

SPIRIT WORLD AND SPIRIT LIFE

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Chapter XXIV

OTHER WORLDS

THE immensity of heaven is beyond your comprehension. We here occupy the space around the universe in which the earth is situated. But with education and training we can go to other universes when we wish. I do not know how many there are for I have never visited one, but their number is like the sands of the desert.

"There are many worlds like our own; many others not yet well prepared for human life; still others that have grown too old to support life. When fitted, we journey to these worlds as we please; now here, now there, seeing much, learning much, making life full of the joy of new experience and greater knowledge.

"We wish you to get a definite idea of our life here and its activities. To show you one phase, let me tell you that we have teachers from other planets with us who tell us of many strange and wonderful things.

"For instance, we learn that the planet Mars is inhabited by people who are different in many ways from those of earth. We cannot communicate with them in the same way, but teachers from there learn our language and tell us of their life and their surroundings.

"We learn that they are far more spiritual than earth people. They wonder at our ignorance of heavenly things, and they can scarcely understand the indifference of earth people to spiritual ideas. They have no fear of death, which to them is as beautiful as the opening of a flower. They are beautiful in appearance and in character, and their teachers here lead us up to higher thoughts. Their learning is so great that we seem like children to them. They love beauty, are gifted in music and art, and are skilled in all sciences. Because of their spiritual natures they derive much knowledge from their spirit planes.

"Mars has some problems to meet that are different from any on earth. Their water supply is obtained from subterranean sources and from the melting of polar snows. The thin atmosphere does not provide much protection, but heat and light are obtained by special electric devices. The plant life is such as is adapted to arctic regions. But so great is the care taken, and such love of the beautiful exists, that the colors and forms are varied and wonderful.

"Because of its distance from the sun the winters of Mars are long and cold. When the snow melts, the water is carried into great reservoirs and distributed through canals.

"Now you have been thinking of these canals, but you have been thinking correctly, for they really exist, though not to the extent that some have described. What is really seen from earth are the canals, bordered by roadways and a growth of forest trees. The roadways are for their marvelous system of electric travel, for they are far in advance of earth in the use of electric power.

"There is not a great variety of food, for the Martians do not eat meat. They have fruits and vegetables, but there are very few animals and none that are killed for food.

"As stated before, the people of Mars are highly educated, and cultivated in the various arts. But art is expressed differently there. Pictures are not so much in demand, because the artistic sense is developed more along architectural lines. There are many exquisite types of buildings, with ornamentation equal to the interiors of our palaces or cathedrals. Their homes are wondrously beautiful, with the rooms finished in carved picture effects."

Mary tried several times to describe this more definitely, but seemed unable to find words to express what she wished to say. Finally she wrote:

"I will ask a manufacturer from Mars to come."

Then came a long pause. Finally the pencil began to write again, but in a different handwriting from Mary's peculiar back-hand.

"I am a manufacturer from Mars trying to tell you through Mary about some of the things we do out there in space. We have every kind of manufactured article that can minister to the comfort of the people. We travel on earth, on water, through the air and under the earth when necessary; all devices for travel being electric, and moving with a speed and safety unknown to you.

"Mary was telling you of the houses and the intricate carvings on the walls. These are sometimes portraits, sometimes a complete story, sometimes a picture of the landscape outside. All done with great delicacy and expressing much beauty, as our artists feel the influence of beauty on the mind.

"Our climate is different from yours. We do not have the violence of nature such as you know, for everything there, material or spiritual, expresses order and symmetry. We have electricity, but it is created for our use by scientists, and does not run wild as with you in thunderstorms.

"I cannot express myself as I wish, but I can say that our manufactures include all forms of clothing for protection and adornment, made from fibres of various plants. We have no leather from animals, but use a composition designed by scientists. For choicer articles of ornamentation we make use of the precious metals as you do. I wish you could see all the beautiful things that fill our homes. I am at a loss for words to tell you of them.

"We have much literature and fine libraries. In place of newspapers the news is distributed by electricity and posted in public places. But such news is all of peaceful character, having to do with the daily lives and industries of the people.

"In the home life people are drawn together by mutual sympathies and tastes, and divorces are unknown. And under such circumstances the children develop fine and intelligent characters.

"I suppose you think this is monotonously good. If so, it is because of my lack of power to describe. Pleasures are of so many kinds and industries so varied and the love of learning so universal, that monotony is unknown."

Mary then took up the pencil and continued the message.

"Other planets are also inhabited by people formed as we are, although quite different in appearance. On Venus they do not live to what we call old age. I do not mean that they never grow old, but that they mature in a shorter time. As their years are shorter than ours, they live as many as we do, but not so long a time.

"Far from being behind us in civilization, they are much superior. They have all the best things we have and many more. They have finer organized brains, and the manner of life there creates greater development. The people are better looking than those of earth, and are more intelligent and more inventive.

"The heat on Venus is much greater than on earth, and life would be difficult if not for cooling devices. Cities there are built with many covered highways, and air forced through them by electric power. This power is created by new methods, which I am not allowed to explain.

"Life is far older and more advanced than on earth, but in some things they are yet quite deficient. In astronomy they are little interested. They are too near the sun for good observation. Venus has more moons than have been discovered from the earth, because the light from the sun interferes. There are many little asteroids revolving about the planet, too small to be seen from earth, but they create light at night and furnish one reason for the indifference to astronomy.

"The inhabitants of all worlds are of the same general form, but different as conditions differ. On Mars and Venus they are similar to earth people,—except the Martians are larger and those of Venus smaller.

"Venus revolves around the sun as the earth does, giving the same changes of season. The surrounding atmosphere is very dense, furnishing some protection from too great heat. Many inventions exist to temper the heat, but the people are inured to the high temperatures by long habit and are rarely overcome by it.

"Venus is densely inhabited, and the occupants vary as on earth. On Mars disease is almost unknown, their passing into the spiritual life is painless and without fear. Venus also has less disease than have earth people; for there is less of the material and more of the spiritual, and it is the spirit that makes for health."

Note by Geoff Cutler.

When I first read this, maybe 15 years ago, I dismissed it, because in the years since 1922 our scientists and astronomers have had a very close look at Mars. Then in 2022, from a private communication delivered by an inhabitant of Venus, we received a very detailed account of the civilisation on Mars. This was equally challenging, and so of course we wanted to know how it was possible that a civilisation could exist there and not be visible to us. The answer came – and of course then the penny dropped regarding another similar curious matter.

Maybe 30 years ago, an Australia family had just left their farm and entered the Hume Highway. This is a fairly busy highway, and right in front of them they saw, very slowly advancing, a large space ship. They pulled to the side of the road of course, and it was finally no more than 80 metres away. But not another car on that highway slowed or stopped. Apparently no one else could see it. But two adults and two children saw it very clearly.

In 2021 this event was explained to us by the commander of that ship at the time. They have the technology to hide selectively from us. In other words, they can chose who sees them. And there is no future for a civilisation on Mars or Venus to be seen by our Earth at this time. We are simply too dangerous a species. They certainly can defend themselves, but being extremely loving beings, they simply don't want to have to do that.