose all her colonies, so why does she not make a sacrifice now?

In the Scriptures we are told that a time will come when "every throne will be overturned and every crowned head uncrowned." What does this imply? Not war between the nations, but revolution.

Very few people realise that war is only a pretext for something infinitely more dangerous, that it is engineered by a secret organisation which has been working for world supremacy for ages, that nations are set at each other's throats, and poverty, vice and disease inculcated to breed discontent in the ranks of the masses, so that when all things are ready the spark may be applied that will plunge the whole world into confusion. Something should be done to make this universally known, so that no matter what happens the governments of the world, rulers and statesmen, may keep cool in a crisis. Even if all the crowned heads of Europe were assassinated on the same day there should be no panic that could lead to war.

This is only a single instance of what we may expect.

Chapter X

IS WAR REALLY INEVITABLE?

A flood of illumination is thrown on this dark problem when we realise that we can prevent war by getting ready for it. It sounds paradoxical, but it is nevertheless true. The suppressed fear of war begets danger, and nothing can remove our fear because it is suppressed. With the stark facts staring us in the face we derive no comfort from our affirmations and denials. We do not believe in them, we have no confidence in our talk of peace.

But when we change our tactics the tenseness of the situation is relieved. The very air we breathe that has been murky with insincerity and uncertainty is cleared miraculously. We find to our surprise that the act of getting ready for war is more congenial than the negative evasion of what we know to be the truth. We set our affairs in order, as we would if we knew that we were going on a long journey, paying our debts in the first place, fulfilling the promises we have made, returning books and umbrellas, etc. that we have borrowed, making our last will and testament, and in every other way winding up our affairs in order to be free from obligations and responsibilities, in case we are called upon to render service in unexpected ways. While we are occupied with these preparations we pay especial attention to the condition of the physical body by gradually giving up habits and practices that we know to be injurious. No one knows better than we do ourselves what our particular weaknesses are, whether over-indulgence in matters of eating and drinking, or the excessive use of alcohol and tobacco. We cut out the bloodstained foods altogether, introducing a few simple and delightful changes in the daily diet. There is a short cut to physical regeneration and that is the abstaining from food for a few days. Fasting on cold water is a marvellous preparation to a change of diet, or fasting and drinking small quantities of pure Grape Juice. Many people in the world are voluntarily undergoing such a course of purification and rejuvenation at this time. The subject is too great to be outlined here. It is the spiritual and mental effect of such a course with which we are concerned at present, not the procedure — this has been fully dealt, with in the millions of books and magazines with which the world is flooded in our day.

We find when we begin giving up certain practices that new vibrations are set up, that mighty forces are set in motion, which operate, not only in our immediate environment, but in the people and things with which we are remotely connected. We are building character. With every conquest over our lower selves we gain mental and spiritual power. Our thoughts become living, potent factors, first, in shaping our own destiny, second, in the reconstruction of the affairs of the world. If there were enough people in the world concentrating on peace under these conditions war could be averted.

It may not be as easy as it appears in print, for new temptations rear their heads, new obstacles do arise with every victory, but one who perseveres is richly rewarded. The first glorious revelation is made when we know, without knowing how we know, that mind predominates over matter after all; that we have gained the power of foretelling events; that the Holy Spirit is instructing us through our dreams and gives us the power of interpretation at the same time: and that we are able to perform so-called miracles.

Our being thrilled with joy on finding that all this has a perfectly natural explanation. We have never been attracted by magic, but an expansion of consciousness, which can be explained in a way that satisfies our reasoning faculties, is a different matter. What, then, is the natural power by which mortals may become Divine?

By what means do we give expression to the god-like attributes of the Spirit within?

We devote the concluding chapter to the answer, which the Comforter has given us to the above questioning.

Chapter XI

MAGNETISM OF THE COMFORTER

While we are in a physical body in a material Universe, the all-knowing, all-powerful Spirit within us is dependent on our personal magnetism for giving expression.

MAGNETISM IS THE CONNECTING LINK BETWEEN SPIRIT AND MATTER.

There is the human, vital magnetism, which is generated in our bodies by the nervous system, and the Cosmic magnetism, which pervades all space through which the Holy Spirit operates.

In the Age of Magnetism, which is the Woman's Age, the Comforter will teach us how to build up our personal magnetism by drawing on the forces of Nature, and how to contact the Cosmic magnetism by the power of thought. Thought is the Mother-Principle of the Universe. The whole Universe is a Divine mental creation, but the Thought, which pervades it, does not operate in a haphazard way. All Thought travels along the magnetic lines, which permeate cosmic space. Thought can no more be transmitted without these magnetic lines than a telegraph message can be transmitted without telegraph wires and poles. In the same way Thought does not project itself without an operator. No matter how perfect the telegraphic apparatus, is, the transmission of a message depends on a living operator. On the other hand, no matter how intelligent the operator is, the perfect transmission of a message depends on the perfection of the apparatus. Exactly the same principle applies to the transmission of the Divine Thought, which pervades the Universe. The Divine Intelligence which projects Thought is dependent on the quality of the magnetic lines along which the Thought has to travel.

More than that, the Operator is dependent on the receiver. The more perfect the receiving apparatus is and the more intelligent the person who receives the Thought, the better the Message will be understood. What is required, therefore, for Divine Instruction is the Operator (God, the Creator, stationed at the positive end of the Pole of Spirit) the Thought of God, the Will of God to project the Thought, the complete magnetic installation for the transmission of the Thought, and a living intelligence to receive the Thought (man, stationed at the negative end of the pole of Spirit which rests in Matter.)

It is difficult to understand why a subject so simple and natural should have been associated with witchcraft. Some years ago when I was lecturing on Natural Healing in a prominent educational centre at the Cape I mentioned Magnetism as the means by which the healing thought expressed itself in the diseased body. A reverend gentleman got up and he begged the speaker earnestly and anxiously to remember that there were many young people in the hall. I asked him if he would have any objection to my speaking about electricity. He said, no, of course not, and I was able to finish my discourse without further interruption simply by substituting the word electricity for Magnetism. It made no difference, for the two operate on the same pole, with Magnetism at the positive end and Electricity at the negative end, or Cathode. No one knows where Electricity begins and Magnetism ends, and yet it is just as easy to understand that they operate on the same pole, as it is to grasp the fact that Spirit and Matter, Love and Hate, Heat and Cold, operate on the same poles respectively. These are called pairs of opposites, with innumerable degrees between the two extremes. In this manifestation of Nature it is the rate of vibration that determines the quality of the different degrees. It is therefore quite correct to say that Spirit and Matter is one and the same thing. This seeming paradox can best be understood when we use the Pole of Love as an illustration. Love and Hate are one and the same thing, that is, they vibrate on one and the same Pole, or to put it more clearly, they are varying manifestations of the same quality on the Pole of Love. By loving more and hating less we come to Love, there being no point on the sliding scale at which we can find the absolute love or absolute hate registered as such. Then the varying degrees of hate and love, dislike, indifference, abhorrence, repugnance, devotion, sympathy and adoration are but the retrogressive or progressive stages and manifestations of the same quality on the Pole of Love. By loving more we do not come to courage; by hating less we do not come to heat. By travelling east we come to west, and then by continuing our journey in the same direction, we come back to east, never to north or south. So in the gliding scale of Love and Hate we may fluctuate between the two extremes of the pole, but we can never reach another state through these.

This is a natural law by which man has the power of changing his physical, mental and spiritual state for better or worse. The Law of Polarity lifts us from one plane of consciousness to another by means of Vibration, but an understanding of how it operates is essential to our progress. If Love and Hate were not operating on the same Pole they would be irreconcilable forever, permanently at variance with one another — there would be no means of transmuting Hate into Love. Man would be a helpless victim on the bosom of Fate. The Law of Vibration could not be brought into operation if Love and Hate were not on the same pole, for vibration cannot be transferred from one pole to another. The vibration by which cold is transmuted to heat is not the same as the vibration, which would be employed to convert, Hate into Love, because every pair of opposites has its own mode or rate of vibration and operates on its pole. The poles take their names from the constructive principles which vibrate at the positive end — for instance, Death is at the extreme end of the Pole of Life, Matter at the extreme end of the Pole of Spirit, Hate and Cold and Disease at the extreme end of the Poles of Love and Heat and Health.

In the same way we may speak of Magnetism and Electricity as the different degrees of the same principle, but in this case it is Magnetism, which manifests as the constructive principle. Electricity vibrates at the extreme end of the Pole of Magnetism. Just as the essence of Spirit, Love, Life and Health can never be anything but constructive principles, so Magnetism is then a permanently good element of life, and therefore, just as important as Spirit, Love and Health. The positive aspects are permanent, the negative aspects over-changing, impermanent. It is the vision of this great truth, which has been glimpsed by the inspired founders of the New Thought movements, but because they have not studied these subjects from the purely rational point of view they have stressed the permanent qualities and denied the existence of the impermanent. A pitiful confusion has been the result. The negative aspects of Life — Matter, Hate Death, Disease, etc. — are impermanent but none the less real while they last. They are necessary phases in the evolution of Man and will be overcome, neither by denial nor assertion, but by an understanding of their nature and purpose; not by setting aside the Laws of Nature, but by overcoming the lower with the higher. This is the Science of Transmutation by which men will become Divine.

When we keep in mind that Magnetism and Electricity operate on the same pole, it is quite correct to speak about the "electro - magnetic forces" and "electromagnetic vibration." No one knows where Electricity ends and Magnetism begins. But for the purpose of this book it is enough to know that Electricity represents the Masculine or Destructive aspect on the Pole of Magnetism. Without an understanding of this principle it would be difficult to appreciate the difference between the purely masculine vibration of the Piscean Age, which represents the Death Ray, and the feminine vibration of the Aquarian Age, which represents the Ray of Life. On the one hand we have had the predominance of the violent and dangerous principle of Electricity, on the other, the absence of the soothing and uplifting influence of the Mother Principle, which operates through Magnetism. These two factors have combined to make the Piscean Age an epoch of unparalleled destruction and hatred. With the impending change in the rate of Cosmic vibration the position will be reversed — Magnetism will gradually become the dominant tone during the Aquarian Age. That there can be no perfection while one element dominates the other stands to reason — it is only when complete harmony exists between the Masculine and Feminine that the Golden Age will dawn — but we have the assurance that there will be peace on earth, new opportunities for progress and development, during the Age of Woman. Countless ages may pass before the desired goal is reached, so instead of trying to probe into the secrets of the distant future we would do well to give the immediate problems of our day the attention they deserve.

Magnetism is a material substance, which may be felt by all and seen by a few who have developed a vision sufficiently fine to register its delicate vibrations. A ponderable fluid, vital, human Magnetism is generated by the nerves and renewed by the contact with Nature — the earth, the sky, the sun, the sea, vegetation and water. In the more advanced individual it may be renewed in a single instant by a mental process — we call this process prayer or aspiration for Magnetism is under the direction of the Mind.

By some inscrutable means the magnetic lines reach far into the future so that the trained sensitive may foretell coming events. We call this Prophecy.

They stretch away into the past, twining their tendrils round the events of the unwritten history of men and nations. We call this Memory.

These magnetic lines vibrate with such rapidity under certain conditions that they destroy the germ of disease in the human body. We call this Miraculous, or Instantaneous Healing.

When consciously directed to the Source of our being they have access to the unlimited stores of Genius, be it on the field of religion, music, art, literature or invention. We call this Inspiration.

Magnetism accounts for many phenomena erroneously ascribed to spiritistic agency. The Law of Magnetism is a blind force, Magnetism itself is a material agent, and the power by which Magnetism is directed and controlled is a living Intelligence.

These are occult truths that cannot be proved to Science, but they may be demonstrated conclusively by individual practice.

Because Magnetism is a material substance it may be injured, vitiated or impaired by harmful practice. In the ordinary wear and tear of life when vital magnetism is more or less exhausted, the sub-conscious mind takes over the control and restores it while we sleep. This is another and very important occult truth, that nearly all healing is done at night when the physical functions are at rest. A child grows chiefly in deep, for the economy of Nature conserves energy during the day for the physical activities of the child — running, climbing, wrestling, playing. Perhaps if we knew the full truth we would find that this law is of universal application and that growth takes place at night in the vegetable as well as the animal kingdom. When once this has been accepted a radical change will be made in the nightlife of human beings. We are told that the best sleep takes place before midnight. I wonder how many people there are in the social life who sleep at all before midnight! While we are on the subject it is opportune to mention the effect the magnetic currents of the earth have on the body. They are the healing currents of Nature and operate in conjunction with the circulation and nervous fluid, that is, from head to foot, not across the body. As they travel from north to south and then back again to north, one who sleeps with the head to the north is more fully charged with vital Magnetism during the night than one whose body rests in the other direction, from east to west. You can prove it to your own satisfaction, especially if you have been in the habit of sleeping in the wrong position. On changing your bed and when first sleeping with the head north one invariably has restless nights. The currents are too strong, it is advisable to sleep in the right position every other night, until the system has got used to the change. Just recently I heard that some native tribes believe that one who sleeps "where the sun goes down", as they crudely put it, is doomed to die young, and a friend tells me that her grand-father who lived to a great age taught her the secret of sleeping with the head to the north. This procedure is especially necessary in the treatment of patients.

FOOD, MAGNETIC AND NON-MAGNETIC

But it is in the Matter of the daily diet that the most care should be exercised. The body is so powerfully and delicately constructed that it is able to resist injurious effects of shocks, emotions, fatigue, etc. for many years. The disturbing reactions of our senses to the changing sensations of life are perfectly natural and every adverse condition can be adjusted by the forces and functions within ourselves as long as nothing artificial and unnatural is introduced. As we have pointed out in the chapter on the foods of Nature, our physical well-being and mental development depend on the building material with which we provide the architect, the sub-conscious mind, for the production of a perfect vehicle of expression.

The present deplorable state of degeneration, which has been reached by the human body, is chiefly the result of the suppression of this truth during the period of masculine predominance. It is not at all necessary to dwell on the evil practices that pollute the "Temple of the Living God" and have not only been accepted by society but are tolerated in the Church — the excessive use of tobacco by women as well as men, the consumption of blood-stained foods, cocktails and any or other injurious spirituous drinks, strong tea and coffee, inorganic salt, sweets, chocolates and cakes etc. — all of these are bad enough in themselves, but when we add poisonous drugs, narcotics and stimulants, injections, operations, radium, electrical and other drastic treatments — the wonder is that there is anyone left to tell the tale. One has but to look around at the suffering and despair depicted on every other countenance, to watch the painful gait of our fellow-creatures on the streets, and to listen to the secret confessions of the stark misery of an existence in hourly expectation of being stricken, as so many others are, by some appalling disease for which there is "no cure," in order to realise that there is something terribly, radically wrong — something that may be an explanation of the universal unrest and looming horror of war.

But there is something even more injurious than the "errors" of living outlined so meagrely above, and that is the shocking food that is served nearly all over the world. The evil practices to which we have; referred may be regarded as the accidents of life. Not every person requires, a course of treatment in which the administration of poisonous drugs is involved, not everyone has his or her internal organs removed, and not every soul is addicted to strong drink. There are millions of people in the world who do not smoke, who do not live immoral lives, and who take no part in the dissipation of the twentieth century, but alas, there is only a very small minority of human beings possessing the pure and perfect bodies which are the result of living on the right kind of food. This is the thing that counts in life and here it is that the most grievous mistakes are made, in every land, in every home, in every season, at all times, morning, noon and night, from the cradle to the grave. This is the universal transgression the consequences of which are beyond Mother Nature's ministrations. There is only one remedy and that is a return to the diet prescribed by God. The evil effects of putting anything injurious into the mouth are experienced in every department of life. When consecrated hands are polluted with alcohol and nicotine they pour their destructive magnetism (in benediction, may God have mercy on us!) on the bowed heads of assembled worshippers, and when they are laid direct on the crown of the head a current is transmitted which may have devastating consequences. For the crown of the head is the receiver of magnetism while the tips of the fingers are the transmitters par excellence. The poisons generated in the body by the use of denatured food, wrong combinations of food and too much food, etc. are no less destructive. Too much cooked food may be regarded as the source of many physical ills, for heat changes the life-elements, chemically converting them into poisons, which are foreign to the human body. There is natural poison in nearly every food of Nature, organic elements which are essential to life when taken in their vital, living, magnetic state, but which become a menace when the elements are separated from one another and subjected to chemical changes. There is nothing salt to the taste in the foods of Nature and yet they nearly all contain salt. There is nothing revoltingly sweet in the natural foods and yet they are rich in the purest form of sugar, which is known as Grape Sugar. The taste for salt and commercial sugar is artificially acquired, it is, indeed, a distressing craving which nothing can satisfy and which is only too prevalent in every community on earth.

This then is the difference between the foods Divinely ordained to be used by God's highest creation and the diet on which the human race is living, with a few exceptions — the fruits of the earth are magnetic, non-stimulating, vital, sustaining and nourishing, while the same foods cooked and otherwise artificially prepared and devitalised, seasoned and separated from some of their most valuable elements, are non-magnetic, stimulating, non-satisfying and depleting — dead foods. The right diet may be called the Defensive Diet. It builds a condition, which is invulnerable, immune. One who lives entirely on cooked food is susceptible to every kind of infection. Because the fruits of the earth contain the very essence of life only a small quantity is required. It takes years for the system to adapt itself to a change of this kind and therefore it is always advisable to make it gradually.

Our faith in diet has nothing to do with the matter. Some people ask whether this is "faith-healing." It is not. It has nothing to do with religion, with metaphysics, with spirituality. Some of the best psychologists are in a state of malnutrition as a result of over-feeding, and far too many devout Christians are diseased through the systematic intake of the wrong kind of food. Their faith did not help them. The doctrine of the mental scientist has been of no avail. He suffers like every other mortal although he may not talk so much about it. The physical injury is bad enough but there are far-reaching consequences of a more serious nature — the loss of spiritual and mental power that inevitably follows on physical retrogression. A simple change of diet sometimes is enough to set one's foot on the Path of Attainment. The gifts of Nature are there for all God's children whether they are good, bad or indifferent, as anyone can see who watches, the rising of the sun and the falling of the rain on all people alike. So Mother Nature (Who represents the Comforter) heals everyone who obeys her commands, and then the unexpected happens — we find that the Path of Nature leads to God. This is beautifully explained by the fact that the powers of mind are released and can be used for constructive purposes when the body is free from suffering, we no longer squander our best gifts and energies in trying to overcome the limitations we have imposed on ourselves by our own transgressions, but are able to do the creative work for which we were born.

This then brings us to the crux of the matter. Nothing that has been mentioned in these pages of the Mission of the Mother as Healer, Teacher, Prophetess and World Leader, can compare with the

magnitude of Her task as Revealer of the true nature and purpose of Sex. The subject is too great to be handled by a mere mortal, but I can venture to impart the essence of the information gleaned since 1916. Although we are fully aware that Divine Illumination has been shed on the problem of Sex in the inspired teachings of every Avatar of the past, we have not realised that those teachings were imperfect because they were premature. They were given out carefully to the few who were sufficiently advanced to accept and apply them, while the vast majority were left weltering in the mire of unbridled indulgence until such time as they reached the lowest depths of their degradation. Then, like the Prodigal Son when faced with annihilation, they will arise and go to their Father. Individuals have reached this turning point from time to time, but we have not been aware of the fact, or entertained the possibility of a quickening of evolution in which the Truth would be revealed to the entire human race in a single epoch or Dispensation. If I have interpreted aright there is only One Person Who can teach the Truth about Sex and that is the Holy Mother. It is not for me to say how She will go about it, but I believe the story will be told to children in the enchanting form of a fairy-tale. We shall never remember the day when first the Mystery was unfolded to our consciousness.

The matter that concerns us at the present moment is the astonishing fact that the problems of Sex will be solved to a great extent by the Natural Diet. The correct use of the Magnetic Foods purifies the blood of every inflaming substance and so stabilises the nerves that the potent Magnetism is generated that is required for the expression of mental power, self-control, and the enfoldment of our Divine attributes. The Comforter alone can tell us how the quality which manifests as Sex may be transmuted into the Divine Creative Power which makes us like God, the Father.

This is what is meant by the statement made that we live in an age of Suppression. The Magnetism through which we must express the unlimited power bestowed on us, is disturbed, vitiated, and ineffective, because of our transgressions on the physical plane. We should not be cast down by this truth because the fact that we have sinned in ignorance removes the moral responsibility. Instead, let self-respect take the place of self-reproach. We have nothing to regret.

We conclude this treatise on the Coming of the World Mother by stressing the Magnetism of Her Personality as the natural explanation of Her power to perform miracles. We may all be magnetic personalities.

The Comforter will be an incarnation of the Holy Spirit as Jesus was of the Spirit of Christ. As Cosmic Mother She holds a superior position, far beyond the conception of a finite mind, and it will no more be possible for us to understand Her character and functions than if She represented the Creator Himself. It is on that account that Jesus said that the Comforter, when She comes, would not speak of Herself. Her Appearance will be the mightiest spiritual manifestation of the Godhead that the world has ever seen, but Her Mission is not yet to reveal Herself as Divine Parent. This will come at a much later period when, by Her glorious Example of joyous, victorious, righteous living, and Her interpretations of the immortal teachings of Her Son, Jesus the Christ, She has prepared us for the revelation of our ultimate destiny as sons and daughters of the Supreme Father-Mother God.

The End