

Cosmic Morality, Divine Righteousness, and Eternal Salvation

Divine righteousness is the personal encompassment of one's wholehearted cosmic morality. In other words, one's righteousness is the unqualified spiritual choices which firm and frame the wholehearted moral decisions within one's personalized self of spiritualized mind (see TUB 130:2.9).

Morality is the actuality, and righteousness the reality, of conformity with the cosmos (see TUB 16:7.1,6 [re the nature of "virtue"]). And in the light of the above distinctions, consider that: "Salvation is the spiritualization of the self-realization of the moral consciousness, which thereby becomes possessed of survival value." (TUB 133:6.6) Therefore, "righteousness" is the quality of the personality management of one's inner life which can be described as "the spiritualization of the self-realization of the moral consciousness"; and hence, salvation "is" one's divine righteousness, which is possessed of survival value. In other words, "the children of light resurrected into the progress of eternal life" (TUB 174:3.2) are "they who are accounted worthy to attain the worlds to come, through the resurrection of the righteous" (ibid.). Concerning the children of darkness, "Jesus explained that 'human wills which are fully occupied with passing only upon temporal decisions having to do with the material problems of animal existence are doomed to perish in time.'" (TUB 130:2.9) [See TUB 111:1.5 for more details.]

Jesus said: "The teacher of truth attracts only those who hunger for the truth and who thirst for righteousness. My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me. And to all who follow my teaching I give eternal life; they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand." (TUB 164:5.2) Again, salvation is righteousness. Genuine religionists can take their salvation for granted. "Although religious experience is a purely spiritual subjective phenomenon, such an experience embraces a positive and living faith attitude toward the highest realms of universe objective reality. The ideal of religious philosophy is such a faith-trust as would lead man unqualifiedly to depend upon the absolute love of the infinite Father of the universe of universes. Such a genuine religious experience far transcends the philosophic objectification of idealistic desire; it actually takes salvation for granted and concerns itself only with learning and doing the will of the Father in Paradise." (TUB 103:9.5) Eternal salvation is the divine righteousness of a personal consecration to cosmic morality.

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