

FATHER DIVINE Grants Interview to Mr. Ralph Richheimer

Some Subjects: Conscientious Stand Frees One; Fighter Should Fight for His Country; GOD Understands Man; Meaning of Days in Bible; Littleness of Man in Infinite Universe; Marriage and Propagation

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This interview was granted by FATHER to Mr. Ralph Richheimer, a soldier friend of Mr. Prodigal Son, who became acquainted with him whilst in the same Army camp. Through Mr. Son he heard of FATHER and HIS marvelous Teachings and became keenly interested and a reader of The New Day. Then he received his honorable discharge from the Army and immediately came to see FATHER Personally for the first time and talk with HIM.

THANK YOU, FATHER DEAR!

(The foregoing statements are those of the transcriber, after which the secretary speaks firstly as follows:)

Secretary: Here is Mr. Richheimer, FATHER.

FATHER: Mr. Richheimer—pleased to meet you.

Mr. Richheimer: (shaking hands) Pleased to meet YOU, FATHER.

FATHER: Take a seat. I suppose you are the gentleman Mr. Prodigal Son wrote ME in reference to.

Mr. Richheimer: Yes, and he showed me some of YOUR Speeches and I was really pleased of what YOU did for the people, I mean.

FATHER: It is wonderful!

Mr. Richheimer: And in reading some of YOUR Speeches I found I was a spiritual follower of YOU all along.

FATHER: I see. That is wonderful. Well, did you get drafted or did you volunteer in the Army?

Mr. Richheimer: No, I was inducted in the Army. I was a student before, YOU see. I am going back to College in September and continue my studies.

FATHER: Well, did you get a furlough?

Mr. Richheimer: (smiling) No, this is a permanent furlough. YOU see. I was honorably discharged from the Army.

FATHER: That is wonderful! Prodigal Son wrote ME and told ME you were supposed to be honorably discharged.

Mr. Richheimer: Yes.

Oppositions Can Be Overcome if One Is Conscientious

FATHER: Well, it really works if you are conscientious and sincere. Providence has provision according to the Scripture whereby one will be emancipated from any and every undesirable condition if they are conscientious, sincere and worthy of an emancipation. But, of course, there are those who are not true and not conscientious but impostors of whatever they represent. Such persons cannot expect to get a real exemption, get a real emancipation. But if you are conscientious, sincere and true, "There has no temptation taken you but such as is common to man. God will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the great temptation make a way of an escape so that you may be able to bear it!" You will be able to overcome your oppositions.

So I AM very happy to have you stop in and come to see us, and happy to know and see you have been honorably discharged. What are you going to do now?

Mr. Richheimer: Get back to college and continue in my work in the search of knowledge. YOU see, my heart and soul is in education and such.

FATHER: Sure. What school are you in?

Mr. Richheimer: Queens College in New York.

FATHER: I see; that is wonderful. Does your family live in New York — your people?

Mother Was an Exile in Poland

Mr. Richheimer: Well, I have no father. My mother lived in exile in Poland and it is very doubtful whether she is still living. My brother is working in the Army and so I am presently living with my grandmother.

FATHER: I see. Well, it is wonderful. I

thought it was such a wonderful stand you had taken, according to the record given by Mr. Prodigal Son, even before you saw MY Person. It goes to show you and others, Spirit and Mind are Infinite! Those two great expressions of life are not confined to personality, to individuality, to nationality, to race or any such limited barrier, but it goes into Infinitude. Therefore, when I find one expressing the Truth and yet has not contacted the Personification of it with the Recognition of the realization of having contacted it, it is evidence it is something more than mortal to command and to control the hearts and minds of such persons,

Mr. Richheimer: Well, that is right too — I mean, that is one of the faults we have today, is those differences.

FATHER: Yes. (There was a pause and then FATHER continued, saying:) The way Mr. Prodigal Son spoke in his last correspondence, he thought he would be discharged in a few days.

Mr. Richheimer: Yes, but he is not willing to sign his discharge; so it is very doubtful whether he will be discharged.

"Constitutionally Psychopathic"

FATHER: Well, you see, he does not wish to be discharged with the brand of verification by himself of being constitutionally psychopathic.

Mr. Richheimer: But all those things are irrelative. I mean, you meet many great people that are considered psychopathic. It is just because people ordinarily do not understand.

FATHER: Sure. Of course, there is a precedent in this particular issue, in his particular experience. Through MY Work and Mission I have made that through him as a precedent for others for the future, whereby others who are conscientious, no doubt, would be honorably discharged or exempt if they prove to be such as he has proven himself to be, you see; because if he goes, if he is discharged, even though it may not be deemed as an honorable discharge, but if it is deemed as a constitutional psychopathic discharge from the Army it may also be a means for others to be discharged on those same terms, without going through so much

hardships and suffering through the faith they have in GOD to live exactly according to their respective religious convictions, and yet be constitutional by nature or characteristics and emphasize and advocate the Constitution of the nation.

Now we preach the constitutionality of all things in government and in business and trade and believe that it should be in keeping with the Constitution, but yet we may be classed as psychopathic to that extent that we do not believe in some things as others do.

Mr. Richheimer: Yes, yes, that is very, very true. YOU — I mean, YOUR Followers are still in very small minority, and so one philosopher said, "Let the majority be guided by its conscience." See?

FATHER: Yes.

The Evil-minded Cannot Understand Those Who Are Not

Mr. Richheimer: Now YOU notice the majority indulges in all these evils YOU oppose and they don't understand those few, that do not indulge in those evils.

FATHER: No.

Mr. Richheimer: For instance, I mean, the particular action of any fellow. For instance, if he doesn't feel like going to parties and he always stays home and studies and doesn't drink and smoke, they call him a sissy. YOU see, that is a particular reaction because the majority do it and there are so very, very few that don't do it.

FATHER: Yes, and the majority of the people, they are inclined to fight and be resentful; defend themselves if anyone offends them or attacks them in any way whatever; the majority of the people are taught that self-defense is justifiable. But where you find one converted from the world of that mind, the world of that state of consciousness, whichever, that person may act and seem strange. But as I said, the person or persons who are in the majority, with the majority of the people and believe in the same things they believe in, why, they would not have any rightful issue, or right to make an issue for exemption if they have the same spirit and the same mind and the same disposition the majority of the people have.

Those with Fighting Spirit Should Fight for the Country

Now like I have said to some of MY Followers — I say, "If you fight and shoot and kill among yourselves illegally, you had just as well to do it legally. You had just as well to do it for the government as to do it for yourself and otherwise selfishly. If you did not do it for yourself directly, if you did it otherwise selfishly you had just as well to defend the nation with arms and in combatment service as to fight among yourselves and do things like that!" So I have told quite a number of people that. I say, "Now if a man will fight for himself, he had just as well to fight for his country. But if he is conscientious and sincere and shall have done away with all of that fighting and spirit of violence completely, why, the government itself would be — it would be wronging itself to force a man to

do that who has been emancipated from those tendencies."

Like Mr. Prodigal Son, as he explained; and no doubt you saw his letter there I published in The New Day; while he does not drink, he does not smoke — not any of MY True Followers do — but he refuses to indulge in human affection, lust and passion and any of those tendencies, and also refuses to fight another person, you see, or anything of that sort.

Government Fighting Against Its Own Policies

I said, "Then if a person, if the government itself is calling on GOD or the GOOD of life, of nature, of the Universal Mind Substance for the protection of her subjects, and if GOD comes so near to them in expression in living the Life, in doing away with vice and crime, sin and debauchery of every kind, doing away with weapons and riotous living — comes so near to the Expression and Life and Manifestation of GOD HIMSELF to the extent that they refuse to do violence or be violent or seek deliverance by violence, and then the government itself, if it would force a person to do so, why naturally it would be fighting against its own policies that have granted the nation religious freedom, and it would be crushing the Christ Life within the person who is conscientious. Therefore, they could not expect to overcome the enemy if they would compromise with the same spirit and the same nature of Hitler, to do to her subjects as Hitler did to his."

Mr. Richheimer: Yes. Now YOU have: the sum of the whole is greater than its part. Now take the part. YOU find the majority of the people are the sums of their own egotism and such are guided by their psychology — their actions, rather. And of course, they don't have this Christ Consciousness in them, YOU see.

FATHER: No.

Lynchings Decreased at Harvest Time

Mr. Richheimer: Now YOU have — for instance, YOU have those individuals seeking and they might make up the whole — I mean, they make up the nations — the communities and the nations. Now YOU have, for instance, in the South — YOU analyze, for instance — there is one statistic that was given out — the number of lynchings in the South decreased in the income of the harvest or the cotton crop, YOU see.

FATHER: Yes.

Mr. Richheimer: Now that would give the example of the frustration of spirit. As soon as people are frustrated they become passive, and if they do not have this Christ Consciousness in them, and the whole is the sum of the parts, and you do have so few that have the Christ Consciousness in them, that live up to the Christ Consciousness, and you do have the same thing.

Now Dr. Frank in the College of Inter-relations: there was the theory of culture. Now that is another thing. YOU see, because people are so egotistical they think themselves above everything else and they are not willing to accept other cultures and customs, YOU see. Now, for instance, you go to India. They have their own

customs. Take, for instance, Confucius and the Itals and the Islams and Mohammedans and so forth — they are not known much. Then you have the Christians now; they all believe in a GOD. Now everyone claims there is only one GOD. Now if everyone claims there is only one GOD, why do they discriminate against each other? Because there is only one GOD and they say it themselves. Why do they discriminate against other religions?

FATHER: It is true.

Mr. Richheimer: There is only One GOD, YOU see.

FATHER: It is true.

Why Don't They Get Together?

Mr. Richheimer: And those people, for instance... now if you take the Koran of the Islams, or if you take any other of their teachings, there may be certain defects in one religion and certain defects in the other. Now why don't they get together and take the best of all of them?

FATHER: It is true.

Mr. Richheimer: YOU see today, take any of those churches; you have priests that know nothing about other religions at all. Why don't they study comparative religion and get a knowledge of those other religions and take the best out of them, and then they will be realizing that other religions can do good too!

FATHER: Positively! I often say, "The religion or church that produces the best results and the best most unselfish results, that is what I want to produce!"

Mr. Richheimer: Yes, that's it!

FATHER: And if I happen not to produce it, I AM willing to harmonize.

Mr. Richheimer: That's it. That is the way it should be.

FATHER: And that is MY Belief in the different religions, as you mentioned different religions believing in one GOD.

Mr. Richheimer: Yes, there is only one GOD.

Exclusive Religion

FATHER: And yet each religion believes their religion is the only one GOD...

Mr. Richheimer: Yes.

FATHER: ...but he does not know that GOD can appear and does appear to everyone according as his or her several abilities may be — according to the several abilities of the people. Now some are not in a position mentally to receive the Truth as may be exemplified by you from a psychological point of view or from a scientific point of view. That person maybe can only receive it through some other method through which he has been taught, through which he has been converted, in other words. Well now, GOD will appear to that person in his own language so that he can understand it. But if I appeared to a person in a way he could not understand, naturally he would be left in the dark the same as it was before I appeared!

So the thought of it is, GOD in all his Omni-

science, understands how to reach all people. Therefore, GOD appeared unto the Children of Israel through Moses and spoke to them from that angle of expression; and, as you say, Confucius and Buddha and so many others — GOD appearing to them in their own respective dispensation and in their own respective lineage, as it may be termed — national or dispensational lineage in which they come, or came. GOD appears and speaks to them, and those who are advanced enough to receive all and understand all, it is a wonderful thought!

Christ as a State of Consciousness

As I have said, Christ for the Christian world was Jesus and still is Jesus, but that does not say that Christ was not before the Body called Jesus came. The Christ as a Spirit, as a state of consciousness, has been.

"Before Abraham was, I AM!"

The same Spirit is speaking today, but it appears to the children of men in a way and at a time they can receive HIM! So it is a wonderful thought.

Now others will see the different ones of the Orient, of the East, and some of them believe in GOD from their angle of expression according to their religious training or conviction. It is all right, but it is a wonderful place to be when you can see GOD from every angle expressible and appearing to all men in the Light that they can see and understand HIM.

Mr. Richheimer: Yes.

FATHER: It is wonderful! Do you expect to be with us a little while here before you go?

Mr. Richheimer: Well, I am going to visit one of my aunts tonight and then tomorrow I intend to go back to New York and get ready for college.

Be Governed by Your Highest Intuition Persistently

FATHER: Well, it is wonderful. Whatever your ambition may be, I say, be persistent in your ambition and determined in your resolve and GOD will be in that; because if you are governed by your highest intuition and if you move by your own voluntary volition and not by coercion...

Mr. Richheimer: That's it!

FATHER: ... you will bring forth the CHRIST Consciousness to fruition in all of your activities; not only in that which is termed religion, but in science, as you are studying medicine, or science. In science and in invention and whatsoever your ambition may be, it is your privilege to bring forth the most Perfect Picture to fruition by being governed by your own individual highest intuition and by moving by your own voluntary volition, but not by coercion.

When you move by your own voluntary volition and are governed by your own highest intuition, if you are conscientious and sincere, in every ambition, whatsoever it may be, it will lead you on to Victory to gain and to produce and bring to fruition the BEST that is in it! And then you may find something else to launch out into after you have accomplished and fulfilled that which you have so diligently sought. So

it is a wonderful thought!

Conflict between Religion and Science

Mr. Richheimer: Yes. So many people say that there is a conflict between religion and science. but there again you find it is the close-mindedness of the person, because there is absolutely no — I mean, well, I would say, they are actually linking into each other, I mean.

FATHER: Sure!

Mr. Richheimer: YOU see, you don't have division — I mean, you can't have religion and science together and justice and truth!

FATHER: Certainly.

Mr. Richheimer: YOU see, when you read the Bible, for instance, in Genesis it says that man was created on, I don't quite remember what day it was. But when you translate from the Hebrew, YOU see, it covers — it says one day. Well, in our language it means a day, but in the Bible, when you translate it from the Hebrew it would mean a period of time, YOU see.

FATHER: The light of that unfoldment, whichever.

Mr. Richheimer: Yes, and those people, for instance just to give an example — take a form of Bible. In olden times there must have been evolution, but when you take the Bible at its face value and look into it, you see a day, for instance, and yet this day may actually have spread over thousands and millions of years, and during that time evolution may have been very possible.

Cannot Measure Days and Years from Spiritual View

FATHER: Yes, sure. As you say, it is a light. Day means a light and a certain dispensational unfoldment of light, and that light of unfoldment or dispensational unfoldment of truth, which is the light, why, that is a day. And on another occasion from another point of view, "One day is as a thousand years with GOD, and a thousand years as one day!" So you cannot measure days and years from a spiritual point of view like you can the calendar days or years.

Mr. Richheimer: That's it! And taking the Bible, for instance, in Genesis you have — first it says the earth was created; but before it was created you did not have day and night.

FATHER: No.

Mr. Richheimer: There was no sun; I mean, there was no day and night; so how could you speak of a day in the sense that we think of a day? — Because there was no day at that time...

FATHER: It is true.

Mr. Richheimer: ... and it would not be sensible to say that the first three days were no days. And then when man came, YOU know, the first man was created of dust and earth, and you cannot say that day would be our day, YOU see. That would be a great period of time.

FATHER: Sure.

Mr. Richheimer: And then you would be able to accept evolution.

FATHER: Surely.

Mr. Richheimer: Even then it is not proven, but you will be able to — well, I mean, it is not definitely proven, but...

Limited Concepts of Mortal-minded People

FATHER: But yet you are open-minded enough with such an understanding to take it at its face value according to the illustration:

"Six days shalt thou work and do all thy labor..."

or such as that. Those who are in mortal consciousness and limited in the mortal concept of things, they observe days from a calendar point of view.

Mr. Richheimer: Yes, that's it.

FATHER: And they cannot see the Truth in reality. See?

Mr. Richheimer: Yes, and it says on the seventh day thou shalt rest, they believe.

FATHER: And when you stop to consider that, why, even the day that we call day here and which we are now experiencing, it is day here now, according to what we see it to be from a personal point of view, but elsewhere it is night!

Mr. Richheimer: It is night, yes.

FATHER: So it goes to show you, science and astronomy and religion — that which is termed religion in its truest sense — can harmonize, and they do not have to conflict, you see. The Truth can be brought out in that which I have inspired science with; and as I was saying some time ago, I said, "The way the average person understands the beginning of the creation, the beginning of the world, and some so-called intelligent people look up and think they can see the sky, and in their imagination by illustration they convey a thought as if though the sky is some consolidated matter-like distance you will get to when you go straight up."

People Not Living Reality

Mr. Richheimer: Now, YOU see, people — we really aren't living in an ultimate reality. Now everyone today is feeling himself so important, but who knows? Tomorrow perhaps the earth would not be existing!

FATHER: Certainly.

Mr. Richheimer: There is only one law which keeps us revolving around the sun. Now if this law would not be holding true tomorrow, we would be hurling out into space and everybody would be freezing to death overnight! It is so tremendous when you study astronomy as I have done.

I am interested, in fact, in everything, from the electron to the galaxies. Now if you go out into space sometime and you travel — you start off with miles perhaps, and then you start off in hundreds and thousands and millions and then lisees and parsecs and then you go into — you cannot see the earth any more! We are not living in reality. We are not living in reality! We build houses here, yes. How did we build those houses? We have certain axioms, but those axioms have been materialized, YOU see, but they were never proven — those axioms — and there is no mind in the world that can prove those axioms!

FATHER: It is wonderful!

Mr. Richheimer: I mean, we are really not living in reality, I mean, we are so unimportant; and not realizing this, each and every one of the human beings feels himself so important — well, with certain exceptions, of course; but I should say, the majority of the people.

The Earth Even Is but a Speck in the Great Universe

FATHER: It is true. You see, I have often said this; I have mentioned how people look upon themselves individually as important, it is true, and then look upon what they own, some little home or some farm or something of that sort — some little limited, mortal-versionated idea concerning the reality of things — concerning the reality of the things, as you say. And when you advance your thoughts out into the infinite, you observe the earth itself, this whole little planet earth, is only a little speck in this great universe!

Mr. Richheimer: That's it! YOU see, for instance, the people — in the beginning they thought — YOU see, their egotism went so far as to say the earth was the center of the universe, YOU see. That was at the beginning.

FATHER: Yes, that was their thought because that was the height of their ambition and the light of their interpretation.

Mr. Richheimer: Yes.

FATHER: But oh, how glorious it is to transcend the mortal barriers of the limited, mortal-versionated concept of the narrow-minded and limited-minded!

What Holds the Earth in Place?

Mr. Richheimer: It reminds ME of a story as to what supports the earth. I mean, at that time they did not know the law of universal movement, the law of universal gravitation. So at that time some Hindus came together — that was a Hindu belief — and they said that the earth was supported by pillars—four big pillars. Now one inquisitive person came along and he said, "Well, how or by what are the pillars supported?" Then the wise men of India came together and they talked and talked, and finally came to the conclusion those pillars were supported by big mud turtles. And then another inquisitive person came along and asked what supported the four big mud turtles, and the wise men of India finally got disgusted with things and then they finally came to the conclusion that the turtles were supported by mud and it was mud all the way through and they did not know where it stopped. (Mr. Richheimer and FATHER laugh merrily.)

FATHER: It's true. It is something like — well, it must have been around 1919, I brought out this point about the sky — I mean, the universe being so vast in expanse and so great you cannot limit your thoughts to just this little planet earth...

Mr. Richheimer: That's it, but all people do; most people do.

FATHER: Sure, the majority of the people do, and that is the height of their ambition — in other words, the light of their intelligence.

Distance of the Twin Plaskett Stars

Mr. Richheimer: Yes.

FATHER: And I said, now there is—along about that time, a little before that time, I believe it was — two stars were discovered known as the Twin Plaskett Stars. I corresponded with Professor Plaskett — he was in Canada the last time I heard from him. He has retired. But he discovered those twin stars which were said to have been fifty-eight quadrillion miles away, which would take light rate speed, one hundred and eighty-six thousand miles per second, ten thousand years to descend or ascend to those stars.

Mr. Richheimer: Yes.

FATHER: And some said, "Well, how could that be?" And we actually figured it out; it ran close to about ten thousand years to go just fifty-eight quadrillion miles; and still when you get there, it would still be just in space to go on and on and on!

Mr. Richheimer: Sure; and if that star should have died about that time, we would not know until about ten thousand years later!

FATHER: Sure. And then there was another star discovered, supposed to be seven hundred and fifty million miles in circumference and I think it was two hundred and fifty million miles in diameter! — and this planet in it, I said then, would not be more than a little bathtub.

Mr. Richheimer: Just like a drop of water on a football!

Take Your Eyes Out of the Sky, Which Is Nothing

FATHER: Sure, by that star. (Again they both laugh merrily. FATHER then continues, saying:) Then it brings you back to the place in consciousness where Jesus said,

"No man has ascended up to heaven but he that came down from heaven."

And I said, "Take your eyes out of the imaginary heaven and out of the sky — that which is nowhere and is nothing but everywhere where there is nothing — and then you will be able to observe the Truth as it reveals itself here and now and where you are." And so it was such a wonderful thought, to work cancellation on the imaginary heaven of the religions.

Mr. Richheimer: YOU know, FATHER, there is another point I read about YOU — I guess I am taking up too much of YOUR Time...

FATHER: That's all right. I will be busy later, but I AM pleased to talk to you.

Mr. Richheimer: There is another point. YOU oppose marriage; is that correct?

FATHER: Yes. Of course, Personally I free every person to be governed by his or her highest intuition, but the true standard of this Life of Truth as exemplified according to the way I have demonstrated, is that in the Kingdom they neither marry nor are given in marriage.

Mr. Richheimer: Well, that is in the Resurrection.

This Life Is the Resurrection

FATHER: Yes. Well, that is in the Kingdom and in the Resurrection, for this is the Resurrection. This is the Resurrected Life from that of the former life as men lived before being awakened into this Consciousness.

Mr. Richheimer: Oh, oh, I see. YOU say, FATHER, that it is a resurrection insofar as it is a different consciousness.

FATHER: Yes, yes.

Mr. Richheimer: Oh, I see.

FATHER: Yes, it is a resurrected state of consciousness.

Mr. Richheimer: Oh, I see.

FATHER: You see, I have often mentioned if you raise your consciousness to contact the Christ Consciousness, you can overcome the mortal conditions of the world. Now Jesus raised His Vibrations above that of the mortal version and the mortal versions that tried to bind him to racial or national origin. Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I am!" He denied the reality of that of family; as you said a little while ago, we are not living in the reality.

Mr. Richheimer: Yes.

FATHER: It is only in a mortal imaginary concept of things, tangibilated and materialized...

Mr. Richheimer: That's it!

FATHER: ... but yet it is only a mortal imaginary concept.

A Startling Figure — Population 2,000 Years Later

Mr. Richheimer: But, YOU see, the point I want to bring out, I ran across a statistician by the name of N— and he said if I recall correctly, in about 1800 or 1825 there were seven hundred and fifty million people. Now the population now is two thousand million, or two billion. Now there is an increase in those last years of one million, two hundred and fifty thousand people. If that increase continues, the population of the earth will be, in two thousand years, about 224,884 and forty-five zeros at the end of it. If I recall correctly that is the number; about forty-five zeros at the end of it! Now YOU know, it can't go on like this, because if this population goes on as it has been going on since 1800, the earth would be so crowded there just would be no space to live in.

FATHER: Well, when it is overpopulated through too much propagation, war or something comes to thin them out — to eliminate them.

Mr. Richheimer: Yes, that must be.

FATHER: So therefore, it is not necessary to continue to propagate, increase and multiply, when if you live according to science and the Light of Truth, you have no need to get old and die, you see.

Mr. Richheimer: Yes.

People Need Not Die

FATHER: You have no need to get old and die if you live according to science and the Light

of Truth, because you are renewing yourselves daily — the same as someone said today — I was out someplace and someone saw ME, someone said; one of the Secretaries said they heard them say, "My, HE looks much younger than HE did years ago." Well, there is no need to get old and decrepit — no need to continue to disintegrate and deteriorate and perish and die...

Mr. Richeimer: That's true.

FATHER: ...if you use your energy and ambition, your mentality and intelligence constructively.

Mr. Richeimer: But it says — it states in the Bible that all people are sinners; that there is no person that is not a sinner.

FATHER: Well, it says all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of GOD.

Mr. Richeimer: Yes.

FATHER: But on another occasion GOD Spoke through the mouth of Ezekiel as a prophet to the Children of Israel and said,

"What mean ye that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes and

the children's teeth are set on edge?'"

So it points out there what that statement by interpretation meant. It meant that they say, "From dust thou art and to dust thou shalt return!" And they said that Adam sinned and all have fallen short of the Glory and are subject to death. But He says,

"If you see your father's errors and turn from them, ye shall surely live, says the LORD God Almighty."

If Man Will Turn from His Errors

Now I might say from a national point of view and from a racial, from a human race point of view, Adam died and the curse that fell upon Adam through disobedience caused his death. But if one can see the errors of those who have gone before, I might say, dispensationally—from different dispensations — or if I might make it a little more explicit, I might say, civilizationally — from the different civilizations men have fallen, and even their respective civilizations have fallen because of sin or disobedience to Truth! And as with a man, a person, so with a nation, so with a dispensation and even so with a civilization!

Mr. Richeimer: Yes, that's it — the sum of

the whole is greater than its parts!

FATHER: Yes, so it is a wonderful thought, hence if we in this dispensation and in this civilization will see the errors of those other civilizations that have gone into oblivion, and turn from them — "ye shall surely live, says the LORD God Almighty."

Mr. Richeimer: (Rising) Yes. Well, I don't want to keep YOU too long.

FATHER: (Rising also.) It is all right. Well, I AM very happy to have met you.

Mr. Richeimer (shaking FATHER'S Hand): It was really a great pleasure, FATHER.

FATHER: Many Blessings! Be pleased to have you come at any time you can; and just feel you are at home, because you said you were a Follower of MINE spiritually and characteristically to some extent and had not seen ME Personally. You can be the same personally if you wish to!

Mr. Richeimer: All right; goodbye, FATHER, it was really a great pleasure.

FATHER: Peace!

Mr. Richeimer: Peace!

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