

Many of you know Emily . . . She completed her time of ministry on earth earlier this evening. I, of course, have known Emily for many, many years, and I have counted her a close friend. And she has been a friend to many others, besides carrying a very vital responsibility in the ministry of the Lord on earth. She has done this faithfully over the years in various fields, providing a point of stability, particularly in the core of our program at the ' . . . ' Her husband, Gordon, left this sphere of things a number of years ago, having played his part. Of course, Ross is their son, and Carolyn . . . their daughter. They have a number of grandchildren. And so, the time came for this blessed one to leave her particular responsibilities here. Insofar as she was concerned, she was ready to depart. This was simply another circumstance to be handled in spiritual expression. There were those on hand, particularly . . . these last number of days, to provide enfoldment. Such assistance is necessary in the vibratory sense, so that such an outworking can come easily and naturally in the circumstances as they now are in the world.

We have come to understand these things, and while there may be a certain sadness that a particular person is not present anymore to participate in what we are doing, we are quite willing that what is right and proper should occur when it is right and proper to occur. It is not such a big deal in our awareness as it is with human beings in earthly orientation. In earthly orientation, when such an event occurs, it seems to be such a very final thing. It may be said to be a final thing, I suppose, insofar as the remaining physical substance is concerned—at least in that particular form—but in heavenly orientation we are associated with the angel of the Lord who was incarnating in that form, and we delight in the reality of the hosts of heaven who include far more who are not incarnate on earth than are. We should have a very keen consciousness of what really is back of us. Sometimes God is thought of as being just a very big man. If the idea does come to focus in this way, then it would be difficult for this big man to be aware of everything that was going on, everything that is going on at the same time. The awareness of God in this regard is based in the fact of the hosts of heaven, the focalizations, the angelic focalizations of deity, who are quite adequate to cover the whole range; there are enough to go around, in other words. And it is not a big man trying to rush hither and yon, but there are focalizations of consciousness everywhere, encompassing everything.

For those who are earthly-oriented, of course, the loss of someone close is a rather hard experience. I was reading an article somewhere recently—maybe you saw it; I can't remember where it was—endeavoring to outline how a person might more easily handle grief. One suggestion was that, contrary to the tendency to try to keep a stiff upper lip and not show anything very much, it would be advisable to give expression to the grief. And for those who are trapped in earthly orientation this may be a wise suggestion. There is more to it, actually, than getting something out of one's system, because many cords of connection are woven between human beings. We all have a network of these

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