

THE REALM BEYOND HUMAN POWER TO HARM

LUKE 12:4

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I do not have to tell you that we are in a world crisis a world crisis that must be reconed with by the church. If people look at the physical side too much, with all its attendant sufferings, bereavements, tragedies there will be loss of balance, cracked minds, and suicides. These conditions accompany war.

Now I desire at all times, as much as God gives me strength to do it, to lift your minds from the temporal with all its attending weaknesses and horrors, to that much larger side of our existance where no harm can come and where all will be love, joy, and peace in the Holy association of heaven. To this end I know of no better text than the words of Jesus as He said, "I say unto you my friends, be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do."

*are we to care that in this war? Stand by it - **

"A very vital part of our outlook on life must be that in which we look beyond the gates of death." As we look to those horizons many questions arise in many minds.

1. Is there any life beyond? Many are inclined to doubt if there is. They are inclined to think that human life will continue on this planet thousands of years after we are gone, if some sudden end does not come because of something going wrong with the traffic in the skys. They see a gradual cooling off of the planet until human life will be frozen out. So what do you think...Are we going on or going out?

"SPIRITUAL FACTS ARE NOT CREATED BECAUSE WE DESIRE THEM TO EXIST... NEITHER ARE THEY ABOLISHED BECAUSE WE HAVE NO INTEREST IN THEM."

When a person is not interested in a life beyond he usually does not have normal love for any one here. When we love others in a vital way then immortality becomes one of the most urgent of all questions. Real love demands a future life with great eagerness, that the love may continue

Aside from those who are doubtful as to future life there are those who give a flat NO to the question.. "Is there life after death?"

One writer has this expression, "Living again in lives made better by our presence." we like to feel that our presence helps others but if that is the end of our existance then when that time comes that all human flesh dies and no human lives are left and there are none for us to live on in their lives all will end. *all the good we do is result of

all - Let's us believe that

There are those who feel that God will take all that is good out of our personalities to use in His great purposes. It is hard to see how that God would do that and leave on the scrap heap the personality itself that wills, thinks, and loves.

Is it possible that our individual lives should be lived as they are, with a sense of purpose that gives them meaning and yet themselves belong to a process which has no ultimate meaning?

As all of you know the idea of immortality has been held by various races down through the ages and was not questioned.

Death destroys many things but there is one thing it can not destroy and that is the spiritual side of our natures. *in life*
Sir Hugh Walpole gave his experiences on the Russian front in 1915. He attended the dying and said, "I affirm that I have become aware, not by my own wish, almost against my will, of an existence of another life of far greater importance and beauty than this physical one. Something seemed always to escape at death that was of enormous value."

Now let's go to Jesus. His statements are few but very definite. "Fear not them that kill the body but after that have no more that they can do." "God is not the God of the dead but of the living." It is along this line that we see the outlook of Christ on the future life. We can not abstract future life from His teaching any more than we can lift the back ground from a picture and expect what remains to have the true perspective. "In my Father's House are many mansions if it were not so I would have told you." It was just there in His teachings. So what were the effects of His message?

1. He makes us feel the sacredness of personality. In every person there is something of infinite value that God can not bear that it should be lost.

This idea has been the moving cause back of....

- a. Doing away with slavery
- b. Instituting factory reform
- c. Men and women going into slums to save the wretched.
1. Missionaries to foreign fields.. *China*

2. He deepened personal affections...He strengthened home love...He loved little children...He persuaded people to forgive enemies...but if death ends all why should He emphasize these things so much?

3. He promised eternal rewards to the Apostles who left their


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homes and said, "Every one that has forsaken houses; or brethren, or lands for my names sake shall receive an hundred fold and SHALL inherit ETERNAL life." Love gives us the feeling that it is eternal... Eternal life does not merely mean eternal existence but all that divine environment can mean... *we must*
never give this assurance as

Eternal life is that which begins here and can survive death. He meets us here and gives us a taste of glory divine. And will stay with us and increase the feel of the life beyond, if we will let Him, and go with us all the way. One man... Maeterlinck... "When Jesus met a Samaritan, met children, and an adulterous woman, then did humanity rise three times to the level of God."

" FEAR NOT THOSE THAT CAN KILL THE BODY BUT AFTER THAT HAVE
NO MORE THAT THEY CAN DO."

when ends life's transient dream
when death's cold mullen stream
that o'er me roll
Blest Saviour then in lone
Fear and distrust remove
Oh bear me safe above
A ransomed soul -


* we see such life through the Cross -
Cadets Cross - wayside Cross