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Dear Reader,

Isn't it strange that some newspapers proclaiming the purest materialism, time and again contain articles which completely undermine the validity of their own proclamations. Of course no reliable editor offers lies, so when one reads the supplement one must believe its contents as far as human words can be believed. And what does this supplement tell us? It tells that "a voice", clearly warned a man three times running that if he remained where he was, he would be killed!

But to whom did this voice belong? According to the account it did not belong to any visible person. From the report it is obvious that the "voice" saved this man's life, so it is very important to find out what really did take place. From a purely materialistic point of view it is embarrassing to have to make the admission partly that there was a "voice", and partly that it did not belong to a person in flesh and blood. It came from an invisible or spiritual place or plane. No other explanation could be accepted.

"Leave this place or you will die"! And it was the truth. Because a moment later someone else was shattered to bits, a human being who had not been warned, who did not hear a "voice". Are not these two situations our life in a nutshell? Are not some of us as protected as others are unprotected? The supplement deals with a man who knows from his own experiences that he at least four times in his life has been spared from an imminent danger. The article does not state whether the man is religious. He might be, but it need not be the case, not in the common sense of the word. Innumerable so-called irreligious people are saved in more or less miraculous ways just the same as religious people. Our fate does not seem to be at all dependent on whether we belong to the so-called religious or not.

What about the blind case then? In this special case the idea seems absurd. Because here we are facing cause and effect. We know that the young man was anxious to help and did not pay much attention to his own life, and we know that a "voice" from outside ordered him away, and he only moved when the voice drew his attention to the danger he was in. It was not an inner force, his so-called "subconsciousness", giving him the warning. An outer force made him seek shelter. What was this outer force? Whose "voice" did he hear?

Physical science will never be able to answer this satisfactorily. It is not supposed to either, because that is not its field of understanding. A really satisfactory answer can only be given by those who cannot accept the basic idea of materialism, which regards life as a

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physiological process only, and that which we call "death" as the cessation of all life. A much greater perspective is necessary. And in the light of this perspective - which is as old as humanity itself - the incident referred to above is only one of many. Using the old Christian usage, it was the young man's "guardian angel" who intervened and saved his life. If one accepts this explanation - and is anything more in harmony with our inner feeling of truth? - then one also accepts the existence of a spiritual world. And then we are dealing with fields where our present conception of life and death may very well be exposed to revolutionizing corrections.

Truly! Have we not all experienced impulses which, though they were not expressed directly through a "voice", all the same have intervened in our life? I have in any case! Just one single incident out of many will be enough to confirm it. Some years ago the cause was in great economical difficulties. As it was a question of a large amount of money, I couldn't turn to anyone for help, and at that time I had altogether lost courage to do anything about it. At the same time private troubles were overwhelming me like a tidal wave, and I actually felt in a vacuum, where it seemed that even God was lost to me. I was alone at home in this big house, walking restlessly up and down in my room and trying to solve the problem by means of mental effort. But there didn't seem to be any way out, and as bitterness grew in my heart, I felt as if all struggle had been in vain. - Suddenly the door-bell rang. I went to open the door, and to my great surprise I found standing there a good friend from a nearby town.

"I must speak to you", he said, "because I think you are in trouble". I asked him to enter, and he sat down in an easy chair in a corner of the room. To the end of my days I shall remember him sitting there, searching me with his eyes. I said nothing, I was waiting for him to talk. Then it came: "You see, all day long I have been seeing your troubled face and my mind couldn't rest until I decided to look you up"! He was an elderly and somewhat sickly man, so it must have cost him a great effort to decide on going, especially as the weather was terrible that evening. As so often before I put the "cards on the table" and told him about the situation. I must admit both that he was a very rich man and that this is seldom tantamount to generosity. After a while he said quietly and considerately: "Come and see me tomorrow and then we shall settle the matter". He left shortly after, but I can still hear his last words: "I think we shall both sleep well to night now".

As already mentioned, this is only one of the many times where I experienced an outside force intervening in my life. If I had to write about them all, it would be a big book. But also there have been times where I wished just as much that a force from outside would intervene, but it didn't, and the consequence was a serious grinding of the soul! To put one's fate in "God's hand" is certainly not the same as to be spared from every form of adversity - and just as well!

But the essential thing is there! All- and I am convinced about this - are being influenced from another plane, a spiritual plane, by impulses, the only purpose of which it is to help and guide. And this is the main thing I want to emphasize in this letter: are we doing anything - or enough - in order to be sensitive to these impulses? I know that many people will ask: "Yes, but what can we do"? And let me answer: "Can one get a latent for something without training"? No, one cannot! And so, as it demands talent - although of a special kind - to be sensitive to the afore-mentioned impulses, there is only this to say - this talent can

Quotation from POLITIKEN:

SEVENTYFOUR YEAR OLD MAN FOUR TIMES IN DANGER OF LIFE:

He knows all about fortune in misfortune. He hung on to a gutter with one hand from the second floor height - he ran from a wrecked aeroplane seconds before a bomb burst - landed unhurt from a drop of fifteen metres - he was millimetres from a falling tree.

The 74 years old former bricklayer Michael Reichwald is accustomed to fortune in misfortune. He lives on the first floor in his own small 3 storied house. Some days ago he was up on the roof to fasten an aerial to the chimney. As he was going to throw the lead-wire out over the gutter he slipped and slid down.

"I was able to catch the gutter with one hand", Reichwald related, "and there I hung. Fortunately one of my slippers fell off, so a man down on the pavement noticed the situation".

The inmates on the second floor were not in, and in order to help Reichwald the man had to break the door. After this he got Reichwald in gently through the window. "How long I was hanging there, I do not know", he said, "but I felt it was a very long time. Fortunately my work has given me excellent strength".

The first time Reichwald's life was in danger was when he was 14. His parents lived in Pommern and moved to Ukraine before the first world war. It was here that a miller asked Reichwald to help him repair the mill, and R. was sitting on the axel of the wings when he fell off. He lay a moment unconscious on the ground and then got up and went in for dinner. It was a fall through the air of 15-20 metres.

THE CAP FLEW OFF

When R.'s parents had moved to North Slesvig the son worked as a farmer. One winter he was felling trees with a friend, and unfortunately a tree fell in such a way that it hit the friend on the chest and knocked him down, then the heavy trunk turned towards R.'s head. "But what happened"? says R., "the trunk moved just over my head and knocked my cap off but I myself did not get one scratch".

During the last world war R. lived with his family in a house near Sønderborg. One Sunday morning some allied aircrafts were flying over the district as often before - they were going South in order to do some bombing. "We were still in our beds", R. said, "when we saw one of the planes was on fire. I hurried to dress and ran to the spot where meanwhile the plane had crashed. I was first there and I wanted to try to rescue anyone I could from the plane.

THIS IS DEATH

Then it was suddenly as if a voice said: "You must leave this place". First I did not heed the warning, but the voice repeated: you must leave this place, because death is here! When I heard the voice for the third time I ran as fast as I could. At the same time a German military patrol had arrived, and while I was running away from the burning plane, a German non-commissioned officer ran towards it. I had scarcely reached cover behind a wall when an airmine exploded in the plane. The poor German officer was blown to a thousand pieces.

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only be born and grow strong through prayer! We must learn to pray and pray in the right way!

Today we live in a world of "rays" and "waves". We know that we are surrounded by radiant material on all sides, and that we ourselves consist of a concentration of radiant energy. We also know that we are on a wave-length with some people and certainly not with others, and furthermore we know that it may be dangerous to deal with those people with whom we are not on a "wave-length". Why not continue this thought and try to bring oneself on "wave-length" with those forces by which we are obviously surrounded, and who want to help us. In our heart we all know - or in any case most people do - that these forces do exist. They may sound like a "voice", they may act as an impulse making a man jump out of a train before it falls into an abyss, or as an impulse making a man cancel a trip by plane, the same plane which is reported missing the next day and later found crashed. Incessantly life carries message of these realities, why not use them in the right way? In the garden of Gethsemane Jesus taught us the most distinguished of all prayers: "Lord, not my will but thine be done"!

This prayer gave him strength to go through the hell awaiting him. At the bottom of our hearts we know "God's will" very well, because it generally is in opposition to our own! But if we pray for talent to understand what is God's will we shall get this talent, though it may hurt much to get it! If we do get it, just a little bit of it, I am convinced that we have passed the greatest crossroads in life, the road which seriously separates that in us which belongs to the animal from the human being we all dream of becoming.

With kind regards from Martinus and all our co-workers,

Yours sincerely,


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Martinus :

OUT OF THE DARKNESS

WHITSUN IS THE DISPLAY OF GOD'S SPIRIT IN NATURE

Thousands of people are spending their Whitsun holiday in the country. In order that this holiday, this stay in freedom of the lovely natural Whitsundays, shall be successful, fulfilling many dreams, the sun must be shining and the weather fine and warm. We have Whitsun at that time of year when all nature has reawakened to life after its hibernation. At Whitsuntide nature displays its most beautiful and natural splendour. Everywhere there are wonderful perfumes, abundant glowing colours and beautiful sounds. Thousands of small singing birds jubilate skywards. Even the darkness of night has left our latitude and day and night is a true orgy of well-being and life itself. At Whitsuntide God lets the domain of real life shine right through the material, physical world. Every leaf, every branch, every flower, every insect, every living being is just then surrounded by the Holy Ghost, meaning the divine Father's own consciousness, will and thought, in its display of summer or light. To the one who can see, the divine will is visible everywhere in nature. Everywhere the divine will and spirit is present in the form of the living beings' joy in the summer and the consequent joie de vivre, the mating tendency and bodily well-being.

THE HUMAN BEINGS' MENTAL SPHERE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A WHITSUN OR EVIDENCE OF A SUNNY SUMMER

The terrestrial human beings are the beings playing the least part in any display of a higher world in the life on earth. From a cosmic point of view they find themselves in the zone or sphere of death, the sphere where all cosmic life, God's consciousness and the beings' identity with God and eternity have become something quite incomprehensible and even so incredible that they simply stultify everything concerned with the road forward to human beings' lost paradise. Here one does not trust in such foolishness. Here one is able to create quite a different marvellous existence. We are able to weigh sun and moon, we can see into macrocosmos and microcosmos of the universe by the help of optical instruments. We can control millions of nature's horse power. We have made ourselves master of the elements. What have we to do with God or Providence? But does not this foolish attitude, or cosmically unconscious adjustment to life, dominate many scientific authorities? Do not the greatest materialistic dictators teach the same naivety in good faith? Of the human beings already having left the domain of authorized religion long ago, have any faith in the power of prayer? And what is the result? Is it not so, that the beings, in the middle of materialistic splendour and advancement, are imprisoned beings? They are bound and tied in a particular slavery. They are as far from being really happy as it is possible to be. What other animal-beings on earth - quite apart from the animals themselves, whom the human beings in their cosmic foolishness have imprisoned in Zoos - are so fettered as terrestrial human beings? Must not millions of human beings every morning go to work at a certain time and remain there for so and so many hours? Does this not hold good for the superior as well as for the inferior employees?

MENTAL AND PHYSICAL SLAVERY HOLDS GOOD FOR THE EMPLOYER AS WELL AS FOR THE WORKER

But in regard to the above, someone may perhaps say that the owners of work-shops or business concerns are free beings. They can spend their day as they like. That is quite right - they can certainly spend the day as they wish. They need not even count their own profits. Sometimes they have sub-directors, heads of offices, cashiers, managers etc. to do the work. They can go for holidays and pleasure cruises. They can be ostentatious. They can lead a life crammed with material goods and possessions. Apparently they are as free as could be. Their life has become a kind of ideal existence from the viewpoint of common people, who are tied to mental and physical bondage by modern trade's economical methods and power. But are these beings as free as it seems? Isn't the freedom these beings have appropriated in many cases an artificial freedom, a substitute for freedom? It is not maintained by any natural means whatever, but solely by artificial means. Isn't this freedom in reality a conquest of war? Hasn't it at times been acquired by a fight, in which the employer had the best or most superior weapons, which in this case means a superior intelligence, a superior brutality and recklessness, promoted by an exaggerated materialistic craving for possessing goods himself, no matter what the cost to other human beings in sweat, tears, suffering and destruction? And is there any guarantee that this freedom can last? Are not enormous powers working in order to undermine this system of battle? Are there not continuous strikes, lock-outs and labour-conflicts? Haven't the workers organized themselves into trade unions and haven't the employers also organized themselves into unions? And what are these two forms of unions but two armies, which in every country divide its inhabitants in two front-lines?

THE TWO PERMANENT BATTLE-FRONTS OF THE STATE OR NATION

We are here facing two permanent battle-fronts and each part releases strong energies or powers in order to conquer and control the other part. Humanity's domain on earth is thus a scene divided into so-called free nations, states or people, of which each such a people in reality are an example of two battle-fronts. The people are here divided into two fighting armies in form of trade unions and employers federations. Now and again armistice is created, but never peace. What is a labour agreement but an armistice agreement? It is certainly not real peace terms, the war, the federation of trade unions must still exist. There is absolutely nothing whatever in such a labour agreement that can ensure the employer a quiet existence, so that he need not be on guard for his conquered freedom or economic victory over the other party. He must continuously maintain his freedom with power. And is a labour agreement for the workers or the subordinates ever a fulfilment of the longing for freedom and sovereignty which they have imagined? Must they not continuously be prepared to fight, must they not be on guard in order not to lose ground on the employers' front?

THE STATE OR THE NATION CONSTITUTE BOTH AN OUTER AND AN INNER FRONT

A freedom which only can be obtained by capturing it from other beings by power, cannot be any legitimate property, if one wants to be recognized as a real Christian. A human being cannot be a being who altogether bases his existence on animal laws, the life principles of the animal or the fundamental animal rule: "Everyone for himself alone". As this law is divine, or in other words a condition of life within the domain of unintellectual beings - beings more or less guided by instinct - then this form of existence is completely impossible,

a deprivation of freedom and thus life destroying, within the real human zone of life. A real Christian has not come into the world in order to be served, but to serve. Therefore the terrestrial human sphere of existence will continue to be a jungle, an animal zone, as long as the principle of power, the right of the stronger, is the ruling factor in civilization and does not only divide terrestrial humanity into states, and thus into inner battle-fronts, but also divide the population of the states into two battle-fronts. But terrestrial humanity does not only live on the inner battle-front where there is never peace. The single nations or states are not only in war among themselves, but also find themselves more or less exposed as a battle-front outwardly in their relation to the surrounding nations or states. Here there is in reality never absolute peace, but only in the most fortunate case more or less doubtful armistice.

THE TWO GREAT OUTER BATTLE-FRONTS AND THEIR SLAVE-CHAINING OF HUMANITY IN PRIMITIVE DARKNESS

The outer front is constituted by the peoples' or the states' fight for world dominion or ascendancy within all humanity. Now this outer front has simplified itself only to constitute two big fronts, the so-called Eastern and Western Powers. We all know that these two great divisions of humanity are only two battle-fronts between which there exist a very uncertain armistice, solely based on fear on both sides that the other party might begin a war. Thus each party concerned is afraid of not being strong enough to conquer the other party; a fear which causes an enormous arms-race between them. Each of them sacrifices many important cultural factors solely for the advantage of being first with the most cruel and most refined mass-murder weapons and machines of destruction. A peace or armistice based on such conditions is as a spark near petrol fumes, besides which the ruling authorities are to a great extent godless, because their original world religion, only created for instinct or belief, consequently cannot give nourishment to the intelligence, cannot possibly have any influence on such materialistic intellectuals, who today have preferred admittance to posts in Governments and the consequent power to rule. Such godless beings have in reality nothing to keep to but the animal's basic rule of life "the right of the strongest". However, because of its developed intelligence it has the ability to practise and realize this way of life in a very overdimensional extent in relation to the animal. It ought to be obvious even for less intellectually developed beings that humanity will find itself permanently at war, with only doubtful periods of armistice, as long as the ruling powers and authorities are not yet cleansed of this overdimensional animal way of life or the instinct of self-preservation. And consequently humanity has to live in a dark condition which determines that all it is able to perform of value and good outside the daily bodily needs must be to create armaments, militarism, armies and fleets, and consequently millions in money are tied up in military preparations, lethal weapons and all the other means of destruction which modern civilization believes able to develop culture and peace. The chief interest of the two fronts is thus mutual fear of each other's destruction of each other. Human beings wish to kill each other. A greater cosmic darkness does not exist. The lost son of God worships death instead of life.

NO SUPERIOR POWER CAN GUARANTEE ANY REAL PEACE

The godless materialistic human being clings to weapons and power; it does not see any other road to happiness and well-being other than suppression and murder of other beings. But just as one cannot exterminate weed by sowing it, so one cannot create happiness by

sowing unhappiness, or reap freedom by sowing oppression. After every sowing comes the harvest. And all beings in the world promoting unhappiness and murder, are now experiencing an extensive seed and harvest. At last this harvest will unveil to the world that neither atomic bombs nor any other overdimensional lethal weapons will be able to guarantee real human happiness. No form whatever of pure physical power can guarantee even the least form of absolute peace.

**POLICE AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE DO NOT CREATE PEACE,
BUT IS A STRAIT WAISTCOAT WITHIN WHICH THE WORST ANIMAL
INSTINCTS IN THE HUMAN BEING CAN BE KEPT IN CHECK**

Peace is not a question of power, it is only a question of sympathy or love. The idea that weapons and power are the only necessary things, is just the culmination of human error or superstition. In a barbaric world where the "animal side" in the human being is so powerful, as in terrestrial man of today living in crowds, and where - if there is any form of unselfishness - regard for one's neighbour comes last of all, then of course there must be an authority, a police force and administration of justice, to form a defence against the most barbaric expressions of this "animal side". But this safeguard has nothing at all to do with absolute peace. It is only a strait waistcoat in which to hold the human beings' worst instincts in check, and thus prevent anarchy.

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