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**Yaum:** Good evening to you, my friends. I am Yaum.

It is once more my privilege to come among you and to be your guest. I should like on this occasion to take this opportunity, as is your custom, to wish our dear doctor here a very happy birthday. I understand that this occasion, as you put it, is an anniversary of your entrance into this plane of life. Is this not true, my friends? Do I understand properly?

Well, my friends, I should like to discuss with you for a few moments this evening something concerning your system, or the path which your civilization has followed for many years. Today, my friends, you are living in what is considered upon this planet and among your people a highly civilized race of people. Yet these people find themselves in a position where they find themselves in lack, in lack of material supplies in many cases. In many cases lack of health, and most of all, or most important of all, they find themselves lacking peace of mind and happiness. They find themselves facing situations that seem to be beyond their capabilities to cope with. For instance, they find themselves facing a situation today which may completely wipe out your civilization, as these possibilities face them.

So, my friends, I come to you and attempt to share my very limited understanding with you. Tonight we are going to try to share a little bit, shall we say, and I would like to have some of your wisdom. You see, my friends, I like to learn too. So I should like to hear some of your wisdom. I should like to hear some of your opinions of why your world finds itself in this situation today. Would someone like to give me his opinion of the things that brought your civilization to this point—what is considered to be a highly civilized race of people, very intelligent, yet they find themselves facing disaster. What has brought about these conditions? What do you think, my friends? Will you please ...

**Questioner:** I think basically it probably was an all-around feeling of insecurity that has evolved among all people of all races. They all have been either misled or got themselves into a belief that they are insecure among the other groups of people, and therefore they have to take measures to protect themselves. This

again was not very well received by the others against whom these measures were taken. So we have animosity all around, among races and also among the people themselves in the smallest groups, down to the family circle. Everybody tries to be secure save something, and this is probably the basic reason why we have the present situation.

**Yaum:** Thank you, my friend. Does someone else have something to say on this subject?

**Questioner:** Yes. I cannot agree with that. I think that this is a natural way of our evolution. This is a natural way of our growth. In other words, today we are supposed to be more evolved than we were a thousand years ago. Now, my friend mentions the family itself. This is exactly where we have to start. We see in our own family life that we still have to evolve, we still have to understand each other. Right there in each family, the father doesn't understand the mother, the mother doesn't understand the father, the father doesn't understand the children, the children don't understand the mother. Now, I'm not saying this is true all the time, but this is still the fight within us to evolve. This seems natural to me. I mean it's nothing special to worry about—we know we're going ahead. We are farther ahead today than we were a thousand years ago, or 500 years ago. This is my understanding. If I'm wrong, I would like to know about it.

**Yaum:** Thank you, thank you, my friend. Thank you. Very good. There is one thing I would like to inject here. You are living in what is known as a highly civilized portion of your planet. Among your people, the many parts of your planet, are those who through many generations have not apparently progressed. They have not come with the rest of your civilization. Now, if we are to go back far enough in your civilization, we would find perhaps that all men were pretty much on an equal basis, so to speak; that some have come up into a higher understanding, or they have advanced materially, let us say, at least, much more than others. In my own opinion, and this is only my opinion, I feel that this also has a great bearing on the situation. I just wanted to inject this. Now, does someone else have something they could add?

**Questioner:** I would like to add that to me it is just a lack of love for each other, failing to understand Universal Law, and a lack of unselfishness.

**Yaum:** Very good. Does someone else have something they would like to add? Please do not hesitate to speak up as you can. Your wisdom is as good as anyone's. Did I hear a remark here?

**Questioner:** There is too much control of all the resources of the world by a few people who are misusing them. That's why you have so much unrest in the world. They are taking away the livelihood of mankind. It's being controlled, and in the wrong way. That's why there is all this trouble.

**Questioner:** That's nothing new. It always was this way through century after century.

**Questioner:** Well, then, something has to be done about it.

**Questioner:** Well, there's nothing that can be done. Man has to evolve normally. Man has to understand, that is our main principle of all.

**Questioner:** There was an article in LIFE Magazine or LOOK Magazine about this birth control business. All these social practices will mean nothing, unless they cut down the birth rate, because all this aid they are giving to all these countries is useless if the population is going to overtake the gains that are being made to try to help these people. So what is the result? What is it going to be?

**Questioner:** Well, I still believe there is a Universal Being, call it God, call it Spirit, call it the Creator, who still has the last say. He is supposed to know it all and as long as we don't understand, what is the good of talking about love and everything under the sun, if we just don't have the understanding. What is Love? What are all the other attributes? That to me is still the most important thing, that one simple thing, understanding, attitude, general attitude.

**Questioner:** Well, that's part of it. You've got to undo this greed and this misuse of control, to eliminate all of these undesirable things.

**Questioner:** Time, time, time, time. We want to rush things. Why do we want to rush things?

**Questioner:** We don't like to see people suffer.

**Questioner:** Well, I don't think we're rushing it. All these wars! What are these wars caused from?

**Yaum:** Does someone else have a theory here?

**Questioner:** Somebody's holding back here, Yaum.

**Questioner:** Let some of the ladies inject something into the discussion.

**Questioner:** We must learn to trust one another.

**Questioner:** You have to demonstrate it through an act, in a physical sense. You can't just think this thing. It's got to be demonstrated, not just words without action.

**Questioner:** I agree with that.

**Questioner:** Well, basically, I think the real answer lies in many of the things the others have spoken of here tonight, and that can be summed up in one word: fear. We all have fear. These people who are supposed to be underprivileged, they have seen in these modern days of communications all that we have at the present time. They have been able to see and taste a little bit of this prosperity that some of the more advanced nations have, and they are wanting that for themselves, which is quite natural for them to want to do. But some of the great powers of the world, in their struggle for more power, see these peoples of these different nations only as pawns in their hands to get more power. Which again comes from what our friend here already mentioned—greed! Basically, of course, greed again is founded upon fear, because people are afraid that some other nation is going to control them. The two great powers of the world, Russia and the United States comprise two such opposing camps. Even they are controlled by this fear and greed, that our big money people have for getting more control and more power for themselves all the time. Of course, the more money they get, the more power they have. So I think basically it simmers right down to fear, and again greed as a child of fear.

**Yaum:** Very good. Very good. Thank you, my friend, for sharing your wisdom. Would someone else like to share with us? We can learn a great deal, my friends, by sharing.

**Questioner:** Well, now you can share your wisdom with us, Yaum.

**Questioner:** Give us the answer.

**Yaum:** My good friends, I, like you, only share my observations. As we look back over your civilization, we find that man very early began to taste power, began to get the feel of power, power over his fellow man. In some of your earlier civilizations, such as what was called the Roman Empire and earlier, much before that, man was put into slavery. Many times, in order to exist at all, they had to sell their life and body into slavery. And man found by gaining power over other men, he could increase his own power and wealth. He could gather great material wealth, and this also added to his power. As your people became more, shall we say civilized, and your religious organizations began to increase in size and power, man had to do these things in a little different way in order not to be considered ruthless, shall we say. So he began to exploit other civilizations.

This has come up into your modern times, and man for perhaps the last two hundred years, has gone out and

did what you call colonizing the lesser developed countries. And this was done, as you all know, under the pretext of developing those countries. But very little was done for these people to raise their understanding, their standards of living, but rather, they took all they could get out and gave as little as they could back. In other words, there has been no feeling of responsibility to their fellow man. And according to Universal Law as I understand it, if man carries on this way, he cannot do anything but reap benefits that eventually will not be pleasant.

Many of these things are what have brought your people to where they are today. They find themselves facing a situation that is too big for them, because they have not followed the Universal Law of realizing that all things that your Creator has given are for all men, and not for any few men, any one race of men or any one planet. Things were put here, as everywhere else in the universe, for the good of all men.

This, my friends, is one of the reasons, or is the very reason, why the people of other planets in your system are not able to give you the scientific information they would like to give you, because they know it will not be used for the good of all mankind. If those of your people who had reached a higher understanding, when they had gone out to these other countries or races of people to develop their resources, had done this and used it to raise the consciousness of those people, to bring their standards of living up to the level of the rest of the people, your planet, my friends, I believe would be a much happier place in which to live today. You would not find the problems facing you now that are facing you today, for you would find that man would be in an entirely different state of consciousness, and you would find too that your civilization would have advanced much farther, more spiritually and scientifically today. Do you agree with me, my friends?

**Questioner:** Yes.

**Questioner:** Isn't this something to do with the economics of the situation. Is this a spiritual and economic phase mixed together that we've got to resolve to make this understanding?

**Yaum:** My friend, I do not feel that there is any separation between science and spirituality. It is all one.

**Questioner:** Then how are we going to solve this problem? Can't somebody point the way?

**Yaum:** My friend, the way has been pointed out thousands of times, but how many of your people would even consider the way? Man has become trapped, so to speak, and he feels that he must live for himself and not for all men.

**Questioner:** What about the religious aspect of man that is supposed to overcome all of the greed? We're serving two systems as it were.

**Yaum:** You are serving two masters and you cannot serve two masters. Man has his master. Either it shall be the material or it shall be the Spiritual, and when man begins to see the spiritual side of life, begins to get an understanding of this, and he knows, begins to see it is all one and must work together, must tie in together, and he cannot separate it. He realizes that all things are from one source and everything always has been and always shall be. And he realizes that he of himself owns nothing, for all things belong to all men. And when man can come into this realization, there is no lack for anyone. No one wants more than he can use. What possible benefit can you have by having more than you can use? So if everyone knows this and everyone lives this law, no one shall lack for anything, for your Creator has placed before man enough—more, a great abundance—more than you can possibly use.

You know that in your own case, your own civilization here, that there are many, many people who are starving while others are wasting. And you cannot waste, for if you waste, you must pay for that waste. And your civilization, my friends, has been wasting great quantities and, my friends, I am afraid that sooner or later, and perhaps sooner, this debt will have to be paid. And I am afraid, my friends, that your civilization in paying some of these debts is going to pass through some very, very unpleasant situations.

**Questioner:** May I ask another question?

**Yaum:** You may.

**Questioner:** Well, I am really beginning to realize something. Maybe this axiom that we set up and all accepted as the highest law of nature, the law of self-preservation, is actually the biggest mistake. I think that it is a part of our jungle life. If under the law of self-preservation that means you take care of yourself if necessary at the cost of everyone else, then we're just not civilized yet.

**Yaum:** Very good, my friend, very good.

**Questioner:** Then this is the biggest detriment that we're preaching now, the law of self-preservation. That should be completely stopped, even this thinking.

**Yaum:** This has been one of the greatest misconceptions that man has ever had. If man could have had just the opposite conception, even in his very law form, he would have found that the law would have acted and reacted so fast that man would have such great abundance he would not know what to do with it. But man got off on the wrong foot, and he has never been able to see this thing in the light of which it truly exists. This is something that has been taught in your civilization. Your children have been taught from the time they were able to understand anything that they must get for themselves. How many of your children do you find who are willing and anxious to share what they have with their friends? I say to you, my friends, if you

could visit some of the other civilizations in the universe where this thing has never taken place, where man lives as a whole, you would be amazed. You would not believe your eyes.

**Questioner:** Does this include competition? My friend and I don't always agree about this, competing in school and business and all. I don't think competition is necessary for the growth of the individual.

**Questioner:** May I state my view on this again? I always thought that competition, as such, should be on a sportsmanlike basis and should be rather a stimulant for each one to do his best, rather than to gain by your individual skill a power over another. I think competition is in nature all the way through, and I always say when we have a question, "look to Nature." Competition on a friendly basis is merely a challenge for self evolution and improvement.

**Yaum:** The word competition, as I understand it, in your civilization has mostly been interpreted to mean to beat the other fellow, and it doesn't matter too much in many cases, how you do it. Competition would depend on how you interpret it. Man needs incentive, but on the other hand, if man comes up in consciousness when he is taught the value of service, he does not think of it as competing. In the first place, in the civilization here, man has never been allowed really his free will to follow the things that he would like to follow. He has not in many cases—there are a few cases—but in the majority of the cases, man has not been allowed through certain conditions to develop his own natural abilities and talents. Therefore you have so many, as you say, square pegs in round holes! Yes, that's good; that's good, I like that. I like that.

But if, and this is possible when man reaches a little better understanding of himself—it is possible at a very, very young age to determine the talent and the capabilities of an individual—and if he is allowed to develop along these lines, and the true he or she is allowed to come forth, you have no problem of man producing, for he is so happy and anxious to do the things that are bubbling, you can't hold him back.

For you see many cases of this among your own people where the individual has been fortunate enough to develop in his own path. He is so anxious to do the things that he wants to do that while his accomplishments become great, he does not care whether he gets great compensation for it or not. So I think that, in my humble opinion, if this were the case, there would be no problem of competition. Do you agree with me?

**Questioner:** I do.

**Yaum:** Thank you.

**Questioner:** I have another question. May I, or is it getting late?

**Yaum:** One moment, please. I'll check first with the teacher of the instrument. I can stay a few moments yet with the instrument, then I must leave.

**Questioner:** From the way that you find the situation now and the way humanity has actually put itself in peril with all their abilities, with all their thoughts and with all their wishes, can you point out a way how we could help to correct some of those basic mistakes, or is it worthless for this particular civilization? Or is this civilization nearing the end, and must make room for a better one?

**Yaum:** This is a good question. This civilization—and I am not sure how far I should go with this, for I do not wish to put fear into anyone's heart—but this civilization—I am sure you can all face the Truth—this civilization has reached a point where it has built up so much, perhaps what you would call karma, so much of this that has to be paid, because Universal Law must act and react. Your scientific development has gotten so far out of balance with your spiritual understanding, your scientists are delving into many things that are really not for them to know. It is possible through these experimentations for your science to bring about some very, very great chaos to your people. That is, much as I dislike to say this, it is very, very probable.

It is possible, if enough people could awaken to the realization of what is necessary to correct these conditions, a great deal could be avoided. But here again I must say, in order to be truthful, that this does not seem probable at this time.

**Questioner:** Thank you very much for this frank answer. I loved it very much. I know it wasn't easy for you to say this.

**Yaum:** We do not like to bring fear to people's hearts. But on the other hand, my friends, people must face up to certain truths.

**Questioner:** Yaum, many of the teachers have told us that for several years, so it isn't new. So don't feel that you said too much, because we realize this.

**Yaum:** Well, my friends, I am not sure that all of you or perhaps any of you, realize in the fullness, the situation that faces your civilization today. But be that as it may, it has been again my very great pleasure to come among you. I wish to thank you for sharing with me, for I always feel that I can learn from others. I would also like to thank the good Doctor tonight for accepting me into his household.

And to all of you, I extend my most sincere love and blessings, and may each of you in your journey down the path to Truth, reach great heights in your understanding, and may each of you be a part of the new civilization that will abide on your planet Earth.

Goodnight to you, my friends. It has been my very great pleasure. ❀