

“NATIONAL ANGELS” by Geoffrey Hodson

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“The whole human race is presided over by a lofty Archangel who exerts continually a spiritualising influence upon the Higher Selves of all men. This Archangel of the human race unifies itself at the level of Spiritual Will, or Atma with every human Ego, and by lending its own far more highly developed Atmic power to each, enhances for them the influence of their own Monad and its Ray. The degree of such enhancement and man’s response thereto varies through thousands of centuries according to the effect of cyclic progression and the culmination and coincidence of component cycles. Nevertheless it is to be assumed that this ministration continues without intermission throughout the whole world period[52] the duration of which, in terms of physical time, has been said to be at least fifty million years.

Each well-established nation is similarly presided over by a National Angel or Archangel Potentate. This lofty Intelligence is associated more especially with the Egos of all members of the nation. It unifies itself with each and continually enhances the spiritual power and life of the Ego. On occasion it also sends an impulse down to the personality to act in a manner which will best contribute to the fulfilment of dharma[53] and evolution to the stature of the perfect man.

A National Angel may be studied from two distinct points of view. According to one aspect, he may be regarded as a member of the more elevated ranks of the Angelic Hierarchy who has been appointed to this high office. In that capacity he works largely from the level of Spiritual Will, from which he obtains a full knowledge of the karma[54] and the dharma of his nation, and of the ideal development towards which it is part of his duty to guide and inspire its people. His work is to quicken the evolution of his nation and to inspire its leaders to make decisions which will help towards the fulfilment of the national dharma; he seeks to minimise the effects of errors and to exercise a restraining influence, so that the nation may not depart unduly from the path leading to its highest destiny, or fail to take its appointed place in the family of nations.

As previously stated, above the National Angels of the world there is a still greater Being, who serves the whole human race on this planet in a manner similar to that in which the National Angel serves his particular race. Superior to this Official there are, in all probability, interplanetary Angels who serve the whole of humanity in one Planetary Round, Chain and Scheme[55]. No doubt this hierarchical system is extended to include Solar Systems, and even

Cosmoi, all of which are linked together by angelic beings of increasing spiritual stature.

A somewhat similar hierarchical method would seem to be employed by the advanced members of the human race forming the Great White Brotherhood of Adepts,[56] who guide and guard humanity throughout the ages. There are Adepts responsible for the evolution of individual nations, still higher Officials who have charge of continents, and above them the great Planetary Adept, Ruler, the Spiritual King who is the earthly Representative of the Solar Logos. Complete and perfect co-operation is maintained between the human and angelic branches of this Inner Government of the World. In the future, as higher orders of consciousness are unfolded and a wider range of sensory response is

developed, the human ministers responsible for the religious, governmental and cultural development of a nation will doubtless consciously collaborate with their spiritual superiors in both human and angelic hierarchies. Then, at last, this earth will enter upon the longed-for Golden Age.

To return to the conditions of the present time, the international Race Angel may be thought of as a weaver who uses as his threads the national characteristics, the dharma and the karma of the nations of the world, weaving them as the centuries pass into the pattern which the nations will produce according to the plan held in the Universal Mind, "the pattern on the mount". By his weaving he is also drawing the races together, helping to establish on earth the brotherhood of man. In spite of his mighty power and his perfect understanding of the divine Plan, he seeks neither to impose his will upon men nor to oppose the collective will of a nation, however wrongly that will may be directed at any particular period. For man must grow by virtue of his own experience and the unfolding life within him.

The other aspect from which the National Angel may be studied is more difficult to understand and to explain, for it pertains to abstract levels of consciousness. In addition to the Angel's life and work as an individual, he is also the summation of the whole national consciousness. The millions of Egos incarnated in a nation to form the national Oversoul are united in him. The three aspects of a nation's life, the national karma, dharma and consciousness, meet and find a single expression in the National Angel.

Under the Lords of Karma, the National Angel is granted a certain amount of latitude and control in the working out of the nation's karma. He can concentrate it, so that sections are paid off quickly or he can extend it over long periods. He has a complete knowledge of his nation's capacity to endure adversity, of the amount of adverse karma it is capable of bearing without suffering serious evolutionary delay. He is also able to balance the favourable against the adverse karma of the nation, to modify present conditions by drawing on karma from the past.

In all this ministration, the Angel looks to the future and to the fulfilment of the national dharma. He not only lends his own power, but also utilises the capacities and characteristics of the nation in guiding it towards the fulfilment of its highest destiny. In the realm of Egoic consciousness, he is able at a given period to accentuate national traits so that the nation, if responsive, then tends to pursue a particular course. If the forces and qualities of a people are thought of as being visible in terms of colour, then he may be said to cause a special colour or group of colours to shine out at certain times with greater luminosity in the consciousness of the nation.

Such, in small part, is the nature and the activity of an Angel-Ruler. Occult tradition assigns to the Goddess, Pallas Athene, at least down to the end of the Golden Age, the office of Archangelic Ruler of the Grecian nation."

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