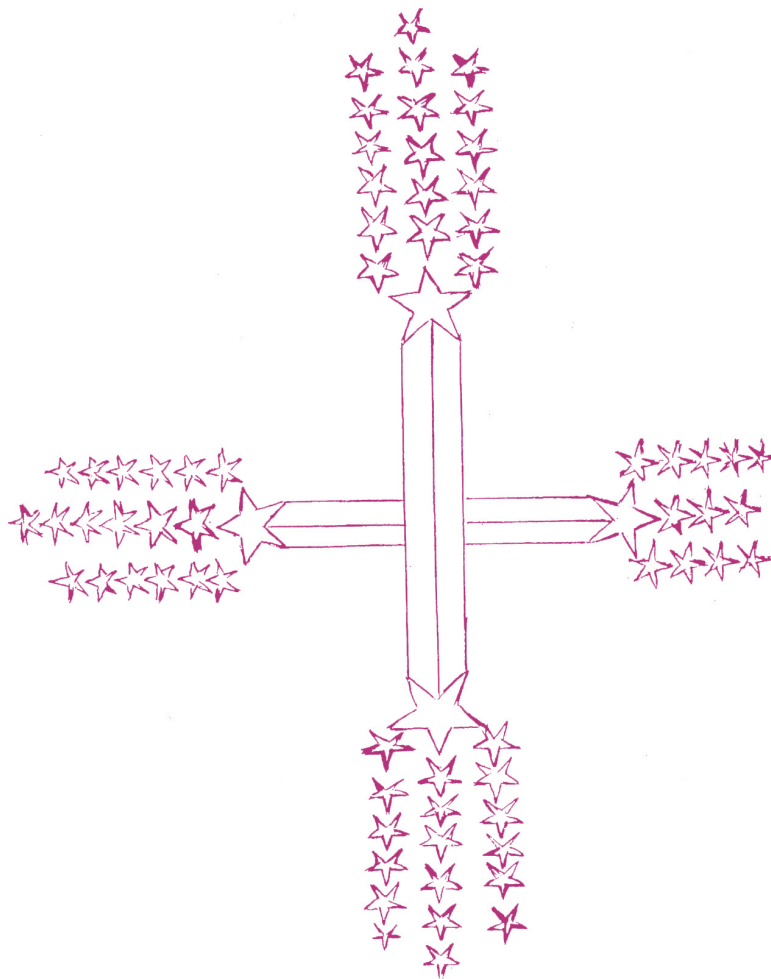

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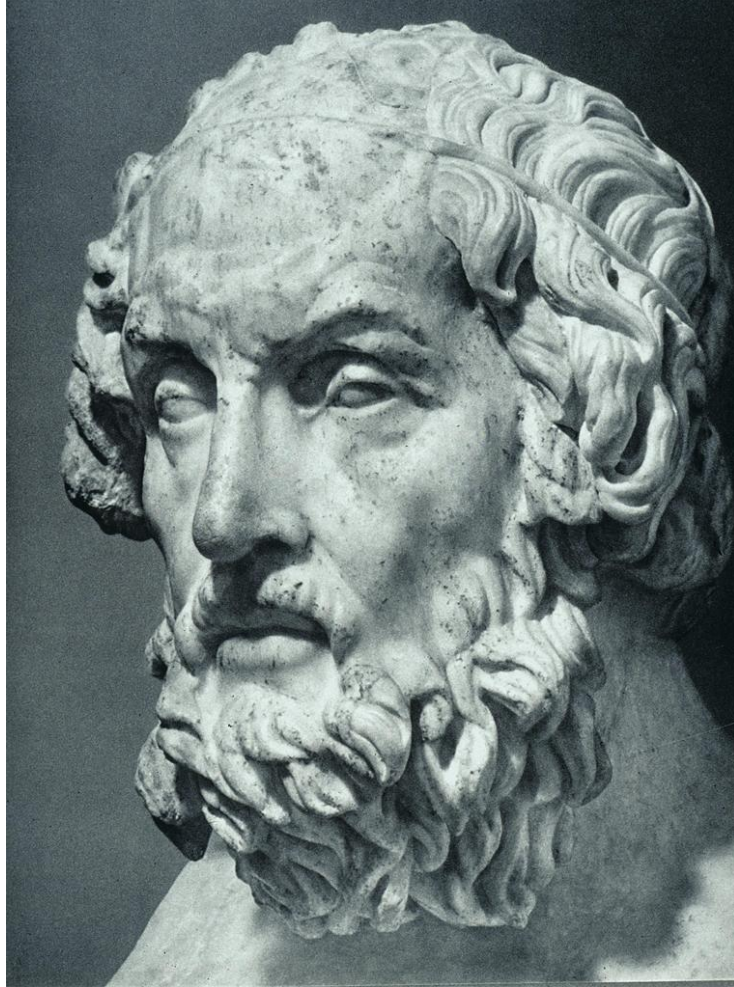
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Homer's Teachings on Man (Part I)



Message from the Editor

This issue contains Teachings from Homer's Work "Man and Peace". It is the first of two parts dedicated to Homer's Teachings on the nature and purpose of man.

The Editor

Who is Man (1)

Homer

Blessed be your Name, Lord, for ever and ever.

Who is man?

This molecule of the universe is a material entity indissolubly uniting both soul and spirit. That is to say, two thirds of it are Heavenly and one third is Earthly. As you can observe, the Heavenly is predominant. This means that man has some kind of mission on Earth which will enable him to arrive more perfected in Heaven.

Why does the earthly third of his being, that is, his body, prevail over the other two thirds?

Because the soul and matter are counterbalanced. The spirit inclines more heavily to one side or the other. If the spirit possesses pure enlightenment it will incline towards the soul. If not, it will incline towards the body. If it is unsure and inclines at times towards the one and at times towards the other, then it is not stable in any one direction and, during one of its inclinations towards the body, it may commit an evil act.

The vacillations of the spirit take place when the soul has not the strength to bring it under subjection permanently. Why is there this difference in psychic strength between one being and another?

This is the mystery which man cannot explain. Not because he is lacking in resources, but because he goes forward in the darkness without illumination. If he were illuminated by the True Light he would understand much which today eludes him.

Maybe the Lord was unfair towards souls, giving psychic strength to some and weakness to others. "Something like that must have happened" say the experts. This is my answer to them :

God, my dear people, was unjust to no-one. When they were created all had the same strength. But why is one person's strength greater than another's? Because strength is a talent; whoever cultivates it is successful, and whoever believes it is unnecessary to cultivate it, remains weak.

"Why" you will ask, "didn't all souls cultivate their talents?"

Because they did not know that they would come and be incarnated on Earth, which was unknown to them.

In Heaven all enjoyed their freedom whether or not they cultivated their talents. And when they were incarnated only a few possessed strength. The rest were subject to their spirit, which, having no link with Divinity, possessed neither reason nor judgement.

Reason and judgement were developed in the human being over thousands of years by experience, struggle, toil and suffering. Still man was not able to say that he was a possessor of knowledge, for knowledge is something indeterminate when we do not know how to make use of it as befits a man who possesses it.

Man, therefore, is a being composed of soul and spirit, who is incarnated in order to cultivate both his soul and his spirit.

There exist beings who have great psychic strength, who never came to your Earth and never will. They are the Archangels of the Lord, of the Uncreated, of the Father of all, of the Creator, of Whom we shall speak in another chapter.

Therefore there exist in the Heavenly Kingdom beings who have never seen your World with earthly eyes. One of these beings was the incarnated Lord, the only one who came down from Heaven knowing all that would take place. Yet He came three times in order to possess the Sceptres of Heaven. The other Beings could not have achieved what the Lord achieved.

He prepared the ground, at a time when there was no belief in God. His task was difficult: nobody understood what He was saying and considered him insane! He suffered much. The second time He preached like a prophet: a voice in the wilderness!

The third time He knew the method of His Teaching and did not come to be crucified, but to consolidate the Religion of the One True God.

This is the point in time when the ancient spirit of the Greeks and that of the Christians work together. Reason and spirit produced their first fruits for the Divinity, for those produced prior to Monotheism were imperfect. The Lord corrected the imperfections so as not to abolish them as inaccurate communications between the Divine Power and the Prophets.

If Mankind realised what it owes to its Great Reformer and Saviour, it would change and become devout. But I have already explained why the strength of his being has impeded man.

Man, this unknown mystery within man! That is what I am going to explain first.

Homer

Why man appeared at Station Alpha

Homer

Why did man appear at Station Alpha? Before I answer I must explain what the Stations are.

Stations are Celestial Places and the distance between them is at X intervals of the Spiritual World. That is to say, the human mind cannot conceive distance in the Universe.

There are twenty-four (24) Stations and each Station is named after a letter of the Greek Alphabet. The first and the last, A-Q, are mentioned by the Lord.

The first is your Earth, the material World, the only one in the whole Universe which contains human beings. All the other Stations are Spiritual. The last Station is not considered as Station because it is the end, where the soul comes to rest and which you call Paradise, even though it is the Station of Rest. There are many beings from other Stations at the first Station, as will be explained in the relevant chapter.

When a being with a good record of behaviour is called and departs from Station A (Alpha), he will be transferred to B (Beta), another, bet-

ter Station. At Station r (Gamma) the being will acquire the knowledge of Faith. At Station A (Delta) he becomes acquainted with the meaning of Goodness. At Station E (Epsilon) he acquires Serenity. At Station Z (Zeta), Mildness.

At this point the being is at the sixth Station, where he automatically becomes a member of the Celestial Kingdom and the soul takes part in the Council of the Lord. Of course, it has to pass through other Stations before reaching perfection.

We are not at the moment considering the temptations of each Station, the length of the sojourn there, and what each being gains from each Station. But keep in mind that the penultimate Station is the most difficult of all, even more difficult than Station Alpha, but the length of the sojourn here is minimal. As a finished piece of furniture is given its final polish, a similar experience befalls a being at the penultimate Station.

Two roads lead from this Station: the Spiritual Paradise and the Paradise of the Soul. The Spiritual Paradise is the last Station of Rest and the Paradise of the Soul is the Palace of the Lord where only a few have hither-to entered.

Proceeding with the Work, we shall now see how the human being, who was not yet human, arrived at Station A.

The punishment of souls, which took place because of their disobedience to the Creator, brought them to the Station of Refinement.

As you know from the Spiritual World, the Uncreated Being is the personification of Beauty and Goodness. When the Uncreated Being wished to create material worlds, souls were free to cross Infinity and rejoice in the goodness of the Lord. There was then no reason to create Worlds. But the Highest Principle wanted to raise his creatures even higher; and He created Evil as a means of Creation. Thus, creatures were divided into two factions, of Good and Evil. Creation could not exist otherwise.

Strangely enough, the souls which had not cultivated their talent were seduced by the Spirit of Evil. These were in the majority; very few remained with the Uncreated Being.

In this way most of the souls fell into disobedience, that is to say, they did not cultivate their talent and were corrupted by the Evil One, with no knowledge of the difference between Good and Evil. The difference was to become known to them when they were made incarnate at Station A.

As described in the Bible, these souls were sent forth from the Eternal Paradise to Earth, the Material Paradise. They had in them the seed of Good and Evil and they had to struggle greatly to attain perfection. So through toil, pain and suffering man slowly began to ascend the ladder of progress by way of Temptation.

He who is not careful always pays. Thus the souls in their naivety never reckoned with the results of Evil, and paid and continue to pay for them until the Lord knows when!

Homer

The appearance of life at Station A

Homer

Today I will not talk about the Creation of the Universe but about how life made its first appearance at Station A.

As you know, Earth and its planets are lumps of Sun. You speak of "the solar system." What is it? This is of great importance, because one planet influences another.

The planets are made of the same material as the Earth. But due to the distance between them, the influence, the length of time and the radiance of both the Sun and the other stars, the essence of the earth of each planet is different.

When the Earth was formed it was in water-vapour. Its land had not yet stabilized. In time, unreckonable by man, a huge island was formed. And there was still nobody in existence.

The creation of Earth is remarkable because of the detailed supervision of it by the Uncreated Being. Nothing escaped His notice. First of

all He thought of giving life to Nature, of preparing the ground, of creating all animals large and small; and finally He created man who found everything ready for him!

The creation of Earth commenced with a breath from the Lord. In accordance with His wish, the Sun and the other planets of the solar system undertook to help the small Earth.

Earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, amazing rains such as man had never seen and unceasing thunder painted a picture of the new creation in miniature. The part of Earth that was land had not been divided into two large islands.

At first vegetation was very varied, but later on it was refined, as were all living things in the Kingdom.

Life first appeared on the highest mountains and in the sea. This life is inconceivable to man's spirit. Depending on the climate, the height or the depth, this life took shape and the first animals and fish, unknown to man, appeared.

Some of these strange creatures were huge lizards with wings, others were lizards with bills which lived both on land and sea; a fierce horse, twice the size of a horse today, with a large mane and wings; fish with six legs and many others.

Life had begun, and nobler beasts were to come.

Life appeared as special matter in running water.

Vegetation took on a different rhythm and became richer.

Finally Man appeared, the superior material. The race of man was one, and many men appeared.

The first people somewhat resembled the beasts. Sometimes they walked on all fours and sometimes on two legs. They learnt to walk on two legs while climbing the tallest trees. The first groups banded together by instinct and attacked every animal that crossed their path. They had no spirit or reason but a brutish cunning. They had to live amongst the animals for the sake of self-preservation, and especially they had to be able to defend themselves against the attacks of various beasts or animals.

Centuries went by and the new breath started to give Earth a new appearance. Big earthquakes broke up the solid matter into Continents, except one, which later divided into two. By then man, with the Divine Breath within him, was well established in his Station.

Further on we shall trace his development and how he attained progress through using his reason and later his judgement.

Experience taught man to judge everything according to matter. Knowledge of God will teach him how to judge according to the Voice of the Divine.

Homer

Man is the greatest mystery of Creation

Homer

Brethren, man is the greatest mystery of Creation. God created everything from nothing and man was created last of all, the uncut diamond of the Lord. His formation takes place on Earth. I shall speak about this in the order of the headings I shall give when this work commences.

Man's future destiny on the scale of his ascent is unknown to him. But we are interested first and foremost in his destiny on Earth, and then we will go on to the rest.

Man believes that as a human being he is eternal. If he did not believe this, why would he covet the riches of Earth and not of Heaven?

He is right to believe in eternity, because the soul never dies, but continues to grow in Heaven. If it does not attain the necessary psychic knowledge, it returns two, three or more times to your World, depending on its deficiencies; but it returns on a different level corresponding to one of the twenty four Stations of the psychic path.

Our aim is that man should be enlightened, that is, to understand that there exists a Spiritual World from which he receives directions, assurances, messages, promises, prophecies and teachings, not just from simple spirits, many of whom do not know what they are saying, but from Commanders in the Celestial Kingdom.

It is difficult for the world of non-believers to believe what I say. We could confound them; but as you see, there are also the Sacred Laws which often hamper us in our task. Why should this happen?

It happens precisely because they are perfect and can foresee the consequences of everything. How can we therefore give a definite answer to perverse people? By definite, I mean earthly, for you consider Earth positive and Heaven negative, even though the opposite is true.

The true spiritualists understand us. The pseudo-spiritualists require and insist on proof, made stupid by their wisdom. We shall start at the beginning, from Alpha, that is to say from Non-Existence (a colourless, timeless and incalculable age), so as to enlighten the simple and courteous minds of the people. I do not address myself to your learned men; they live in the world of their own fantasy. For this reason they do not understand Truth and wander in the darkness of knowledge, which is ignorance.

Homer

Man is not descended from the Ape

Homer

I must define the divine organism. It was made up of a material substance which was different from all others. It is stupid to think, as some of your wise men do, that man is descended from some sort of monkey. Whoever believes that is himself a monkey and of no use to Society.

As the Holy Scriptures say, God created everything and man last of all, who found everything ready. The aim of the Uncreated One was to create Perfection. When man attains to the stage of Divinity by his own resources, like a second creator, he is perfection. Everyone goes there: some take the road of new learning to the Station of Rest, where rest is never-ending knowledge, and others take the road of the Governing Principle. God is unjust to no-one. Beings are free to choose which path to follow; both belong to the Creator.

At first, man lived like the animals; he walked like them and when he saw the fruit on the trees he raised himself up and tried to reach it. It was because of the trees that man first walked on two feet. Everything seemed strange to him. He observed the smallest change in nature. The first small groups kept themselves alive on grass in the beginning, then on fruit, and finally on the flesh of animals.

Cunning was innate in the Lord's first creatures. They lived in caves or tried to imitate them by building similar buildings out of wood and

mud This age lasted for centuries. When man reached a higher stage in development away from the animals, his imitativeness began to increase and he equipped himself with various objects which he called weapons. Thus the war of the Word was transformed into a material war. There was no way it could be avoided, for it was the Law.

The wars of those days were useful in furthering man's knowledge. The victims went to the Heavens, where they received teaching and then returned, and thus the idea of war was acceptable as the forerunner of a new life. Destruction was turned into construction. The gaps between one era and another are still unknown in the History of Mankind.

Homer

How Earth and Man passed through many stages

Homer

Before we come to the main part of this work, it is my duty to clear up many points concerning today's civilization.

Earth and man have passed through many stages, from times unknown to the sages of today's learning.

Mankind cannot even imagine what kind of people existed. In your history there are many gaps which man is unable to fill in simply because he is ignorant; but nor has it occurred to him that there existed civilizations that were superior in many things to your own.

I am not going to refer to the civilization of Atlantis, for it passed without leaving a trace. That was indeed a civilization to which mankind could never attain.

Let us go back to the ancient peoples, who created so many gods out of fear and ignorance. Yet these gods spoke with those who worshipped them. How was this possible? And who were these gods, and the gods of the ancient Greeks?

All peoples in ancient times created gods and goddesses. Since men and beasts have two sexes, it was natural for the gods to be divided into sexes. Meanwhile, the spirit was being developed and a few people started not to believe in the false gods.

The Greeks, who owe their gods to other peoples, developed the myths about them through their poets. Religious feeling amongst the ancient Greeks existed as the consequence of all the other religions. They believed in dreams and later on in oracles. Often some of them spoke with their gods. They went down to Hades and described what they saw and observed. They filled in the gaps with their imagination, in order to gain more credence with their fellow-citizens.

In those days the Heavenly Administration was made up of Angels and Archangels, who had never been down to Earth. That is why the names of many of them are unknown to you and this will remain the case until they decide to visit the Material World in order to receive higher consecration at the Hand of the Lord.

These angels, in the form of gods, protected a few people through the path of the pleading voice of the Life Beyond. Unfortunately, when man receives such messages and realizes that he possesses this gift, he adds something of his own

imagining. That is how the ancient peoples were able to come into contact with their gods and goddesses.

All mythologies have the same source. Some are the fantasies of those who were not able to make use of the myths and who say whatever enters their imagination. We, however, shall take into account only Greek mythology, as it is full of poetical understanding, so as to continue our spiritual progress.

THALES THE MILESIAN: When Homer refers to ancient civilizations, more advanced than yours, he means not technological but psychic civilization, that is to say, education of the inner man.

Peoples of the first type flowered like roses and wilted like them because they over-cultivated their intellects, resulting in a dark enlightenment. The civilizations which were concerned with the inner man were found in Asia, the Pacific Ocean and elsewhere. Superior to them all, in all respects, was the civilization of Atlantis.

The meditation that is taught as a means of cultivating your psychic self is pure deception on the part of Yogi. This teaching exploits the naive and the foolish. If it truly bore fruit, the experts of meditation would be trustworthy pillars of Spiritualism. They meditate for a short while only, and then forget everything and return to their former state. They ask for pleasure along with profit, as you express it.

Meditation creates a permanent state of being in which what is correct, reasonable and just is both comprehended and practised.

The different types of these Organisations have further goals in view which have nothing to do with the Spiritualists.

Homer

Who is Man (2)

Homer

Of course, dear friends, you have learnt from the Spiritual World who man is. I will not repeat it here, but I must clarify a few points.

When man, as a being of Heaven (psycho-spiritual), is ready to depart to Earth or Station A, he appears as a new being (is incarnated), bearing within his new garment (the body) the seeds of Good and Evil. Good dwells within the soul, whereas Evil has been transplanted into the body; the spirit is the arbitrator.

Note that the spirit is reborn from its pre-existence and remembers nothing except for a few episodes, and these concern only the being's earlier existences.

The spirit is free; the psycho-spiritual being consigned evil to the body. And if the soul is not quick to persuade the spirit of which way it should go, then the spirit is drawn to the body. If these two work together the soul remains insignificant in relation to them, and they become the rulers of the being, inducing it to submit to the lure of materiality.

Man was incarnated with a tiny portion of divine energy, that is to say, with the soul, which is a spark of the huge fire of the Spirit. By Spirit, I do not mean what you call intellect, but the knowledge of God. The Spirit imparts knowledge to the human race. That is why God gave the seat of the Spirit to his Own Holy Spirit, as a member of the Trinity.

Knowledge of God is transmitted by the Holy Spirit. It also transmitted the Will of God to the Son, when He was on Earth as the Saviour of the World.

The Holy Spirit collects the prayers of men and transmits the substance of them to the Uncreated One. The Holy Spirit is the Light giver of the Knowledge of Heaven on Earth, and vice versa.

If he follows Our path, man is a small god. Otherwise he is divided into two conflicting parts, and then he does not know what he is doing; he is denied complete knowledge of Goodness and it often happens that he goes over to the camp of the Evil Spirit. All these things occur because man has a free spirit. He is free to judge, to decide and to choose. The Father of All sets up no barriers to his choice.

Man on Earth is a fugitive from hard labour, and is there to fulfil a divine mission: to lighten the burden of his conscience, out of God's love for him. When, therefore, he enters on the right way, with our Teaching to illuminate him, he ascends progressively as a psycho-spiritual being of merit. The more he cultivates

his inner self, the brighter he shines in comparison to his fellow-men. From an insignificant being, he may, within Eternity, attain to Divinity and become one of his Heavenly Brothers and Teachers.

Let man then learn that from being material he becomes ethereal. That is to say, he becomes brightness, a star, Divine Knowledge, a helper of the Lord, a Leader, a Supreme Member of the Kingdom of Heaven. It is enough for him to desire it.

Homer



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