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SAINT GERMAIN'S RETREAT IN TRANSYLVANIA

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In the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains, stands the beautiful old Manor House which is presently the Sanctuary of the Ascended Master, known in the Western Hemisphere, by the name of Saint Germain.

Here, since early in the Christian dispensation, certain men and women interested in studying the hidden laws of nature, and the methods of employing those laws to the evolution of the race, have gathered together and endeavored to bring through their own consciousness ways and means of forwarding the progress of good through the mankind of earth.

Here, the early Alchemists endeavored to combine the various alloys to produce the precious metals which have formed the currency of each generation. Here, other earnest Brothers pondered over the way and means of drawing from the universal the elixirs by which youth, beauty and life itself might be sustained for centuries.

Here, was drawn the culture of the early Grecian Golden Age, and, through the long, dark period known as the "dark ages," the wealth of knowledge, invention, discovery, and spiritual truth was carefully guarded and sustained by these Brothers for the use of the few who might apply at the doors of Wisdom, and be invited within the Sacred Portals of this House of Wisdom and Freedom

It was within this Baronial Home, that Marco Polo received the impetus to seek the trade routes to bridge the vast expanse of

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unknown territory between the European Continent and the Far East. Here Galileo learned the truth about his "stars."

And here, century after century, came One whose heart was the compass, guiding Him ever toward truth, and which—even in the heavy bonds of forgetfulness that bound his inner vision round—told Him that Freedom lay within the moss grown walls of that old castle. He came to warm His Heart and renew His Spirit in The Presence of Freedom, and then walk again among the sons and daughters of men, his garments radiating the strength of purpose and will renewed within Its Presence.

Here, in great privation, year after year, came Roger Bacon on earnest pilgrimage, and at its doors knocked Columbus long before his life-plan carried him westward in his service. . . .

And here, came the dis-illusioned and embittered Francis Bacon stripped of his right to rule Brittania, and then requested to surrender his honor and his name itself in behalf of a King who had lost the fortune of a crown.

Century after century this beautiful Sanctuary of Freedom, this Home of Faith and Hope had passed from father to son, carrying always the name of Rakoczy, and welcoming always the seekers after Truth—unveiled

And when the end of earthly pilgrimage of the Great Son of Freedom drew nigh, and the Voice of the Presence of God summoned Him home, He set his worldly affairs in order, and returned into the Heart of Transylvania, and in the Presence of His Loved Ones, and in the arms of His Great Friend, He relinquished His Spirit into the Heart of Eternal Life—to return no more in the limiting bonds of flesh, but only in the Free Robes of Immortality—Saint Germain! Son of Freedom! Shakespeare describes this friendship and passing in the play "Hamlet."

Because of His association with this Sacred Home, and because of the Love of His great benefactor, this Home has remained a focus for the Freedom Flame unto this present day . . . In later years, particularly during the eighteenth century when Saint Germain again came before the eyes of the public, He used this Home as a meeting place for His friends and students, and here often visited Catherine of Russia, Lafayette, Von Steuben, Napoleon, and others in whom He had great hope to further the Cause which is His Life embodied.

NOTE: A description of this retreat containing additional information is in the July, 1952 Bridge, to which the Gentle Reader is referred.

EXCERPT FROM INSTRUCTION ✓**By Serapis Bey**

Beloved Hearts of very great Light, it is my joy to address you in preparation for the half-yearly Council which means so much to me as your Sponsor, when I must stand by your side individually as your Book of Life is read and the report of your opportunity and your service is measured, in order that the Great Karmic Board Itself may best judge what dispensations can be given for the balance of the year to other members of the human race.

When the fiat was released that we had a short twenty-year period during which to expand the consciousness of Love and Light throughout the entire race, it was my joy, privilege and honor to bring word of that decision to the Christ-selves of this evolution who are presently walking Homeward on the planet earth.

I remember well addressing you and I remember how the Christ-self of each one asked for the opportunity to take over the outer personality and through it fulfill the Divine Plan, as well as assist in expanding the understanding of life through the consciousness of all peoples in all nations. However, it was not thought wise at that time to give a Grant to the entire evolution because there were not prepared among the incarnate sons and daughters of God enough lifestreams to hold a balance against the tides of energy that would rush from the masses, once the pressure of their own Christhood awakened within them that unquenchable hunger and thirst after righteousness. I was then given the opportunity to select those lifestreams who had made certain preparation in the Causal Body and who had, embodiment after embodiment and century after century, drawn in through and around them, a certain momentum in the action of the Sacred Fire and allow this group precedence in this experiment. You have been told how two thousand were first given the opportunity and that the response from among them was great enough for the Cosmic Law to increase the Grant in July to the two hundred thousand. However, from this point on we have not met with the success and enthusiasm within the consciousness of the stated number receiving the Grant—and here we are scarcely three weeks before the day when I must stand before the Cosmic Board with less than three thousand souls stirring in their sleep!

I am grateful to each one of you, for your lifestreams *did* respond and your names are already written in the Book of Life as Servers in the Cause of the Great King, but for the remaining

numbers I ask that you now incorporate your energies in daily calls that we may not be found wanting.

Already the Great Rocky Mountain Retreat is preparing to become the Host to the peoples of earth—the magnetic currents have been set up and will go into motion on the very instant that the vibrations from Jesus' and Mary's Retreat cease to become the predominant inner action of the Law on the earth. I am told that the Spokesman for the Karmic Board at the coming Council will be the Goddess of Mercy, which gives me a great feeling of comfort as we face this impersonal tribunal.

From the Great Central Sun Itself is coming a Messenger who will sit with the Karmic Board and assist Them in Their decisions as well as in the granting of those dispensations which They feel will benefit individuals, groups, nations and the planet itself.

It is to help—at least the two hundred thousand—to come to an understanding that they may not weave into their own consciousness the human veil that surrounds them, that I come and plead that you no longer contribute (consciously or unconsciously) to this veil; that you insulate yourself against the forces of the outer world and its affairs which cause the downfall—not only of the innocents—but of the Guardian Presences who volunteered to save and preserve them in God's Service.

Then when I stand before the Lords of Karma and when the great Maha Chohan hands me the Book of your individual life and I open it and read from those pages that which you have written, which is the record of the use of your life energies, I can offer it proudly and receive from them those added dispensations which are your freedom—because the freedom that comes through the connection with your own God Divinity is the happiest joy of your life.

With my own hands, at this Council on June 30th, I shall go over the bodies and inner consciousness of every one of you dedicated spirits and dissolve by the pressure of my Love the creations of the centuries, *but*, individual self-conscious effort must be made from within your own Heart Flame that you do not either accept, or spin again, a new veil in your daily living.

Once you are *out* and you stand in the Light of the Sun and look your God-Self in the Face, I think the stimulus to your soul and spirit will be sufficient to hold you free from the suggestions that would make you prisoner again.

I ask as you go forward that you have no sense of tension in

your accomplishment but that you might understand that I stand Sponsor for your life. I have given the Good of My Causal Body—the momentum of my centuries of life—in the hope that you might prove worthy of this Gift of Love from the Karmic Board—and it is not only you, but I, who must stand before Them and render an accounting for that life. Let us, then, proceed in happiness, in joy, in mastery and in peace!

There have been written countless books regarding Truth. In our library at Luxor alone there are volumes that contain all of the approaches required to achieve the Ascension, but the endeavor in which our energies are presently engaged is to acquaint the consciousness of some unascended beings with what we are doing—*while we are doing it*. It is a lovely thing to know that the Masters are working for a planet and a nation—and it is beautiful to accept Our Presence in the universe but *to be a part in the activity* currently engaging the energies of the Masters *while that activity is in progress*—is to become like ten thousand men in your efficacy and service to the Light.

This is the main purpose and design in bridging the consciousness of the Ascended Host and that of individuals like yourselves, and if we can accomplish a union among a few of you, and through you prove that comradeship, fellowship, brotherhood and cooperative endeavor can be carried on in two separate spheres *at the same time*, for common good, we have accomplished much.

To this end a few of us are presently engaged in sending forth the word acquainting mankind with our activity, and, wherever possible, convincing them that association with the Ascended Masters is not a mediumistic or fantastic action, but the most natural service of life. It is natural for you to sit with each other to exchange consciousness of faith and hope born of common interests and, in the warm glow of friendship, unfold your inner natures. Is it not, then, also natural for those of Us who love you much more than you could love each other to draw close and talk with you as we would talk with each other?—not necessarily to give you great sermons but to convince you of our reality, our practicality, our accessibility and our service, which becomes the stimulus to the interest of your life energies and the investment of your lifestreams' present activity in the forwarding of God's Divine Plan.

I bless you and I shall anticipate opening your Book of Life in the presence of the Lords of Karma and reading the words that you have written therein—in the knowledge that you have written well.

I thank you.

STEPPING STONES TO MASTERY

By D. T. Marches

THE CHRISTIAN CREDO

"I believe in God, The Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary."

The opening lines of the Orthodox Christian Credo is a sweeping acknowledgment of the Only One Creator and of *Christ*, His only Son Who was conceived by the Holy *Spirit* and born through Mary.

The founders of the Christian Church promulgated the idea that *Jesus*, the Individual, and not the *Christ* Nature, was the only begotten Son of the Father, which left the rest of humanity looking up to a perfection that they could never hope to attain by virtue of Jesus' unique position as the ONLY SON of the Father God. Jesus, however, did not confirm this claim of the Church, for he said "Call not *me good*" and, again "It is not *I*, but the Father within that doeth the works." He never claimed to be different from the companions and disciples with whom he associated, except in the control of his thinking and feeling faculties.

The teachings of the Master Jesus pointed man again and again toward the "Father—God" and the unification of the individual consciousness with the Will of the Father. "Not my will, but *Thine* be done." He endeavored to charge the *feelings* of the people with confidence and faith in the God Power by which He, himself, performed all the seeming miracles of healing and conversion. "According to *your faith*, be it unto you," He said on many occasions.

Jesus taught that man is a thinking and feeling being and therein lies his likeness to the Heavenly Father, who by thought and feeling created a universe, peopled it, and sustains it to this day.

Man lived for aeons of time in the Heart of God (Heavenly Realm) where his Spirit was brought to full maturity, guarded and guided and instructed by intelligent God Beings who had reached Their Maturity earlier. When it came time for these embryonic God Beings to go forth and learn-through individual experience—The Law governing creation, beautiful Light bodies were prepared for them and thus they took up their abode on the various planets prepared beforehand for their reception. Some of them came to the planet earth and for ages lived happily, fulfilling their Divine Plan in peace and happiness, returning Home after their lesson had been learned.

Everyone knows the story of the 'fall' and how these Sons of God lost their rights to the Father's Kingdom. Down through the

ages since that unhappy occurrence, the Father has sent many Emissaries, who, by virtue of their understanding of life, have been recognized as 'Christ-Men' or Sons of God. The One that is best remembered in the Eastern Hemisphere is known as the Lord Buddha and in the Western Hemisphere as Jesus, the Christ.

Yet, these Men never claimed that They were unique in Themselves as being "the only begotten Sons of God." They both taught universal Brotherhood and Sonship with God. They healed the sick and raised the dead and both said—"What I am, all men shall be." They have had many followers down through the centuries, but while the majority have spent whole lifetimes studying their words, very few have imitated Their works.

It is now the activity of a body of Men called The Great White Brotherhood (a group of emancipated Beings from the earth and other planets who are striving to reach man's consciousness through the veil) to explain again to the humanity of earth the power that lies within his own faculties to create, sustain and expand the Divine Plan which was ordained for him from the 'beginning' by a loving Father and that all the unhappy experiences that make life unbearable are actually the result of the misuse of his own creative faculties (thought and feeling) and that by learning to control the energy in these centers he may change the pattern of his life, making it one of health and joy and happiness instead of one of toil and worry and travail.

The Master Jesus, (who is an active member of the Great White Brotherhood) said during His Ministry in Judea that every jot and tittle of discordantly qualified energy drawn forth by the individual must be balanced before one could "enter the Kingdom." This means that every unkind word and deed and *thought* by which one has hurt any part of life (in whichever of the four lower kingdoms it may be evolving) must be balanced by good. Under the Law of Compensation, this would take aeons of time and energy and in man's present state of ignorance it would be an almost impossible task.

However, under a Dispensation of the New Age, which is upon us, the knowledge of The Sacred Fire has been conferred upon man. This is an externalization of the Law of Mercy and Forgiveness. Through the application of this Flame of Love, which man may *invoke*, his being and his world may be swept clean of all indebtedness to life due to his past misuse of energy. He may invoke this Cleansing and Purifying Flame for himself, his loved ones, his home his nation and the world in general. It also has illuminating power which clears the understanding and awakens the spiritual faculties. It is the greatest Gift that a Loving Father could bestow on His

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Maha Chohan

For every benefit and spiritual grace received over and above the natural impersonal daily release from the Powers of Light, there must be a balance paid, and the individual vague, secret thought and prayer force of the planet seldom reaches out of the lower atmosphere to accomplish that whereunto it is sent. It is, therefore, a rare privilege for a voluntary intercessor to avail himself of the opportunity of unifying prayer force and to place that concentrated heart cry at the foot of the Throne of Grace, holding it up by the very strength of his own compassionate heart until the 'Laws that be' must answer him by granting a dispensation for the blessing of lesser men.

El Morya

If men made as little effort to secure his daily bread as he does to acquire spiritual knowledge, the highways of the world would be strewn with the corpses of those who died of starvation and privation . . . The effort by which man secures the satisfaction of his body's wants is so commendable and the effort he uses to apply for spiritual salvation is so pitiful!

No man can be denied grace before the Throne of God if he chooses to condense, direct and *project* his aspiration toward any Being in the Celestial Realms, but it is sad to say that the average spiritual prayer rises no higher than the topknot of hair that rises above the scalp of the applicant.

Kuthumi

When the Cosmic Law issued the final fiat that there is but a twenty year period allowed during which the mankind of earth must emit enough Light to sustain the place of this planet in the solar system, the Inhabitants of each one of the Seven Mighty Spheres began to devise ways and means by which They, the Cosmic Lords, the Angelic Host as well as the Seven Chohans with Their chelas and pupils might best cooperate in this endeavor.

Lord Maitreya, through Whom the Outpouring of the Cosmic Christ is destined to reach Its Ultimate Glory through the Christ Selves of every man belonging to this evolution was, therefore, required to hasten the 'Second Coming' by several hundreds of years. The spiritual perfection that was attained in the Initiation of the Master Jesus by which He was consciously joined to His Divinity, the Lord Maitreya must now accomplish for the entire race.

The Venetian

It is my particular joy and service to fill the individual cups of consciousness that are held up by the children of earth toward the

WISDOM SPEAK «» «»

Fount of God Inspiration. In the great, moving sea of God's Mind are glorious ideas that await fulfillment through some intelligence functioning in the realm or sphere which will be most benefitted by the development of those ideas. The clarity of each one's raised consciousness determines the receptivity of the inspiration which I am so eager to give, as well as the purity or distortion of its interpretation and development.

I look, always, for those lifestreams who have guarded the entrance to their consciousness down through the centuries and have not permitted their beautiful individual 'grails' to become encrusted by the impurities and degradations of human effluvia which clouds its surface, making impossible a clear grasp of the vision that I would impart—whether it be a lovely musical composition, a beautiful picture, a piece of sculpture, a useful invention for the benefit of the race, or whatever the lifestream through its own momentum has made itself a magnet for from the realm of Causes above.

Serapis Bey

Every Ascended Master radiates an individual keynote which is woven into a beautiful symphony of sound and as They move through interstellar space the mingling of Their Cosmic Tones is an inspiration to all who are privileged to have access to the developed faculties of the Inner Ear.

These natural songs of the Sun, the planets, the Angelic Host and the Ascended Masters are, like the perfume of the flowers, the radiation of those Beings which contributes to the Music of the Spheres without the self-conscious cooperation of the faculties of the lifestream—because each One may concentrate and focus the Gift of Song through His own vocal chords or the Gift of Music through the particular talents evolved by His Self-conscious Intelligence. When the Masters, the Devas, the Angelic Host choose to concentrate the Music of the Spheres through Cosmic Concerts, then, truly, do the Highest Heavens ring with Harmonious Sound.

Hilarion

It is one of My particular services to life to receive and assist those children of earth who pass from the body with no belief in—or faith in—an 'after' life . . . The agnostics, the cynics, the embittered . . .

As I, Myself, once—long ago, as Paul the apostle—denied the Christ, and, through His Mercy, had His Presence revealed unto me, so did I vow, when I got My Freedom, to stand by the side of every soul who is also so benighted, that, through the pressure of My own experience, as well as a desire to render a balance to

that Christ for His Kindness to Me, I may render a like service to them.

I would appreciate any calls that unascended beings may desire to make on behalf of those great masses of souls who enter the 'Beyond Gates' alone, afraid, and without the blessing of a prayer to accompany them on their journey. Your Calls would do so much to assist us in Our care of these unhappy ones.

Jesus

The contemplation of the *Healing Presence* and the acceptance of the *All Power* of this Presence must precede all application. Do you know that I often spent *hours* in adoration of that Ever Present Healing Power before I left the comparative privacy of my sleeping quarters in order to so fortify my consciousness against the appearance world, that no matter what life might bring to my attention, I *knew with certainty* it had no power before the Healing Flame of the Father that *was then and now is alive* within me, awaiting the call to release Itself as the Master Control of the appearance. If I did not so fortify myself, my outer consciousness would be no different than that of other men, and some of the frightful appearances that men had woven into the brain substance their flesh or the more ephemeral substance of their mental and emotional bodies would have caused a temporary vibration within me which would, in a measure, have neutralized my power to bid it begone. It is not the matter of a moment to so *convince* the outer consciousness of the *All Power* of God: It is not the matter of a moment to sustain that *positive assurance* that there is *absolutely no other power that can act*. All through life, every man and woman who walks in a flesh body must keep up the application to saturate the outer consciousness with a realization of this *All Power*. No avatar, no saint, no messenger is an exception to this rule.

Saint Germain

As the pure, unformed, electronic Light flows forth from the Presence, it is the *consciousness* of the individual which becomes the 'Pen,' and on the Book of Life is written the story of the use of that priceless energy.

Many such volumes are written by the soul—closed as the last breath leaves the body—and then given into the hands of the Angel of Records to be read in the Halls of Karma. Then, when the soul is assigned to a realm in which its Light may best be expanded, it must endeavor to re-write every page whereon the shadows of human thought and feeling cast their gloom over the promptings of the

Higher Self. And again, when the soul comes to new birth, is the Book given—every page fresh—and once more it writes—but, lifetime after lifetime and century after century is the same 'novel' written with but few changes. Finally—when the soul awakens—is the Book of Victory written—clasped shut—and delivered to the Higher Mental Body or Christ Self who receives it with a prayer of thanksgiving and joy that the long journey is over—and, as the White Fire Presence announces the glad tidings—'It is finished'—the triumphant soul enters the portals of the Father's Home to come out no more.

WINGS OF LIGHT

By V. F. Angelday

"Let us get more LIGHT on this"—how many times have you said that yourself or heard another say it—when there was a question or indecision concerning some course to be followed. "With all thy getting, get Understanding" says the Good Book and "understanding" is LIGHT—at least it is one of its attributes. The first fiat that went forth from the Great Creator of all the Universe was "Let there be Light" and immediately, Light appeared.

Light ALWAYS appears when called for. That seems somewhat difficult to believe sometimes because of the denseness of the substance of earth with which we work and in which we live. Because we do not SEE the manifestation for which we call the outer mind has the tendency to think that nothing happened. However, "The Call COMPELS the Answer" and it is just as impossible for a sincere call to go unanswered as it would be to plant an oak and have a maple come up as a result. Exact causes produce exact results. When Light is called for, LIGHT must appear! In the first place, it is the substance, out of which all the Universe is made. Without Light, nothing is ever created or accomplished—for it is the Universal substance of creation. When an individual makes the call "O God! give me Light! Give me whatever intensity of Light is required to solve this problem for me"—that instant a ray of Light, containing the call goes out from the one in need and arises to the listening ear of Mighty Beings Whose joy it is, thru Their Great Love, to answer the heart calls of those on earth. At once, on the same ray that carried the call, there returns to the caller the Illumination, the Love, the Comfort, the Hope and all that is required to adjust the appearances of imperfection and bring and hold all into perfect Divine Order thru Divine Love.

After such a call for help is made, it would be well for the one in need to consciously get quite still, and consciously WAIT and expect to receive, the FEELING of peace and release from the dis-

comfort, tension and distress. It will come—and when it does, we should quickly GRASP it and call to the Mighty God within us to hold, protect, expand and permanently anchor it within our feelings worlds for all Eternity so that at least that particular problem does not come up again. Only in this way can we make PERMANENT progress—to just keep solving the same problems over and over again, which is what we have been doing for millions of years, in one embodiment after another, surely is not gathering much Illumination which can be expanded to the point where it illumines—with actual physical Light—not only the mind of the individual but the actual flesh substance of his body as well, visible and tangible to the physical sight of all, as did Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. He said “The things that I have done shall ye do also”—and He meant ALL He did. We who have read and heard that statement so many times seem to think it means only the GOOD things He experienced—doing the miracles, receiving the approbation of God when the Dove descended at His baptism—but there is more to it than that. As we have said before “He the great Example is—and PATTERN for me.” A pattern gives the same form to everyone who uses it—no matter who or what they are or what substance they use to make that form.

The Master Jesus was CENTURIES gathering Light—Illumination—which served Him so well in that final embodiment of His earth life that gave Him the Ascension. He offers that full gathered momentum NOW to each and every one who will sincerely call for it—“Call unto Me, and I WILL ANSWER YOU!” He answers us by and with HIS LIGHT—actual substance of His Own Life and if we will consciously accept it—that substance enters into and becomes an actual part of our world. Its nature is to expand and expand until it has made us all that He has become. Let us make it a point, in all experiences we contact, to say AT ONCE, before the feelings get too much disturbed about them—“Dear God—right in my own heart—GIVE ME YOUR LIGHT on this and show me Your Way. Then see that I walk within it all ways.” Angels of Light attend you at all times—dear reader—and help you to remember this which will bring you His Peace.

REQUEST OF ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

May 26, 1953

“I chose to forego the natural activity of the Archangels and to enter into that which you now know as the psychic or astral realm, and here—I have spent the full and greater part of my life, century after century, age after age, in an endeavor to disentangle lifestreams after so-called death and prepare them to enter the Halls of the Karmic Lords and receive from the God of Life a new oppor-

tunity to learn how to control the facets of consciousness which are constantly adding to the veil between the human and the Divine. We are constantly consuming, cutting away, dissolving and removing the effluvia of mankind's own creation, and more unhappy still, the effluvia of the conscious student body who—knowing at least intellectually—the power of creation that lies within consciousness, yet continues to weave the cocoon which closes them in and shuts out Our Words from their ears, our Presence from their sight, Our Fragrance from their nostrils, Our Peace from their hearts . . . Until We can reach and in some manner incorporate the assistance of incarnate lifestreams, at least those who are the Guardian Beings who chose voluntarily to bring the Light to the consciousness of men, Our task seems endless indeed, as well as thankless. In the silence of your room, three times a day if possible, will you make the call that in every twenty four hour period during which so many lifestreams pass through the change called "death" no one may enter into that terrific hell of thought and feeling without the prayer and love of an incarnate brother or sister. Nine tenths of the people who are passing from the body never receive a prayer and do not themselves know what to do, here or hereafter. If even one lifestream made this call, it would assist us tremendously. Thank you."

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

SUGGESTED PRAYER TO LORD MICHAEL FOR THOSE PASSING FROM THE EARTH PLANE DAILY

"In the Name and by the Power of the Presence of God, I AM, and in the Name of the Ascended Jesus Christ! I call to you, Beloved Archangel Michael, on behalf of the souls of all the men, women and children who are being released from the body during this twenty four hour period.

Cut them free, instantly, from the magnetic pull of earth, the things of earth, and all the passions, lusts and appetites that might hold them earthbound.

Send Thy Angels of Light to enfold them and carry them quickly through the effluvia of the earth's atmosphere to the realm of Light and Peace. Here prepare them through the merciful fires of Purification to stand before the Lords of Karma with their robes as white as snow . . . Accept the good of my own Causal Body as an offering before this Great Council of Judgment that these souls may be taken at once to the school rooms where they may best learn the Law and re-embody, if necessary, in harmony to win their individual Victory in the Light.

Thank you, Oh Prince of the Heavenly Host, for your Guardian Presence among us for your constant and watchful care of us—not only at the time of so called death, but through all our days!

Blessed be Thy Holy Name."

"INDEPENDENCE DAY"

Again the Great Nation, conceived in the mind of God, and born out of the energies of men and women who preferred Freedom to life in bondage, celebrates Her National Day of Independence

It is well for all free thinking sons and daughters of God to ponder on the Word *IN DEPENDENCE*, for until each one comes to such a place, and rests assured in the Ever Presence of His Own God within, such an one cannot honestly classify himself as an *in dependent* being!

It was the tremendous faith of the forefathers of the American Nation in the Power of God indwelling that enabled them to leave the comparative safety and security of their homes, cross uncharted seas, and carve for themselves out of a wilderness, a new life where they might pursue, not only happiness, but the development of the faculty of looking inward for the strength, courage, faith and power to proceed upon their chosen life path

It was such *in dependence* that made the early patriots draw forth the fortitude and the courage required to establish the new nation, to perceive the vision of a Land of the Free, and further to externalize that vision accurately through the incorporation of their own energies toward this end.

To The Beloved United States of America, and all the Independent Spirits presently engaged in serving Her Destiny, and who have served Her Cause through the centuries, We bow in homage to Your Light—Your Promise—and Your Hope to a World that requires guidance through your peoples in this particular world hour.

THOMAS PRINTZ

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erring children, because it is the power of Love Divine and It brings Peace and Health and Prosperity and Harmony and Happiness in Its wake. Through lack of understanding man has been slow to accept the Spiritual Gifts held out by the Father through His Emissaries. This is the Gift of Grace from the Holy Spirit. Take It and use It and Be Free.

When man awakens from the dream of ignorance in which he has been so long submerged, he will find the words of the Credo refer to him as well as to the Master Jesus; that he, too, is a Son of God, conceived by the Love of the Holy Spirit and born through the Immaculate Conception of the Father—Mother—exemplified by the Virgin Mary. Jesus said—"It is the Spirit that quickeneth—the flesh profiteth nothing."

THE HEALING CHALICE

Beloved Children of The One God, thy feet are upon the Pathway of Liberation. As in centuries past, thou hast sought personal freedom from the oppressions of an unjust Monarchy, so now thy souls seek liberation from the oppressions of the passions and desires of thy mortal nature, which art as bars against thy immortal FREEDOM. Thy soul, hearing the call from the Inner Heart of thy beings, is fired with nostalgic longing to return to their homes in the Heavenly Kingdom of My Love. Long has it been since thou hast tried thy wings in flight into the realms of Christ Consciousness. Scarce wilt thine unused pinions support thy earthly weight in this celestial journey. The dross of thy iniquities and the sins of thy omissions, cling heavily about thee and drag thee down ere thou canst rise into the cloudless heaven of My Realm. Yet . . . "I AM" thy Father—Mother—God . . . thy self . . . thy Life . . . thy very ALL. Come, children of My Heartbeat—come, and claim thy birth-right. Breathe into thy very selves My Life Giving, Life Restoring, Resurrecting, Flaming Essence of Divine Love and be renewed. Permit thy tired senses to exult in the glorious adventures awaiting thee on thy homeward journeyings where passing pains and pleasures give way to My Eternal ecstasies. Thy mortal world is but the manifestation of personal strivings, disillusionments, sorrows and wasted energies. Turn now thy faces steadfastly unto Me and follow now the Day Star of My Glowing Torch within Thy Hearts. In Its Shadowless Illumination thy feet shall surely find the Heavenly way, nor shalt thou dash thy feet against a stone, for "I AM" ever at thy side to support and sustain thee.

DAILY CONTEMPLATION FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

"I AM" free, this hour, from pain, disease, limitation and distress, for "I AM" the Perfection of God's Eternal Love, now manifesting in my mind, my body, my being, my world, and my affairs.

All the God Desires of my heart are now being drawn by the magnetic Power of God's Love, into instantaneous and eternally sustained manifestation in my being and world and I am now prepared to render my perfect service to Life and Freedom of all.

"I AM" the joyous expression of God's Opulence God's Love, God's Health and Happiness and God Illumination forever sustained and increasing in limitless supply to all.

"I AM" the Healing Heart of The Christ Presence, now active within me and all who seek Thy Light restoring, renewing, illuminating, and resurrecting the Perfection of my Divine Self.

"I AM" the Divine Image of God, now manifesting that Perfection in my being and world and for all the children of God, every one, every where, in His Supreme Name, forever.

OUR PLATFORM

THE BRIDGE comes to you as a Messenger of Peace, a Harbinger of Hope, a Span over which your outer consciousness may walk in safety into the Presence of the Great White Brotherhood, share in Their Plans and Endeavors on behalf of mankind, and consciously avail yourself of the radiation and blessing which such knowledge brings.

Despite ALL claims to the contrary, you are asked to examine the fibres that are woven into the strands of Its Policy, and in *HONEST, UNBIASED INDIVIDUAL JUDGMENT*, ask yourself what agency is presently giving, or has previously offered information of this nature, with its attendant individual blessing, its spiritual value in uniting the energies of the race with The Brotherhood in this hour, *WITHOUT COMMERCIALIZING* the credulous, *IDEALIZING* any personality, or *FORBIDDING* individual freedom of conscience and action, within the natural confines of moral and ethical purity.

Platform

Freedom for every lifestream to develop and unfold its talent *AND UTILIZE THOSE TALENTS for the good of life!*

Justice for every soul who has put his shoulder to the wheel, no matter what flaws of personal character have dimmed the full manifestation of service.

Unity of the members of the Spiritual Brotherhood, through coordinated directed, rhythmic, universal instructions on the Law and the requirements of the hour.

Love and tolerance for all life, which bind together, rather than divide the peoples of earth, the conscious students on the path and those Leaders who are big enough to admit that the Sun cannot limit its shining to but one "sunbeam."

Truth Unveiled so that all who apply to the Cosmic Fount may be filled and none turned away in bitterness and emptiness.

Peace which comes from liberty of conscience and action, within the reasonable confines of honor and ethical purity.

Action through coordinated, directed, systematically distributed instructions in the cause of World Good!

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