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# THE TEMPLE

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PRIMARILY, The Temple is a cosmic organic centre, the constituent parts of which are the units of collective humanity.

Coincident with the original impulse, the first emanation from the Central Spiritual Sun—the Universal Heart—came into manifestation, the Father-Mother-Son, the triangular corner stone of The Temple, upon which is rising age by age, a geometrically perfect edifice. The cap stones to the pillars of the porch, and outer walls are now being laid preliminary to the work of the roof-builders—the humanity of the sixth great root race.

The place of each stone is determined by the law of selection, and the same law determines the different Degrees and Orders which lead to and from the great Stone of Sacrifice which rests upon the pavement of the Central Square.

The development of outer conditions, planes and personalities must keep pace with and correspond to the development of the interior man, or evolutionary force would be diverted from its proper channels.

When the Craftsman or Apprentice to any Degree has finished his term of service, and has mastered all the details of the work, he is "recognized" by the Master Builder, and raised to a higher Degree, although he may never be conscious of the presence of that Master, until his apprenticeship is completed, and he in turn becomes a Master of a lower Degree.

The organization of The Temple, the members of which belong by evolutionary right to a certain Degree of Cosmic Life, which Degree is subdivided into seven Orders, is the continuation and expansion of the work of the Masters re-vivified in this country a quarter of a century ago by certain chelas or disciples.

To the efforts of the Masters is due the impulse which has caused the great advance in scientific, philosophical and social endeavor; for they are the guardians of Ancient Wisdom and Knowledge, in which lies the root of all progress; and the work of The Temple is to cultivate and embody the highest principles of all such endeavor in one stupendous living organic whole.

It is a common belief that the fires of the altars of the Ancient Temples have been permitted to die out; but "those who know" say this is not true; that they are but hidden from the view of the masses, awaiting the time when the veil of ignorance and corruption hanging before the hearts of the humanity of this transitory period, shall be rent asunder, and the light of the ages becomes manifest to all. The time is comparatively close at hand when the doors of "The Temple of the Mysteries" shall once more swing outward. The Site of that once wonderful structure has been rediscovered, and when the Lord, the Saviour, the Elder Brother of the human race once more appears to claim his own, He will find a place prepared for him by those who, having heard his call, "Come over and help us," have faithfully responded, and have taken up their share of the burden of responsibility. Are you of that number?

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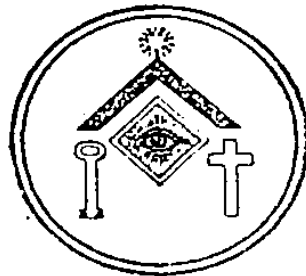
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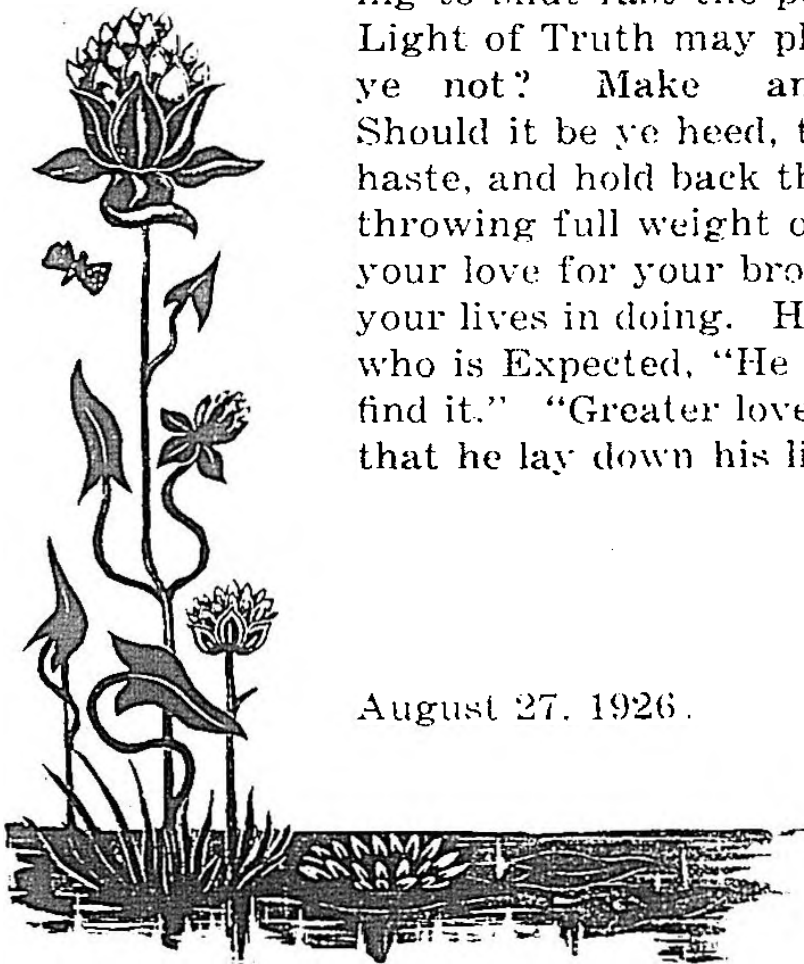
*Behold, I give*



*unto thee a key.*

## DOORS OF IRON

The iron doors of Selfishness, Tyranny, Exclusiveness are slamming hard in the face of Him who would make entrance into the hearts of men. Do ye not hear them bang against the threshold of your own homes and Temples, banging, swinging on the currents of intellectualism, disturbing the rest of the Little Ones, endeavoring to shut fast the portals through which the Light of Truth may play? Heed ye not, or care ye not? Make answer unto yourselves. Should it be ye heed, then rise, spring to place in haste, and hold back the cruel doors of iron by throwing full weight of your love against them—your love for your brother man, though ye lose your lives in doing. Hath it not been said by Him who is Expected, "He who loseth his life shall find it." "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."



August 27, 1926.

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**FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP:**
**The Light of His Coming.**

The light of the solar orb is darkness to that Inner Eye which may pierce the ether to rest on the waves of Akasha.

Sight would vanish from the outer eye if but a single ray of the Light from the great Central Sun should pierce its depths. Then whyfore dost thou turn away from him who tells thee of the coming of a Christ, who is the very Light of that same Central Sun, when it is only in mercy to thee that a shade hath covered thine eyes?

Never yet hath God denied a call His creatures made in unison for help in times of need, and now from every plane of life ascends the cry: "Send us Thy Son to lead us back to Thee, for we have wandered far afield!"

Though thine eye hath not beheld His glory, thine heart doth catch the beat of His Own Heart, thine ears now catch the faint echoes of His footsteps. One by one the stars now feel the pressure of His feet as, on His way to earth, He pauses at each star to leave some measure of His glory, lest He blind thine eyes when He shall reach thy side.




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**FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP**
**The Morning Star Speaks.**

The greatest effort of the Lodge in long cycles of time is endeavoring to impress itself upon you. The Morning Star has risen over the Manger wherein was born your love for one another, man and God. The Seven Conscious Planes of Initiation, the Voice of the Great Companies, the Signs of the Heavens, the All Seeing Eye, the Enduring Heart, the Love that Never Faileth, all have been given unto you to illumine, guard, strengthen, and protect that Manger over which the Morning Star hovers to guide humanity for revelation, worship, and service to the Christ. Unto you has been given the Charge; within you has been placed the Trust; through you is made the possibility of carrying the Light of the New Era into the darkness of a suffering world. Do you realize your responsibility? Do you recognize your privilege? Do you

feel the high hope, the fervent prayer resting in you to be true to the trust imposed in you, the trust of holding yourselves so pure, so faithful in every respect that the Image of the Heart of Christ may be mirrored within your lives so clearly that it may become the Keystone for the New Race to build upon. Unto you I the Morning Star speak. What answer give you to me for the Great World Mother?

—Hilarion.

October 16, 1926.

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE MASTER  
on  
THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE LODGE

The Departments of the Lodge are **definite**, compassed squared, lined, by Supreme Order as vested in Planetary Law.

The Departments of the Lodge are **definite** but not fixed. The Ruling Power over a Department, is fixed, as a star is fixed in the heavens, only by means of its Spiritual Inheritance to maintain the position or to lose it because of dis-unity with its true hierarchal line, placed or displaced by Divine Law.

The Departments of the Lodge as such are adjustable to their respective Rulers, as the Forces of Nature are adjustable to, influenced, modified, mastered by, attuned to the planets as they move in silence and light throughout the full extent of the course of their orbits.

Within Sixty Day Cycle from this date, or until the Arrival of the Vernal Equinox, vast changes will be taking place throughout all Nature and within the Lodge, Fundamentally, Departmentally, Scientifically, Astronomically, Mentally, Astrologically, Astrally, Physically, Mathematically.

As never before in the time of those now in embodiment, has opportunity been as great for study, investigation, discovery, development, spiritual and otherwise, nor will it be as great again for a long thousand years to come. Truly may it be said of the Present Moment—Man may contemplate the heavens with reverence and awe.

The reason may be readily understood by those who study life from the standpoint of inner cause and effect, karma, and the Law of Cycles. The Mesianic Cycle now activating every atom, molecule and cell of life with the ever increasing intensity of its electronic essence only made but faintest impress and suggestion upon

mind and consciousness of that which is to come and come with startling rapidity and far sweeping power in the near future. In the Words of Morya: "Fast moving Star Dust is passing in wide open cavern". This statement is figuratively and literally true. Astral Forces are sweeping through open channel as result of the effect of change in heavenly bodies governing them. Nothing that now is shall remain as it has been, for as is always the case in the breaking of an Ayataric Dawn, all things, all nature, human and Divine, are lifted into greater light and life, or held in death and outer darkness, according to their power to work with Law. Karma of Worlds, Races and individuals is being carried by the fast moving stardust, as opportunity for the same lies in the cyclic uplift for all who are able to subdue the lesser for the sake of the greater, who are able to give themselves to the accomplishment of the Divine Plan and Will upon Earth. Such cyclic moments needs must bring changes into the organizational body and movement used by the Lodge as its direct channel and outlet for force, structural and constructive in all respects. Such changes refusing to be made through rigidity or resistance of any kind on any planes, would result in the organization being broken and shattered to bits, and so become gradually useless and nonexistent in so far as Lodge use were concerned.

In such periods as the present, complete change of polarisation takes place in nature in relation to the dominating principles in action. That which was blue become red. The Blue indraws, that the Red may be given Full Karmic Opportunity. The Red holds dominion over the Cycle that the Potency of the Blue may be increased within all manifestation, thus giving it power to take the upward step of its Opportunity. Nothing is lost. There is no actual difference. The balance is held perfect. A turn is made in the Wheel of Life. East becomes West. North becomes South. Center remains over the Center.

Try to understand these fragmental remarks as preliminary and preparatory to more which shall be given during the Sixty Day Cycle in detail, and now in the hands of our Agent, regarding definite and radical changes throughout the organization and work generally, the different orders and departments.

Put the Light of Soul and Intuition upon all things. Co-ordinate your forces and yourselves with me and with one another through me that you may prepare yourselves for the reception and true understanding of all that is before you, and that we may work together as One Body, One Soul, One Heart, as the Vehicle of Him who would Uplift the Light of Life for the World. You may be assured all that is to be shall be for the Good of the Whole, and not one shall be forgotten.

—Hilarion.

January 21, 1927.

### CONCERNING THE COMMUNICATION OF JANUARY 21st.

Concentration on the given duty, on The Charge, purpose, direction, outline, of Lodge and Life Forces should be the end and aim of Templars one and all. The particular cycle now half run (January 21st to March 21st) has not been called to your attention for mere sake of calling.

Lodge forces are now being conserved in word, direction, command, out-going of any and all nature, character and description. Suggestions offered, orders given, ways pointed, are made but once. The hour is too far advanced, the fruit too nearly ripened to permit of repetition of instruction, as to ways or means. The heat of mid-day sun fast follows springtime blossoming. Those who would gather the harvest must not only watch the clouds for gathering storms, the rain, the wind, and the sun slant, but prepare, cultivate, moisten the soil, prune and labor aforetime. The bin, the storehouse, the haven, must all be made ready. These things the Lodge has promised shall be to those who work, hear, obey, listen. Forget not, you too are the Lodge—Children of the Lodge, the Father, the Mother. Unto yourselves do you make promise when you work with and for them. Count your days and your moments for usefulness, something to put in store. Play if you must while Hosts, heavenly and otherwise invade your lands, homes, temples, but let work be your play, if Heavenly Hosts you would welcome. If these you would entertain, work as though night were coming when man no longer works.

Energy, order, system, will, consistency, shall serve you well if you cultivate and use them beforehand. Self abnegation, sacrifice, singleness of purpose, centralization are required without saying. Gloom is not their companion but joy past telling, joy in service rendered. Beautiful shall be the feet of those who walk upon the mountain tops for their sandals shall shine with the light of the kingdom, and beautiful also shall be the light in their faces.

Take not this as repetition, reprimand, commendation but simply a note in passing, wafted to you for your benefit and blessing on Fragrance Sweet of Sandalwood. Account is taken when you little dream or think. How it stands you know, each one for himself. He who watches over slumbers not nor sleeps.

—Hilarion.

February 21, 1927.

The particular directions concerning the work referred to in the communication of January 21st will be sent out in the very near future with another communication bearing on the same from the Master. In the meantime, members should read carefully and assimilate the instruction and principles contained in the communication now sent.

—William H. Dower,

Guardian in Chief and Agent of the Lodge.

## THE LAMP

Temple Teachings.

Open Series No. 214.

Out from the Eternal—the ever living Heart of God—the Central Spiritual Sun—in ever increasing, widening waves of fire, serenely rides the Bearer of the Torch Celestial, the Torch which is to light afresh the flickering, dying Lamp within the hardened heart of man, the Lamp which burns without the aid of wick or oil through aeons long and sheds its beams of light in seven distinct cyclic rounds—the Lamp of consciousness.

Man enmeshed in matter stands now within the focus of that Light, the focus fixed within the last cyclic round of a wave. If this Lamp has been kept alight and trimmed, his vision or line of life will plunge diagonally through each one of these seven waves, from the circumference of the last wave to the center; and at each juncture of a life line and wave he will find new worlds, new beings, new forms of life confronting him, forms both like and unlike his own, replicas of his own form and forms of others far beyond his present power of visioning. And one day, when his purification is complete, his resurrection from gross matter accomplished, his inner eyes will be opened to the mysteries unveiled in the countless ripples set in action by the powers of those diagonal lines, and he will learn that despite the findings of his outer consciousness, there has never been but one world, one universe, nor can there ever be more than one at any future time.

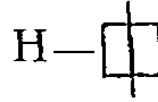
All the matter in which man has been enmeshed is illusion from the standpoint of the spiritual plane. His belief in all seeming differentiation was, for the time being, necessary for his development, and such differentiation of matter was entirely dependent upon his angle of vision at different eras of his cycle of manifestation. Also he will learn that these angles were formed by the direction given the beams of light—his spiritual illumination—which came directly from the Central Spiritual Sun and were radiated by means of the Lamp when the individual soul had gained sufficient power to receive and transmit the cyclic influx of power set free by the Bearer of the Torch—the Christos.

But if he has allowed the oil to burn out of his Lamp through neglect and the wick become vile, it will not take the flame; the Lamp has become useless; and the Bearer of the Torch must pass him by. What is there in mortal life of the nature of pain and suffering to compare with such a tragedy? Yet, knowing of like tragedies in the far distant past, man still blinds his eyes and fills up his ears that he may not perceive the signs of the day, while he blocks up the paths to safety for himself as well as others, and shrilly cries to the multitude, "Follow thou me!" and the multitude follow.

Here and there is one who catches a glimpse of the Torch Bear-



er and holds up his Lamp to be lit. There is joy in heaven as the flame of that Lamp ascends and peace in the heart of that one.




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### THREE WEAPONS OF THE BLACK LODGE

The three principal weapons used by the ruling powers of the Black Lodge to destroy the foundations of the Temple of Humanity and render abortive the age-long efforts of the Initiates of the White Lodge are Disobedience, Ambition, and Jealousy.

Such success as the Initiates of the White Lodge have met with has been due to the power of the Evolutionary Law, which makes no allowance for the destruction of the human race, and therefore compels the saving of a remnant in each age, but at the same time, leaves no alternative save that of a repetition of the same fundamental lessons when each new race reaches maturity.

Each newly incarnating race must take up life's lessons at practically the same point that the preceding race had taken them up. The same Egos are compelled to review the same fundamental lessons, for the reason that they fell under the same forces of inhibition in each life, or were inhibited by the same qualities in themselves in each life, and so are obliged to fight against the same or similar foes until a victory is gained over them.

Is it surprising, then, that these qualities crop up in every group of disciples, in every church, in every nation, and succeed in splitting it asunder, and must continue to do so until a recognition of their destructive power has led a sufficient number of people to a determination to conquer them at all costs?

—B. S.

(Hitherto unpublished. —Ed.)

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### SHADOWS

Commenting upon shadows, one of our daily newspapers refers to a singular fact relative to the persistence of shadowy forms cast upon an oily surface for an appreciable length of time after the material form which cast the shadow has vanished. This appears to

be a link in the chain indicated in the Master's instruction, the oily sheaths, page 24 in book, Teachings of the Temple.

If, as is believed by the orientalists and taught by our own philosophy, the shadow is a definite, semi-intelligent form—the lower astral form—which can only become visible on the material plane under certain conditions, but which has an independent existence after the soul has departed, until the body is disintegrated, the oily substance of the combined sheaths of all the cells in existence would seem to furnish a medium upon or within which all the shadows—astral bodies—of all manifested forms could find life and expression for a definite length of time after physical life has departed from those forms. If such a state of homogeneous substance exists within space, which is drawn upon by each growing body and which is an absolute necessity to each cell or molecule of matter, and if any shadow or astral body cast upon or within that substance may remain there indefinitely, that substance (which), dependent upon certain conditions of the universal light rays for independent expression, would appear to be one phase at least of that plane or state of existence we term the astral plane, (and) the continued existence of the astral body after death would seem to be a demonstrable fact to most people, when the real nature of the shadow has once been scientifically proven. —B. S.

(Hitherto unpublished. —Ed.)

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### Queer Shadows You Can Leave Behind. (From an old newspaper.)

There are many superstitions about shadows, but a freak of nature has produced something in that line that quite outdoes the product of Oriental imagination—real shadows of your figure that will remain after you have walked away from the spot. For a short time the sun can actually shine on this freak shadow without obliterating it.

To many Orientals one's shadow is a sacred thing. It must not be stepped on or treated with any sort of indignity; it can be "stolen", and that is a crime to be wiped out in blood; to say "May your shadow never grow less" is a civil and much appreciated salutation.

But no Oriental ever pretended ability to leave his shadow behind him. This feat, however, is easily accomplished under certain natural conditions which science has lately explained.

The Phenomenon was first observed in the oil producing regions of California, where there are many large ponds of crude petroleum. The strange property of the surfaces of these ponds of retaining for a few seconds any shadow cast upon them was for a long time a

mystery even to the natives. Incredulous visitors were astonished to observe that their shadows remained on the surface of a petroleum pond for ten or fifteen seconds after their bodies had been withdrawn from between them and the sun.

They could walk along the margin of a pond, stopping for a few seconds between steps, and leave a row of their "freak shadows" on the oily surface. It was uncanny; nobody could explain it.

Then the logically inquiring mind of science came along and observed that the longer an object obscured the sun from a certain spot on the petroleum surface the longer the shadow remained after the object had been withdrawn. This was the only clue required. It was plainly a case of change of temperature of the oil from which the direct rays of the sun were shut off, and a consequent physical change in the oil surface, which is reached constantly by millions of minute gas bubbles from below.

With the sun shining on the surface these gas bubbles meet the air and burst more quickly than when a shadow intervenes. Wherever the shadow rests, with a cooling effect, the little gas bubbles accumulate and defer their bursting till the sun again warms them. Consequently the exact "print" of the shadow is fixed for a few seconds on the oil surface even after the object that cast it has moved away.

The whole phenomenon—an uncanny one indeed, when first observed—is due to the supersensitiveness of the rising gas bubbles, which accumulate without bursting when subjected to a slight lowering of the temperature—which a momentary obscuration of the sun is enough to produce.

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### They Called It Mystery.

They called it mystery of old;  
They told me God must needs withhold  
The plan and purpose of his schemes,  
The warp of fabric and the themes  
Of Nature's songs; but I persuade  
The soul of me that God has made  
A pact with men that, though things fade,  
The lustre must return, and in the jet  
Of things a million color schemes abound.  
And so with feet upon the ground  
And head aloft, I look.

—Thomas Duncan Ferguson.

April 8th, 1923.

## BLAVATSKY DEPARTMENT

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This department will be confined to the teachings of H. P. Blavatsky. In it will be published, so far as possible, the views expressed by H. P. B. on any given subject.

Our readers are requested to send in any questions on any subject which they wish to have elucidated, and we will endeavor to search through the writings of H. P. B. and publish her teachings on such subjects.

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**Question.**—How does the teaching that the Avatar is to appear in 1928, co-relate with the statement in the "Secret Doctrine" that he would appear in the latter part of this century?

**Answer.**—There seems to be some confusion here between the coming of the Avatar and the incarnation of lesser entities or World Teachers. We are told that during the last 25 years of each century there is an effort on the part of the Lodge to impress certain great truths and teachings upon Humanity, and for this purpose a great world teacher is incarnated. In the last century this teacher was undoubtedly H. P. B. herself, her mission being to upset and break up the old or crystallized dogmatic creeds and hide-bound superstitions which had taken the place of pure live religion, and to substitute in their place the teachings of the Ancient Wisdom Religion: The seeds she planted in the minds of the race are now deeply rooted and growing apace and sending forth here and there in the world a beautiful growth which will ere long blossom out into the flowers of Love, and Truth and Brotherhood. No doubt, in the latter part of the present century another World Teacher will come to us, and help, by his or her efforts, to lift Humanity still another step along the path of evolution which it is travelling. These great teachers are not Avatars in the sense that the word Avatar usually denotes. In the "Key to Theosophy" we read as follows:—"During the last quarter of every hundred years an attempt is made by these "Masters" of whom I have spoken, to help on the spiritual progress of Humanity in a marked and definite way. Towards the close of every century you will invariably find that an outpouring or upheaval of spiritual force—or call it mysticism if you prefer,—has taken place. Some one or more persons have appeared in the world as their agents, and a greater or lesser amount of occult knowledge and teachings has been given out. If you care to do so you can trace these movements back century by century, as far as our detailed historical records extend."

Now an Avatar, as defined by H. P. B. in the Theosophical Glossary is "Divine Incarnation. The descent of a God or some exalted Being who has progressed beyond the necessity of Rebirths into the body of a simple mortal."

These incarnations of Celestial Being occur at periodic intervals, and there are greater and lesser incarnations, but the incarnation referred to as that of the Avatar is that of a very high celestial being, He who will usher in and give the Key-note, so to speak, of the new age, the Aquarian Age. This incarnation occurs at intervals of about 2000 years, and it is the time for influx of a great wave of uplifting spiritual force and enlightenment.

In the Temple Teachings, page 508, we read: "Whenever the subject of 'The Coming Avatar' comes up for discussion in a mixed audience, there invariably arise the questions, when, where and how will the expected Avatar appear? Will it be at some designated time or place? Will he come in some super-human body, accompanied by wonderful exhibitions of supernatural phenomena? Will he be born of woman and grow to maturity in circumstances similar to those which environ each one of the children of the present race, only to meet with similar affirmations and denials to those which met the last Avatar when he announced his mission to man?"

Strong assertions have been made as to the reincarnation of the last Avatar in the body of some child born in the present century. In a number of such instances, the assertion is conscientiously made, and has been based on some apparently supernatural phenomena which were believed to have preceded the birth of the child, thus fixing the belief in the mind of the mother and her immediate friends, if they have forgotten or ignored the fact that many other mothers have had similar experiences and are even now making similar assertions.

Those who believe in a literal translation of the statement accredited to the Master Jesus by His disciples, after His crucifixion, to the effect that His Second Coming would be "in a cloud with power and great glory" find it difficult to accept the claims above mentioned.

The student of Occultism who has accepted the teachings of the Masters of Wisdom anent the illusory character and the impermanence of all matter on the physical plane, and the reality and endurance of the three higher of the seven states of manifested life, namely, Atma, Buddhi and Manas, is prepared to accept the statement that the Christos, or Buddhi, "the first born son of God", is in fact a state of energy, although far beyond the investigation or even the imagination, of man in his present state of existence. It is taught that this state of energy is actually Spiritual Light, the original source of all Light, and that it is reflected within the mentality of man, and also in that of every living creature in varying degrees; therefore every man is a potential Christ.

The brighter the illumination of mind resulting from the reflected light of the Christos, the more rapidly does the mentality of the normal human being absorb, or assimilate and generate that energy and approach the state or evolution which makes possible his admission to one of the highest orders of manifested life, The Avataral Order, in which he is prepared for open avowal of his mission to the world. A fully prepared Avatar has gained full power over physical life and death and over all matter which constitutes form in the lower orders of life. He has passed through myriads of lives in those lower orders, as well as through many of the higher orders of Adeptship ere he reaches the Buddhistic State from which he enters the state of perfection—wherein he becomes an individual Christ, a "Saviour" of the race to which he belongs by evolutionary right.

At the beginning of every great age in the earlier stages of a Mahavantara, the Avatar karmically connected with the units of a previously great race, reincarnates in the body of a child, grows to maturity and eventually proclaims his mission as teacher and therefore Saviour, of all those who may accept him."

Much has been and is being written on this subject. It is uppermost in the minds of very many people today. "When is he coming?" "How will he come?" "Will he appear in the clouds", "or incarnate as a child?" One learned writer enters into a long and tedious discussion, or rather argument, as to the kind of clothes he will wear!! Could anything be more ridiculous? A God is to incarnate among us, and we are interested, not so much in the spiritual uplift he will bring us, as in what he will wear and eat. No doubt if he fails to conform to our accepted standards and prejudices and fit into the little moulds we with our little minds have created, we will crucify him, as we have always done. And there are already "false Prophets" aplenty—blatant rogues and frauds, some of them; selling Mahatmaship at so much per capita, loud mouthed orators proclaiming and advertising their wares in the marketplace,—fortunately only a few of these; but of the self-deluded ones there are many, and it would seem as though the only requisites for the gaining of a following were an inflated ego and a chronic verbal diarrhoea.

But there are also many who are "preparing the way of the Lord", who have caught a faint foretaste of His uplifting vibrations and are and have been sowing the seeds in the hearts of man which will develop into a fitting resting place for Him.

## THE SPIRIT OF NEPTUNE

Wherefore I got me ready and made the thought in me a stranger to the world illusion.

—Gnostic Fragment.

To man, having transcended his duality or sense of separateness, Neptune reveals in a sensitive brain the vibrations of the Logos in a further restored memory of God, His law and name.

Duality has required, hitherto, in the experiences of the religious life, formularies, creeds, appearances, and separateness. Under Uranus the two modes of consciousness were united, the objective to the subjective, a preparation for the Divine marriage. Neptune confirms the union of the soul with the spirit, the Divine marriage, the water made into wine. The mystic silently rises in wisdom above the changing opinions of the passing hour.

The miraculous birth of Krishna in a cow-shed, of Jesus in a stable, symbolize Light born where lower mental conditions held sway. Mortals are yet far away from the spiritual tide of these truths. Such teachers speak from direct cognition, direct Light. This Light, difficult to explain or even hint at its meaning, is that of Neptune's vibrations in the Logos manifest. It is the Light that reveals the Eternal in freshness and beauty.

Notice the soul born with Neptune well placed in the horoscope, placid in the silence of profound insight; he feeds himself while on earth as if he were in the kingdom of heaven. He prays consciously for that holy bread to give life and beauty to all. His vibration knows no opposition. He knows the right use of love. He is a reflector, flashing back the holy Light like a jeweled prism. He is a brother unto all.

The Four Great schools on earth have known of this spiritual liberation, a liberation which gives the right use of memory. The law of the Neptunian is that of loving action; so his words, full of truth, command all nature to respond to his wish. He is the essence of power. He is at once the Prophet who sees into the Past and the future, the Priest who can readily use a symbol to veil or unveil an eternal truth. He is the King who has one will, noble and Divine—Prophet, Priest, and King.

The spiritual centers of the body vibrate in a new life full of virtue and new power. You will notice when Neptune is afflicted in a nativity there is a peculiar absentmindedness with vagaries and ill-balanced thought. These conditions prevail only when the soul for a time is divorced from the objective mind in action. When Neptune is exalted and supported by other major planets the meaning of Nirvana, Rasa, Bliss is experienced in the functioning of the higher manas.

Neptune's vibration is of the spirit, beautiful and glorious, with the power to reflect that beauty and glory in nature. Its energy bestows in the world of changing forms, prevision, fore-knowledge, unity. He can supply food from the "one loaf" to the great multitude, and yet there are baskets of fragments left. He lives the life of heaven on earth, the kingdom of heaven being within, knowing that in giving life to others he has more abundant life himself.

The pouring out of the life blood on the Cross is the joy of the Initiate, for blood represents only a conveyance of the spirit. To pour out the blood means to shed forth the spirit of new life and thus bring about redemption, nearness, an altered condition uniting all forms of life with no separateness. He lives in all forms of life at the same time, time and space being annihilated. He can at will see and know what is transpiring in any part of our planet. Having received the three great gifts, the gold, frankincense and myrrh, at the birth of this new life, or we might say, having a true will (gold), having the knowledge of the priest (frankincense), and the intuition of the prophet (myrrh) he goes forth as the teacher.

Sometimes this exaltation is referred to as a "white soul," as an "old soul," or again, as in the Gnostic Fragments states a "first-class soul." Such a soul is a forerunner of a new cycle, for he wears the seamless coat of Truth undiminished. Let me give a quotation: "The meaning is that when the soul receives the Divine Seed, the first births are spotlessly white like unto the light of utmost purity, to radiance of the greatest brilliance, as though it were a shadowless light of the sun's beams from a cloudless sky at noon."

We can join in this seraphic vision the glory of the prophet who said, "Out of Egypt (spiritual darkness) have I called my Son," or another fragment from the mystic Luke, "And he shall reign over the house of Jacob (an arch or dome of the sky) forever." The soul is no longer wrapped in swaddling clothes, but fully become, having attained the spiritual majority.

Spiritual truths are not a little misleading when historicized. The spiritual birth of the Light-Christ is a perpetual event, and discovered we can affirm like Simeon (perception) in the Past, who rapturously exclaimed when he saw the Embodied Light in form, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

Neptune is the eighth planet, and the eighth mansion of the heavens esoterically denotes death, change, and a new cycle, a cutting off, or circumcision of the flesh. It also means "the gateway of eternity." The vibration hides in its fineness supernormal knowledge. Neptune rises out of the foam of the ocean, we read, out of states in which mankind were ages unconscious of Divine knowledge.

A soul under Neptune's vibrations is in communion with the soul of man as well as the soul of the universe, possessing the supra-



sensual or power and knowledge beyond forms, enjoying powers of pre-vision. It gives the rapture of a forward view of life, an unfettered spiritual knowledge. The soul in this exalted state is filled with the breath of God, an incarnation of holy Brahma, possessing reminiscence, not of one life but all the lives up and through all organic forms.

All true memories of the soul are memories of pleasure, beauty, of spiritual conquests and victory. Pleasure memories of the ordinary mind are easily retained, but more so of the soul, for the pleasure memories are never lost or forgotten.

The child of Neptune is early aware of the awakened centers not physical, through which he recovers memories of the beginnings of a cycle of manifestation, the very history of the macrocosm. Through these perfected soul-centers he feels the very Source of life. Nature's secrets are revealed, for such a soul is a perfect lover of truth, and all his spoken words—being truth—become effective.

The macrocosm is faithful to the Divine direction, and in like manner the microcosm or cosmic man is Divinely directed, bringing forth a gem-producing idealism, a Divine body which ascends unto the Father.

Reviewing the life of the soul, we see it ever an atomic part of the Divine Soul with powers like God's power, spiritual in essence. While the soul is enthralled in matter it seems for a time to forget it is a servant of Deity, and so, believes and enjoys its physical powers only, forgetting it enjoys these powers and will through God.

While in such form it has material desires and believes matter real, and so, is termed an "idolator," worshiping images, gripping to material things as of great value, and trouble indeed follows. But it cannot always act like a child, for the child must grow to maturity, therefore, the soul must, while in flesh, succumb to a rotative principle of matter in measured action like unto the Logos-form seen in the Solar-system. This rotative principle is the Solar-Logos, told many times in many ages in myth and mystery plays.

Matter is only a reflected power initiating the soul for a cycle of time, teaching the soul to unfold its vision, its power in Divine action. We have ignorantly thought of the laws of matter in terms of punishment, correctives administered by an angry God. We have perhaps wondered why we should be born in matter. It is to acquire knowledge and use of the soul's creative, god-like powers, and under the finer rhythm of Neptune, it loves to correct or modify all its desires and wills, that it may partake more of the Will and Divine attributes of its Real Self.

This finer rhythm corresponds to the different hidden centers in the body, namely: the creative centers, also the psychic, phrenic, noetic, sympathetic, the whole of the cerebro-spinal system, and the aura. The virginal spiritual powers are awakened in these centers in silence. It is the winepress of the seven harvesters spoken of in

Revelation, also the glory aura and the glory authority.

Neptune acquaints us with the seven cities in the human body, Ephesos, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyateira, Sardeis, Philadelphia, Laodikeia, which are but the names hiding the sealed vital powers and spiritual processes in the living consecrated temple, the body of man.

—Coulson Turnbull.

### THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE

The Temple of the People was brought into existence on this plane in the year 1898 with headquarters on the Atlantic coast. In 1903 the headquarters were moved to Halcyon, Calif., from which Center it has continued to function the higher spiritual Forces of the Masters of the White Brotherhood to the present time. In 1924 a beautiful and symbolic Temple was built, where all the religious and devotional services are held.

The spiritual Founder of the Temple of the People is the Master Hilarion, who is the Regent or Ruler of the Red Ray. His cycle of manifestation began in 1898, and he is the Annuciator of the Avatar who is to come "for the help and comfort of all the races of the earth."

In addition to the spiritual support and teachings imparted by the Master Hilarion, the Masters Morya and Koot Hoomi have also from time to time imparted important teachings and rendered great assistance to the Master Hilarion on promoting the good and welfare of the organization from both the inner and outer standpoints.

The Masters referred to have been in constant communication with those in charge of the Temple movement on the various planes of being. Much of this has been purely interior, but at times letters have been received on the outer planes through the ordinary mail, and at times some of the Masters have been contacted by one or more of the inner groups in physical bodies, in broad daylight, and in the presence of many witnesses.

In other words, the same Masters that were back of H. P. Blavatsky and the Theosophical movement have been and are back of the Temple of the People, so that it is a direct continuation of the work of the White Brotherhood as inaugurated through that Great Soul known as H. P. B. Therefore, the purposes of the Temple of the People are essentially the same as those given forth by the Theosophical Society when started in 1875 in New York City, the first of these objects being "to form a nucleus of a universal brotherhood of humanity without distinction of race, color, or creed." The

other objects, namely, to study and understand the psychic and latent powers in man and to study all of the religions of the world with a view of finding the thread of truth running through them all, have been constantly observed in the work and through the teachings sent out by the Temple of the People in its official magazine, **The Temple Artisan**, and in the various books and booklets published by the organization.

In addition to the objects and purposes briefly outlined above, the most important object of all has been to give out to the world the announcement of the coming of an Avatar and to help prepare the minds and hearts of the people for that Great Event.

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## TEMPLE BUILDERS LESSON 201

### The Vernal Equinox.

Much is being said today about the approach of the Vernal Equinox. What is meant by the Vernal Equinox and why is there so much talk about it this year Nineteen Hundred and Twenty Seven? The dictionary will say the Equinox is the point at which the sun crosses the celestial equator or when the days and nights are equal. The Vernal Equinox is the one that occurs in the springtime, about the twenty-first of March, when things are beginning to show life, become green, growing vernal upward throughout nature when the sap begins to flow. It is the time when the sun crosses the equator on its way northward.

But why so much talk about it this year? The Vernal Equinox takes place every year and is often scarcely mentioned except to remark, how beautiful nature appears. Too often these beauties are not even noticed by those who walk and live among them.

This year, however, many people are looking for something especially beautiful, wonderful, different from other years to occur.

Are the trees to be greener? Are the flowers to be brighter? Will the birds sing more sweetly? What is going to happen?

It is something very different from any of these things that is expected. It is something that will require careful looking to see, close listening to hear, and kindest living to find.

What is it? Can no one guess?

It is something in the lives and hearts of people that is being looked for, hoped, expected; something more beautiful, gentle, unselfish, true, than has been before, in thoughts and deeds, something more wonderful than the blossoms, grasses, birds, and colors of nature.

But why should this happen more this year than others? Because people are hoping, looking for and expecting it to happen is the first and greatest reason. Kindness must first be felt in the heart before the acts can be kind. Truth must first be desired before it comes to anyone. Love must first be given before it is found for one's self. All these things of the higher part of life, that make better men and women, happier children, more useful boys and girls, sweeter living in every way—first have to be wanted by the people themselves. As soon as they are truly wanted they come much sooner.

This is the reason people are looking for something to come around the time of the Vernal equinox. They want something better in life than has been, they want to be better themselves, and they know nature is most active, most beautiful at that time than any other, and they are expecting nature to help bring brighter things into life.

Nature always does help if people work with her, so they are right in thinking she will help now. She has her own ways of helping, however, and people must study and learn her ways if they want her assistance.

The Vernal Equinox is the time selected for the Easter Festival in the Christian religion. It symbolizes the resurrection of life from the tomb of winter. In other words, it symbolizes the manifestation of the Christ force in nature, in human hearts, and in all things.

At this particular Equinox, Nineteen Hundred Twenty Seven, all the inner signs as well as outer ones in the heavens and nature, reveal a marvelous manifestation of heavenly and earthly forces, marking the end of a great cycle and the beginning of a new one when great events may happen. This is the reason the Vernal Equinox is being looked forward to especially this year. All people who think seriously know it is a time of responsibility in doing the things required to make life better, truer, and happier, and an opportunity also for accomplishing nobler and greater things.

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## EDITORIAL MIRROR

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We call our members and readers attention to the "Communication of the Master on the Departments of the Lodge" in this issue and on the comments concerning the same.

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During the past year the Temple has been the channel for great volumes of light and energy, flowing from the Great White Lodge into the Aura of the world. Three of the Great Masters of the Lodge have been instrumental in transmitting this great spiritual energy to the Temple, and while the Force and Light is the primary thing, the inspiring and marvellous Messages and Communications that have accompanied this Manifestation of White Lodge Force is sufficient evidence in itself of its exalted source, in the Universal Lodge of Light and Life.

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The Masters Hilarion, M. and K., are the Trinity of Master-Forces, energizing and inspiring the work of the Temple of the People. Master Hilarion is of exalted status in the Great Lodge and is the Regent of the Red Ray, that Ray which has ever been the Announcer of the Avataric Dawn. Hilarion's Cycle of manifestation for world work, and for the unsealing of the Mysteries began in 1898, when he called into being on the outer plane of existence on a certain date, place and hour, by definite initiation, the Temple of the People.

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Since 1922 the Temple has been under the forces of expansion, and its lines of influence are being spread far and wide and into re-

remote corners of the Earth. In addition to its Avataric Mission, the teachings of Hilarion have ever inculcated the ideals of unification, so that the Temple of the People has ever been ready to co-operate sympathetically and in accordance with the true principles of brotherhood, with any person or persons, groups of persons, or mystical or other organizations whose objects and purposes were for the good and welfare of Humanity generally, without distinctions.

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In the history of the Temple work during the past 28 years, many attempts of brotherly co-operation with other peoples and organizations have failed because of ambitious elements, or personal forces would enter in on the part of others. During the past year, however, a true spirit of brotherly co-operation has been found to exist between the Sacred School's organization at Oakland and the Temple of the People, with evidences that certain other organizations were also inclined to enter in. As a result of the experiment and experience of the Sacred Schools and the Temple we feel we have found the true secret of co-operation and unification, and invite all other peoples and societies similarly attuned to become one with us in this simple and yet effective plan of unification which includes mutual helpfulness without any organization becoming the branch of another, and also without loss of identity, or mixing of the lines from the standpoint of organization.

In other words, we are justified in saying, it is brotherly co-operation and unification in the Spirit of the Great White Brotherhood Itself.

—W. H. D.

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### THE GREAT PYRAMID

**The Great Pyramid; Its Divine Message.** By D. Davidson, M. C. M., Inst. Struct. E. and H. Aldersmith, M. B. (Lond.) F. R. G. S. London, \$8.00 postpaid. Halcyon Book Concern, Halevon, Calif.

In this book the authors undertake, by a sifting of previous works and some contributions of their own, to bring the question of the nature and purpose of the pyramids, especially the Great Pyramid, to the most final scientific conclusions to date. But when the occultist opens the book and reads on the reverse of the title page that, "Jesus Christ by HIS DISPLACEMENT paid the purchase price of mankind's Redemption and effected the salvation of all who

truly believe on Him," he is prepared for shortcoming and shortcomings there are.

The book is an extensive work of nearly six hundred pages with many elaborate plates and tables together with mathematical and astronomical reckonings based on pyramidal dimensions and movements of the heavens affording valuable data for an advanced student. But it should have been written by an occultist; for there was, as every occultist knows, a vast body of occult knowledge possessed by the ancients which gave them an approach to life utterly at variance with that of modern science and certainly with that of Christian theology. Until researchers into the ancient world free themselves from the fetters now holding them, they never will rightly understand the works of the ancients. But be it said in this connection that his work and other recent books by the orthodox go far beyond the first bounds of even a few years ago, which is hopeful.

There is little doubt that the Great Pyramid stands as a "monument of measures", carrying the "Plans of the stars and historical and prophetic records". At many points the book comes near to the great truths recorded by the Pyramid but misses many because of its basic lack. At no point is the failure more evident than in the case of the Egyptian King Lists whose chronology the authors declare to be "entirely fictitious", unless, perhaps, it is in connection with the Biblical Deluge which is placed at 2345 B. C.

If the Pyramid stands as a divine instrument, measuring the precessional and the annual ages and cycles of the earth's history it must record more than one deluge. Seeing that the Pyramid was erected by the Atlantean Race and remembering Plato's story of Atlantis as told him by the Egyptian priests it is inescapable that record of this last, or Poseidonis deluge should appear in the geometry of the Great Pyramid. The priests told Solon that this deluge occurred 9600 B. C.

We can expect the Pyramid to record the cycles of human and terrestrial history from the dawn of things because every ancient people begins its story by telling the story of the race; and the story of the race is its own story. This is so because the divine pattern fits alike a universe of an atom; as above so below. And also because there is passage from the macrocosm into the microcosm by the law of correspondences. These correspondences are the bridges which preserve the unity of the Cosmos in the midst of its diversity. To illustrate: the year divides itself into four parts; the two equinoxes and the two solstices, and to these the day of twenty-four hours corresponds. Midnight corresponds to the winter solstice, morning to the vernal equinox, noon to the summer solstice, and evening to the autumnal equinox; as in the great so in the small.

Did the writers of this book know such as this they would know, when they turn to the early Biblical characters, that Adam is

the name of an age and a stage of human evolution, and that the parallels they try to draw between the early Biblical characters and the Egyptian King Lists are cyclic parallels of time that mark off thousands of precessional years. They would know also that at the dawn of each age there is a Progenitor, a Father or Founder which fact validates the Egyptian King Lists and combines both myth and history, making the Kings of these Lists not mere monarchs who might have reigned three-score and ten, but the founders of ages; and the ages themselves. It is out of such knowledge as this that the Lists were made.

Furthermore, history, to them, did not exist as a mere succession of events. In such a monument as the Pyramid history was recorded, but it was soul history, history from the viewpoint of the inner life of man. From this we see that the ancients were concerned with those epical events which fell upon the revolutions of cycles, many of which occur in the history of men and nations without being recorded by the historians of surface events at all; they are inner happenings. Or, perhaps they are recorded as purely astronomical or geological occurrences when as a matter of occult fact they enter into the soul history of the race.

When we look at these matters from this point of view we see how futile are the efforts made by the orthodox to figure out the chronology of the Bible by what they find between its two covers and to discover the story of the Pyramid by the *modus operandi* of modern science. There is a dawning realization of the fact that to understand Bible dates aright, that is, to make them work in any reliable chronological way another key must be sought. A writer in the Encyclopaedia Britannica under the caption of Number suspects that this key was held by the priests, and it is noted by the writers of this book that the priests of Egypt had a way of figuring pyramidal dates by a sort of theosophical reduction. But they discard this as being impossible. It is such as this, however, that will furnish the lost key by which the interpretations of the cyclical pyramidal records can be achieved. It is such as this that forms the "basic Principles" of Pythagoras which appear as foolishness to the scientific mind; which scientific mind might do well to ask itself that if Pythagoras erected, above his "basic Principles," such a magnificent superstructure of mathematics which they do understand isn't it possible that what they are looking on as foolishness is after all the depth of wisdom, carrying within it the true answer to the questions they are seeking to solve?

This book endeavors to make a final fixing of the date and of the Pharaoh of the Egyptian oppression of the Jews. But it is a question if any of the dates set, involving large cycles are correct.

The Father of an age, especially of an astrological age carries within himself both the age and the ruler of the age, which fact is often designated by his name. For instance, Abraham, or Abram



is compounded of Ab, or Ad, meaning father and Rama, the ram, which signifies the astrological Age of Aries. This definitely places the time of Abraham circ 2100 B. C., or at the dawn of the Age of Aries. And, in this connection we are constrained to ask, What relation exists between Abraham of the Hebraic MSS which compose the Old Testament and Ramses II of the Egyptian Kings, for, obviously, both names point to the same astrological setting.

Knowing as we do the clouded origin of the Bible MSS and knowing, also, that in Alexandria, when that Mecca of religious thought was in flower, there existed a group of Hebrew mystics who were the most powerful and influential scholars of the time, it appears as in no wise impossible that the Old Testament was written right out of Egypt, tho not by Egyptians. There has been more than a little speculation in this direction. But whether Abraham and Ramses signify the same High Master as Regent of the Age of Aries in the land where the Arian civilization really developed or not we are, in the light of the name, justified in placing the date of Ramses at about 500 years prior to the date assigned him by the authors of this book who make him out to be "the Pharaoh of the Oppression".

Albeit, there is a doubt if there ever was such a thing as an Oppression, the same being purely fictitious from the viewpoint of "history". It is history only in the sense in which we have been considering history, viz., the story of the soul. Possibly the Israelites were in captivity, to the Egyptians as they were to the Babylonians. But such a fact, if fact it is, is merely used by the writer of Exodus as a peg upon which to hang the story of the soul. When the Jews got their new name, Israel, they discarded the name Jacob which means "to follow after". Israel, according to Young's Concordance, means "ruling with God", and according to Swedenborg, "the celestial Spiritual man". Egypt is made to stand as the land of darkness, plagues and suffering which beset the mortal man.

When the call came to the Israelites to "rule with God" they had to go up out of the land of darkness into the "promised land", the land or state of Redemption promised the soul from the day of its "fall" into generation. To get out of this land the soul has to cross the Red Sea. And what is the Red Sea? It is the sea of blood, the sea of the carnal man, the passional, animal man; of Adam whom the Rabbis called "the blood of the world". The "sea" also is the sea of Maya and mortality. The Israelites, born into the state of "the celestial Spiritual man" went up out of Egypt and the "waters" parted for they were prepared to "rule with God" in the Promised Land. But the Egyptians, dwellers in the land of darkness and children of the flesh pots, could not cross the sea; they were (are) those engulfed in the appetites and passions of the lower man.

Such is the story of the passage of the Red Sea which, taken

literally, is equal to the story of Jonah swallowing the whale, or was it the whale who swallowed Jonah? But these are the things the records of the ancients tell us, even the records of the Pyramid, and they must be known and accepted by the scientific researchers if they ever hope to rightly know.

But by no means all of the calculations of the book can be subjected to adverse criticism; and, as said, there is a wealth of other material which is of deep interest to the student who is a mathematician and an occultist. Upon the valuable scientific foundation afforded he can rear his own superstructure. There is a reading given in the Preface, and based on the passages and chambers of the Pyramid, the polar inch, and certain wall grooves which gives the dates of the beginning and the ending of the War. It says: "The Pyramid's astronomical dating for the Entrance Doorway of the 1st Low Passage into the Antechamber is the 4-5 August, 1924 A. D., and the dating for the termination of this passage on the threshold of the "Chamber of the Triple Veil" is 11th November, 1918 A. D."

If this is so another date given a little further on is of deep significance to Templars. As all Templars know, the Temple was founded an esoteric organization as the Order of The Sun, or of the 36, which is the Avataric Order for the Age of Aquarius. And to that Order the Master made the first scientific proclamation, based upon cyclic law, of the advent of the Avatar at the dawn of the coming Sixth Race. Since then all manner of information and rumor about the advent have sprung up. This was in 1898, and we are told that thirty years from that time, or 1928, would be a date of great moment. Hence it is interesting to find this date set down as an epical one foretold by the Pyramid! "It symbolizes also a second period of burden and tribulation—from 29th May, 1928 to 16th September, 1936 A. D."

—F. W.

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### "THE MORNING STAR"

The first printed number of "The Morning Star", the official magazine of the Sacred Schools, has been received, and is a credit to the Schools and its editor, Zareda. It contains many interesting articles and departments. The light of common sense pervades the editorial utterance, and the explanations of the symbols of the cover design is illuminating and interesting. The "Department of Unification" is unique, and in the department we find extract of the Founder's Message quoted above, as well as three inspiring Master Messages quoted from the Temple Artisan, also a full page article

on the Temple of the People furnished by the Guardian in Chief of that organization, and which Zareda says she considers so good that with the Temple permission she will run it on the inside back cover of the Morning Star as a permanent feature.

"The Lords of the Flame" by Zareda begins in the first number and is of absorbing interest and full of thrills. The article "The Inner School of Christianity" by Zareda, is very interesting and instructive, both from the mystical and historical standpoint.

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## TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

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Hermes Square of New York City has evidently been resurrected through the efforts of our comrade, Julia U. Welton, a letter was sent to all members in New York, Hoboken and vicinity, and a splendid unification meeting was held on February 6th last in the apartments of Mrs. Blackman in the San Remo Hotel, Central Park West. Reports from some of the members indicated that it seemed just like a Halcyon Convention Force outpouring.

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The book "Teachings of the Temple" is circulating steadily, and the first edition of 2000 copies is about half sold. The book is highly appreciated wherever it goes, and from letters received, it seems to be circulating in most unexpected quarters, in foreign countries as well as on this continent. Every member of the Temple should have a copy of this wonderful book, every page of which is replete with inspiration of helpful instruction. The book has about 700 pages, clothbound, stamped in gold, price \$3.00 postpaid. Send orders to The Halcyon Book Concern, Halcyon, California.

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A devoted Templar and comrade, John W. Taylor in Clarksburg, W. Va., an author and who has a splendid sense of literary

value, writes, "It seems to me that the book is remarkably well printed as I have seen very few variations. The only variations I have noticed have been in spelling of a few words which are spelled differently, each way having dictionary authority. I would advise members to read the book through and keep on doing it over and over again, regardless of whether interested in some articles or not. And particularly would I advise members to read and reread those articles which impress them the most. I have found, and I think they will, that articles that particularly appealed to me, open my intuition to an understanding and appreciation of other articles more obscure".

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