

I. Introduction.

- A. All beings and things in a process of Becoming.
  - 1. This point well attested in science and philosophy.
    - a. Evolution and devolution are well attested.
    - b. Does not necessarily imply that man came from the monkey.
      - (1) Morphological similarities does not necessarily imply the ancestral status of the lower type.
        - (a) The lower form may have come from the higher as is indeed the Occult teaching.
    - c. Legislation against the teaching of evolution is a form of religious persecution.
      - (1) If not curbed this decadency will bring back the dark ages where the search for truth ~~was~~ was forced into great secrecy.
- B. Man is but a stage in the movement of Consciousness.
  - 1. From this man goes either:
    - a. Backward into degeneration, or
    - b. He evolves forward to the Superman or Mastery.
  - 2. Evolution at the stage of man shifts from an immanent urge to conscious self-effort.
    - a. Hence the man-stage is the critical stage in evolution.

II. Definition of the term Master.

- A. Master is one who has broken through the veil of Maya and has realized himself as Spiritual Being, the Atman.
  - 1. Discuss the nature of Mayavic consciousness in which humanity is caught.
- B. Pari Passu with this He has attained complete mastery over himself.
- C. Mastery of all knowledge.
- D. Power over Nature's Finer Forces.
- E. 1. Does not involve mastery exerted over other persons.
  - a. All assertion of power over others without their consent is black.
- E. Mastery is achieved through personal effort and merit and not as a fortuitous bestowal of grace.
  - 1. Refer to instance of minister who regretted good man who was not ~~and~~ saved because of his belief.
    - (a) Man is saved only by his actions in thought and outer deed, not by belief.

III. Definition of the term Avatar.

- A. Term has been used in a number of different senses.
- B. In strict sense an Avatar is one of the super-beings who take on a Karmaless body for the instruction of the race.
  - 1. This occurs at birth of humanities.
  - 2. Also when there is growth of evil and loss of real knowledge in the world.
- C. Also used in the sense of one to whom has been united the Bodhisattva of one whose Atman is in Nirvana.

1. Such a one has his own Atman and outer vehicle.
  2. Bodisattva are purified, desireless principles, including Karanasharira of the Nirvani.
  3. This is not a replacement of the lawful dweller in the body.
  4. It is a fusion on the Akashic level where all Masters are one.
    - a. Stands in diametric contrast with mediumistic invasion on level of lower astral.
- D. Refer to third type where personal God comes down into purified vehicles.
- IV. An Adept achieves his place through personal effort and merit throughout long series of incarnations.
- A. Illustrated by Gautama Buddha.
- V. An Avatar, Minerva-like, is born full-powered.
1. Bodies produced by power of Maya Creation.
  2. In case of second class of Avatars they may suddenly unfold powers out of all proportion to previous effort.
    1. Illustration of Shankara.
    2. Jesus also a case of an Avatar of Buddha if tradition can be believed.
- VI. In general an Adept may unfold powers only of a completed Fourth Rounder, hence becomes equivalent of a Fifth Rounder.
- A. There is a circle Pass\*Not which the individual units of mankind may not pass alone.
  1. All, from least to greatest, are constrained by the inviolable Law of Cycles.
- B. Buddha is one exception as he was a Sixth Rounder.
- VII. Discuss similarity in the lives of the Initiates: Jesus, Buddha, Osiris, Appolonius of Tyana, Prometheus, Shankara etc.
- A. This is occult or secret life which has to do with Initiations.
  1. This similarity is a means by which one may recognize the great ones of the past.
  2. All threatened with death near birth, tempted, persecuted, finally murdered, descend into hell and then are glorified as "Gods".
  - 3.
- VIII. One may recognize Adepts and Avatars in only one way and that is by building in oneself a common ground of similarity.
- A. One can perceive only that which corresponds to what he has unfolded in his own nature.
  1. Illustrate by story of hunter and missionary in India.
  2. Major key to recognition is leading the Life.
  3. Do their teachings violate the Law of Compensation or not.?
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