



# THE SERVER

HE has said: "When the world is ready by your work, I shall come."—C. Jinarajadasa.

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"O Pure Soul! The angels raise their song,  
And Truth's light blazeth over East and West!  
Alas! the heedless world lies fast asleep,  
And the Dawn's glory wasteth in the skies!  
O Pure of Soul! do *Ye* awake, arise,  
And open wide the windows of your hearts,  
And fill them with the shining of Day's Star,

And with the heavenly music of that song,  
So, when the laggards wake, they may not lack  
Some message from *Ye* for the next morn's hope,  
Some sign and token that their kith have seen  
And stood before the Glory face to face,  
And that they also may, if they but will.  
Be this your Sun-dawn work, *Ye* Pure of Soul!"

From Bhagavan Das' *The Science of Social Organization*.

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## A Vision

By GEORGE S. ARÚNDALE, M. A., LL.B.

One of the most interesting astral experiences I have ever had is here written down. I felt that it was of the nature of a glimpse into the future, as if I were watching a pastoral play. Being myself part of the picture, I seemed to have a kind of double personality, associating myself as watcher with myself as participant in the experience—being one person and at the same time two. I was with Alcyone and we were in the presence of one of the Great Masters. The talk turned upon the future, as indeed it must often do, as to the kind of work in which Alcyone would be engaged.

Suddenly the scene changes and we find ourselves, I think, in India. Alcyone is standing on the side of a hill, with myself a few paces behind him, and above him, round him, below him, stretches a vast concourse of eager people, some with their faces rapturously turned up to him, others looking straight in front of them and seeing with the eyes of the Spirit, others with their faces buried in their hands as if to shut the outside world from the inner vision in which they are absorbed. There is living stillness upon all, and into the stillness comes the beautiful voice of Alcyone as he tells his people—they seem in a special sense to be *his*—of the oneness of all life, of the Brotherhood of man and of the Fatherhood of God. And the voice blends with the stillness and intensifies it, for his voice is the voice of nature calling upon all that lives to join in the one great peace and harmony of life. As I listen to his words, I catch something of the subtlety of the influence pervading that hill, an influence difficult to describe because so subtle. But everything I see around me radiates the unity, the stillness and the peace, and I

watch, as it were, how Alcyone—is it One greater than he?—calls to his aid all the forces of nature, so that every creature, every tree, every plant, every flower, every stone, every blade of grass, seems to sing with him his great Song of Love. A mighty chorus this, and Devas and Spirits of all kinds join their voices in the one great hymn of praise. And if Alcyone's voice seems to me peculiarly divine and full of melody, it is because each living thing on that hill is part of his discourse, lends its life and its sweetness to him, so that a voice far mightier than its own may proclaim a message its feebler and younger life has not yet learned to sound? I see him looking over his vast audience, breathing upon it the spirit of unity, pouring into it the fulness of his love and gentleness; and it is as if he drew a circle around that hill and called upon all life within that circle to bear joyful testimony to the truth he utters. Unconsciously his audience is lifted out of the turmoil of the outer world into the reality beyond. The commonest objects are seen to have a beauty which before had passed unnoticed, for each is for the time clothed in the garments of a divinity that all may see. The voice of the speaker has carried them into the higher realms of knowledge, and perhaps for the first time each human being in his audience knows that all life is one and that he is part of the One Life.

The sermon is over, but the magic of his voice is upon the throng, and it seems to me as if the stillness might last forever, for while that stillness lasts the knowledge remains and the goal is seen. A pause, and then Alcyone, in his flowing robes, turns slowly round and stretches out his hands towards a little space free from people a few paces distant from him. I can see his figure now, commanding in its strength and beauty, clothed in simple

garments, with bare feet and beautiful hands; but my eyes turn most to the face of infinite tenderness and compassion, in its setting of beautiful bronze-black hair, looking with intent power in the direction of the outstretched hands. From the ground comes forth, in seeming obedience to his will, a stream of purest water, and I see that this water has power beyond all other water. Anyone then stretches out his hands upon the multitude in blessing and slowly turns to descend the hill. I follow him, and the sound of our footsteps brings back his audience from their ecstasy, and the spell which has been upon them is broken. I look back upon the people coming to drink the water he has given to them, but there is no hurry, not even the consciousness that a so-called 'miracle' has been wrought; rather is that little stream a fitting and natural part of the great teaching they have just received, an altar to which each person wends his way in reverent homage, or perhaps a center to which each comes humbly to receive a blessing. And as we proceed down the hill the people follow us and I can see a light in their eyes and a beauty of countenance I had not caught before; for I, too, have had my glimpse of the reality; I, too, have for one brief moment learned the lesson of the oneness of life.

It comes to me that this little hill will ever remain a center of spiritual blessing for all who visit the scene, indeed for all the country round. Here at least all nature has for the time being joined in perfect accord under the compelling summons of a master-soul. All who come must perforce be part of the eternal harmony while within the influence of its former utterance and will depart strengthened and encouraged.

Thus under the magic touch of the Master the veil before the future has been drawn aside, that we may gaze upon a picture marvellous in its beauty and wonderful in its inspiration, and as I return to physical consciousness I rejoice to feel that the world will be blessed by many such scenes, that all nature will take part in the glory yet to come.

If any lesson is to be learned from this vision, it is that each living thing we see around us, be it plant or mineral, animal or human, partakes of one great life; that a kindness done to any of these is a kindness done to all; that a hurt done to any, even to a plant, is a cruelty which we all must suffer. When the Lord comes He will bring the blessing of His divine Presence to minerals, plants, animals, men, and all will "rejoice and be exceeding glad". We who humbly try to prepare the way may strive faintly to imitate, so that every living thing around us may grow the faster, may be the happier, may be the more beautiful, may be the nearer to Him—when He comes.

(Reprint from *The Theosophist*, December, 1912.)

### First Steps in Meditation

#### ATTENTION

must be paid to the workings of consciousness on all three planes in which the personality functions, so that we may truly know our selves; then place the personality where it can be viewed and studied by the ego without glamour or illusion, transcending in thought one by one, the three worlds. All that mars the pure reflective powers of the three vehicles must be recognized and renounced, not so much by a process of destruction as by transmutation, an emptying of the vessel in order that it may be refilled by a finer type of matter such as will reproduce the Divine Life on the lower planes. The personality must become an efficient temple for the Holy Christ-child guest, a living shrine of the One divine Life on the lower planes, a

perfect reflection of the Holy prototype in the lower worlds.

#### THE PHYSICAL BODY

can be improved, not only by pure thoughts, pure words and pure deeds, but also by pure food and great attention to cleanliness, plenty of fresh air night and day, and suitable clothing. We must guard against allowing ourselves to be dominated by the thoughts and ideas of the race mind which is functioning so freely around us. Cultivate independence of action, placing each deed under the scrutiny of the Soul. Pay attention to small things as well as great, make use of them as a preparation; ask yourself, "Is this or that beneficial to the valuable instrument that is given to my care? Should I treat a well-bred animal in such and such a manner in regard to food?" How many people yet realize that though the nation has stood out so splendidly for prohibition, that many are practising auto-intoxication by the combination of acids and starches? Are we feeding our bodies with the corpses of our younger brothers, thereby not only carrying on a refined cannibalism, but also taking in with the flesh the chemical reaction caused by the fear and cruelty perpetrated at the slaughter-house? It is definitely proven by science that the protein required by the body can be equally well found in vegetarian foods.

Let us recognize that the physical body is only an instrument, a vesture of flesh, necessary indeed in order that the Soul or Ego can manifest in and contact the physical world, for only a physical instrument can establish vibratory response to the world of that plane. This vehicle becomes more and more sensitive as fresh experiences are encountered and their value registered. The Soul thus gradually brings forth its powers from latency into potency.

Each day we should dwell on this thought, recognizing that we can and should control, direct and improve this instrument, teaching it to obey the behests of the Inner Man (the governing intelligence), who is striving to use this vehicle for the transmission of ideas to the world surrounding him. Let us consciously use it for the Lord's service with all the power we possess, endeavoring to improve it in every way towards that end.

(Mrs.) MARIANNE C. THOMAS.

(In charge of Star Meditation Department for U. S. A.

### Our Head's International Fund

LETTER FROM THE U. S. A. TREASURER

Dear Co-Workers:

Have you heard of our new plans? Did you read in the December *Herald of the Star* of the decision made at the Paris Convention to raise funds to build an "International Star Headquarters"? That we are to take our rightful place among the world awake organizations?

Do you believe in the Great Plan for human advancement? Have you a world mind to see what must be done, and how? The world intelligence has reached a destructive point, and must have new direction. Do you believe that we can aid in this direction? As a "Star" member you emphatically do.

The Great Messenger, with His message of love, stands knocking at the heart of humanity, abiding His time and ours. Let us make the time soon. Do you not wish to help open the door that He may enter? If so, will you kindly let us hear from you, and the part you are willing to share in the preparatory work to make straight His way, the WAY OF PEACE.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

(Miss) MAY KYLE, 2542 Chilton Way, Berkeley, Cal.

(To whom contributions to this fund should be sent.)

LETTER TO MEMBERS OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY AND THE ORDER OF THE STAR IN THE EAST

Dear Brothers:

In June, 1920, a few officers and members of the Swiss Section founded the nucleus of a theosophical co-operative Community: the Domaine de l'Étoile (Céligny, near Geneva).

The aim of this Community was to build a sort of small colony living on its own means, and to bring together in a harmonious middle all members of the T. S. and of the Star, who wished to live in a spiritual atmosphere.

The living nucleus of this Community was a Guest House where about fifteen people could comfortably live together. All those who have been some time in this Guest House have found there a most complete, happy and harmonious life; the practical results of which have been so encouraging (see *Herald*, Vol. X, No. 3, p. 84) that we have decided to double our activities and to create organisms of production (sundry workshops, etc.), which would allow members of the T. S. and of the Star to come and live in the Community and to earn there their living.

Our scheme was submitted to the Head of the Order of the Star in the East and warmly approved by him. It is with this approbation that we feel strong to pursue our scheme, which tends to realize a community of the future. (See *Herald*, Vol. X, No. 2, p. 31.)

But this enlargement of our activity claims new shares of capital and we seek to constitute them as follows:

Our Community being international, we should wish members of every nation to get interested in it. Therefore we emit series of new subscription shares of 1,000-francs suisses on following conditions:

1. Shares can only be subscribed by M. T. S. or members of the Order of the Star in the East.
2. They are not transmissible, cannot be sold nor given and cease with the death of the titular.
3. Interest shall not be paid in money. Per contra, each share gives the right to its owner to live every year a week in the Community's Guest House.

(Life at the Guest House costing about 10 francs per day, interest served in this way would be 7 per cent. A member subscribing fifty parts would live his whole life in the Community. A sum of 50,000 francs, bringing about 2,500 francs interest per year, it is easy to see that this sum would not insure its owner as comfortable and happy a life as he would find in the Guest House of the Domaine de l'Étoile.)

Therefore we send a warm appeal to all members of the Theosophical Society and the Order of the Star in the East who are interested in our Community and could help and sustain the unfolding of an organism which may bring a new and important factor in the construction of the coming world, based on theosophical teachings and answering to the pressing social call of the Star.

For the Conseil-Directeur du Domaine de l'Étoile l'Administrateur: René Borel.

N. B.—Many members of America, Australia, England, France, Holland, India, Poland, Sweden have lived in the Community, and should you wish their testimonials we should be happy to forward them to you.

**Subscription Formula**

I, undersigned, wishing to promote the extension of the Community "Domaine de l'Étoile," Céligny, declare subscribe.....shares of 1,000 Swiss francs, for a total sum of francs.....

I am a member of the Theosophical Society.

I am a member of the Order of the Star in the East.

I accept that the interest of this sum be served under the form of a week's residence per share and per year in the Guest Room of the Community.

This sum shall be paid by me to order of Mr. René Borel, administrator of the Domaine de l'Étoile (address: Céligny, near Geneva, Switzerland).

Datum:.....

Signature:.....

Address.....

N. B.—Members answering our call are requested to fill this leaf and to send it back with their signature to Mr. René Borel.

As soon as the subscription shares are gathered, Mr. Borel shall send the title-deeds, with attached tickets. They shall deal as proof of receipt and of residence in the Guest House of the Community. *Of course, the unemployed tickets of one or many years are valuable at any other time of subsequent years.*

**Anent Our New Star Shop**

We have to report that we are now nicely settled in our new quarters and that our sale of books and supplies grows steadily, though slowly. We have had a number of calls from total strangers, who, having seen our sign, came in to ask about our work. Practically every one who has come in has expressed an appreciation of the coziness of our rooms and have spoken of the very nice atmosphere pervading the place. Our aim is to make it radiate a spirit of such warmth and helpfulness that the Great One, when He comes, will be attracted to it.

We are going to see, too, if we cannot emulate the Star Shop in London. If that small Section can maintain such a shop, we, with nearly ninety Groups, can at least try, instead of scraping along with such a meager supply of funds that we have to count every penny before we spend it. We want to build up a trade in books along theosophical and kindred lines, as well as Star books, that will send our message all over the United States. But to do this we will have to have the real, *interested support* of *all* the Centers. It takes money to build up a stock of books; pamphlets cost a great deal to print, and unless we print in large quantities we cannot supply our Groups with them at a cost that will permit of ready propaganda, and so all along the line. So that the Groups themselves must decide whether we shall all do a great work from now on, as our Head expects us to do, or whether we must give up these aims and simply die of inanition. Our isolated members also should do their bit from time to time, when possible. Some of our Centers support Headquarters splendidly, but they are only a half dozen. If each Center would send even a dollar a month, that would be something to count on. But the ones who do the least are the ones who expect us to be ready at all times when they wish to supply all kinds of fancy cards, book-marks, etc., etc.

We will count on all Group officers to bring this matter up in their meetings and to explain to their members that we carry all the Star and theosophical books and pamphlets, incense, music, etc., and ask them to send us all their orders, as we make a nice percentage on all the books and supplies we sell, which will go to forward our Star message. All can help our propaganda work in this way, even when they are unable to make out-and-out donations. LET US ALL WORK!

(Mrs.) HELEN F. PURMAN.

**Council of Service**

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL RECONSTRUCTION

MRS. ELIZABETH DEVEREUX, *Councillor*.

This month, for stimulation of thought and discussion,

there appears below a set of questions on problems along the line of Social Reconstruction, which all members are invited to answer and send their conclusions to the Councillor before May 1st. Those which may prove of use to all students will be published.

As we are changing from nationalism into universalism, it would be well for us to ask ourselves these questions:

1. Will the Pacific Pact be of value?
2. Should there be a tariff law?
3. Wherein does sovietism aid in solving the world's problems?
4. Why are peoples of all lands gathered here?
5. What do we learn from each nation?
6. Have we fulfilled our duty toward them?
7. Has the American Legion any place in the forward movement?

Surely each and every member should have valuable opinions on one or all of these, and as well the desire to create healthy discussion by forwarding to the Councillor their answers before the first day of May. Address Mrs. Elizabeth Devereux, 1728 Vine Street, Hollywood, Cal.

#### Department of Animal Protection

MRS. EMILIE SHARPE, *Councillor*

In the case of the "Protection of Animal Group" (which belongs to the International Group of the Order of the Star in the East for the Protection of Animals), as an International Program has been given us in the December *Herald of the Star*, consisting of eight suggestions along lines of work, the secretary of each Center would send to me, as Councillor of that department, every three months, a summary of the work done by the Center on work for the Protection of Animals, with a list of the home town associations and the national associations with which the Center co-operated. The exact name and address of those national associations, with their methods (in brief) should be in the secretary's report. Those summaries from the secretaries of the work done for the protection of animals are to be condensed by me into a report to be sent, every three months, to Mme. Maughan, Paris, France, Director of the International Group, who will send a summary of all work done in all countries to the *Herald of the Star*, every three months.

Copies of the Federal laws can be had by applying to Washington, D. C., and State laws from the Secretary of State, at each State capital. It is well to have in each Center a copy of the laws in regard to animal protection.

Humane organizations will be found in many schools. Get in touch with this work among school children, newsboys, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, etc., in order to have the rising generation imbued with a love of animals, butterfly and insect life. Photographs can be taken of butterflies and insects without impaling them.

All butchering should be guarded from the sight and sound of children.

Study up vaccination—vaccines, anti-toxins, etc., and the disgusting methods of procuring them. Study the vivisectors' methods, for although the vivisector flourishes, as a rule, only in cities where there are medical schools, the filthy "by-products" of vivisection—vaccines, anti-toxins, etc.—are sold and spread broadcast, and diseases, such as tuberculosis and syphilis and other plagues are rampant. Vivisection is the most hideous crime against animals and the human race. Some of the States are working to pass laws against this evil, notably California, and Oregon will have a bill against vivisection, I

understand, before the voters at the Spring elections. Members should work for and vote for these measures. Those members who have a compassion strong enough to stand the details of the abominations of vivisection—the cruel, useless experiments on children in orphanages, on patients in asylums, and on paupers, can get descriptions of the experiments from the Medical Journal records by applying to Mrs. Diana Belais, President of the New York Anti-Vivisection Society, 456 Fourth Avenue, New York City, and to Vivisection Investigation League, Room 411, United Charities Building, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City.

I have not ascertained the methods of the Jack London Club, but members can read Jack London's "Michael, Brother of Jerry," especially the "Foreword." I quote one sentence from it: "Cruelty as a fine art has attained its perfect flower in the trained-animal world." He gives three suggestions: First—Let all humans inform themselves of the inevitable and cruel treatment by which only can animals be compelled to perform before revenue-paying audiences. Second—That all men, women, boys and girls, who have so acquainted themselves with the methods of animal training, should become members of and ally themselves with local and national organizations for the prevention of cruelty to animals. Third—(In short) is this: Those people who have not the will to join such organizations, can at least express disapproval of the training by leaving the theater until the animal turn is over, to show the management that such turns are unpopular, and they will gradually be given up. Home newspapers are always willing to publish articles on any good work done in the town to improve morals. We are told that "it is essential to get as many published as possible."

For text books on vivisection, vaccination, toxins, it would be well for each Center to purchase the following: "Medical Opinions about Vivisection," by Dr. Hadwen.

"Dr. Desbrow on Vaccination," by Physical Culture Corporation.

"Leicester: Sanitation Versus Vaccination," by Biggs.

For further information address Mrs. Emilie Sharpe, 1214 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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