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THE RESURRECTION.

Mark 16:1-15

We are today celebrating the greatest event that ever took place in the history of the race as we know it on this planet. That event is the overcoming of death by man, a man who lived nearly two thousand years ago in a little corner of the earth called Palestine. This event attracted no special attention at that time. Even the followers of this man Jesus Christ, who overcame death, disbelieved. He had lived with them closely and taught them for three and a half years, and all along in his teaching he emphasized that fact that he was to overcome death. That was his mission and he again and again told those followers, "I can take it up and I can lay it down." He told them that if they destroyed the temple he could rebuild it in three days. They translated everything from the material viewpoint and they said, "He is talking about this temple in Jerusalem." He had to explain to them that he was talking about the temple of the body.

In other words he was preparing himself for the great event.

Great events have to be demonstrated. They have to be carried right out into action before people who live in the outer world will

believe them. Now this demonstration of Jesus Christ's is doubted today. It is doubted by his followers in the church, it is doubted

by many of you who are listening to me. That is the actual fact.

It is interpreted metaphorically, it is interpreted metaphysically.

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We say that of course Jesus did overcome death, but where is he now?

If he overcame death why isn't he on earth? He must have died and gone to heaven because he talked about heaven and he went away.

We don't see him; I cannot see him. I have heard people say they have seen him, but I never have seen him, and it doesn't mean anything to me. I say this argument is brought up again and again and even by the people who are teaching Christianity, the church.

We find in the church today the split between the modernists and ~~the~~ fundamentalists, that is those who believe in the real spiritual interpretation and hold to it, and those who are doubting that interpretation. That is they doubt that anything outside of what they understand as the law can possibly occur, and they do not accept the immaculate conception, and they do not accept so-called miracles, and they do not accept the resurrection, but they are emphasizing the immaculate conception. Now the immaculate conception is more difficult to understand than the resurrection of the dead, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but they are spiritually both true, and they are true in fact and the important thing with us today is not the immaculate conception; we know all children are born immaculate, that is they

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are born pure, their bodies are pure. This corruption of sin seems to be an accumulated effort. It is the result of the activity of the mind of man and the disregard of some great fundamental law.

Now we all know that a wise God, an all-powerful God, a creative mind that could make a man would have made him perfect. That is the kind of man you would make and I would make, and that is exactly the kind of man that God made and the question that arises in every logical mind is, "How did sin come into the world? Why isn't God's man expressing perfection today?" As I say this is a question that concerns

every one of us because we are all suffering the result of a transgressed law. Somewhere along the line of our evolution we have side-stepped that law of life. Now we behold, and spiritual understanding reveals clearly to us that God did make his man perfect, but that man must co-operate with that perfect ideal. In other words man is the machinery of God's mind set into action and that machinery is so alive with the divine principle that it plays a very important part in carrying out its mission, the mission of the Infinite Mind. In other

words, if a man could in mind first form the plan of a perfect piece of machinery, whatever it might be, an automobile for example, and he could find in mind form that perfect idea he would have to have the gathering together of the materials before it could be expressed, and supposing that that man was so intense in the projection of his automobile that every particle and every part and the aggregation of the parts took on his spirit, his mind, and became a perfect image of that God Mind, what would be the result? Why that automobile itself would have secondary creative power; It would have the power

to go wherever it desired; it would have the power to follow its master mind, be directed by the mind of the driver, or it could go on its own way. Now that is an illustration of what man is. We are the image and likeness of God, and we have this initiative mind power; we can create or form a world and by believing in it it becomes part of our environment, and it may not be according to the divine plan because we haven't co-operated with that plan, we haven't unified our minds with that wonderful mind of the creator, and trying to

carry out our world in our way we have made many mistakes; we have formed our bodies and malformed them if you will, and they have been filled with cross currents, corruption, and the result is disintegration; the mind and body reach a point where they separate and this is called death. This is plainly brought out in symbols in the very beginning of the Bible. There we are told in this garden of Eden, and that garden of God is the great universal ether in which we existed at that time. It was not any more in the past than it is

is now, and out of that we are forming our world. Here is the plan, here is the substance and the life, and through our thinking we are bringing out into manifestation our bodies, and these bodies are not what you think they are. You have a radiant body, and this radiant body has its elemental forces, and through your mind you are clothing that mind body with an envelope, a visibility, and that visibility is the physical organism. Now the point with every one of us is, "Can we so harmonize our thoughts that we shall harmonize the elements."

that make up the physical body. That is a law that every one of us is reaching for; we are all striving to be healthy, aren't we? We recognize immediately that ill health is inharmony, that we suffer the results of ill health, and we are searching in every way for health. What does that mean? We are searching for harmony, but are we searching for it in the right way? Not always. We are beginning now in this modern day to awaken to the fact that the mind moves the body, and getting a little farther into the source of things we are

we are discovering that the mind forms the elemental forces, the elemental atoms, the molecules, the ions, the electrons that make up the body. Consequently in its last analysis the mind makes the body. Now if this be true we must find the solution of our problem in the mind and what will be that solution? That we shall be healthy. How healthy? Why so healthy that we will never be sick or have any ills of any kind. Well, do you think that possible? Why is it possible to use the principle of mathematics so perfectly that every answer

you will get will be according to that principle, isn't it? And if you were using that principle in that way, would you ever make mistakes? Wouldn't your figures all come out right? Yes. That creative mind omnipresent that is constantly expressing itself everywhere represents the perfect principle of mathematics, and if we, its perfect expression, with freedom of action and movement, if we will align ourselves with that, in other words keep its commandments, we shall bring forth a perfect mind and a perfect body, and that perfect mind will express

itself so harmoniously, so in accord with its source that we shall have perpetual health, and if I think perpetual health would I ever die? You say no, certainly not. Then the question arises would I live in what is called a physical body? Well the physical body has many limitations that if I were making an ideal body I wouldn't put into it, would you? You wouldn't make it so gross and dense that you had to walk always to places; you would say, if I were making a body I would make it to fly through the air. Certainly. That is

what our bodies will finally achieve, that is levitation. We won't have to have flying machines, but our body is a flying machine. So in following out this analogy of perfection as you would make it, you will find that you will project into your mind, first, and then your body, these new ideas and as I say one of them would be levitation, and to levitate you must have a more refined organism, you must spiritualize this density that holds you down to mother earth. You must get free from many mortal limitations, and one of them is



the belief in matter, that matter and gravity and all those things that pertain to the world are your masters. Now Jesus Christ said, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Free from what? Free from mortal limitations. It is a sin, that is a missing of the mark, a shortcoming, to believe in matter as a reality. It is a sin to believe in the power of any mortal concept as ruling you, as ruling me. Now Jesus Christ arose out of this consciousness. He overcame these conditions. He was master of his body

and he mastered that body through getting control of his mind. Now Christian metaphysicians in following him,--- and he said, "Follow me; do as I do and you will arrive at the same place." Now we in following him find that we have a higher consciousness, an inner consciousness that we haven't in the ordinary walks of life touched.

We touch this consciousness in silent prayer and immediately a quickening takes place in our whole body. We feel something that we hadn't felt before when we lived in the outer worldly thought.

Now this is the first step in the resurrection. This is the first step that brings your soul out of the tomb of the mortal body, and <sup>we</sup> when we progress and refine our bodies and spiritualize them will have an entirely new bodily appearance, and our bodies will be so quickened the cells will take on that perpetual aim of getting out of the soul vibration in which we find the physical man today. Now the fact is that the whole human race are below grade in bodily expression.

We are not up to the divine standard. If we were up to the divine standard which Jesus Christ entered into in his resurrection we should see him walking in our midst. Now we are plainly taught that right after the resurrection, after he had overcome the so-called disintegrating process of death he appeared; he appeared to many of his followers. We are told in the lesson today that he appeared to ~~many of his~~ two of them in a different form as they were walking into the country, and he talked with them. Now this indicates that

there was a change in his organism. It had gone through a refining process. He had spiritualized the atoms until they took on a higher activity and the physical eyes of those followers couldn't see him, but through quickening what is called the spiritual eye, and we all know that we have that eye. Many people in this day tell me that they see Jesus. They have seen him here again and again in this auditorium. Many of you who are listening to me now have seen Jesus in his spiritual body. It isn't really the highest form

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of spiritual body because there are many degrees of spirituality not only in concept but in expression. Paul said, "There are bodies terrestrial and bodies celestial." Now we can enter into that celestial body and when we do we will see Jesus Christ, we will see those who have overcome death,--- not people who have died and their bodies have been buried. That is disintegration. Those people are still living in a psychic body, an astral body. They didn't overcome death. They have to try again and again until they do

arrive at that same place in power, in the uplift of the whole man that Jesus Christ arrived at. So this lesson today is of vital importance to us. As I said in the beginning, it is the greatest event that has ever occurred, to the human family because Jesus Christ undoubtedly is the only man up to the present time that has overcome what is called bodily disintegration, and it is important that we follow him and believe in him. Now Paul says that he manifested himself to eleven of the disciples when they were eating and he

upbraided them for their unbelief. He told them that he had taught this to them, that he was going to go through this process, and yet that he would be resurrected, and yet they didn't believe when he appeared to them. He appeared to five hundred another time and he appeared to James, and Paul said as one born out of his time he appeared to him. According to the scripture he appeared to Paul several times. He stood by him you remember in Jerusalem and told him he would have to go down to Rome and bear witness to

him, and he appeared to him right out of the ethers and Paul was converted and again and again he appeared to those early disciples and encouraged them and I assure you he has been encouraging us for nineteen hundred years, and he is encouraging us today to follow him in the resurrection. Now where does that resurrection begin, and do you believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Do you believe in the resurrecting power of that Christ mind in you? Now you must first believe that. Jesus Christ will never help us

into the kingdom of God where he is until we believe in the Christ mind in ourselves. Now remember that Christ and Jesus were two states of consciousness. Jesus was the manifest man. The Christ was that ideal principle which exists eternally in the mind of the Omnipresent Spirit, God, and that mind, if you will allow it will make your outer consciousness just like His. It will raise you to that high place where you will realize that you are a spiritual being, that in God you are perfect, and that in all your ways you

express that perfection. Now this is the beginning, this is repentance from the old state of mind, but if I should go out into the highways and byways today and preach that Jesus Christ was in our midst, that he was a man that through the cultivation of the spiritual part of his nature overcame death, people wouldn't believe it, would they? His immediate disciples, those who stand in the high places of the church disbelieve that. They say, "Oh, that is all right, but it is something that has to do with the future, it is

something that has to do with the day of resurrection. There is no doubt that we are all to be resurrected through some miraculous appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ; he is going to take us up in the heavens as Paul taught." Paul made a slip there evidently, because all through the scripture in every other place he talks about forming Christ in you. "It is through a change of mind that you are to be transformed," says Paul, and he says if that resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ didn't occur you are hopeless. In other

words, if you don't believe this and follow Jesus in the resurrection, you haven't any chance. It is a matter of attention. Are you giving attention to this Christ mind? Are you beginning the resurrection which will lift you out of your bodily discords, of your limitations and materiality. Now this has to do not only with the thinking mind but the whole man, the moral nature. You must be honest, you must be true, you must be upright, you must love your neighbor as yourself. You must follow the law along all the lines because it

is these cross currents in the body that disintegrate, that kill out the life. Now cold science is giving us many lessons in these days along the perpetuity of the natural cells of the organism. For example in one of the institutes in Chicago the surgeon has segregated the cells from the heart of a chicken and by cleansing them every day and feeding them has kept them alive for twelve years, and he says that the appearance is that those cells will continue to live if he gives them attention. Now here is an analogy of what takes place in

these cells. If you cleanse them and feed them they will live right on. They are here to live, they are part of the ever-living God. That is the meaning of Jehovah, the ever-living one, and if we would treat our body cells right they would continue to serve us, and serve us well. They would be perpetually healthy if you could think good healthy thoughts. Doctors cannot understand why a man who changes his cells every twelve months,-- and some say less

than that, some more, but they say that every cell in your organism is changed every twelve months. You haven't a cell in your organism that you had twelve months ago, and yet you say, "I have the same old wrinkles, the same old birthmarks, the same old moles, and all that." What kept them there? If they have been built all new, every new fresh cell has been incorporated in them, what gives them that old appearance? Something in your mind. It is in your subconsciousness. Now this must be wiped out, this must be erased



and it is accomplished through the renewing of your mind; you must get some new ideas, don't you see in your consciousness, and those new ideas will begin to work on the cells; you will have a new mind and consequently a new body, and if you could keep up this renewing of our minds and let it reflect into our bodies where would we arrive, what would be the limit? Why, perfection of mind and body, and then we could sit with the Lord Jesus Christ on his throne.

What is the wages that we shall have there? Eternal life. "But

to him that overcometh will I give to him to sit with me on my throne."

There is something for us to do and that is to overcome our limitations and overcome our doubts, especially of the possibilities of man.

That is the great dampering of our enthusiasm in following the Lord Jesus Christ, we like to think about that resurrection as in some way being a fake. They arranged in that day that it should be reported that the soldiers had taken him away, and his own followers didn't believe. We must get over this disbelief, and

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the science of the world is helping us tremendously in corroborating testimony. They are taking our bodies apart and are saying to us, why don't you do so and so with these segregated cells of the organism, what is the matter with the incorporated cells? Why do you allow those to disintegrate and die? You are not thinking right thoughts. You are not denying and affirming, you are not holding to the one principle. We find as we begin this process that it works. We begin to feel the new life

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coursing through our veins, and we say, "I am resurrected with Jesus Christ," and when we proclaim to people that we have come into a new life that we believe in the resurrection of the dead, and that the last enemy is to be overcome, people say, "Oh well, of course every body dies, you don't expect to live forever do you, in this body? We say, "Certainly we do." "But some of you die." That doesn't make any difference. You must begin somewhere, and where is that beginning? In your own consciousness. In other words,

seeds of error, you are sowing the seed outside of the very thing that you want to bring ~~about~~ about. What is that? Why, we don't want to die, we don't want to be sick, we don't want to get old, we want to be perpetually new, and so we may. It is within us. ~~But~~ Everything that you have longed for is now yours if you will only get busy. We must have this supreme initiative which the Lord Jesus Christ had. He knew that through the power of the Spirit in him he could accomplish those things, and he set about

to work, and he accomplished them. He is the great example for all of us. Let us then be true to principle, let us pay no attention to doubts and the fears of the world because if you are not living up to the high standard, you are being upbraided by that Christ mind in you. It is saying to you, "Follow me, follow me. Come out of this tomb, come into the light of the Spirit, and you shall be saved to the uttermost."

you must take these thoughts of the Lord Jesus Christ in your mind and through your mind first you line up with him as the principle of eternal life here and now, and I say to you that that will resurrect you, it will begin that resurrection in healing you of <sup>That</sup> your ills. Jesus went abroad and healed the people. ~~That~~ was the first resurrection. The first resurrection is in your mind, and the second resurrection is in your body, and the thoughts that you are holding in your mind today will be translated into your body,

it may be tomorrow, it may be next year, I don't know when, but I know you will get the result of every seed idea that you plant in your mind, because there is a mind substance and that mind substance will bring forth more surely than a seed planted in the earth because it is planted under a law, and that law is, as you plant so shall you reap, and if you sow in corruption, if you sow to the idea that you are going to ~~grow~~ old and die, you are sowing the