

MESSAGES ON AFTER-LIFE CONDITIONS

(Fyrirsögnin er ritstjórans. Mín mun hafa verið: The Real Nature of the After-Life.)

In the following article, Dr. Helgi Pjeturss quotes some interesting messages on After-life Conditions in proof of his contention that the scene of the after-life is a three-dimensional Planet, and not, as is generally supposed, an ethereal condition wholly different from our present conception of space, time and matter. The article will be read with interest even if — as is certain — it will not everywhere find acceptance. — Ed.

(Athugasemd ritstjórans.)

I. An interesting Book.

I am glad to see attention is being called in this journal to **Talks with Spirit Friends, Bench and Bar**, a book I find to be exceptionally interesting and valuable. The information there communicated throws a clear light on the real nature of the after-life. A few quotations will show this sufficiently.

„Sitter’s brother“, says (p. 194): „We are all living happily, David; and it is quite a real place, and we are flesh and blood as far as I can see, and every normal appetite and desire still the same.“

The same communicator says (p. 203): „I have been to the colder northern zone here, David, and have been indulging in Ice-hockey...I do want you to understand these realities, these practical values, and if I may use the term, terrestrial nature.“

On the same page, Jimmie says: „This is an everyday world, David...We men and women are just ourselves, and here is still commerce, industries, trading and even bartering... It is somewhat difficult to quite get through to earth just what is here, but the fact is it is just like the earth.“

Now, it seems highly remarkable that it should be so difficult to get through „to earth“ descriptions of an after-life which is closely like life on earth; but the difficulty lies

in the mental attitude of the receivers: when they do not believe descriptions are emanating from that **asylum ignorantiae**, the subconscious, they obstinately cling to the belief in an ethereal, fourth-dimensional, altogether unintelligible Beyond. And yet this point of information that the Beyond is **not** ethereal, is laid stress upon in the best of the communications.

In **The Return of Captain Hinchliffe**, by his widow, the captain says (p. 71): „Actually I feel no different, nothing angelic, nothing ethereal...“ In the **Talks** (p.175) Jimmie says: „I have been exploring an unknown country... intensely human, not an ethereal heaven.“

In the closest accordance with the above, are the after-life descriptions of W. T. Stead, as reported in **Blue Island**. Stead emphatically declares (p. 40) that where he arrived after death is „everything as physical and quite as material in every way as the world we had just finished with.“ Page 47: „Everything and everybody appeared to be quite normal — quite as on earth...“ Page 49: „There was the sea where we were... there were some very big buildings on our right, and on our left was the sea... it was only like being in a foreign country and nothing else...“ Page 50: „A huge building — it was not a fantastic structure in any way. It was just a beautiful building, as you have on earth — do not imagine anything fairylike, it was not.“ Page 56: „All mental interests and almost all physical interests can be continued here... you can ride on horseback, you can swim in the sea.“ Page 65: (The man in the after-life) „has his interests in visiting different parts, in exploring the land and its buildings and in studying its animal and vegetable life.“ Page 139-140: „This world, which I have been in a long time now, is the closest thing imaginable to your earth. It is full of mineral, vegetable, animal and **all** forms of life.“

II. And Another.

Talks with Spirit Friends, Bench and Bar is the only British book known to me [seinna bættust aðrar við!] where

a spirit expressly declares that the spirits of the departed are clothed in flesh and blood. And of course this means that the scene of the after-life is a planet. This is at once stated in the title of a most interesting Icelandic after-life description called, **An Icelandic Colony on Another Planet** by Guðm. Davíðsson. The chief communicator, Ó. Davíðsson, is the brother of the author, a well-known folklorist and botanist; but there are several others. According to these dwellers in the Beyond, the departed person first appears on the after-life planet as a pillar of white mist, which materialises into a physical form, no less material than was the body of the man here on earth.

In R. J. Lee's **Through the Mists** (p. 21) there is a description of what is evidently a mist of materialisation, a strong vital, field of force, from which the departed emerge with regenerated physical bodies.

III. A Biological Classification of the Earths of the Universe.

I am a geologist and biologist — or at any rate, I have since childhood been trying to gain some insight in the sciences indicated. And, once I had understood that there is a life after death, postmortem biology, metabiology (or in other words, the life after death) became my greatest interest. And now, after I have been studying this question to the best of my ability and opportunity, for nearly twenty years, it seems to me perfectly clear and indubitable that life after death is a real continuation of life before death — i. e., a physical material, corporeal life, on some planet.

After death our life continues in this same world of matter and three dimensions. There are in this unimaginably great universe of stars and space, planets, inhabited by what could be called primigene humanities (mankinds where no man that is alive has ever died); and there are planets inhabited by materialised, regenerated humanities, where every individual has gone through the experience of death and yet lives.

I may just mention that there are globes, stations of life, where some of the individuals have never died, and never been born and yet have had a beginning. They have originated, materialised in the vital field created by the love of their parents. This most interesting postmammalian stage of reproduction is hinted at both in Greek and in Northern mythology. Zeus was „born“ as a full-grown youth — „**koron ede onta**“ — says Plotinus; and, according to the Eddas, sons of Thor and Odin show themselves already a few hours after „birth“, to be stronger than their fathers.

IV. The Mechanism of Survival.

The jump from the accepted biology of the universities to metabiology, the biology of the life after death, is not so very great. Greek philosophers spoke of the „**psykhe fylike**“, the tendency and ability of the soul to build up a body. The biologist and philosopher Prof. H. Driesch, uses the Aristotelean term „entelechy“, which he says is a working building-scheme (**aktiver Bauplan**) of the body. We can also speak of a vital field of force with immensely complicated lines of force. Now, this quality of the soul, the tendency and ability to build up a body, persists though the body dies; and the building scheme or vital field, is then induced in the related general vital field of some planet, and there materialises a new body, in which the person departed from this earth then begins a new physical existence, being a „spirit clothed in a body“ just as he was before death.

A Suggested Experiment.

Now, I would ask those readers of Light who go to seances or have circles, to make an experiment. Speak with the manifesting „spirits“ as if they were inhabitants of some far-off planet. The opposition of other sitters may prove an insuperable hindrance, but if such is not the case, you will be told astoundingly interesting things, perhaps not at once, but certainly if you do not give up.

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