Chapter 6

Suffering - Sin - Confession - Royal Priesthood - Prayer - Life On Earth - The Body Of Christ.

Maccello: God bless you.

All: God bless you Maccello.

Maccello: It is once again with love and joy we are permitted to come together again and learn of one another's truths and combine them together and unite them as the manifestation in the spirit of the love of God. I would first, before I begin, to talk with my Brother John.

Brother John: God bless you Maccello.

Maccello: Ask that you will join with Maccello and we will ask a prayer for El Papari and for Russell that they may be returned once more to us, cleaner and whole and revived in the spirit. So let us pray.

El Papari, in love we ask we will touch the spirit of Papari and of Brother Russell and we will cleanse them with our love and with our faith in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Return them once more O Lord into this fold where we can unite in love and peace knowing that they are cleansed. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, rest in them, dwell with them this day forward and even forever more. Amen.

All: Amen.

Maccello: Now Brother John will you talk with Maccello?

Brother John: Yes, would you be kind enough to speak generally on the theme of suffering?

Maccello: What is it you wish to know of suffering Brother John?

Brother John: Well we know that certain souls incarnate on Earth come on Earth to undertake a mission of suffering to be a light to the world. Then there's the suffering that man entails by abuse of his own free will suffering occasions upon himself, well let me put a question to you. What is the purpose of suffering?

Maccello: Suffering Brother John is in the eyes of the spirit, the gateway to understanding of the purpose of evolvement through truth, through love and through realization of ones self and ones inner strength. You understand this?

Brother John: Yes.

Maccello: If a man must suffer for whatever purpose the suffering is about you will always find no matter what the cause, because the cause is more often as not brought about by man himself, but from his suffering if he is of the spirit and mindful of the spirit and the love of God he will realise that there is come upon him a moment in which he is truly blessed, for he can take this suffering and with his understanding of God and the love of Christ he can bring about within himself an awareness that his suffering is a lesson, a blessed lesson from which he can grow stronger and wiser and even closer to God. He can evolve because of this experience of suffering just as Christ evolved from his experience of suffering, but we know in the case of Christ there was a difference. His suffering was so that mankind could be re-enlightened concerning the sins of man and the sins of the flesh,

the sins of greed, of lust and all these many other things, which create suffering. We have said many times before, experience is your greatest teacher and whether it becomes enlightening to those who receive this depends upon the level of their awareness of the love of God. You understand this Brother John? Do all of you understand this?

All: Yes.

Maccello: It's most important that you will. And then we take the suffering of the innocents inflicted by those who are too blind to see they are causing suffering, they are too full with thoughts of grandeur and so called progression and evolvement if you wish. They think they are trying to make this world a tidier and cleaner place, a safer place to live in so they create weapons, they will create chemical of all kinds and say we have done this so our enemies will not pursue us and will stay away and keep us in peace but always there is someone who will find cause to misuse these things as is the case at this moment in the Holy Land, in the land which is known and in the city which is known as Gods footstall.

Is this not so Brother John? There is brutality, there is abuse, there is conflict, there is murder, there is all these things being done by man in what he considers the cause of good. But how can this be good if you can smite your brother and cause them pain and anguish and torment. Surely if your brother has offended you and has struck you on your left cheek, you will turn to him the right cheek and not strike back. Surely this is the place for forgiveness, for the forgiveness of sins as Christ forgives sins. He was also taken by these same people, brutalised and punished, but he forgave and by his forgiving man has come to know that love is the predominant things in our hearts, but still we inflict this suffering.

Let me put it another way, let me say this for you. When God created this Earth he put upon it all the wealth, all what you will call the minerals, he put upon it water and the oil, the wood, the clay, every thing for the purpose of man and there is nothing on this Earth Plane which man uses that did not originate from the soil. And again we come to free will, man was blessed with a free will and he was given the choice with this, he made his choice, he has chosen to take these things from the Earth and instead of creating things of peace, of evolvement, of value to man, he has created weapons and all these other things he has created in order to destroy his brother.

So you see, man creates his own suffering when he creates these things, he creates the suffering for others, would be unfair for Maccello to say all men are this way, we know they are not and we know that some have dedicated their lives to finding the fruits of the Earth and the goodness of the Earth in order to create a better way of life for man. He has taken the minerals and made the tools of his trade and performed wondrous things upon those who are sick and suffering, we know this, we know this but from all of these things if suffering did not exist would these things have come about, would man have evolved the way he has evolved to this day if suffering was not present upon this Earth plane. There would have been no need for man to turn within himself and seek love and kindness and goodness, compassion, understanding the need to lay his hands upon those who were suffering and heal them. So you see Brother John, as I said at the beginning, suffering is a gateway through which man and his understanding of this may grow and progress and evolve. Is this answer for your question?

Brother John: Yes thank you.

Maccello: Is all of you content with what I have said?

Brother Christopher: What would apply to the young children who are brought much suffering and many times they are taken into the kingdom of God at a very tender age?

Maccello: Did not Christ say suffer the little ones come unto me for such is the kingdom of heaven and if a man in his ignorance can destroy one such as these, one man may have become a sinner but how many more men and women will seek even more to find within their hearts the importance of protecting such as one of these. We know that this is present on the Earth Plane and I have told you before children will live upon this plane for as long as it takes to complete a particular part of their evolvement in the spirit and will be returned. God sees it fit to ensure that man will learn from the presence of this child, to love and to understand it's wrong to inflict pain upon a child so he will use this short life to ensure that man receives this lesson. You understand what I'm saying to you Christopher?

Brother Christopher: I understand the reason, what I don't understand is why a child, unless it's through re-incarnation, has such a short period on this Earth to attain his evolvement, particular evolvement.

Maccello: It depends upon his progression in spirit and there is a whole mass of reasons why God would see fit to put such a child on this plane. Shall we not say a child Brother Christopher, shall we just say to place another spirit on this plane in order to evolve far enough, however long that takes, in order he may return and continue his evolvement in the Fathers kingdom and in his level which he must return to. You understand?

Brother Christopher: Yes I understand, can I ask one more question about that subject. How is it that some spirits can evolve so quickly?

Maccello: Were you a good pupil in your school Christopher?

Brother Christopher: No.

Maccello: And was the one who sat next to you?

Brother Christopher: I dare say yes.

Maccello: Was he better or lesser than you?

Brother Christopher: Some were better some were worse.

Maccello: So it is in the levels of progression, some are quicker and more able to learn, some have found an easier pathway along their level of understanding and have been able to evolve so much more quicker than another. You understand?

Brother Christopher: Yes I do.

Maccello: Just as it is on the Earth Plane so it is in this plane of understanding. Some can feel and give and relate so much more quicker than others because perhaps, they have been here a little longer, or their life on the Earth Plane was such that they learnt many more lessons here on this Earth Plane and took note of and brought them with them and continued on with them in these planes. Is this answer for your question Christopher?

Brother Christopher: Yes thank you Maccello.

Maccello: Is anyone else would wish to talk with me on this? Brother John, are you sure in your heart that you are content with what I have told you of suffering?

Brother John: Yes indeed, I agree with the whole of it.

Maccello: What else would you wish for Maccello to talk with you upon?

Brother John: Christ said to Peter, I give you the keys to the kingdom, whosoever sins you loose on Earth are loosed in heaven and whosoever sins you bound on Earth are bound in heaven. What did he mean?

Maccello: You remember I said to you that when those who, shall we say live a life of greed and lust and sin upon this Earth Plane, enter into this kingdom and leave your Earth Plane then they will come onto a level upon which they must come to terms with everything they have done, with all their sin, with all their depravity and lust and greed and brutality and everything, which is what you would call adverse to the way of Gods cause for man. You understand this? They will remain there until such times as these lessons are learnt and so he is bound by his sins. Does this make you understand now Brother John?

Brother John: Oh I see, yes.

Maccello: And those who will give their life, not just to God, but in order to help their fellow men to evolve in the name of good, of all that is love and beauteous to the spirit and will give what you call it, benevolence to his brother man. Like the Good Samaritan who gave all he had and would have given more had he not had to journey on. Such as these are bound in the kingdom of heaven for God has seen their love and he has seen their compassion for his brother man and so his is enabled to evolve in this light. You understand now Brother John?

Brother John: Yes.

Maccello: You sound a little doubtful.

Brother John: No, it's just that from that text the whole concept of the Roman Catholic priest craft of forgiving sins has evolved. The priest was vested with the power to forgive a person's sins by confession.

Maccello: I understand what you are saying but who give him this investment if you wish, who invested him with his right to forgive, another man.

Brother John: He will say Christ invested him with the power.

Maccello: Christ blessed a man with the ability and the understanding to forgive not with the permission to forgive. Is it not said in your Sermon on the Mount, judge not that ye be judged for as ye judge so ye shall be judged also and with what measure ye meet so it shall be measured to you again. Does this answer your question Brother John?

Brother John: God bless you.

Maccello: There is only one judge of man and man is not made to judge another's sins in this way. You understand?

Brother John: That's perfect, well said thank you.

Maccello: Is anyone else wish to talk with me on this? Again Brother John I like talking with you.

Brother John: What did Peter mean, when I read out tonight of speaking to the people who were about to go into the arena to be torn to pieces by the lions, you are a royal priesthood?

Maccello: What did he mean by this?

Brother John: What did he mean by a royal priesthood? In what sense are the people spoken of as a royal priesthood?

Maccello: Because Brother John they would not run away in fear, they would not turn away and give their enemies the satisfaction of knowing they had been defeated and that they had lost the faith by which they had set their life upon. They stood there and allowed these lions to tear them to pieces and as they stood there they prayed their last prayers to God that they would be received into his kingdom and taken away from this suffering created once again by man and his foolishness and his cruelty and his brutality and his unbelief in God. So they were each one of them, if you wish a prince, a prince in his cause proving to mankind yet again that the love of God will always prevail over evil. You understand this? Is this make you content?

Brother John: Yes.

Maccello: It is a priesthood. What more must a man do, more than a priest of today, to prove his love of God other than to give his life without fear, without shame to the glory of God in the face of his enemies and not to turn away in fear knowing God will receive him and bless him for the example he has made. And this was an example, which lived on in the hearts of all Christian believing and God-fearing people so that their faith in him would grow to the extent it has today. Is this make you happy now?

Brother John: Yes that's beautiful.

Maccello: You understand?

Brother John: Yes.

Maccello: John is getting a little sore in his throat so who else will ask Maccello a question? Let us give his brain a rest, who else will talk with Maccello, don't be frightened I love you all?

Sister Mary: What are your views Maccello, some of us listened to the tapes of a medium and he's...

Maccello: Maria, what is this medium you talk of, what is this, where does it come from?

Sister Mary: Where does he come from?

Maccello: What is this medium, I don't understand?

Sister Mary: He's someone who travels the country and address's large audiences on spiritual matters and he's recorded some of his, what he calls his teachings and I really wanted to get your opinion on some of his theories one of which was that if you see that people need healing or they need help and they are suffering that you should refrain from sending thoughts to them of healing and help because it effects their karma, they should be allowed to sort out all their own problems, heal themselves and we found this difficult to understand, in fact we felt that if it's always done asking for the Lords permission to send healing or help to help them to overcome things then it was alright.

Maccello: Maria please understand and I hope you will make this, what you call it, medium understand, again it's not his permission to judge whether or not a man should be blessed by the love of God, which is what he's doing. It is every mans joy, every mans blessing to raise his voice to his Father and say please El Papari if it be your will bless this

child of thine but is not for man to say you must not heal him, you must not even try. We do not think of karma in this light, this is Gods responsibility to this person. He knows, he knows his pathway and therefore when you ask in love he knows to what extent he will relieve this one of unnecessary suffering. If you take for instance one who is about to enter into the kingdom of heaven and transcend from this plane and they are suffering, is this a man saying you must not pray for him, you must not try to prevent this.

Sister Mary: Yes I'm afraid that's what he does say.

Maccello: I have said it's every man's joy and every man's blessing to exercise his compassion upon his brother and to take away or to comfort, take away pain if it's possible through your prayers if it's the will of God and the Father will judge, he will judge when this one enters into the planes of spirit or into his kingdom, he will say bless you for your prayers, bless you for your compassion; we will make this transcendence a blessed and painless joy. So you see you will not prevent, you may not prevent but you will assist and you will comfort and you will bring an inner joy to the person who is about to transcend, the joy of knowing that those around care and love and that they are leaving this Earth Plane in an aura of love and peace and tranquility and sublimity. You understand this Marie? Take away these words of this foolish one for he's not speaking from his heart but he is speaking only from his mind and from what you will call his ego. Blessed are those who will take the love and the spirit of Christ and bless his sick and suffering children so that they may make a pleasant and peaceful and tranquil transition from this plane into the arms of the Father.

Do not turn away from them, even those who are lame and who are not about to enter into this kingdom, those we know who are permanently lamed and can not be put straight or put right or healed, but they can be given love and joy and they can be filled with this knowing that they are loved, that they are cared for. And so the body may not be effected by this love, the spirit is over joyed and enhanced and enrichened and blessed and so are you knowing you have brought these things into the spirit of this one. What is it to this one if even his fellow men will turn away from him and say leave him to his fate, which is what this man is saying to you. What then will be your fate if you turn away from love and resist the teachings which Christ gave, bless your sick brothers and sisters and bless them in his name, just as Maccello blessed El Papari and Brother Russell that they may return and come in peace once again according to the will of the Father and the Father will know what he has needs of and he will fulfil those needs according to his will. Is this make you content Maria?

Sister Mary: Yes bless you.

Maccello: Is anyone else would wish to talk with Maccello on this topic?

Sister Valerie: A few weeks ago you told us that the commandments that God gave to Moses binds you on your side of life the same as they should bind us. What is the true way of understanding for instance thou shall not kill? The Hare Krishna movement tell the Christians that they break the commandments, the commandment thou shalt not kill, by eating meat because they say that the Christian understanding is thou shall not kill another man or another human being, whereas the Krishna people say thou shall not kill any form of life. So what of the spirit teaching of that matter, most of our teachings seem to have been corrupted over the years, so can you help us?

Maccello: Sister Valerie this is a lovely question and I am so glad you spoke of this because you see this is something which has confused man, perhaps almost from the beginning of time, certainly from the time of Christ. Did not Christ say that man will not live

by bread alone but he did not mention the eating of meat but he did provide the five thousand with the fishes? He did fill the nets of Peter and Paul with fishes when he cast them over the side of the boat and many of the old Prophets did make sacrifices of a lamb to God, but these are the teachings as told by the Prophets and so this has created an enormous amount of confusion in mankind itself not just in this Christian world but all over the world it has caused perhaps, the greatest point of confusion of all. The Muslim, he will sacrifice the goat and the lamb and he will eat this on the celebration of his Ramadan and who is to say he's wrong, he was taught this by the Prophet Muhammad and so he does what his Prophets have told him to do.

But I say to you, you have a free will and man must be guided by his conscience in this. If he will turn aside from the eating of meat because he feels it's a living thing then blessed is he for his love towards his fellow creatures. But have we not said also that the vegetation of the Earth is also a living thing, it also has a life and how many of you have discovered that by talking to these things they will respond. How many times have people said, I have talked to my plant on the wall and it has grown beautiful. Brian, Brother Brian once blessed a blossom in the house of the Father because it was bending and it arose. Is this not so Brian?

Brother Brian: Yes that's correct.

Maccello: Would this have done this if it was not a living thing, all vegetation upon this Earth is living. So we will and can only leave it to mans conscience, which he prefers to eat, meat or vegetation, he has a choice, he has a free will to make this choice and he also has the wisdom to know that he is in no position to judge either way, because either way he is eating a living thing. You understand this now Sister Valerie?

Sister Valerie: Yes.

Maccello: You understand this Brian?

Brother Brian: Oh yes, very much so.

Maccello: And does this make you happy?

Brother Brian: It brings me back to a question you once asked me how I saw the planet and I said I saw it as a spirit, as a living thing.

Maccello: Is it not a living thing Brian?

Brother Brian: Oh yes.

Maccello: The whole of this Earth is a living thing and life takes many forms and it throws off many auras and with these auras many understandings and many revelations of itself and still we come back to this one great gift of God, free will. Man must exercise it according to his heart, according to his conscience, according to his beliefs and only man alone can make this choice and only God alone will see fit to judge if it's necessary to do so. Is it not said also Brother John; the Earth is the Lords and the fullness thereof and all those who dwelleth therein. So you see it is a living thing Brian, the whole of this universe is a living thing and I think this answer will make you happy also because many will say they are only specs of dust in the universe, but even dust lives. You understand this?

Brother Brian: Oh yes.

Maccello: Is this make you all happy now?

Brother John: Maccello shouldn't the criterion of our judgement be between the vegetable kingdom and the animal kingdom whether or not creature and I include a plant of course, has had conscious life. I mean a plant hasn't conscious life an animal has conscious life.

Maccello: I am going to leave you Brother John to talk of this with Brother Brian and decide among yourselves if this blossom, which arose when he blessed it, was not conscious of its prayer. I will ask you to decide this among yourselves and decide it with joy. Some will say why do these things happen, why did this arise, why did I have this experience Brian would say, why did this experience have to come into my life that I should bless this one blossom and its conscious awareness should cause it to rise. Was it its conscious awareness or was it the love of Brian which done this, who knows? I will ask you to strive within yourselves to come to terms with this but now you understand I pray Brian that this experience you had with the blossom so long ago has now reached its purpose to help you understand. You understand this?

Brother Brian: Yes thank you.

Maccello: Everything has its purpose and it does not necessarily reveal its purpose at that instant but will choose its perfect moment and this I feel is its perfect moment for you to decide in your hearts what has consciousness what has not.

I am thinking it is time now nearly for Maccello to leave you, I have found so much joy talking of these many things with you, talking of all these things which are born of the love of God. They are simple things when you look at them in a simple way but if you look at them through the eyes of confusion then you will only create confusion in your hearts. Be simple be joyous in your seeking, be loving and be truthful to one another and above all to yourself in the answers you will give. I bless you for receiving me and for allowing me this joy and this privilege of once again talking with you, I hope we have brought yet again a little bit more understanding and enlightenment into your hearts and minds.

Before I go I wanted to talk just for a moment to a troubled mind but it is only a material trouble, is of no real substance. I wanted to talk with Sister Jacqueline and I want to say to you Jacqueline silence is a great teacher and is a blessed gift, in silence we grow, in stillness we evolve and your growth is prominent to Maccello because I see in this growth a great calm and tranquillity and a love born of peace. A love of a being, a love of evolvement born of the peace, which is around you and this peace you share with your fellows here in this little room and because of this peace and this tranquillity you emit and share with them, they also grow. Your stillness and your silence is of a great value and is equally as important as the most complex of questions yet it is so simple. You understand this Jacqueline?

Sister Jacqueline: Yes thank you Maccello.

Maccello: I bless you for your presence and I love you for all that you are. Does this make you happy?

Sister Jacqueline: Yes it does very much thank you.

Maccello: I must leave you now and please go in peace and love and be continuously mindful of the Father and the many, many gifts he has blessed upon this Earth, take them, use them as you will in his name. God Bless.

All: God bless you Maccello.

Brother Gustus Emmanuel

Gustus: God bless you my children.

All: God bless you Gustus.

Gustus: May each one of you receive the love and blessing of God Almighty and keep him within your hearts and within your being, in your work and in your play for this time forth. Let us consider your love for those things you do in and through your belief in God, let us consider to what extent you are prepared to take your love for God, let us consider what sacrifice you are prepared to make for him. I have done this many, many times in my prayers and in my meditations and in my vespers and in my communications with the Father and I have sort always to seek forgiveness before I dare utter a word of prayer. I seek forgiveness for those things I may have overlooked in my supplications to the Father; I ask that I be forgiven for my not thinking. Ask yourselves do you do these things when you find that you have forgotten, no matter to what extent, no matter how small and insignificant that which you have forgotten is, for you have forgotten the path of God, you have forgotten the path of his creation.

Is it therefore not said, turn thou away from the alter and go and make peace and then come and offer your gifts unto the Father. Why do we forget, why do our eyes become closed, why are our ears closed and do our mouths become silent concerning things which we know in our hearts we should remember? Is it perhaps that we are just a tiny bit preoccupied with our own thinking and with our own needs and with our own prayers? Is it that we have allowed self to come to the surface and blind us from those things we really need to consider? Bring your gifts before the Father, bring before him the gifts of the spirit, bring before him the gifts of discernment, the gifts of vision and the gifts of tongues. Ask him to cleanse them and to bless them that they may be used in his name and if he will receive and bless these things, shall we forget again such a blessing, the blessing of God the Father Almighty. And with these gifts shall we use them just for man or shall we use them for all creatures whether they be great or small, for all living things, for all forms of life, for all the gifts around us that God planted in his garden, the garden man has called Eden. Search yourselves, know yourselves and place yourself before God, love him and adore him, praise him and bless him and find within yourself, his love, his joy, his understanding. The gentle awareness of all things that abide through his grace upon this Earth, do not forget even the smallest of creatures and the tiniest of plants nor yet even a grain of sand.

Bless his name and bless all things created by his hand, embrace him with your love because to embrace him is to embrace all things created of him. My Brother Maccello said wisely unto you, the Earth is the Lords and the fullness thereof and all those things that dwelleth therein, he does not forget, he loves all things, he blesses all things, he forgives, he understands, he heals, he glorifies and are ye not of the Father and so being is it not just that we do likewise unto one another as he would have done. Take these small teachings into your understanding my children, receive them in his name and receive them as a gift also from myself for he has blessed me with this understanding and he has granted unto me a gift and I share my gift freely with you also so that together we may come and understand the joy and the love of God. I will allow one small question if you wish to speak with me Brother John.

Brother John: God bless you Gustus. What happened to Christ's body, the body of Jesus shall I say in the tomb?

Gustus: What says thou Brother John?

Brother John: Was it the same body that was resurrected, was the physical body dematerialised, was the physical body superimposed by a spiritual body?

Gustus: Brother John many, many attempts have been made to exalt Christ beyond that which he was and to make of him a great mystery upon this Earth. I also will place before you one such question, perhaps a theory, but first of all let us deal with your question. As it is today so it was then, Christ was received of the Father and he rendered unto God those things, which were Gods, he rendered unto him his spirit, he rendered unto man that which remained. Consider this Brother John, when Christ arose from his baptism and walked into the wilderness for forty days to be tempted by those of lesser understanding, did he leave his body behind then and return as a materialised spirit among men, for his garments had no seams and his understanding and the miracles of his love were beyond all men's understanding? Do you understand Brother John?

Brother John: Yes I think so Gustus.

Gustus: Search your understandings, for these are just some of those things which men will speak of even today and put forward as an attempted answer to the mystery of Christ. It is not for me to reveal the mystery of his being or of his love and it is not I who asks this question of you, I only relate those, which are asked of man by men, you again must come to your own understanding. He arose and he ascended unto his Father, this we know, this is the essence of his purpose to convey to man the understanding of the continuation of life, he could not have done this unless there remained behind on this Earth plane his empty shell for which man could compare. Do you understand what I am saving to you **Brother John?**

Brother John: Yes thank you.

Gustus: Christ remained in body and in spirit in this world and the next; man has created for himself through the fantasy of his own thinking, his own mystery. I must leave you to deliberate this in your own understanding and teachings according to your own masters, to your own teachings and your own church, compare them with what is in your heart. I leave you with this Brother John.

Brother John: Bless you bless you.

Gustus: Shall we now talk with the Father?

O beloved Father receive into thy care and keeping the love and the understanding of these thy children, permit them to walk their path always with a question in their heart, for from their answers there are born O Lord, many questions, this wise O Father, we know they will be fulfilled. Receive the blessing of the Father Almighty; receive his love into your hearts and receive his joy in your understanding, receive his compassion in your peace. May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his light to shine upon you, and may the Lord cause your heart to be opened unto him and to receive him with love and joy. May the Lord cause your understanding to shine and receive and be blessed, may his love enter into your hearts and may those blessings of love and relief be upon your absent brothers, cleanse them O Father, make them whole, receive them O Lord in thy name. May his light shine upon you, may the presence of his spirit remain in your hearts and in your understandings. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ born in the spirit of the one redeeming God, may the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord shine his light upon you and may his countenance dwell upon you and rest and remain with you now and always. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Lord be praised, the Lord bless you and keep you. Amen. All: Amen. 52