

Dignity and Destiny of Man

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Setting: Residing near Caesarea Philippi near the Sea of Galilee, Jesus discusses various spiritual matters with His guests and disciples. Among them is Cornelius, a relative of Caesar Augustus. He is Centurion of the Italian Regiment. He is also an old admirer of Jesus knowing Him from Bethlehem where at age 25 he was in charge of the Roman census. Having touched on the subject of men lacking scientific knowledge in almost any field, Jesus eases Cornelius saying that for mankind the love of God and the fellow man is more important than knowledge. In the distant future He will awaken enough people who will fill this gap.

“Cornelius says, “Yes, Lord, what You say is filled with truth which has never existed before according to the measure of pure human life; for if it had ever been spoken or had ever been here before, certainly some people would have accepted it as what it is and lived by it strictly, and the effect of it would certainly not have fallen by the wayside.

[176,02] But to my much encompassing knowledge it has never been here before, but instead there was quite the opposite among us heathens; and therefore Socrates, Plato, Plotin and Phrygius are to be greatly admired, as well as several great men of Rome, who through sheer heroic efforts and pains against the laws of polytheism nonetheless managed quite successfully to find the path to You, the one and only true God.

[176,03] Plato found that the one and only true, if unknown, God must be pure love. The more he thought about the unknown God, the warmer it became in his heart; and when he found that this benevolent warmth was growing, and a doctor told him that this was an illness, Plato laughed and said: If that is an illness, then I desire even more of such an illness in my heart; for it makes me feel much better than any highly-valued health!

[176,04] And Plato loved the Unknown One more and more and told how he had seen this God in the highest moments of his love for the unknown God, as if fully united with him, and what an indescribable bliss he had felt at this.

[176,05] The other great wise men tell similar things; their teaching would have been very comforting for people if the familiar servants of God had not stood in the way of spreading it with all manner of abominations.

[176,06] But it was always so, and it will probably continue to be so. The pure truth can never find take hold because over time its closest servants themselves, led by highly mean interests, stand in the way. They put it in a labyrinth and then bend the original ever straight and open path into thousands of crooked ways which, surrounded by a gloomy wall, never allow the seeker to find the centre, where the old temple of truth once stood.

[176,07] Lord, one day Your religion will also suffer the same fate, if only one priest will excel himself in it! There must certainly be teachers, but there is surely one rowdy in ten who incites the others only too soon, and then the truth already has a flaw!

[176,08] Moses, the wisest man in Cairo, the adopted son of the Pharaoh's daughter, indoctrinated in everything, wrote the divine truth on marble tablets and ordered with the power of God to announce it to the people and obey it despite all the hardest punishments, to live according to such a religion and to act accordingly; hardly a thousand years have passed since him, and how do things look now for the holy religion of the marble tablets?! There is no trace of it any longer except for the name! Where is the old Ark of the Covenant, the wonderful, fruit- and life-bearing Ark? Where are the original tablets that Moses wrote with his own hand as if for eternity? You see, Moses' followers have destroyed everything, simply because of their evil worldly interests!

[176,09] Therefore I say, without by any means being a prophet: As it always was, it still is and always will be if You, oh Lord, lay Your religion in the hands of men for safe-keeping. In a thousand years things will look very crooked, and people will be allowed to seek the truth in it like Diogenes on the clearest day, but never find it.

[176,10] Ah, the full truth will certainly remain with some individuals; but in general there will be nothing further left than what remains of the children of Abraham in the times of Moses, namely vessels and empty names! Who understands any longer the spirit of Moses' statutes?

[176,11] Therefore I say, and remain by this: Man was always so, and with small differences will always remain so.

[176,12] Something new will always make them curious and excited; but once the people have got used to it a little, even the most eminent thing will soon become every day, worthless and indifferent to them! If there is something attractive in it still, it must often be refreshed with all sorts of rarities, and some change must always occur, of course not harming the main issue, otherwise humanity begins again, out of sheer boredom and under constant thunder and lightning, to form golden cows again and to dance around them in amusement.

[176,13] Yes, even some priests are to be excused for selling the people, instead of the real goods, the most miserable junk as something purely divine; for if the current of darkness

has become too powerful, swimming against it is impossible, and the best-intentioned priest, even if he possesses in secret some correct idea of the truth, must swim with the current NOLENS SEU VOLENS (whether you want it or not), otherwise he will immediately go under!

[176,14] Lord! As old as the humanity of this Earth is, evil was always its faithful companion, which can never be denied; can man ever be healed totally and radically from this old evil? For I see no reason why man should constantly be ruined time and again!”

Chapter 177

Say I: “Yes, listen, my dearest! That is something of the greatest necessity on the planet where people are designated to become by their own effort true children of God!

[177,02] The least spiritual limitation by Me of the freest will would totally ruin my purpose

[177,03] Therefore here (on Earth) the freest room for development must be provided completely, right down to deep below the worst hell in order to achieve every thinkable burden, as well as up above every heaven in order to achieve the highest virtue, otherwise there is nothing that can be done in order to become the children of God on this Earth, for which purpose it was designated!

[177,04] And there is the secret reason why even the most wonderful religion will be trodden on like dirt in time!

[177,05] No one will be able to say about My teaching that it demands even something unnatural, unfair and impossible; and yet in time such hardships and impossible to carry out adjuncts will set in, which no man will be able to observe in their entirety.

[177,06] One will massacre people in their hundreds and thousands in an exaggerated eagerness, worse than the wildest forest beast, and will believe that they are performing an extremely pleasant service for God.

[177,07] Yes, I Myself will have to let Myself be caught and finally even killed by the people, if they want it, in order to give the people the freest and highest playground for their will; for only through this highest and very most unlimited freedom were people placed on this Earth completely in a position to rise to the truest and most perfectly god-like children and gods themselves in all things.

[177,08] For as I Myself am God from eternity to eternity only through My very most unlimited strength of will and power, likewise the children of My love must be it too eternally!

[177,09] But in order to become that, every spiritual education is needed, which does not yet suit you so well. But just think about it a little and you will find that it cannot be possibly otherwise!

[177,10] Where the highest is to be reached, the lowest must also be available!"

[177,11] Here Cornelius considers a little and says after a while, "Yes, yes, Lord, it is beginning to dawn a little in my heart! I should understand things well; but there are still some clouds and fog, through which my soul still does not yet see the full light. In certain moments however, I notice that it is becoming lighter and then I understand some things, and so I understand now also that it would not be possible for me to raise any doubts against this; but there we cannot speak at all of me being in full clarity and at home in this familiar sphere of wisdom!

[177,12] You, oh Lord, could certainly put an only somewhat powerful light in my heart in this sphere as well!"

[177,13] I say, "I could certainly do that – but then the stronger light would not be yours, but only purely My work and also something alien in you; you would not need to seek then, nor to ask or to knock anywhere.

[177,14] But I want, and must want, every man to progress along the path that I have shown you and to achieve with his own effort and sacrifice what he needs for here and for afterwards, otherwise he will never be able to become fully self-acting and therefore never independent.

[177,15] Full independence however is one of the most necessary prerequisites to receive the highest possible blessing.

[177,16] Look at a very well-placed servant! He has almost everything under his master that his highly prosperous master has; he can enjoy the best dishes and drink the wine from

master's guest table. If his master makes a journey on water or across land, he takes his servant with him, and whatever the master enjoys there, his servant enjoys also. But nonetheless the bliss of both is different.

[177,17] The servant often thinks, "I have a good master and he does not demand anything from me that I could call unfair, and I am very well respected and looked after; but if I ever get above myself, he could nevertheless say to me: My boy, I looked on you like my own son and therefore demanded only an easy and minor service from you. But you got above yourself and began to play the master; therefore I can no longer use you as my servant. Therefore leave my house! Then I would have to go and would be a beggar; but my master would remain the lord of his possessions.

[177,18] You see, my good friend, this thought often ruins the servant's bliss! But the master is truly happy – whether he is already very fond of his faithful servant or not, he

does not need to fear that he will lose him; for he could easily get hundreds in the place of this one. He remains nonetheless the wealthy master and independent owner of very many goods and immeasurable other treasures. His blessing can therefore not be dulled, while the casual blessing of the servant can come to an end at any moment. And you see, it is the same here!

[177,19] As long as I, as the Lord of all life and all light, must inspire life and light into you all at once, you are only my slaves and servants; for I can provide you with life and light as long as I alone want to. From where will you then get light and life?! Must not the thought alone of the possibility of what I said awake in you a very significant disquietude?!

[177,20] But wherever some anguish, fright or disquietude can be awakened in a soul, there is no possible chance of a perfect blessing!"

Chapter 178

[178,01] (The Lord)

"It is exactly for this reason that I Myself came to this Earth designated for the creation of My true children, in order to free you from the bands of creative necessity and to show you the way to true, independent, eternal freedom of life through word and deed and to pave the way and to smooth it through My example before you all.

[178,02] Only on this path alone will it be possible to enter the immeasurable magnificence of God, My and your Father.

[178,03] For as a man I am a human being like you; but within Me live the original fullness of the divine magnificence of the Father, who is pure love. And it is not I as your fellow man who is now speaking to you, but the word that I say to you is the Word of the Father who is in Me, and whom I know well, but whom you do not know; for if you knew him, it would have been unnecessary to send Me. But exactly because you do not know him and have never known him I came Myself in order to show Him to you and to teach you to know him.

[178,04] But that is the will of the Father, that everyone who believes in Me, the Son of Man, and that I was sent by the Father, should have eternal life and the magnificence of the Father in him, in order to become true children of the Almighty and to remain so for eternity!

[178,05] But in order to achieve this, heaven and hell must come together in this world! There is no victory without a battle! Where the highest thing is to be achieved, the highest activity must be fully undertaken to achieve it; in order to reach one extreme, one must first break away from the opposite extreme."