

THE GREAT EVE

.....for they go forth unto the kings of the earth to gather them to the great day of God Almighty..And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue, Armageddon. And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done", and there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

(Revelation, chapter 16, 14-18)

ARMAGEDDON

Vainly has the human mind tried to decipher the fiery symbols of St. John. The mystery of the isle of Pathmos is the mystery of the coming transfiguration; (we shall not die, but shall change.) The vision of the New Jerusalem, that appeared to John, on rocks amidst stormy seas - have two thousand years brought us closer to the unveiling of those mysteries?

Let the reader judge it from the following lines of another book that reveals Revelation.

"Armageddon has already begun; the end of the year of 1931 opened the great battle...One must not wonder how events are piling up, for the earthly battle follows the one in heaven. Much is said of the heavenly host, of Archistrategus Michael, of the advent of the appointed leader, and of all disturbances. The great, decisive battle cannot be deemed just as a war. The phenomenon of this battle is much deeper. It shall sweep through the astral and earthly worlds. It will result not only in warfare, but also in unprecedented clashes of nations. The boundaries between fighters will be as tortuous as between good and evil. Many decisive battles will be unfathomed to human sight. The terrific clash in the astral world will become catastrophes on

earth. Also, the earthly courage will reverberate in the astral and fiery worlds. The great battle shall be the first link uniting the worlds. Thus, expect early action in all directions. Cooperation in that battle is of great importance. "

While the paragraph taken for this article from the Revelation is familiar to many, the last quotation might prove to be entirely unknown. Who is he, the wise who discloses the mystery of the Revelation, and heralds the onset of the battle between the forces of darkness and light? How can he define its significance and dimension?

In reply, one can just indicate that the quotation was taken from the world's most remarkable books. Their author, renouncing all personal ambition, does not give his name. These books have almost disappeared from the market and those who have them, deem them a priceless treasure. Meanwhile, we have this and the following quotations from the Voice of the Unknown. This Voice speaks to us of the the future, the very near future, which we ^{have} already entered. This future is evolving around us, evoking wonderment as to what unfathomable gifts revealed to the Unknown, the mystery of the future? In that future we can chose the chalice of heroism and become knights of the spirit; or else, fearfully wrapping ourselves in the rags of commonplaceness, we may be a sheep in Panurge's herd and perish. The decisive hour has come. However, all are given the chance to realize what is going on. Let us be watchful.

If we gather all the information about earthquakes of various intensity, during recent times, we shall learn to our great surprise that beginning with 1914, the year of the great War, earthquakes occurred every day. Many of them escaped our notice as they took place in the ocean and deserts. Ominously have spoken active and

also extinguished volcanos; islands appeared and disappeared. The earth axis was deflected; the Gulfstream departed from its course. Unexpected sun spots marred the sun. Deadly heat and cold waves alternated in places which had not known them before. Floods and droughts took place in adjacent regions. Fields were blasted by locusts and caterpillars. For instance, in Manchuria, such a thick layer of caterpillars covered the railroad tracks, that it stopped the train. Newspapers of 1935 were so full of reports about climatic disturbances and heavy earthquakes that it is impossible to enumerate them in a short article.

Conforming ourselves for convenience's sake to the same year of 1914, we must admit that from that time, nations went through terrific experiences overflowing the people's chalice of sorrow, especially in Russia. Money acquired a relative value, and in different countries was subject to absurd fluctuations, thus bringing destitution to many.

Sickness increased and developed new forms. In Western Europe, the influenza took in a short time, about a million of lives. Cancer and meningitis also increased. The great number of tumors created a need for surgeons; at present there are more operations than ever. Insanity is on a dangerous uphil, there have been cases of 'possession'. Nowadays, suicide is such a common way out that it no longer draws attention. ~~Addiction~~ Drug addiction is taking alarming proportions. At International Conferences, peace was hypocritically lauded while hurriedly arming themselves 'to the teeth' because, somewhere, in the subconsciousness of all, was always present the fear of a future and more bloody war. Differences and strife slipped into every alliance. Mutual hatred grew unrelentingly; as well as obduracy. ~~when~~ Each for himself, sharpening wolf teeth and thinking solely of his own material blessings.

Xenophobia made its appearance. Many, many are the symptoms pointing to the uncommonness of our days. And the Voice of the Unknown speaks.

"At present, there is no current but a ~~whirlpool~~ whirlpool. One must understand the trend of time. One cannot remain aloof when mountains are shaking. Men are at a dead end, but lightning shall illuminate their way and thunder shall awaken the dormant. Our time is more complex than you think. My children, you fail to notice the battle around you; dark forces are secretly and openly fighting. In the History of Mankind, the great battle of race mutation is being precipitated. Providence leads the nations on the battle path. Prophecies become realities, and the vials of Archangels are being emptied. The graze of events fill the spirit with unrest. The advent of the spirit is near. The tornado caused by crime, is stifling the old earth. Poisonous fumes are darkening the mind. The hand of Fate leads to the inavoidable date. Strange, how the world is being destroyed. Now is the time of great strain. Fire has embraced the whole world. Compared with the present one, the former battle is nil. The encounter takes place not on the physical plane; not negligible earthly forces are struggling, but forces of ageless experience have gathered to decide their destiny. Like sudden bubbles swell up the earthly reverbarations of the Battle. I affirm that the Great Battle is the rejuvenation of the earth. One must understand the future not as a battle, but as a heroic deed. It is impossible to stress the whole importance of the present moment. Lengthy preparations from both sides...and finally the clash! The phenomenon of Armageddon must be understood not only from war ^{as ordinary} but ^{it exists in} also from the events of All Life. Above mentioned instances of 'possessed' people are very significant for the phenomenon of the Great Battle. Undoubtedly suicide, also physical and mental

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disturbances fill the shaken up planet. One can find strange, brain diseases and wonder at the unstability of the spirit; one may grow indignant at the hatred and threats that will meet all good. Notice, how Armageddon is working. When the earth's womb is rising, it is impossible not to notice the ^{confusion} distraction of elements. Also one must watch the intensification of world events. One can built up an extraordinary rapid progression. Events embrace the entire life and not the war, as presumed, but the clashing of all elements make existence far from a fairy tale. Exactly as during other catastrophies, people refuses to face the true situation. One cannot think that Armageddon is just confusion in the kitchen. No, the heaviest artillery and the fastest cavalry are called to action. It is impossible to fathom that battle. Events are carrying off the decrepit world. All testaments point to that period. No human fantasy can imagine the chaos of the cosmic battle."

This quotation brings to mind several details omitted at the enumeration of our time's special symptoms; namely -vacillation of the spirit in men; threats and hatred which meet the best endavours and the increasing progression of events.

Wholesale and instantaneous change of tenets and the treachery connected with it, can be only explained, in most cases, by the vacillation of the spirit, of course in those whose spirit is generally unstable. In the cemetery of the best intentions, rests mankind's futile attempts to disarmament, to establish eternal peace; for which purpose was created the League of Nations. Attempts of idealistic socialism that ended in military communism and slavery, met the same fate as well as the undertakings of the worthiest men if they did not contribute to somebody's enrichment. Never did good will to men, meet with so much suspicion and

opposition as in our days. The rising progression of events is felt by all, and does not need any comment.

One more detail - the unwillingness of people to notice the ominous symptoms. The quotation shows that men were behaving likewise in other catastrophies, when Providence ruled the mutation of human race. Here, it is appropriate to mention the similarity of conditions in Atlantis, which according to Plato, perished about ten thousand years ago. The Bible also points out that before the Deluge, people made merry without paying attention to anything; yet Noah had already started the building of the Arc. A significant flightiness of the doomed ones.

Yet - where is the battle of Armageddon taking place, so we are not able to visualize it clearly?

The same books, better the same Voice tell us that the battle takes place, figuratively speaking, in the Astral and Fiery Worlds, that is, in the regions of the souls and spirit of men: whence inspiration descends on the artist and thought to the scientist, incentive to new inventions; whence impulses come to the mass, which everyone believes to be his own. According to St. John Revelation, that battle occurs in the skies, and is fought by heavenly hosts, but on earth, among people, are only flashes of the battle; such as hatred, turmoil and war. The Voice speaks about it clearly.

"The earthly Armageddon is tightly connected with the Astral World. In separate instances, it might be less favorable, but its general course was pre-ordained long ago. The main issue is decided in the Astral World. Earthly events shall be the outcome of invisible battles.. One must understand that mankind is entering a period of constant war. Manifested is such a war, but its foundation is one - Strife everywhere and in everything. Armed war, war in the trade, war of unemployment, war in knowledge, war in religion.. manifold

is the war and the boundaries of earth have lost their meaning."

That the battle of Armageddon must be considered as embracing every realm of life and every detail, is again indicated by the Voice, "Nevertheless, people often deem the battle no greater than a street fight, forgetting there is fighting in a mail box, in the smile of an artful lie, and in the hindrance of light. The battle is much more dramatic than in the conception of the layman. I entreat you not to forget about the ignoble resolves of the Satanists, and to remember that through mutual efforts the evil shall be vanquished."

The meaning of this quotation is one - we are all involved in ~~the~~ that battle on earth. Each of our good intentions will meet with some obstacle from the part of a conscious or unwitting helper of the Black lodge. Consequently, the battle is already raging among us unaware of the fact until now. It is raging in every human walk of life and in the struggle, all sides are using the mail, the telegraph, the radio, the press ...all available means.

And therefore, we who have been only the passive supporters of good, turn into fighting warriors. We are in a turmoil. Does not the new development of things bring us new duties and heavy responsibility for our behavior? Must we not strain our eyes to perceive the enemy, so to hinder his next move? Sharp-sightedness, courage and action.

THE NEW WORLD

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We took cognizance of modern events and ominous signs, confirming the awe-inspiring truth disclosed to us by the voice of the possessor of great knowledge and great love to mankind. Let us listen to what He says of the near future, and afterwards let us look into the 'New World', mankind's dream.

"Truth is harsh, but it's time to know that the world is inhabited by shadows. Shadows always step forth before a catastrophe. Shadows that do not know, shadows that have lost, are ignorant of the New World. I can scent the downfall of the enemy's camp. I can scent that the gold of raiments will tarnish. I can scent the temple of amusement will become hateful. Bright is our path."

"I repeat - the carelessness of the world is criminal. Is it possible you don't see the danger? Tongues of flame signify the approaching storm of the spirit, but people do not want to understand our signal. Events are thundering, I am trying to curb the trend of madness. We shall not allow the ^{panther}~~wild beast~~ to jump. If

only you had seen all crimes that were committed. The seekers of spirit shall have a Guiding Hand. The seekers of knowledge shall receive instructions. ^{Those who suffer} ~~Those who suffer~~ shall receive consolation. Those who raise the sword, shall be stricken. Those who scoff shall be removed. Those who did evil shall be stricken. Mark my words."

"It is surprising how the world is being destroyed. Destroyers and destruction shall be wiped out. New things, new people are on the way. From clean places shall appear - nomads, and toilers of the soil, orphans and tramps, monks and convicts, scientist and singer - in a word all strong of spirit, a kind of a legion with spiritual understanding."

"The epoch of individual trade is over. No more spoilers. Cooperative management is the only solution."

"The grey twilight of humbleness has caused a distorted understanding of life. Now it must end in storm and gale. Now is the time for the evolution to turn about, the forces are gathered and assembled. The new era shall begin amidst thunder and lightning!"

The above mentioned paragraphes shed a light on the at first glance inexplicable phenomenon - why are people so deaf to all happenings as if trying not to see nor hear. Now, we know that at present the world is inhabited by shadows, that is by people who have extinguished their spirit in crimes, or in a life totally devoid of spirituality.

Only through suffering can they be brought back to the path of evolution. And with them, the trader shall for ever vanish from the earth. 'The spoilers shall not be'. To understand the possibility of such an incredible from modern point of view, event - like the trader's disappearance, one must quote the statement of the Voice

of the Great Unknown, that before this event mankind shall be freed from the power of money, so that it could realize true values which are spiritual achievements.

"The destruction of money tokens shall free humanity from vises limiting vision."

While abolishing money, one must substitute their power by the assertion of the spirit's succour.

That the spirit shall pour its gifts on mankind ; is asserted by the new statement of the Great Unknown!

"We shall not conceal that just now the book of achievement and light of endeavour is open to mankind."

At present, it is not fully comprehensible why we are so greatly concerned about meeting new possibilities. But SOON men shall seek to apply unheard off revelations, which have no solution in life. Then someone will remember the Signs of Agni Yoga.

Multifarious is the Great Teaching of these books. Let us lay out its glistening bits before the reader- let him make his own deductions. Let him decide what will his future behavior be.

The time shall come, and it is already near when people will not know how to accept the fiery ~~possibilities~~ opportunities. ^{the} In ^{the} turmoil they will forget that fiery communion was pre-ordained. Therefore, I reiterate and remind you of the necessary fiery communion. Many dangerous chemical combinations will ~~cause~~ ~~turn~~ produce confusion.

^{day is approaching}
"The ~~data~~ ~~approaches~~ when fiery energies will either be wisely applied or will find an outlet in fiery diseases or cosmic cataclysms. Three ways are open to mankind. It can chose any of them, according to the state of its consciousness. Freedom of choice ^{is} always available."

"The time is approaching when joined efforts of scientists in most various realms of science, will be required. It will be necessary to unify the evolving of ~~newly-discovered~~ newly-discovered ancient cultures with mechanical and physical observations. Skeletons of giants will be found together with articles that ~~required~~ require diversified observation. Finally, the ancient knowledge of the firmament will be required in connection with the strange changes in the phenomena of our planet.

"When fiery waves shall force men to seek salvation in the towers of spirit, then people will recollect with disgust every aimless existence. One must ponder over the approach of a very unusual time. Cruelty, robbery, treason and falsehood shall not help one against the fiery waves. Not so much shame as suffering shall be the driving force in the search for salvation.

"The time will come when conditions of life shall drive people to the understanding of the ~~newly-discovered~~ sole ^H hierarchy.

"Fire is at the threshold. One must remind of its advent, and understand that only Agni - the psychic energy can be the only interpreter of at the fire's approach."

"Verily, the phenomenon of great sacrifice shall sweep the world. It shall be imprinted in human hearts by direct manifestations. So look fixedly at the tokens which are numerous."

"One can expect very great phenomena in the life of the planet. Unusual is the time when events are being cosmically poured into the chalice of the Archangel."

"It is almost impossible to demonstrate the precipitation of the fiery invasion; there are many signs of it, but people do not think of summer in winter. Nobody understands that the obduracy of nations can not be changed by means of the past century."

"And also let us pray that our eye would be open to the good."
"Evil can be uprooted only by good. Such simple truth remains nevertheless incomprehensible. Usually, the good in people is latent and therefore remains inactive. They cannot imagine how good can thrust out evil, thus striking at its very existence. Good is the most active, cheerful, inexhaustible, invincible inception; but in all activities good is devoid of cruelty. There lies one of the most important differences from evil, also the lack of self-centered conceit. Even if religion and its representatives would display cruelty, it would no longer be religion as the link with Supreme Good. How can one picture a servant of religion as cruel? In cruelty he will become the enemy of good. Moreover, he will display his ignorance of the fundamentals of religion. Good cannot bequath evil. But asserting the holy Teaching of the activities of good, one must ponder how to employ ~~hallo of a~~ ~~wherexxtime~~ ~~time~~ one's time in the halo of good, and then that halo will not be just a symbol, but will become the fire of the heart. If we wish to go farther we must apply true goodness. We must understand that the place of the hole can be filled in by a true Temple. Step by step we must fill up the abyss by strongholds of light. We must, regardless of our personal mood, pile up the stones of good. Let the small planet burn down; many are the ^{mansions} ~~houses~~ of the Father. Each active good is an Eternal Achievement.

"In the middle of our centuries signs of various unassimilated energies shall flash, and again people will shamle in wrong directions. Therefore, it is the right time to give the ones who see, signs of the true way. Let them have time to accustom themselves, mindful of the shortness of the term."

"Search for the energy that will change our existence if ~~wherexxtime~~ consciously called for. The minute hour might teach mankind.

We are not prophets in 'sheep's clothing'. Like ordinary physicians, we are warning that it is time for vaccination. We are speaking for the sake of those who can live."

"One can be almost certain the phenomenon of the New Century will penetrate simple souls. Let the chosen ones bear the whole struggle of the conflict. Let them give the formula which is the easiest, to the lesser ones. Let them stay calm when the flame of explosion is already flashing."

"Many thousand years ago it has been said."There will be a time ~~when people will~~ when people will open their hearts and will rise the chalice to the Highest One." The time has come when mankind is nearing to the sixth ~~perfectness~~ state of perfection, and fire shall blaze ~~over it~~ above the chalice."

"The coming age must free mankind of all slavery. One can achieve it through hierarchical cooperation. Untiringly, we will reiterate of cooperative efforts."

"In the future, adequate prophylactic with the knowledge how to apply psychic energy, shall make disease non-existent.

"The new race can originate in various parts of the earth. And don't wonder if single manifestations will occur in most unexpected places. The net of the race's origin is cast in far-off regions. But one part of the world is ruling the fate of the Age. I shall not name that part of the universe, but the history of all movements has marked it sufficiently.

"Right is your judgment about the urgency of exit from rotting cities and of an even distribution of the planet's population.

"The phenomenon of cooperation among various stratas of matter is characteristic for the New World." Force of Thought shall be the summoning principle of the New World."

Useless shall be our efforts to condense the contents of those marvelous books from which the quotations were taken.

It is impossible to condense them, as they are already compressed to the limit and instead of the intended conspectus, we would write dozens of volumes of treatises. And it is not necessary. What was said is enough to arise the spirit of a man if he does not already belong to the shadows than now inhabit the world, to the shadows that do not know, that have lost, and that finish their days ~~in~~ in the planet, in a mad dance. But the striving spirit shall stir and shall seek, and those who seek shall always find."

Such is the promise of the Testament and also of the Voice of the Great Unknown. But we may point out that having foreseen the New World on the ruins of the Decrepit one, the consciousness must be transformed and the heart trained in active good. So that no thought will poison the space, for people create through thought. Let the seeker be watchful of his thoughts, words and actions. Let him realize the substance of every action, whether it is conducive to the common good or not? And then perhaps, he will acquire that holy madness of which speaks the Gospel, the right call to the New World.

Bringing to conclusion these quotations, let us turn once more to the Great Unknown. He says;

" Ancient Teachings speak of holy madness. Deem it as an antitode against the chill of calculations; deem it as a principle of life above conditions of deadliness."

In the 'Mystery of the West' and in 'Europe -Atlantis' Merejkovsky speaks of the soul of day and the soul of night. The soul of day is cold, materialistic; she has an exact knowledge of calculations, machinery and the narrow, materialistic logic

of things. But common logic does not exist to the soul of night. Silently, she passes by, or rather does not notice it. she has nothing to do with railroads, economic lay-outs, and like a vibrating ear hearkens to what takes place in the depths of consciousness where is performed the marriage of the man's spirit to the Cosmos. And from there, the soul of night brings forth into the waking consciousness sudden enlightments, inexplicable sensations..The place of the soul of day is the brain, and of the soul of night - is the heart. We call 'Inspired madmen' and sometimes 'poets', the ones who decided to disclose to us the mysterious whispers of the heart, for which the mind find no justification. But those people are simply sensitive. Add it is gratifying to realize that among them, Russians have a special position. The Russian thought which according to Dostoevsky's words, is so painfully borne by the Russian people, that thought of the New World is the kingdom of universal truth.

"I, the bearer of great thought
I cannot, cannot die..

exclaims Gumileff at the moment when in the rage of a battle on the German front ,he feels;

Like thundering hammers
Or waves of wrathful seas
The golden heart of Russia
Is evenly beating in my chest,

The golden heart of Russia is beating in the millions who are populating Russia; that heart never thought of something strictly-national, chauvinistic, appropriative. No, that heart was always suffering because of an unfathomed striving to universality, a longing for God and dreams of a temple of the All-embracing Spirit..the city of Kitez, New Jerusalem..And

of this again sings Gumileff;

I - the gloomy, obstinate builder
Of the temple that arises in the darkness.
Zealously I strive for the glory of the Father
In the skies and on the earth.
Flame shall singe my heart
Until the day when clearly
Shall rise the walls of New Jerusalem
On the fields of my native land.
Then shall blow a strange wind
And the skies shall pour a fearful light
It is the Milky Way that of a sudden
Blossomed in a garden of dazzling planets.

In the Universe enveloped by the twilight of the Great Eve
of the New Era, before the eyes of bewildered humanity,
according to the words of another great poet Alexander Block.
"Mysterious signs are starting to glow on a dead, unpenetrable
wall."