

DEATH AN AFTER-

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- I. Death is not the opposite of Life but of Birth.
 - A. The opposite point of view largely cause of fear of Death.
 - B. Death not a state but a transition.
 1. All Becoming implies a Becoming-not.
 - a. Thus movement in any direction implies negation of movement in contradictory direction.
 - b. Birth implies the death of the mode of life in the womb.
 - c. Paul said "I die daily". An universally true principle
 - d. All form is in a process of Becoming-other.
 - CC. Experienced process of Becoming-other does not imply extinguishing of Consciousness.
 1. The filling of Consciousness becomes different, but the sense of "I experience" persists.
 - D. Since all Form Becomes, no form can be eternal.
 1. Thus immortality in the sense of infinite extension in time of any Body is a logical impossibility
 2. Individualized immortality is not to be taken in the sense of infinite extension in time of any body however subtle.
- II. Deathlessness can be predicated only of that which never Becomes.
 - A. Thus Deathlessness is superior to Time since the essential characteristic of Time is Process.
 - B. That which is superior to process IS.
 1. Otherwise we would not have the base of reference by which we could be aware of process as such.
 2. Analysis of Self-consciousness reveals the central principle of Subjectivity which is changeless.
 - a. Hence Eternal as superior to Time.
- III. Secret of mastery of death lies in non-identification of Self, or Consciousness, with Form or that which is subject to change.
 - A. He who identifies himself with a state of consciousness, such as the physical or subtle bodies fails to have continuity of Self-Consciousness.
 1. Pure Consciousness, which is Eternal, is not Self-Consciousness.
 - B. If Self-consciousness, built by association of Consciousness with Form, attaches itself to pure Consciousness, then the power of Death is overcome.
- IV. Death of body in ordinary sense does not involve destruction of matter.
 - A. All the chemical elements remain but change combination.
 - B. Life process is not destroyed but changes its form of manifestation as seen in process of disintegration.
- V. It is not consistent with principle of Conservation to imagine that the body of Desires, Emotions and Intellections are destroyed with death of physical body.
 - A. These subtle qualities are relatively objective and have a subtle form.

VI. The second death.

- A. Subtle bodies subject to law of transformation as well as gross body.
- B. Second death is separation of antagonistic elements in the man.
 - 1. By its inertia the body holds together the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde of every man.
 - 2. When this body is destroyed the opposite natures drive apart. This is second death.
 - 3. The three typical cases; (a) ordinary man; (b) thoroughly evil man; (c) purified man.
 - a. With ordinary man there is a period of unconsciousness as his sense of Self is divided between his two natures.
 - (1) Later he awakens in an ideal subjective domain where for a season he assimilates the ideal values of his life-experience.
 - b. With thoroughly evil man there is no separation of the subtle Nature as it all gravitates earthward.
 - (1) Such have lost their spiritual Being and are doomed to run down ultimately.
 - (2) May attain a relative immortality in working with the destructive side of nature.
 - (3) Such creatures easily contacted in mediumship.
 - c. With pure man such as Saint or Adept there is not second-death or disintegration as there is not a pulling apart of opposite natures.
 - (1) In these cases the husking off of the negative nature has been accomplished during the physical life.
 - (2) The subtle nature is too pure to disintegrate, hence persists.
 - (3) If such a one is an adept in the making he will carry this subtle vehicle to the next incarnation with out break of continuity.

VII. The subjective domain of Bliss (Devachan)

- A. The spiritual part of man plus the efflorescence of his personallity with memory of better elements of his earth life goes here.
- B. This is purely a subjective state and is illusive as is earth life so long as it is not realized as a merely produced state. subjectively
- C. When causes exhausted the individual returns to new incarnation by action of non-exhausted objective action of causes.

VIII. The realization of Yoga implies the breaking out of these three states and polarization of Consciousness in Turya or Reality.

- A. This state implies master over the three worlds.
- B. The attaining of this state is thru the breaking of the hypnosis of objectivity.
 - 1. This is accomplished through Yoga training.
 - 2. Mantra Yoga a powerful technique if practiced by the student.

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