Spiritual practice in the Kingdom of GOD - The coming new Era

Any objective thinker may conclude that religious/spiritual pronouncements appear always to be about what we should not do, or about what mankind is doing wrong. Seldom does one hear sermons about the great and positive things that are possible to mankind here on Earth, through the practical application of this knowledge. Perhaps that is why the scientific-minded, or social activists have little time for religious or spiritual teachings, or pay lip service to it. The latter being, perhaps, an insurance policy against the possibility that there may be life after death.

It is not illogical, therefore, to wonder what role religion, or spiritual teachings, as they are generally known or practiced today, would have in a world where there are no violations of the golden rules of life, say in Paradise, or in the Kingdom of GOD here on earth that many are expecting, and which forms the theme of this issue.

Before we dismiss the relevance of sacred teachings to scientific applications and achievements, we have to remember that the roots of what we describe today as science can all be traced back to the temples and priests of antiquities. They were the custodians, and provided guidance in the secrets for building the great pyramids and other ancient wonders scattered around the world. The same can be said of their advanced embalming and other medical skills and technics, plus their knowledge of agriculture, including irrigation engineering, plant breeding, etc. Even in fairly recent times, the monasteries and the Islamic schools (Madaris) kept alive the spirit of learning during the dark ages, when Europe disintegrated into chaos, after the fall of the Roman empire, their erstwhile masters and suppliers of technology and administration.

In the Grail Message, Abdrushin makes it very clear that Spiritual knowledge encompasses and exceeds anything that we think we know today. In this regard, he says, quote:

"*...I stand before you in the knowledge that even the best among you will never really understand me, will not grasp a tenth part of what comes to them with my Word. You hear It, you hold It in your hands, but you do not make use of Its value for yourselves! I see how Its high values, Its immense powers remain unheeded, while instead you reach out for things that are no more than the most insignificant speck of dust in comparison with the Word that you have.*
Only when a human soul enters the Ethereal Realm[1], only then does it gradually come to a new understanding of all that it was permitted personally to experience here on earth."

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[1] The non-physical planes immediately surrounding the earth where practically all persons will live after death from this earth.

In speaking about the importance of the need for us to develop the ability to see Spiritual connections in the happenings around us, Abdrushin says:

"……..If later on you will always unswervingly base your future investigations and your desires to find upon this knowledge of the connections as giving you the direction, you will rise higher in all your capacities and achieve results in every field which must put all that has been obtained so far into the shade!
Thus, men, your masterpieces are yet to come, the achievements which you can actually bring about within the boundaries which are set up firmly for you and which you can never cross!"

From these two quotes, one can see that, indeed, Spiritual knowledge will remain vital for those human beings who are able to make it into the coming Kingdom of GOD. There, they will be taught, again, how to put true Spiritual knowledge into practice in all aspects of life, and thereby be able, once again, in true humility and gratitude to GOD, to enjoy all of the treasures of Creation.

But, as the featured article discusses, admission into the coming Kingdom of GOD will be possible only for those who have dropped all faults and evil tendencies. This requirement is quite logical to any thinking person, considering how much danger mankind would pose to ourselves and the world if greater knowledge about the forces operating in creation were made known to present day mankind. The horrific and sad uses to which we have put, and are putting our preliminary access to the energy trapped in the atomic structure of matter already justifies why only those who are totally bereft of evil tendencies should be given higher knowledge.

Even then, this exclusion of anyone from the new era will be governed only by the operations of the Spiritual laws which are not arbitrary. Thus, each person is solely responsible for determining his or her fate.

This explains why the emphasis today, even by teachings that should be taken seriously, on the do's and "don'ts" for man's behavior.

Preachers of "hell fire and brim stone" cannot claim that this is justification for their focus, because many of them simply peddle superstition and are ignorant of the laws which when violated bring about "hell fire and brim stone", and which when we obey bring about ascent, heavenly bliss and the true and proper Utopian living.
