

## MESSAGES OF SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT AND TRUTH

Two features distinguish the true way of meditation, extreme simplicity and the maintenance of a normal, physical state. After one has gained all that can be conveyed of it in terms of intellectual understanding, one has to begin the real learning.

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# Pythagoras

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(part 2)

He thought the creation of the world was effected by the harmony of numbers, and that they existed in the regions of the blessed before the world began. He assigned odd numbers to the celestial Gods, and hence all sacrifice was made to them in odd numbers. Even numbers were for the infernal deities. Geometry, music, and astronomy were included, because he conceived that man is indebted to these sciences for a knowledge of what is really good and useful. He accounted his system vain if it did not contribute to expel vice, and introduce virtue into the mind; and he taught that the two most excellent things for man, were theoretic and practical virtue, i. e., to speak the truth; and to render benefits to each other. The several heads to which he reduced these virtues were institution, silence, temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice. He proceeded to inculcate the omnipresence of God, the immortality of the soul, and the necessity of personal holiness to qualify man for admission into the society of the gods; and declared that no man could be accounted happy or miserable until

the day of his death; because, in his most exalted moments he is not able to pry into futurity, or to divine today what evils tomorrow may bring.

He taught that man is endowed with eight organs of knowledge to which symbolical institution might be usefully applied, and these were sense, phantasy, art, opinion, prudence, science, wisdom, and mind. He arranged his assemblies due east and west, because he taught that motion began in the east or right side of the world and proceeded toward the west or left side.

Valerius Maximus relates that when Pythagoras founded his school he was asked what was the name of his system, and answered, "I am not Saphos, wise; but Philosophos, a lover of wisdom; and my followers shall be called Philosophers."

The great Pythagoric symbol was one and two, which were used as the names of propagation, one being the father, two the mother. The multiplication of unity and duty (once twice two) make four, the Tetractys, the idea of all things, which are consummated in the number TEN. It is not known how Pythagoras could reconcile his teaching that four and ten were the sacred numbers of God, with his statement that even numbers were for the infernal deities.

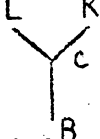
Following are some of the symbols

of Pythagoras: - The equilateral triangle, a perfect figure, refers to God, the principle and author of all sub-lunary things; who in his body, resembles LIGHT, and in his soul TRUTH. He was, and is, and shall be. The right angle or square comprehends the union of the celestial and terrestrial capacities; and was an emblem of Morality and Justice. The perfect square represents the Divine Mind. The cube was a symbol of the mind of man after a well spent life in acts of piety and devotion which is thus perfectly prepared by virtue for translation into the society of the celestial Gods.

A point within a circle was a symbol of the universe, because the most excellent body ought to have the most excellent place - the centre. The central fire was esteemed by Pythagoras as the mansion of Jove. The Dodecahedron was also a symbol of the universe.

The triple triangle formed of five lines returning into itself, was a symbol of health, and was called Hygeia.

The forty-seventh proposition of Euclid was invented by Pythagoras. It is said by Appolodorus and others, that Pythagoras sacrificed a Hecatomb on the discovery of this problem. This, however, is doubtful, because Pythagoras abhorred blood sacrifice, directing his followers to offer nothing but cakes and wine, flowers and fruits.

The letter  represented the course of human life. Youth, arriving at manhood, sees two ways before him, and deliberates which he shall pursue. If he meets with a guide that directs him to pursue philosophy, and he attains initiation, his life shall be honorable and his death happy. But if he omits to do this, and takes the left hand path, which appears broader and better, it will lead to sloth and luxury; will waste his estate, impair his health, and bring an old age of infamy and misery.

One of the methods which Pythagoras used to enforce on his disciples the practice of moral virtue, was by the use of short and pithy sentences, which were symbolical of some great moral duty.

The following are specimens:

Sit not upon a chaenix, means, live not without initiation; and be not initiated without contemplation and discipline; for initiation without previous preparation and subsequent deligence, is but a faint shadow of light, and is worse than total darkness.

(to be continued)

# Right

The world is a difficult world indeed,

And the people are hard to suit,

And the man who plays on the violin

Is a bore to the man with a flute.

And I myself have often thought,

How very much better 'twould be

If every one of the folks that I know

Would only agree with me.

But since they will not, the very best way

To make the world look bright,

Is never to mind what others say,

But do what you think is right.

--Light and Life Evangel.

# THE BROTHERHOOD NEWSLETTER

Dear Students and Friends,

We are happy to have another beautiful day in the Rockies. The past week has been cold and the temperature dropped to below 32°. Everyone who had gardens and fruit trees were very busy for a day or two.

Dr. Irvin Buche passed through transition September 16, 1968. We do not grieve that Dr. Buche has fulfilled his mission in this incarnation, but rejoice that he was called to another life, another environment into greater service. The old body may appear to die but it is not so. Those who have turned from the man to the Avatar will no longer taste of death. It is our work to be ready to be of service wherever and whenever needed. We extend sincere compassion, love and understanding to Mrs. Buche and to family and friends.

Beauty Williams visited the office for a few hours this week. She came here from California and has been a member of the Brotherhood for two months. She was very impressed with the beauty of our location.

Birthday Wishes are in order for Miss Diana Whitby for September 19th. Happy Birthday to a real sweet eight-year-old.

We are having another work program



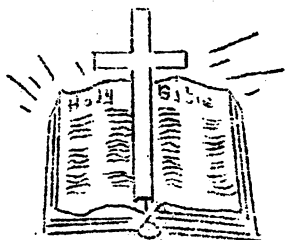
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. at the New Temple.  
We do appreciate all the help we have had  
and let's be there if we possibly can.

Dr. Winnie Whitby, who is now President of the Brotherhood, was here over the weekend and attended the Council meeting Saturday evening. We are always happy to have her and our sincere thoughts of harmony, strength and light go with her.

Dr. Donald Pass gave an interesting and informative lecture this past Sunday. He spoke on the "Four Major Interpretations of the Bible". One of the interpretations that he gave was that each person represents a condition of consciousness and a condition of character. He gave one example of this when John, one of the Disciples of Jesus, leaned on the Bosom of the Christ. John represents the center of 'Love'. Another interpretation he gave was that each story is the experience of the human soul. He stressed the importance of knowing these major interpretations. This would give a greater meaning and a much better understanding of the Bible.

In Truth,

The Brotherhood Staff



## PROGRAM

Sunday, September 22, 1968 at 7:00 p.m.  
lecture by Dr. William Harth.

Sunday, September 29, 1968 at 7:00 p.m.  
lecture by Dr. Robert Morrow.

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ARIZONA, Phoenix, Dr. Glen C. Hazen leads a study group on Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. at 5453 S. 3rd Street.

CALIFORNIA, Sun Valley, The Church of Divine Harmony, 10064 Stonehurst Ave., conducts Sunday worship at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and Wed. class at 8:00 p.m. The ministers, Drs. Marian and Geo. Jones, may be contacted at 767-4937.

CALIFORNIA, Santa Fe Springs, for time and place of discussion meetings being held weekly, call Hank Vernava, 868-1095, or Frank Darling, Anaheim, 827-7088.

ILLINOIS, Chicago, Metaphysical classes are held Friday at 7:45 p.m. at 2041 W. 51st St., by Dr. Alice Williams.

NEVADA, Las Vegas, Paradise Metaphysical Center. For information or spiritual counseling, call Rev. Maxine Dowell, 736-4205.

OREGON, Portland, every Wed. at 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at 1720 S. E. 39th Ave., a spiritual enlightenment study group is held by Dr. Carrie Moffit.

Spiritual Healing Circles Monday at 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

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