

Mercy and Justice

An incident occurred one afternoon by the roadside as they neared **TARENTUM**. Jesus and Ganid observed a rough and bullying youth brutally attacking a smaller lad. Jesus assisted the assaulted youth, and when he had rescued him, he tightly held on to the offender until the smaller lad had made his escape. Jesus explained his actions to Ganid.



*“**MERCY MINISTRY** is always the work of the individual, but justice punishment is the function of the social, governmental, or universe administrative groups. As an individual I am beholden to show mercy; I must go to the rescue of the assaulted lad, ... I did not proceed to sit in judgment on the aggressor, thus to pass upon his motive—to adjudicate all that entered into his attack upon his fellow—and then undertake to execute the punishment which my mind might dictate as just recompense for his wrongdoing.”*

Embarking at Tarentum

While tarrying at the ship landing, waiting for the boat to unload cargo, the travelers observed a man mistreating his wife. Jesus intervened in behalf of the person subjected to attack.

*“My brother, always remember that **man has no rightful authority over woman unless the woman has willingly and voluntarily given him such authority.** ...It is Godlike to share your life and all that relates thereto on equal terms with the mother partner who so fully shares with you that divine experience of reproducing yourselves in the lives of your children.”*



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At Corinth

They met **CRISPUS**, the chief ruler of this synagogue, went back to the synagogue services, to meet Crispus. Jesus was teaching Crispus the better ways of religious living. Jesus held more than 20 sessions with this forward-looking Jew. Years later Crispus with his entire family embraced the new religion, and he became one of the chief supports of the Christian church which Paul organized at Corinth.



One day when approached by two public women. Ganid had imbibed the idea, and rightly, that Jesus was a man of high ideals, and that he abhorred everything which partook of uncleanness or savored of evil; accordingly he spoke sharply to these women and rudely motioned them away.

Jesus said *“Who are we that we should sit in judgment on these women? Do you happen to know all of the circumstances which led them to resort to such methods of obtaining a livelihood? Stop here with me while we talk about these matters.... There lives within every human mind a divine spirit, the gift of the Father in heaven. This good spirit ever strives to lead us to God, to help us to find God and to know God; but also within mortals there are many natural physical tendencies which the Creator put there to serve the well-being of the individual and the race. Now, oftentimes, men and women become confused in their efforts to understand themselves and to grapple with the manifold difficulties of making a living in a world so largely dominated by selfishness and sin. I perceive, Ganid, that neither of these women is willfully wicked.”*

They took the women to **MARTHA**, the wife of Crispus to care for them.

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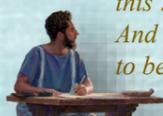
Personal Work in Corinth



The **MILLER** he taught about grinding up the grains of truth in the mill of living experience so as to render the difficult things of divine life readily receivable by even the weak and feeble among one's fellow mortals. Said Jesus: *“Give the milk of truth to those who are babes in spiritual perception. In your living and loving ministry serve spiritual food in attractive form and suited to the capacity of receptivity of each of your inquirers.”*



To the **ROMAN CENTURION** he said: *“Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things which are God's. Loyalty to God, if you should come to know him, would render you all the more loyal and faithful in your devotion to a worthy emperor.”*



To the earnest **LEADER OF THE MITHRAIC** cult he said: *“Know you not that the mystery of eternal salvation dwells within your own soul? Do you not know that the God of heaven has sent his spirit to live within you, and that this spirit will lead all truth-loving and God-serving mortals out of this life? And never forget: You who know God are the sons of God if you truly yearn to be like him.”*



To the **EPICUREAN TEACHER** he said: *“The great thing in all human experience is the realization of knowing the God whose spirit lives within you and seeks to lead you forth on that long and almost endless journey of attaining the personal presence of our common Father, the God of all creation, the Lord of universes.”*



To the **GREEK CONTRACTOR and BUILDER** he said: *“While you build the mansions of time for another, neglect not to secure your title to the mansions of eternity for yourself. Ever remember, there is a city whose foundations are righteousness and truth, and whose builder and maker is God.”*



To the **ROMAN JUDGE** he said: *“Judge as you would be judged under similar circumstances, thus being guided by the spirit of the law as well as by its letter. And even as you accord justice dominated by fairness in the light of the need of those who are brought before you, so shall you have the right to expect justice tempered by mercy when you sometime stand before the Judge of all the earth.”*



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To the **MISTRESS OF THE GREEK INN** he said: *“Elevate the drudgery of your daily toil to the high levels of a fine art through the increasing realization that you minister to God in the persons whom he indwells by his spirit which has descended to live within the hearts of men, thereby seeking to transform their minds and lead their souls to the knowledge of the Paradise Father of all these bestowed gifts of the divine spirit.”*



Jesus had many visits with a **CHINESE MERCHANT**. In saying good-bye, he admonished him: *“Worship only God, who is your true spirit ancestor. Remember that the Father's spirit ever lives within you and always points your soul-direction heavenward. If you follow the unconscious leadings of this immortal spirit, you are certain to continue on in the uplifted way of finding God.”*



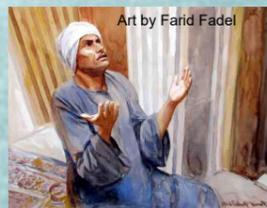
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To the **TRAVELER from BRITAIN** he said: *“My brother, I perceive you are seeking for truth, and I suggest that the spirit of the Father of all truth may chance to dwell within you.”*



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To the **RUNAWAY LAD** Jesus said: *“Remember, there are two things you cannot run away from—God and yourself. Wherever you may go, you take with you yourself and the spirit of the heavenly Father which lives within your heart.”*



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To the **CONDEMNED CRIMINAL** he said at the last hour:

“My brother, you have fallen on evil times. You lost your way; you became entangled in the meshes of crime. Your fellows must judge you by what you did, but there is a Judge to whom you may appeal for forgiveness, and who will judge you by your real motives and better intentions. You need not fear to meet the judgment of God if your repentance is genuine and your faith sincere. The fact that your error carries with it the death penalty imposed by man does not prejudice the chance of your soul to obtain justice and enjoy mercy before the heavenly courts.”

Jesus enjoyed many intimate talks with a large number of hungry souls, including **AQUILA** and **PRISCILLA**, Aquila being one of the Cynics with whom Jesus had come in contact when in Rome.

During the eighteen months Paul preached in Corinth, being later joined by Silas and Timothy, he met many others who had been taught by the **“Jewish tutor of the son of an Indian merchant.”**

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Jesus leaves Rome → Travels along the Appian Way to Tarentum → Travels to Nicopolis and Corinth → Converses with Crispus, Justus, Gaius and Aquila → Converse with a great number of persons

At Athens - Discourse On Science

A great university thrived in Athens, and the trio made frequent visits to its halls of learning. Jesus had a discussion on science at their inn one evening with a **GREEK PHILOSOPHER**. Jesus, said:



"Science deals with physical-energy activities; religion deals with eternal values."

"TRUE PHILOSOPHY grows out of the wisdom which does its best to correlate these quantitative and qualitative observations..."

LOGIC is valid in the material world, and MATHEMATICS is reliable when limited in its application to physical things; but neither is to be regarded as wholly dependable or infallible when applied to life problems. QUANTITY may be identified as a fact, thus becoming a scientific uniformity. QUALITY, being a matter of mind interpretation, represents an estimate of values, and must, therefore, remain an experience of the individual.

When both SCIENCE and RELIGION become less dogmatic and more tolerant of criticism, philosophy will then begin to achieve unity in the intelligent comprehension of the universe. This universe-knowing state of mind can be had only by conceiving that the quantitative fact and the qualitative value have a common causation in the Paradise Father."



At Ephesus - Discourse on the Soul

There was a **PROGRESSIVE THINKER** connected with a school of philosophy, and Jesus had several profitable sessions with him. In the course of these talks Jesus had repeatedly used the word "soul." This learned Greek finally asked him what he meant by "soul."

"The soul is the self-reflective, truth-discerning, and spirit-perceiving part of man which forever elevates the human being above the level of the animal world."

"Self-consciousness, in and of itself, is not the soul. MORAL SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS is true human self-realization and constitutes the foundation of the human soul, and the soul is that part of man which represents the potential survival value of human experience. MORAL CHOICE and spiritual attainment, the ability to know God and the urge to be like him, are the characteristics of the soul. The soul of man cannot exist apart from moral thinking and spiritual activity... The divine spirit arrives simultaneously with the first moral activity of the human mind, and that is the occasion of the birth of the soul."

"The human soul, when matured, ennobled, and spiritualized, approaches the heavenly status in that it comes near to being an entity intervening between the material and the spiritual, the material self and the divine spirit. The evolving soul of a human being is difficult of description and more difficult of demonstration because it is not discoverable by the methods of either material investigation or spiritual proving.



Material science cannot demonstrate the existence of a soul, neither can pure spirit-testing. Notwithstanding the failure of both material science and spiritual standards to discover the existence of the human soul, every morally conscious mortal knows of the existence of his soul as a real and actual personal experience."

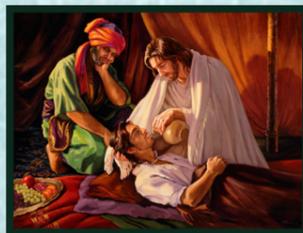
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The travelers set sail for **CYPRUS**, stopping at **RHODES**. They landed at **PAPHOS** and at once began the assembly of supplies for their sojourn of several weeks in the near-by mountains.

The Sojourn at Cyprus - Discourse on Mind



Without warning, Ganid was suddenly taken grievously ill. For two weeks he suffered from a raging fever, oftentimes becoming delirious; both Jesus and Gonod were kept busy attending the sick boy. The last week of their sojourn in the mountains Jesus and Ganid had a long talk on the functions of the human mind.

"When any animal becomes self-conscious, it becomes a primitive man."

"Such an attainment results from a co-ordination of function between impersonal energy and spirit-conceiving mind, and it is this phenomenon which warrants the bestowal of an absolute focal point for the human personality, the spirit of the Father in heaven. IDEAS are not simply a record of sensations; ideas are sensations plus the reflective interpretations of the personal self; and the self is more than the sum of one's sensations..."

"No mere animal could possess a time self-consciousness. ANIMALS possess a physiological co-ordination of associated sensation-recognition and memory thereof, but none experience a meaningful recognition of sensation or exhibit a purposeful association of these combined physical experiences such as is manifested in the conclusions of intelligent and reflective human interpretations..."

"Neither is the human self merely the sum of the successive states of consciousness. Without the effective functioning of a consciousness sorter and associater there would not exist sufficient unity to warrant the designation of a selfhood."



In India, **GANID** grew up to become an influential man, a worthy successor of his eminent father, and he spread abroad many of the noble truths which he had learned from Jesus, his beloved teacher.

"A human mind, built up solely out of the consciousness of physical sensations, could never attain spiritual levels; this kind of material mind would be utterly lacking in a sense of moral values and would be without a guiding sense of spiritual dominance which is so essential to achieving harmonious personality unity in time, and which is inseparable from personality survival in eternity."

"The human mind early begins to manifest qualities which are supermaterial; the truly reflective human intellect is not altogether bound by the limits of time."

"That individuals so differ in their life performances indicates, not only the varying endowments of heredity and the different influences of the environment, but also the degree of unification with the indwelling spirit of the Father which has been achieved by the self, the measure of the identification of the one with the other."

"The human mind does not well stand the conflict of double allegiance. It is a severe strain on the soul to undergo the experience of an effort to serve both good and evil."

"The supremely happy and efficiently unified mind is the one wholly dedicated to the doing of the will of the Father in heaven. Unresolved conflicts destroy unity and may terminate in mind disruption."

But the survival character of a soul is not fostered by attempting to secure peace of mind at any price, by the surrender of noble aspirations, and by the compromise of spiritual ideals; rather is such peace attained by the stalwart assertion of the triumph of that which is true, and this victory is achieved in the overcoming of evil with the potent force of good."

At Antioch

Jesus and Ganid visited everything about this polyglot city except the grove of Daphne. Gonod and Ganid visited this notorious shrine of shame, but Jesus declined to accompany them. Such scenes were not so shocking to Indians, but they were repellent to an idealistic Hebrew.



Waterfront of Antioch

In Mesopotamia

It was at **UR** that Ganid had a long talk with Jesus regarding the difference between knowledge, wisdom, and truth. *"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. With all your quest for knowledge, get understanding. Exalt wisdom and she will promote you. She will bring you to honor if you will but embrace her."*

At last the day came for the separation... Ganid said: "Farewell, Teacher, but not forever. I will remember your teaching, but most of all, I will never forget you." And Jesus replied, *"Peace be upon you, and may the blessing of the Father in heaven ever abide with you."*

And Jesus stood on the shore and watched as the small boat carried them out to their anchored ship. Thus the Master left his friends from India at Charax, never to see them again in this world; nor were they, in this world, ever to know that the man who later appeared as Jesus of Nazareth was this same friend they had just taken leave of—Joshua their teacher.

Sailed to Athens → Jesus discusses Science → Travels to Ephesus and discusses the Soul → At Cyprus discusses the Mind → Visits Antioch, Ur and Susa → Departs from Gonod and Ganid at Charax