

MAY THE PASSWORD FOR ALL MEN BE FORGIVENESS

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This is of deep significance. Whenever we do not forgive, we take on the function of judges and executioners; a dangerous function for those who do not have the necessary love, understanding and wisdom. And who among us has these, or could presume to have them? It is the specific function of certain Great Beings, the “Lords of Karma”, who are able to do it, as they know the Divine Laws. Let us leave it to them and let us rid ourselves of that arduous and regrettable task!

The positive aspect of forgiveness does not imply any weakness: it is a disposition, a feeling, an internal act that can be associated with firmness, with external resistance, especially when it comes to defending others. It does not mean passivity and inaction at all. Spiritual qualities are always associated with each other, so that we can say that:

FORGIVENESS IS HARMLESSNESS
FORGIVENESS IS GENEROSITY
FORGIVENESS IS LOVING UNDERSTANDING

Those who truly understand cannot but forgive.

By not forgiving, by persisting in resentment, criticism, antagonism, we are not harmless. Forgiveness is a form of compassion; compassion aimed no less at the guilty than at the victim. The culprit is the one who, operating in ignorance, contracts karmic debts which he will have to pay in the near and distant future, and forges heavy chains for himself by the Law of Cause and Effect (karma). In reality, the culprit hurts himself no less than the victim; therefore, deserves as much compassion.

Therefore, we can and must defend ourselves when necessary, but in a spirit of love, with the desire for the redemption of the guilty. We recall: “May the sinner be

converted and ‘live’”. We also remember the supreme words of Christ: “Father, forgive them for they don’t know not what they do”. Sin is in fact the result of ignorance.

In reality, every time we forgive we perform a “magical” act, since we break a karmic chain and thereby liberate; and we free ourselves; we free ourselves from samsara, the cycle of rebirths;

The attainment of Glory, of Bliss, of Immortal Life, of the Life of God, of Nirvana. This great goal points to the supreme fulfillment of humanity, and also the fulfillment of the Divine Plan.

This liberation, that is, the dissolution of all the chains that bind men, requires FORGIVENESS. If at this moment all men forgave each other, individually and collectively, the world would immediately find PEACE. Such forgiveness could arise in a natural way from recognizing that we are all “sinners” in the presence of God, that is, that we all, indistinguishably, individuals and nations, have our part of wrongdoing, that we are wrapped in illusion and have cause for mutual forgiveness.

It is useless to want to establish the wrongs and the reasons why, since we cannot go back to the true causes, to trace the real motives, it is a tangle that we cannot untangle. Here too, Maeterlinck’s saying is correct: “The passing wise person interrupts a thousand dramas”. Why? Because he brings understanding, love and wise forgiveness. The spirit of Forgiveness, the forgiveness that is a conscious act of Will and Love, the forgiveness that truly knows how to forget, interrupts the sad sequence of resentments, revenge and struggles between men, and is the most effective means of bringing peace to the mind and to the world.