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And I say good evening to you one and all. Well it is indeed a pleasure for me to once again have the opportunity of manifesting in this manner. And I wish to welcome all of you who might be here for the first time and I might tell you a little in advance the medium's throat is a little scratchy this night. I believe he swallowed a little too much dust, as it were, during the day, but I'll try to go on in spite of it. And I am Dr. Carlos Blair and as you probably have recognized I'm a little bit English but I hope you won't hold that against me.

This evening I wish to speak on a subject that is, I feel of great importance to all of mankind and that is what the true foundation of the church, and I'm speaking of the church, not this church really is. Man has for so many years in your world looked upon religion and looked upon church as being one and the same. And that is very contrary to truth.

Religion as it were is the concepts of belief of any individual that they might have pertaining to their God, regardless of where those concepts of understanding might emanate from. Church is indeed the building in which or the place in which certain dogmas, creeds or beliefs are taught. By far too much concern in your world today is given to the banner or the name by which a specific church might call themselves.

There are those who get involved with standing in criticism as it were of all others who believe to the contrary of their own church affiliation and it is rather foolish when you realize that if you were to take any denomination regardless of whether it be Catholicism, Judaism or that of Protestant or otherwise and you were to take any one of those churches you would find the difference in the truths that are being brought forward would be dependant upon the understanding and the enlightenment of the individual who was indeed the spokesman of the head of that church. Man's religion is, shall, has always been his understanding of his relationship with his God to the extent of his own spiritual progression. What one man finds to be great truth another might not see it clearly. Because that one has not yet evolved in the spiritual awareness and understanding to be able to take it within his consciousness and comprehend the fullness of the meaning. That none-the-less does not make it any less truth.

Many of you here present in this little church this night, might be here seeking new thoughts, new concepts, new ideas and I would be the last to want to disappoint you, but I must, because there's nothing new. It has all been taught from the beginning of recorded time. As is recorded in the various Bibles in your world today. Truth has always been because truth is indeed God. God is, God was, and God shall always be. And that is the only total truth in existence.

However there are various levels of truth and they emanate to the individual exactly to the degree of their own spiritual awareness, understanding and evolvment. That is why one in a physical body, lets say at the age of twenty, having lived life in a physical body for a short time, might well take for themselves certain concepts and beliefs that they look upon as being truth and that indeed might well be limited. Where with the passing of time, by the time they have reached thirty and more involvements of study, living life, as it were in a physical body, they find that their concepts of understanding, therefore their concepts of truth have somewhat changed. It is not that the truth was not always there; it was merely that they were not yet capable of comprehending it.

Christ, when he was in the physical body, was quick to speak of the fact that he did not come to bring new laws but to add greater meaning to the old. And if there is indeed a foundation upon which all churches should be manifesting it should be on the original laws that were given by God to Moses and to do so incorporating, as it were the commandment that Christ himself brought forth when he said to love your God with all your heart, all your mind and all your soul and love your neighbor as yourself.

When man has evolved in his understanding to fulfill that one law he will find that he has been put in a position of having through necessity to fulfill the original ten because they could not be complete and total without the final.

There is great beauty and great truth and great understanding in all of the churches and in all religions. Our purpose in spirit is not to come forth to, as it were, proselytize or change the thinking of man or take away from man his own concepts of understanding that he holds near and dear but rather to bring greater light upon that understanding. And to attempt to motivate man to go forth to share that truth, that understanding, that beauty, that light with all of his fellow man. For one to evolve in their own understanding and to only keep it for themselves is not even beginning to fulfill God's purpose for man in a physical body. It is man's responsibility in accepting the physical form to go forth being the hands, the feet, the mouth, as it were, for God the creator. To teach the truth that each of you might come to know.

Man, unfortunately, has been raised in a physical world at a time where he is biased in his judgments, where he judges merely by surfaces without an in depth understanding of that which he judges, and looks upon it and says but that cannot be so, without involving himself to the extent that he can have indeed brought forth the proper understanding to attempt to judge. But rather it is superficial. When you see the great mountain you must realize that you can indeed approach it from all sides and you must realize also that there are many paths and roads that lead to the top. But they all lead to the same important goal, the very epitome, the very top. And that is what religion in your world must come to recognize through the churches.

There is great beauty and great truth in all. All are indeed striving for and endeavoring to reach and bring mankind into his personal a-one-ness with his God. It is only a matter of going about it in a little different way. And when man finds that a church as such has indeed fulfilled for him personally the inner peace, the awareness and the a-one-ness for him to commune, as it were, with his God then, of course, that is the church in which he should find himself attached.

However if man is in a situation of being involved in a church wherein he cannot find harmony, inner peace, the a-one-ness with his God, it does not mean the church is wrong. It means merely that the teachings in that particular church are not on the same level of his involvement and therefore he should look elsewhere.

As I have said on many occasions previously, the only true, full, absolute truth is that God is, God was and God shall be. But truth is always to the level and degree of understanding of the individual that is indeed involved.

That is why I have said time and again, and I've reiterated, and so many times it is not understood, that man in a physical body is indeed held accountable for his acts, as it were, in direct proportions to the degree of his spiritual understanding. It would be like taking the small child who is in the grade school, as it were, and bringing forth a problem out of geometry that he could not possibly have any awareness of, and then faulting him because he had no awareness of it. It is merely that he has not yet evolved to that level. That does not mean that geometry is

not real, it is not good. It means merely that one individual has not yet evolved to that level of understanding.

That is why in this little church, my medium time and again speaks of the importance of all mankind individually reaching out for themselves to truly find that a-one-ness with their God in whatever form they see their God as being.

There are many in your world today who call them selves atheists and we are indeed in spirit firmly aware and convinced that these individuals are merely stating what their level of spiritual evolvment and awareness really is. They do not yet have the awareness of God. They should not be looked upon with criticism. They should instead be looked upon with compassion, with love and a reaching out, a sharing, as it were. So that they might, too, have the fulfillment of knowing that a-one-ness with God. All of mankind are indeed striving for that one simple fulfillment. Yes, many going about it in a different way, but none-the-less going forth following what they know to be within their consciousness, truth.

As I had instructed Robert in the founding of this little church, the one concern that we in spirit have had more than any, is that in no way was it our desire to attempt to usurp the thinking or the understanding of any individual in relationship to their a-one-ness with their God. That is the foundation of all churches is to allow man to find his God. God bless you all.

And now I believe I probably should have stirred up some questions, at least. So I'll open it for questions pertaining to the subject I've spoken on.

Question: I have a question that's been confusing me for quite a long time. It has to do with the Bible and religion itself. Why so many churches say you should be condemned to hell, that there is a judgment day. And it seems to me that in the New Testament in Revelations it is described where people should be brought back out of the grave to face a judgment day and in Isaiah and throughout the Bible. It confuses me and I don't see. It confuses me to the fact that people aren't perfect can be condemned to something like hell.

Dr. Blair: I believe that I understand the question and I'll attempt to answer it. Of course my first response would be that it would be well for you to have the opportunity of hearing a lecture that I did many years ago pertaining to the Bible and the authenticity found therein. And it is very simple in that of the time of the writing of the Old Testament the reason the teachings are somewhat varied and different from those in the New Testament was because of the times and the understanding of the people that those teachings were being brought forth for.

You would not take, as it were, someone who had no ability to comprehend, as it were, only on a very simple level and approach them from a very in depth level. Because it would be casting your pearls before the swine, they would not be able to understand it or comprehend it, much less incorporate it into their lives. At the time of the writing of the Old Testament, for the most part, it was brought about through the processes of fear, because that was the one means by which man could be controlled. When Christ came forth, he does not speak of fear at all, he speaks of God as being Love and God is Love and Love is God. And he brought a new dispensation as he said because he was bringing the teachings some two thousand years later, for the evolvment of man at that time.

But he also promised that after his passing there would be the comforter, that would be sent, that would bring greater understanding and evolvment to man. If you were indeed to try to take those of the understanding level that they were at the time of the writing of Moses, let's say, and you tried to even teach them the concepts that Christ brought, when the laws of Moses time taught and eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. Christ came along and said if he smites

you on one cheek turn the other. Well it was pretty difficult for them just to stay with an eye for any eye and a tooth for a tooth instead of just out and out killing 'em. You see they were doing pretty good. And by the time Christ came along, by that time he said, well if he smites you on one cheek turn the other. And today we say if he does you wrong, look at him, understand him and say God Bless him, and have compassion for him.

It is all in evolvment with the times. At the times of the writing of Revelations as you've spoken about, it was indeed brought forth from a fear basis. But that was not brought forth by Christ himself. That was written by the apostles not by Christ and it was brought forth through visions, as it were and interpreted, and in the interpretation the level of the understanding of the one receiving the visions brought forth the connotation upon it, that it has in your Bible today.

But if man approaches with nothing but simplistic logic, he would see the fallacies in that type of teaching. Because as Christ said, "I in the father-the father in me, I in you and you in me" which means, in simplicity, that each is part of God, and at the time of passing, what you call death, wherein the body is put to rest in the ground, the only thing remaining is the God portion. The body itself, if you care to go exhume one, you'd find that after a short number of years there's nothing left in the box anyway, but a little powder. There's nothing there to come and rise out of the ground, as it were. The only thing left, of course is the God portion or the soul. And it is not conceivable that God as perfect and great as God is, would indeed be foolish enough to condemn a portion of himself to this eternal, all burning fire of hell.

Now that is not to say that there is not a hell. Because man does indeed experience yet while in the physical body, hell even on earth, as I have spoken about previously. And that is created by himself, by his own actions, thoughts and deeds, as it were, in relationship to his fellow man. And when he has indeed wronged or sinned, if you choose that word, against another, he has planted that for himself and he will reap the harvest and that is wherein his hell is created.

Now there is hell in the hereafter. And I believe that I would, at this point, choose to steal, as it were from the teacher that I have respected for many years that my medium grew up with, the one called White Lily. When she brought forth the concept of hell in the hereafter, that is being on the other side, here in spirit looking back and seeing someone in the physical body that you have great love for, and seeing tears in their eyes and realizing that you're responsible for those tears being there and not being able to reach back and wipe them away. That is hell.

But the concept as brought forth by Revelations, was brought forth two thousand years ago for the understanding of the people of that time. Yes.

Question: Would I be correct in saying that some of the more recent readings of Edgar Cayce and Peterson and maybe yourself are more accurate than some of the writings in the Bible?

Dr. Blair: Well, we certainly hope so. That's like saying your universities today are not teaching greater understanding and truth than they were one hundred years ago when I was in the body.

Response: When I say something in relation to the Bible I usually really catch it, at least at home.

Dr. Blair: Well, certainly. I understand that because man has indeed utilized it, as it were, as a reference, but unfortunately it can be interpreted to bring forth almost any understanding that one chooses to give it. You see the written language is the most difficult of all to have understanding about. As my medium has a favorite little phrase, as it were, that he repeats frequently when especially asked by other ministers, pertaining to interpretations of the Bible.

And because the man has, such as my medium, has obtained a doctorate of divinity or has been made a reverend, as it were, and gone through the theological studies and seminaries and all of that, does not indeed mean that they have attained or reached perfection in the interpretation of God's word.

That is up to each individual to interpret to the level of their own understanding, as it were. However, I think it would be well that I just repeat his little phrase. I'm speaking when I say his, my medium's pet phrase when he uses, utilizes the six words, it says: "I didn't say he stole money". Now as he puts it, if he were to say: "I didn't say he stole money" he was denying it was him that said it, it was someone else, is what he's implying. But if he says: "I didn't say he stole money" and he emphasizes didn't, then he's making a definite denial. If he says: "I didn't say he stole money" he implied that he wrote it out. And if he said, "I didn't say he stole money" it was somebody else. "I didn't say he stole money" he borrowed it, or "I didn't say he stole money", he stole a pig. You see six simple words, emphasis being placed on each one differently brings about six completely different understandings.

Now when you take the thousands of words that have indeed been written in your Bible and when you consider, as it were, the King James version alone has been rewritten by man sixty seven time since its inception, then it would be very difficult, God guided or otherwise, as it were, excuse the expression, that it would still have verbatim, word for word, perfection. Yes. It is an excellent guideline however.

Question: What effect has large powerful governmental institutions had upon organized religion throughout the ages and the interpretation of the Biblical scriptures and, as well as interpretation of hell?

Dr. Blair: Well as man knows, if he is informed at all, I you were to, as it were trace religion back to the beginning of time of Catholicism, now all you Catholics just sit tight, cause you're gonna get a little excited, they didn't teach you this one in catechism. But if you look back to the beginning of the Roman Catholic Church and how it emanated, you will find it was brought about through the government of Rome. And the first priests and such were government officials and the time in the beginning the majority of the population, as it were, were what would be considered rather ignorant peoples and they were getting into some very great upheavals over their government because of taxation. And they were about to revolt. And then they had a brilliant idea that if there were some way that we could tax these people and control them at the same time and find out, as it were what they thought, that would be a great idea. And therein was born the Catholic church with tithing, as it were, with confessionals so that the government official could sit in the little box and the other one come in and tell them everything what everybody was thinking, the deepest, darkest of all secrets, you see. It was a pretty good system, I think and that is-I'm not picking on the Catholics. That is just one example, though and of course government has always had a great control, as it were, where the teachings of the church were concerned. You will find if you go back only a few short years ago, in your world, that the group that you know as being the ecumenical council made many, many drastic changes in the basic concepts and beliefs of several of the churches. And prior to that for thousands of years, hundreds and thousands of years, the other concepts had been taught as absolute truths. And then all of a sudden because of the evolvement of their own awareness they said, "Whoops we made a mistake, lets change it." And that's good. But it is not only in the Catholic Church, this is true in all of the churches in your world today. Yes. I almost got off on another one there, didn't I?

How's the time David, the Rock's getting nervous? You know we should never have taught that Indian to tell time. I will entertain another question if there is one. And preferably one I can answer in a much shorter manner. I appreciate the quality of your questions however.

Question: My personal belief is that everybody has a different judgment day. Like what's judgment day for one person will be completely different for someone else. Is this true?

Dr. Blair: Well of course, because it'll all be dependent upon the time of your passing. I hate to disillusion but it won't be that you going to lay there for many thousands of years until that fella Gabriel decides to honk on the horn, and what a calamity that would be. All those millions arising there, well why God would be so busy he couldn't get to it all. And you're going to find that it'd create a great definite overcrowding in the portion called hell. And what you'll find is that when you come into spirit you will at that time of your passing have your own judgment and you'll wish that it was God who was judging you. Because it won't be. What you will actually experience is that the God portion of self will indeed see clearly every thought, action and deed that was committed while you were in the physical body. And you will see it exactly as it was done not as you wish it had been. You won't be able to say, "Oh no I didn't do it that way". And then you'll be into the awareness of the good, as well as the wrongs and your judge will be yourself, but it will be in full truth. Yes.

Now I believe I'd better take leave of the body before I'm judged for being too long winded. It has indeed once again been a pleasure for me to have this opportunity. And I must say that we in spirit are so pleased with the progression of what has gone on here in this little place. And how much love and interest and sharing has come about through the changes that are being made here. We in spirit are indeed proud of every one of you. And hope that you're proud of yourselves. I know that this special day that's upcoming will indeed be one that will be shared and looked upon for many years to come as having been a crowning point in your lives.

And now as I leave I ask only that God pour forth his richest of all blessings upon each and every one of you. May you ever walk in his light and know his Love, but most of all may you be filled with his peace. God bless you one and all.