

Beloved  
Mrs. Ballard's

## Round Table Talks

### MARRIAGE

**Q. *Would you please explain a man and woman's position in the home? Is the man to take leadership or are they equal?***

Mrs. G.W. Ballard: Now you've got a hot potato! (*laughter*) All marriage is a gamble to begin with. But if you go into any association—and I don't care whether it's marriage, a family relationship or business or government or religion or social life or anything else—if you go into any association with the idea that you're going to demand and have your own way all the time, you've failed before you begin. You're either going to have reciprocity and it's going to be fifty-fifty or else there's going to be hallelujah to pay until there is fifty-fifty. . . .

Family associations are mostly karmic debts that we are paying for our misbehavior and injustice to life in the centuries past. That's why some folks can't get out of distressing family conditions. And others come in and carry a load for the whole family because, in many cases, of our own Free Will—Beloved Saint Germain told us—people take embodiment in a family or group of people with deliberate choice and predetermined agreement to come into that family to give the radiation of that one's life and assistance to help the rest of the family. And, He says, in many cases, it is just completely refused. In many other cases it's the lifting power that raises those in the family to greater Harmony, Purity, Freedom, and Obedience to Life.

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**Q. *Are these marriages among the youth karmic marriages or is it just human desire?***

Mrs. G.W. Ballard: Only the individuals and the Cosmic Law know. I'm not anybody's judge. Marriage is always a gamble.

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How many of you are absolute master over your own feeling, your own emotional body? How many of you have absolute, invincible control of all the energy in your feeling world and in your mental world? If you, for instance, do not have complete, eternal control of all the energy in your feeling world and you keep it eternally purified, when you get married, you hook into all the energy of the mental and feeling world of the individual you marry. But that isn't all. You hook into their feelings about their relatives, about their enemies, about their friends, about their business, about their social standing. You tie into all the energy, past and present, of all their faults, all their failures, and all their desires. Now if you can't manage your own, how in the name of God do you think you're going to manage yours and somebody else's, too? It is a mystery to me. As John the Baptist says in the film, "It's a mystery to me!"

But I know very well that most marriages are a gamble. Some are forced conditions in which you have to pay a karmic debt to an individual. If that is done harmoniously, then you get your freedom. If there's a rebellion against paying that karmic debt, you just build more discord—build more karma. Most marriages are either for convenience, to gain support, or to just gratify human desire. Now regardless of what the outcome is, the motive is what determines the result; and nobody is the judge of anybody else's motive except the Higher Mental Body of each Life Stream. If it's a karmic debt you have to pay, then the Law will hold you to it until you pay it. But this, too, is the Law: if there's physical abuse—Beloved Saint Germain says that's the only excuse for divorce. Where there's physical abuse, there's no law in the Heavens or Earth that compels you to put up with that. Then separation is quite in obedience to the Law because your Temple belongs to God, your "Mighty I AM Presence," because It gave it to you; and if you allow it to be abused, that's your fault. You don't have to unless you want to!

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If you're married for a meal ticket, God help you, because you'll have to take what goes with the meal ticket; and most of the time it's indigestion and worry and bills and a lot of other unexplainable things. . . . Our own "Mighty I AM Presence" is the only thing that owns us. We can't own our husbands or wives. We can't own our children. We can't own our parents. We are just privileged, if we understand the Law, to associate with each other as harmoniously as may be. But when we begin to own each other, then just as sure as this universe exists, there's going to be an explosion someday.

So you're the judge. It's your world—your life. You have to live in your bodies; and I wouldn't allow anything in this world or any other to desecrate or interfere with my body consciousness because my body belongs to my "Presence." I'm obligated to make it pure, keep it pure, protected as an Altar in which abides the Unfed Flame from the Great Central Sun. And it is my duty to protect that and honor It and let It blaze through me Its Perfection that fulfills the Divine Plan unto the fullness of the Ascension. And if I am privileged to gain mine, I hope I may be privileged to draw others with me into that Freedom also.

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***Q. According to the Law of Life, is divorce permitted—and on what grounds?***

Mrs. G.W. Ballard: Beloved Saint Germain said only on the grounds of physical violence because that's inexcusable. We do not believe in divorce. If you take a responsibility, then live it out. If things are wrong, keep making your Calls for the correction of them until the Law of Life automatically releases you. It's loose divorce that's the cause of so much immorality and tragedy and viciousness that has crept into America.

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**Q. In our city a person who has been going through prolonged divorce proceedings for a long period of time is allowed to lead an Outline Group—and also read Fundamentals. Would Beloved Saint Germain approve of this?**

**MRS. G.W. BALLARD:** Well, it depends entirely on what the cause of the condition is, what responsibilities the individual is carrying, and how hard the individual is trying to work out of the condition. You're not the judge and neither am I. If you think there's something wrong about it, ask for the Ascended Jesus Christ Violet Flame Control of it that sweeps enough Violet Flame in there to consume everything wrong, replace it by the Victory of everything right, produce Perfection, keep It Invincible against the anti-Christ; and then go home and mind your business and keep your mind off of it.

Precious Ones, now it doesn't make any difference whether you see this with your eyes—the outer sight—or whether you see it with the mind from within. “What thou seest, that too, become thou must. God if thou seest God, dust if thou seest dust!” The Masters have said through the ages, “The sins thou condemnest in thy brother were once thine, and they will become thine again if thou condemnest thy brother.” There it is in a nutshell! Now mind your business. That it is the most wonderful piece of advice I can give you in all Eternity. (*applause*)

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**Mrs. G.W. Ballard:** Some lawyers got together and oh! they were just going to give us the business because it was against the law to live a decent, clean life and to not be forced into a sex activity if you didn't want it. When they asked me about it, I said, “It's your life. If you let that life out of your body, what are you going to live on? There's no difference between that and a murderer. This is my life. I'm going to give it to God. I'm going back to God. I'm going to manifest

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the Perfection of God, and you can do as you please. I take my freedom and I give everybody else theirs!”

There is nobody on this Earth or any other that would ever bind me in it once I know that I'm going into my Ascension. It's just plain, unadulterated selfishness! There's no difference between a person who kills someone else by sex activity than someone who comes in with a gun. There's not a bit of difference. It's murder. People don't like it, but that doesn't make any difference. The anti-Christ is nothing on Earth but the energy mankind has misused through the wrong use of sex. That's the whole cause of it. If anybody wants to challenge that, I'll face them with evidence they'll never refute the rest of Eternity. That's the thing that has been the cause of the downfall of every civilization, of anything and everything that was ever decent.

Even criminologists admit that all criminals are criminals because of that. There was a piece just recently in the newspaper to that effect. A man who had dealt with criminals all his life said that was the one cause of crime everywhere in the world. Right's right and wrong's wrong! The Great Creative Force of the Universe is the Sacred Fire from the Great Central Sun, and the Radiation of It is Liquid Light that goes through the nerves of the body. It was never meant for anything except the procreation of the individual; and if it isn't used for that, then the sinister force does use it to create crime, war, desecration, violence, and every destructive force there is on the planet.

And anybody who doesn't want to agree with us has no business in this Activity. We are teaching the Purity of Life for the Freedom of all Life. If people still want to go on with their human desires, they do not want the Ascended Masters' Perfection. They do not want their Freedom. They do not want the Ascension. They do not want to be fair to Life. And every disease in existence is caused by the misuse of the Life Force.

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Mrs. G.W. Ballard: The Inner Action of the Law is this: If you marry, then you assume an obligation to Life; and the honorable thing to do is to live that obligation out until Life Itself releases you. You see you cannot take lightly your connection with the emotional body of another individual. You sometimes have a struggle with your own emotional body to free yourself from the creations of the past. But when you become entangled with the Life Stream of another, you, of your own free will, make that connection; and if you take on the obligations of married life, remember always, you cannot, just because things become uncomfortable later, say, "Oh well, I can get a divorce and come back." The events of life will compel you to live out whatever obligations you have taken. Don't take those obligations lightly! You will find as life then goes on, events of the outer will compel something else than what you expect.

I say to the blessed girls in the Activity: Remember always that the outer world activities—for centuries—have been to marry girls off so they have someone to support them. Your "Blessed Presence" beats your Heart. It provides Life, and It will provide for you so long as you hold the Harmony and make your Calls to It first. The mass of the women of the world have been trained to feel that they should be supported by a man. Well, the "Presence" is the Support of all, so watch out—give your "I AM" Decrees so you never take on suggestions from anybody or anything in the Universe except your "Mighty I AM Presence" and the Ascended Masters. Take your stand to fulfill the Divine Plan of your Life Stream so you do not have distress any longer. You have been through so much of this thing all throughout the centuries, at least take advantage of your opportunity to have Perfection and gain your Ascension now.

*"I AM" Ascended Master Youth in Action, Conclave 1945:74-75*