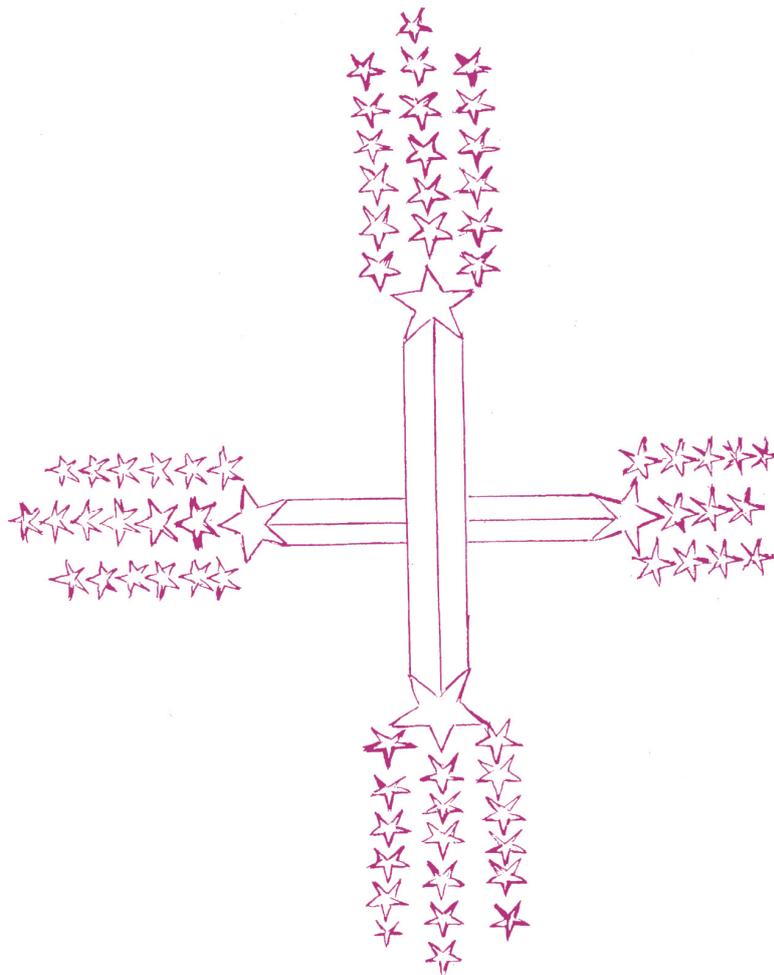

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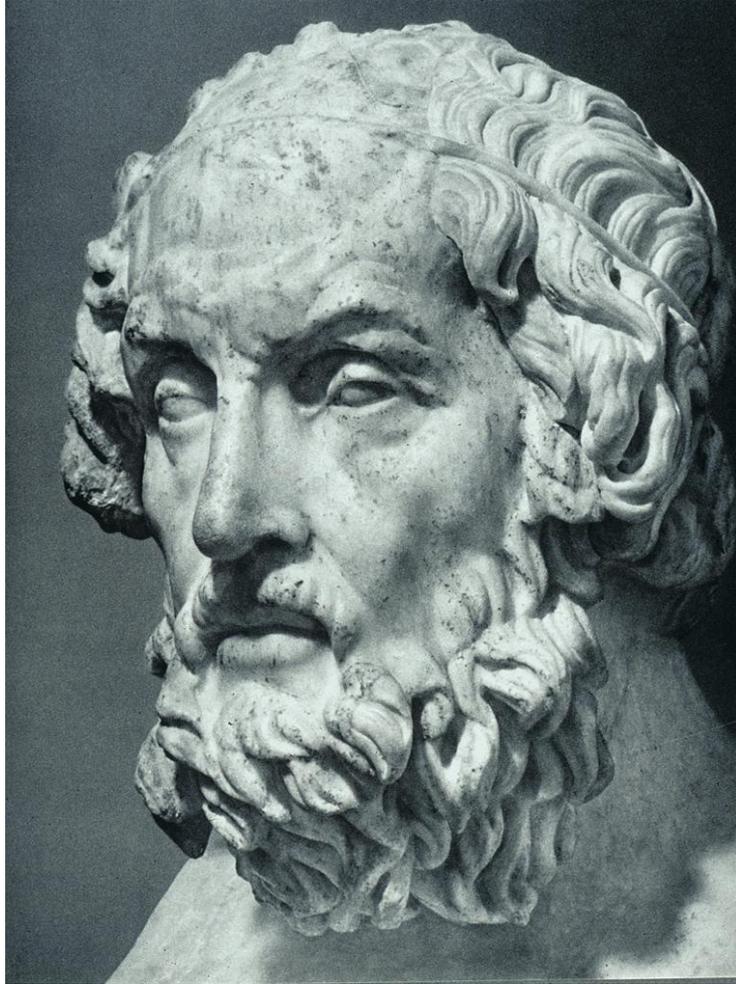
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Homer's Teachings on Man (Part II)



Message from the Editor

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

The Editor

Why God first created the Worlds and finally Man

Homer

Man has before him all the resources of the Earth, is enlightened and says: "I will take some clay and mould a shape of myself". "I'll take some grass, put it in boiling water, add other edible things and see what happens". So man through the ages, through observation, through continuous change, adding and subtracting, created objects of value, marvellously tasty meals, masterpieces and much more. He had the resources, however, whereas God had none. He created matter out of Non-Existence, through the Word. He divided this matter into innumerable specks of dust. And God said "Be", and everything was created in its turn.

But why did God create everything? Precisely so that man would act as he did on his first appearance, in the image and likeness of his Creator. That is to say, for numberless years all things were fashioned in eternity, so that masterpieces might be created that God alone was able to create. And, as the goldsmith does not work with pure gold because, being unalloyed, it will be damaged, but mixes lesser metals with it, so God created man as something of incalculable value in need of fashioning; and because man, like gold, would easily be damaged, He added to the gold a free and independent spirit, in order that he might find his way alone and do honour to his likeness to God.

Man goes towards Him, regardless of whether his spirit delays him on the way he follows. Sooner or later he will reach his destination. If he remains behind for thousands of centuries, let him reflect on it for himself, since he possesses judgement and does not use it. Yet he is under the impression that his judgement is perfect. We will see this in the course of his journey, when it will be too late for him to return to the appropriate starting point of pure Knowledge.

God created man last of all, so that he might find everything ready and understand that he is obliged to give back to God all that He gave him by following the straight road, to his own benefit and to make God rejoice that man has realized his destiny. How many are there, though, who know their destination? And why do they not perceive it?

The Evil One intervenes and examines the spirit to see whether it is ready to ascend or whether it needs further fashioning. Hence, Evil leads being to Goodness via Evil.

God needs man and urges him on; Man either has or has not the fortitude. Woman, as man's companion, helps, as is her role. However strong-spirited a woman may be, since she is lacking in fortitude she is able to destroy everything. She is like a ship without a rudder, a star without light, a rose without scent, a musical sound without definition, she is portrayed as fate that is blind. For she never judges correctly. She possesses relative height, but has no depth. Yet this supplementary being furnishes the man with depth; for she has no understanding of it and draws only matter out of him.

Great Creator! Why did You choose Pandora to be Mankind's punishment? Why should beauty conceal pain and suffering, and not be true like the Word of Your Wisdom?

I know that falsehood is punished; that is why beauty fades. None of us is capable of knowing the depths of Your everlasting Knowledge, from the ages of ages.

THALES THE MILESIAN: When Homer, dictating, says that Evil leads being through Evil to Goodness, this means that "no evil is unmixed with good". In other words, Evil is wiped out through learning what it may lead to, and gives way to Goodness. The gaps created by Evil are in time filled in.

Homer

How the first men imagined God

Homer

The first men, who were like animals, did not have educated minds. They were far from possessing reason. What distinguished them was their average cunning. I could even say that the animals of that time were more cunning than man, for they were guided by instinct, while man's instinct was still in an embryonic state. Why?

The reason is that animals and all living creatures in general, except man, had appeared on Earth many centuries earlier, before man made his appearance as the future King of this World.

Observation, imitation and self-preservation forced man to sharpen his cunning versus the other living creatures in the Natural World. Slowly, through the Divine Light, man began to discover the riches around him, to make enemies and friends, and to form pictures in his memory which worked on his undeveloped mind and refined his understanding.

Thus, through the centuries, man's thought process began to function: he felt fear, joy in the satisfaction of acquiring his vital possessions, and he began to live in groups. The difference between man and the animals was now manifest. Man settled down, found his way and started to increase his earthly knowledge and to progress.

When he could not overcome the obstacles presented by a river, or kill an animal stronger than himself, or repulse a bird of prey, he respected them out of fear and later deified them. These were the first religions which came to be born instinctively, in the consciousness of the first man, the man whose life is unknown to your scientists. And since they know nothing about them, it is better that they keep silent and not say whatever comes into their heads.

First man ate fruit and raw flesh from various animals, without discrimination. I am not referring to the Pre-stone Age, but to distant times when nothing was recorded - as other ages recorded on papyrus- concerning the lives of these first wild people. Yet these first people, through divine illumination, sought and found their god, were it only in objects, while it did not occur to animals to do so. Herein lies the difference between man and beast.

Religious feeling is inspired by Heaven and reaches the man of Knowledge through divine illumination. But when man, despite his possibilities, seeks to gain superior knowledge from earthly progress, he betrays this very knowledge and debases his belief in the One and Eternal God, Governor of the Seven Universes.

Science will not control us; We shall control science. Despite its advances, science is incomplete in every aspect. For science some day to be able to say, "I sought and I found", it will seek and lose even the things which it learned during its years of labour.

Only the Divine Light will draw aside the veil of Mystery for you to see a small part of the miracles of the Great Doer and Father of All.

Homer

Quality A and Quality B

Homer

As you know, the male differs from the female. In Heaven this division is marked by reference to quality, not to sex.

Some say that regardless of their sex, souls have the nature of Angels. Man's imagination is infinite. He has never properly known what he is saying and doing, from the sage down to the most insignificant man on Earth. If man is not instructed by Heaven, he will never acquire knowledge in a correct and reasonable fashion, by cultivating the virtue of his soul. Man's imagination, therefore, is ambivalent. For it is imagination, and is as far from reality as Heaven, that unknown Judge, is from Earth. I call it a "Judge" because the ether contains no voids: the Creator Himself dwells there.

Many of those whose knowledge has been acquired from matter alone think that God created man and woman with equal rights. These fools who know the mysteries of God, are unaware of the fact that woman has a secondary nature, subsidiary to man's, and that it was Man that God created. To him will be entrusted the prerogatives of Heaven, not to woman who betrayed the furthest plans of the Creation of the Maker.

The woman is willing to participate along with man and as his equal in all his affairs. Man does not understand that woman deceives him and betrays his plans, as the Devil deceived her. I do not underestimate woman, but her place is not at the forefront of the Work.

Expect destruction wherever woman is: misery, debauchery and deceit. But when she is under control and timid, all goes smoothly. Woman never believed in the Divinity through foresight. There dwells within her the fear of the Voice of God, which she heard when she deceived Him. Out of fear she believes, acts and plays a part so as not to reveal who she really is; she moves others by her beauty so as to hide the nakedness of her soul.

There is a proverb which says: "A teacher taught but did not keep the rules". Such are the madmen who preach virtue, morality and lawfulness, but have respect for no-one. They incite women unnecessarily to take a position in a society which only a man is worthy to hold. These men are the destruction of society.

In speaking of her as a second sex, I do not mean that woman is inferior to man as a being. No. She has a different destiny, opposite to man's. This is what the State should teach both. Unfortunately, the State sets the most disgraceful

example and makes its citizens slaves, not to say helots. And the slaves, rightly or wrongly, are thus forced to become hypocrites, thieves, murderers and boors. That is where today's crazy civilization, made up of immoral people, is leading you.

Do not forget that it is a serious matter, for two qualities of being to exist, but it is one which people, either from ignorance or through the blindness of matter, do not understand. Sooner or later, however, they will come to perceive it.

Homer

Why Earth is Station A

Homer

You created all things in your Wisdom, Lord!

As it is reported in the Spiritual World, Earth or Station A, is to be found at the exact centre of the Universe. What science says does not concern us, for such knowledge confuses the spirit and maintains the opposite of all that we proclaim. It has not the right to interfere where it has no business. Let it demonstrate, with its deficient knowledge, how it has arrived at the conclusion that Earth is not where God placed it, and then let it judge whether it is in a position to oppose the Divine Strength.

You all know more or less from Astronomy that the light of each star has a particular effect on the Universe. God has placed the stars which are billion times larger than your Sun in this immeasurable space, so that even the most powerful telescope in the world cannot discover the giant areas of light, whose rays travel through the Universe at a speed infinitely greater than the light of your Sun, so their energies can be regulated by the Divine Principle for your Earth.

Simultaneously, other stars are also sending their light towards the Earth. Why? In order to illuminate the night? Only man attempts to do such a thing, for a night festival.

Earth as Station A, at the Centre of the Universe, is like a safe of matchless treasures for Heaven, where the diamonds of the Lord's Creation are sent for fashioning. If they are not sufficiently fashioned, as He wished them to be, they are

returned, and a suitable craftsman is found to refine the diamond and make its light radiant and worthy of the Kingdom of His Son.

After all that has been said, you can understand why Earth is Station A. It saw man's first appearance, and man's final sojourn will end on it.

There are still souls who have not become acquainted with your World. Amongst them are Angels who will accompany this multitude of souls in their life on Earth, together with the perfect Beings of Heaven, who are named the Leaders of the Spiritual World, except for the Stars who supervise the work of the Highest Spirits.

Earth is not a material implement to be scorned. On the contrary, it is a material of energy. It was created out of the Ether by another energy, which is called "The Divine Word". Earth should not be disdained, but through your free will you should delve into its meaning as much as you can, in order to acquire superhuman knowledge whereby to aid your brothers.

Homer

The inspiration of religious feeling in man

Homer

The presence of religious feeling constitutes another difference between man and the other animals.

Before man felt the divine enlightenment acting within him as Word, he was infused with the existence of this Strength through his intellect. In the beginning he took no notice, as it was impossible for him to imagine that the unseen could actually exist. Yet this continual illumination, which calms the heart and sharpens the intellect, convinced man, with the help of his psychic strength, that the impulse towards the invisible is not a common imagining of the mind but a divine energy.

Those who were inspired to lead their life in accordance with religious feeling were the mystics (men with Heavenly qualities). But because their fellow-men did not readily believe what they said, thinking their teachings mere abstract inventions, they decided to convince everybody through holy falsehoods. Thus, they

attributed the divine powers of the Word to objects and animals. Later on they had to find other means by which to convert everyone, through the use of guileless deceit. This bad beginning, however, became a habit, and exerted great influence over the various priests who were preachers by profession, but who worked for their personal gain. In this way, artful people penetrated and wormed their way into the priesthood and took the Leadership into their own hands.

All this happened before the appearance of the Lord in the World of matter and deceit.

A new state of affairs came into existence after the coming of the Lord. The new Light, through words spoken by the Lord, distinguished clearly what is true and what is false. It became clear how human beings, like vultures, usurp the possessions of their fellow men and squander them for their diverse satisfactions. Those who practise injustice will receive the appropriate punishment. Their repentance must be genuine and fully active, for later, when they are in Hades, they will not find anybody to listen to their pleadings. He who is condemned to Hell and who does not repent in time will undergo double punishment in Heaven.

The first Christians followed the teaching of the Lord to the letter. Unfortunately, amongst them were those who pretended to believe but who worked constantly towards their evil goals. I call these people the Spirits of the Devil. They are the most cunning and malicious of men within the hieratic scheme. They give the impression that they are enlightened and know everything, whereas they obscure all issues and are ignorant of the truth.

These bad counsellors of religion deceive believers to the point that many of the brethren feel aversion to the clergy, without losing their feeling for religion, which was probably imposed on them as a habit rather than as a true belief. If a general catharsis does not take place within the bosom of the Christian religion, the situation of the clergy will become worse and the faith of men will lessen substantially.

The Lord requests atonement from those who believe in Him.

Homer

Teaching on the destiny of man

Homer

The destiny of man concerns not only his life on Earth but also the other stages of life, both disincarnate and incarnate, through which he has to pass. For this reason, it is absolutely necessary for man to learn about the natural, the human and the Heavenly Mysteries, all of which prepare him for the highest offices of his being.

To know about something and not to practise it leads nowhere. It is like praising a tasty dish without having tried it, and therefore without knowing what it tastes like. When you assimilate the components of a meal in your stomach, you enjoy it and are satisfied. The teaching of Heaven is the finest food for the spirit. When the spirit assimilates it, the soul delights in it and is content.

The Spiritual World often touches on the destiny of man, that is to say, what he should do about his obligations, not only during his transient life but also in his celestial life, on which will depend the stages of his ascent.

Destiny for man signifies a progressive ascent. The remote future of man is unknown. The only thing that is known is the fulfilment of his duties, whereby his future is decided. If his future is crowned with success, then he can deduce through his spirit what his remote future will be, which is unknown to him at present.

The Teachings of Heaven are not communicated to all. Heaven does not throw pearls before swine. It is well aware to whom it transmits the Heavenly treasures.

I want to draw the attention of the Teachers to their choice of the ground on which they will sow their seed. They must develop people's spiritual benefit through persuasion.

Life is endless and has many stages. If man from the first stage takes no interest in his destiny, his mistakes are voluntary and he will suffer the fate which he himself has created by not following the straight path laid down by the Lord. If, however, he allows his spirit to be bound and led blindly by materiality, then it is not fate which is blind, but he himself.

Do not bear a grudge against your fate which you have created out of your various interests. Self-interest is always attractive to the spirit, and when it does

not succeed in its aim, then the Evil One, in order to complete his task, produces woman with her angelic beauty and alluring voice.

Why did the Evil Spirit choose woman?

Because, according to mythology, he used woman to deceive man. Woman is essentially a weak-minded and superficial being. She is easily led, turns the meaning of things upside down and is attracted to matter more than anyone else. She thinks that she does well in telling the truth when she is actually lying.

Woman is also used by the Spirit of Good. How often has woman been a balm for pain! How often has she sacrificed herself for the happiness of a loved one! She is also the life of the family home, the comforter of those in distress, the Grace who spreads happiness throughout the community.

Teach man about his destiny so that he may understand that he has duties towards God and men: sacred commitments which, if they are not fulfilled, are acts of disobedience under the Divine Law, which sooner or later will mete out the appropriate punishment to the offending being.

Where the spirit is slow to understand, teach by means of parables, and be courteous and respectful to all. Do not get annoyed when the spirit of Evil makes one of your brothers oppose your teaching. Face him calmly and with a smile of kindness, and you will disarm him with your polite and gentle behaviour.

It is necessary for man finally to learn his destiny.

Homer



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