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THE TEMPLE

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 revived 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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Behold, I give



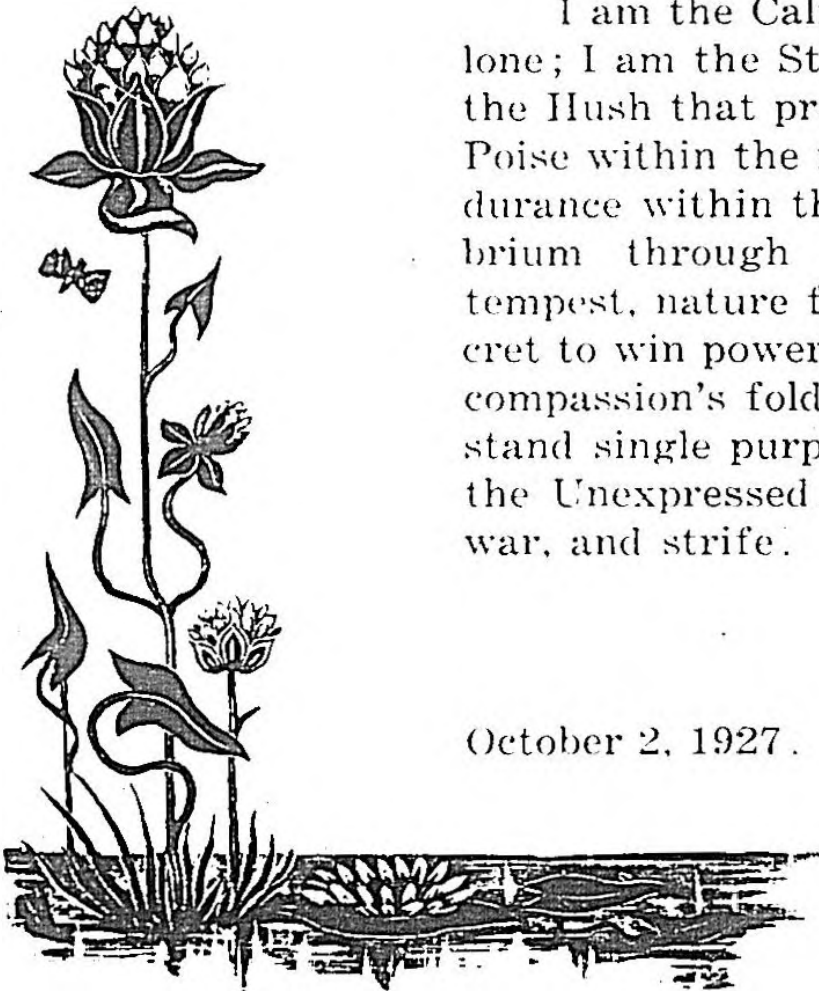
unto thee a key.

COMPASSION'S POWER.

I am the Calm Center within the Cyclone; I am the Stillness within the Storm; the Hush that precedes the Whirlwind; the Poise within the fierce raging Fire; the Endurance within the Hail Blast; the Equilibrium through all—fire, tornado, quake, tempest, nature forces voicing life. The secret to win power over them lies deep within compassion's folds, the Power of the Soul to stand single purposed, alone, attuned with the Unexpressed. All else brings unrest, war, and strife.

—MORYA.

October 2, 1927.



FULFILLMENT

May hope fulfilled sing its glad song in thine heart this day of Christ, and may the evening star whisper a paean of praise in thine inmost being as thou seekest thy rest.



THE SPIRIT OF LIBERTY

In the words of the Spirit of Truth I cry unto you of open ears. Hear ye the word which the Lord thy God sendeth to you by my voice and hand:

"The fast bound Spirit of the East now calleth to the free born Spirit of the West to open the paths long closed by the demons of superstition. Only the new born Spirit of Liberty out of the West hath power to strike off the chains of the bound and open the paths through which my wandering ones may come back to me."
September 18, 1920.

THE ARMAGEDDON

It is a Battle to the Finish you are fighting and the Lodge will win. There is no compromise, no playing with fire. It is Life or Death, and it shall be Life. You are dealing with Forces, Smoke and Light, Noise and Silence, Mercy and Hate, God and Demons. The Armageddon is upon you. The Stroke of the Lightnings of the Tongues of the Flames is reverberating in thunderous peals 'mongst the Clouds of Darkness which are breaking in downfalls of precipitation of rain-storms they can no longer retain. Woe be unto them who remain not under shelter, but who expose themselves to the Terrors of the Blasts which have but begun. Woe be unto them! And woe be unto those also who are accountable for the

gathering of the clouds, the blowing of the winds, the breaking of the storms. Woe be unto those who loose the elements of their uncontrolled nature upon the Helpless Little Ones, My Little Ones, who are dear unto me as the blood of my Life, whom I would lift to my heart, carry in my arms, hold to my bosom, protect and shelter from harms way as I would shield mine own face from the Sun of Equator, the Ice of the Poles. They who do harm unto My Little Ones, the Helpless, the Children of Light and of Love, shall know the Terror that walketh by night and the Arrow that flieth by day. But for those who abide under the Almighty Shadow, who dwell in the most High secret place, shall it be said: No harm shall come nigh them for He hath set His love upon them, therefore He will deliver them. They have known His name and He will set them on High. They shall call His name and He will set them on High. They shall call and be answered. He shall be with them in trouble. No harm shall come nigh them

HILARION.

(The Annunciator.)

November 2, 1927.

THE WATCH-DOGS OF THE LODGE.

On either side of the entrance doorway to the Temple of the Mysteries, on the topmost step of approach, sits on guard, on its haunches, a Lion of the Lodge, keeping watch on all who pass therein and out.

A few steps lower down, on the pathway that leads to the steps, stands the Dog of the Master Initiate, Devotion's Self, with eye for none but the Master, his interests, his protection, his love and approval, guarding unto death, if need be, defending unto death, all that represents the Master, expressing in full the purest and highest of all life's qualifications, Devotion to Principle, Loyalty of Service, and the Shrine and Initiate through whom the Power is realized, bestowed, made active within his own being.

Privileged is he who passes that Faithful One, that Watcher unto Death, to enter the doorway of the Temple beyond, for it bespeaks his own right to Initiation. Favored still more is he if he safely pass between the Silent Lions on the Threshold. Silent, still they are, that the poise, serenity of the Aspirant be not disturbed. Sleeping, off guard? Let none so think! Vigilant beyond outer sight are they—vigilant through power so great, through scent so keen that first breath of enemy, slightest sound of footfall shall cause them to spring and slay from either or both sides if necessa-

ry. Not for thirst of blood do they spring, for food in abundance do they have. Of tainted blood they will not partake; Neither will they permit that it shall be placed upon the Sacred Altar within, and it is for that purpose they keep watch and guard upon those who pass that none be carried through.

Friends, Royal Dogs, faithful, devoted, loyal unto all who pass are they, for do they not demand that the lower shall be sacrificed unto the higher, that darkness shall be overcome by light, that the beast shall give way, be conquered by the spirit? Can there be greater fidelity on part of man or God?

Blest be those who can recognize their friendship, their fidelity, who in entering have been permitted to place a hand upon those kingly manes. Favored still more shall they be, favored by their own souls' winning, if they realize that it is not enough that they enter in purity of spirit. For they must forget not that it is more important by far that they carry out nought of value and possession for themselves, nought belonging to the accoutrements of the Shrine, for should they do so, let them know full well, be warned and doubly warned they shall not escape the Paw of the Twin Lions, the Fang of the Dog that Watches, the Triplicity that Sees without seeing, hears without hearing, feels without touching, knows without investigation. Maimed, crippled, life-blood spilled and flowing, shall be the fate of those who shall undertake to pollute or rob the Shrine

Life ever increasing shall be unto those of the Pure of Heart, the Devoted, for they too shall have seen without seeing, heard without hearing, felt without touching, and shall know for themselves. They shall have also for Friend, Servant and Master in One, the King of the Jungle, the Hosts of the Heavens, and they shall be led into eternal safety by the Hand of the Little Child, into the Place of Peace. And the Lamb and the Lion shall lie down together and rest.

HILARION.

September 20, 1927.

THE HAND OF COMPASSION.

Temple Teachings.

Open Series No. 219.

Considerable has been given during the immediate cycle regarding Compassion, both by myself and those others associated with me and directly concerned with the guidance and welfare of the Temple. The Brotherhood is constantly working within Com-

passions Law as it endeavors steadily to Call the Attention of the disciples in aspiration and attainment to Mastery to the absolute necessity of realization and exercise of Compassion if they expect fulfillment of their desires, efforts and out-reachings even in a small degree.

Compassion has been dwelt upon particularly, stressed with greater emphasis than usual during the closing and opening of the cycles which have but recently been blended, because of the fact that it is The One and Only Way by which the Past can be redeemed of its mistakes and the Present be secured upon the Foundation on which The New Age may be builded and function successfully. This is true in any day and age. It is most distinctly unavoidable so today. You can understand this for yourselves, by giving a little thought. The Avataric Force is Compassion, therefore he who would become One With The Law let him first Know the Law and then act accordingly. It seems to be in the latter phase, in the Understanding of the Law that many of you fail. Compassion does not mean interfering with the spiritual evolution of an individual. Injection, interposition of alien or foreign element in critical moments with a single entity, soul or group of souls when karma is precipitating, adjusting or being transmuted by action of the Higher Law, may oft-times bring added suffering, complexities, and failures far greater, wider-spread and of longer duration in overcoming that anything an individual or group may be involved in at the moment of interference. Do not make the mistake in thinking Compassion is unable to witness suffering. The Brothers of Compassion stand by and watch the greatest agonies of soul, the fiercest tortures of mind and heart, and never interfere. They can even administer the Blow if need be and if Karmic Law demands. You have been told this many times before, but you forget when your outer eyes and ears become entangled with that which does not to you belong. It is your own suffering you would ease most often by giving temporary relief to those whose difficulties disturb your peace of mind. All-too often it is most regrettable to see your sense of self-righteousness or egotism arise and permit you to accuse another who has strength of spiritual will to stand still and allow the merciful law to work to a final and true release of a suffering comrade or friend while you, in your weakness declare: "He is not as compassionate as I. I will alleviate the pain I witness, and I shall be known among the elect."

Children of Mine, Disciples of Truth and Wisdom, read carefully. Know well if you discern aright between that which is yours and that which does not belong to you to touch. The Hand of Compassion is Rosy with Life and Power to lift whate'er it finds itself called upon to do, but it never acts unless the Finger of Law Points definitely in no uncertain line of Light. You would have a Key to help you unlock the Door of the Mystery to true Discernment. You

will find it in the words: "When I was a child, I spake as a Child, I understood as a Child, I thought as a Child, but now that I have become a man, I have put childish things away."

October 20, 1927.

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Comment on "The Hand of Compassion"

Interpret and apply each of you and all for yourselves, but watch that in so doing you charge not your brother of negligence because he may interpret or apply differently. It may be the Law is being fulfilled in him and you recognize it not. This is the Key of Keys, if when, in your hand you think you hold the Key to unlock the Door that to you would seem to loose and let a soul free, and in the doing you have one single thought of self, the faintest sense of superiority over any living thing or creature, and most particularly over any comrade or friend, then know full well it is but another Door to still greater anguish than before, you open not only for another, but for yourself as well, turned with the Iron Key of Desire and Compassion is not with you. In Rosy Palm of Transmuted Love, directed by the Forefinger of the Christs of Wisdom-Light lies Compassion's Golden Key, in utter forgetfulness of self, in renunciation complete, there abiding while the Law Itself doth work and man interferes not.

"Now you see through a glass darkly. Then you shall see Face to Face. Now you know in part, but then you shall know even also as you are known."

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THE CALL OF SELF TO SELF.

It is the call of self you hear, Spiritual and Material. The Self of Spirit and the Self of Matter can never meet. It is the Law. Know well which you would serve and obey the Call. The Heart-Shaped Paddles on the Golden Standard of the Scales of Kronos are turning upon themselves in effort to secure equilibrium, maintain supremacy of the Powers of Light and Truth over the Powers of

Contention, Tantalization, Evil. Winds whistle clear and high with cry of "Hear Me?" Know my Call? Follow where I lead. "Doors close fast and hard upon the heavy Past. Mills rock and bid to listen. It is a Call to be ignored by none; The Call of Self for choice—the Choice between Self and self, on the stroke of the hour of the Christ, to the Path which leads upward to Life or that which leads downward to extinction. The worn shoe lies by the roadside of self. The Immortal Robe awaits him who chooses to win and wear it. The Scarlet Sentinel, in whose living transparence all things hidden are revealed, made clear, and when all must pass, stands on the Threshold, sword drawn, keeping fast Watch which Choice of Path is made, which Call of Self is answered.

The Light Shineth. Great is the Light. Great is he who can stand within it.

Morya.

August 19, 1927.

THE NEW DAY.

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Between abstract and human intelligence there is an abyss which must be gulfed by the Soul standing alone and strong on the Wing of the Great Bird which covers and unites all.

Manas in its lower aspect has too long been wedded to desire, Kama Manas in its highest, Prometheus, the divine aspect, shall merge into, aspire to Buddhi, the divine soul. He known as Zeus, the human Soul, only, yielding to the lower passions, the jealous God, revengeful and cruel in its egotism, the Intellectual tempter of man, Zeus as serpent, shall perish from the earth, but shall notwithstanding beget, in the Course of Time and Cyclic evolution, the "Heavenly Wise One, the Man-Savior" who, with the coming tenth Avatara, the glorified Spiritual Christos, will liberate the suffering Christos, mankind, or Prometheus from its trial. Then will Zeus, Brahma, Ahura Mazda, Jehova the jealous, repenting, cruel tribal God of the Isrealites, and all their kind in the universal pantheon of human fancy and imagination be silenced, vanish and disappear in thin air.

And along with them will the dark aspects of these deities, their shadows, vanish from earth, those ever represented as their "twin brothers" and creatures in exoteric legends and as their own reflections on the earth plane, in esoteric philosophy. The Satans and Samaels, the Ahrimans and Typhons must all be dethroned on

That Day.—“Come to Us.”—and all dark evil passion be subdued.

The Law of Spiritual Development, the One Eternal Law in Nature, that always tends to adjust contraries and bring about final harmonies. The Law of Spiritual Development superseding the physical and purely intellectual shall free mankind from its false Gods, and finally bring it to the point where it shall find itself—Self-Redeemed.

An important Measure of Time closed August 19, 1927, on the Hour and Figure marked by the Clock of Kronos, the Golden Standard and Heart-shaped Paddles or Wheels. It is the same symbol as the Golden Lotos, Padma, the Feminine Aspect of Vishnu; in general application, the Past that shall be no more.

The curse of Father Kronos is all but fulfilled. The fiery bolts and thunder-peals of passion's self shall no longer avail. Pride and power of man shall be humbled. The opposite Arc of the Cycle has been re-struck, returned to, where woman knows herself, and the world at large shall discover and appreciate the truths which underlie the complexities and simplicities of man's relationship to woman and vice versa.

It shall be as “The Light that never shone on sea or land,” for the Serpent of Whiteness shall stand as Perpendicular Line of Power and be transformed into the Eagle of Still Greater Whiteness, perched for high flight and freedom never known before, and carrying in its beak abundance of fresh grasses for nourishment and nesting of the Race that Is to Be, with whose knowledge, dogmatic religions and their attending demons shall die out.

Time, Kronos, swallows its children, the personal gods of exotericism. Human fancy has been cycling downward in physical and intellectual development. The Death knell of Intellectualism has been sounded and the Birth Note of Spiritual Perfection has been struck when kronos can no longer be deceived. The Serpent of pure Wisdom, the Union of physical and spiritual Powers will beget a progeny that will overthrow the Mental Race with an Intuitional, a Mighty One that shall be Incomparable.

The Silent Watcher, the nameless one, the Great Initiator, the Sacrifice, stands and waits, stands and watches at his post which he will not quit until the last day of the Life-cycle. Stands to guide, to show the way to the voluntary region of light and life through the clarity of his own conscious sacrifice, that none may be lost in the desert of illusion and matter of Earth-Life. Stands a willing exile from the Home Country himself, that he may help others to succeed in the liberation from the bonds of flesh. Stands as Sacrifice to mankind; the Being, the Tree from which in all ages the Great Ones have sprung; the Objective Man of Mystery who though but few may choose, all may profit by the Great Sacrifice.

Scarlet, clear, transparent is the Sentinel, The Initiator. Blood of life does it offer to those who would become One with It. Blood

of the Life of the Christs for the Present Hour and Cycle.

The Heart-Shaped Paddles on the Golden Standard of the Scales of Kronos are turning true and sure and steadily.

Morya.

CONCERNING THE CLOCK OF KRONOS

That there be no difficulty or confusion in understanding regarding the Hour and Figure marked by the Clock of Kronos it should be stated that the Esoteric Hour of the falling of the Stroke is the one known to you as 10:30 p. m. August 18, 1927, on the Figure which passes into, overlaps with the calendar day of exoteric time August 19, 1927. The forces of the past cycle had lost their power on the P. M. hour before midnight. The Figure had not completed itself, united with the New Day until Past Midnight, the date of the Instruction August 19, 1927.

It is not as important that the minute and hour of the stroke be figured as that the purport and force of the teaching be comprehended and applied.

Morya.

AZTEC INVOCATION

Father the Sun! Father the Sun!
Great Father the Sun!
Hear Thy children calling,
O, calling to Thee!

Brave is the eagle,—
Braver Thou!
Sweet is the blossom,—
Sweeter Thou!
Bright is the lightning,—
Brighter Thou!

Awaken the corn seed deep in the dark ground.
Call the corn leaves to lift their green banners.
Make strong the stalks of the standing corn.

Give to the corn ears blue and red colors.
 Give white and yellow colors to corn ears.
 Heavy and full make the corn ears upon the stalk.

Father the Sun! Father the Sun!
 Great Father the Sun!
 Hear Thy children calling,
 O, calling to thee!

Great is the mountain.—
 Greater Thou!
 Deep is the ocean.—
 Deeper Thou!
 Strong is the West Wind.—
 Stronger Thou!

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Charles O. Roos.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE STARS.

To those of us who believe that stars and stones, atoms and galaxies, are living entities, no less capable of growth and development than ourselves, it is of interest to know that modern astrophysics is busying itself with the study of the evolution of the stars. It has been discovered that even now stars are being born in the heavens: of those which already exist, some are youthful, some in their prime, and others are slowly sinking into old age and darkness. But the study of the stars cannot be carried out without consideration of the structure of atoms and their parts, and it is a striking fact that our knowledge of the smallest things of which we are aware is incomplete without a study of the largest, and vice versa.

To visualize the evolution of a star through its life history we must first get an idea of the scale of our universe. To begin with the earth and the moon and planets might seem the logical way, but we must endeavor to get away from the ties of our extremely self-important but cosmically unimportant world, and this can be more easily done by beginning with the largest and working down.

In the constellation of Andromeda is a small hazy-looking object, which can be seen with the naked eye, but which in a moderately good telescope appears as a small diffuse spiral disk. All evidence points to the fact that this spiral nebula is another universe like our own, if by our universe we denote the stellar system which

includes the Milky Way and all the stars which appear to us as individual spots of light in the sky. This distant universe is so far away that to speak of it as being so many miles from us would convey no meaning; instead astronomers tell us that it is well over 200,000 light years away, where a light year is the distance a beam of light will travel in one year across empty space, at the rate of 186,000 miles a second. Thus a light year is over five thousand billion miles. This means, then, that the light by which we see the great spiral nebula in Andromeda left that universe over 200,000 years ago. Indeed, the whole nebula might have gone out of existence 190,000 years ago, and we would still be able to see it for the next 10,000 years. Other island universes have been discovered which are over 1,000,000 light years away. The light by which we see them must have left them when man was very young upon this earth.

Let us imagine ourselves living, not in our own stellar universe, but on some world in this distant nebula of Andromeda. We are looking from this new vantage point up into the sky on a dark summer night. We see countless stars around us; these go to make up the nebula in which we live. But what is that small hazy patch up to the left? Ah, astronomers tell us, that is a very important object; it is a distant nebula containing over a billion stars. It is almost 100,000 light years across. Somewhere about 10,000 light years from its center is an insignificant star which is called The Sun, but it is too small to see without the largest telescopes. Those stars look very closely packed in space from here, but in reality they are tremendously far apart. Thus the nearest star to the Sun is over twenty thousand billion miles from it.

Now let us come back to our earth and examine this galaxy in which we live from the inside. It is a tremendous disk shaped affair, much greater in diameter than it is thick. When we look off through an edge we see the stars very thickly packed—the Milky Way—,while off to one side they are much sparser. Our Sun is but one of countless millions of stars in this system; how many of them may have planets of their own, with worlds such as ours? If such exist we have no direct knowledge of them; we are justified in feeling, however, that it would be a peculiar thing if our Sun were the only star blessed with planets, while there are millions of others just like it. If we study these stars individually through the largest telescopes, we can see nothing but points of light, since they are so far away, but we can find out much about them. Many of them have been weighed and measured. Their external and internal temperatures have been found, together with the substances of which they are composed. In this way astronomers have been led to classify the stars in different groups, and it is becoming increasingly apparent that the different groups contain stars of different ages and degrees of development. Some are very large and red in color,

and are supposed to be quite young. Others are almost as large, but are white hot and much brighter. These form the middle-aged groups. Finally, still others are red but are extremely small, and this stage marks the falling of the star into old age.

Let us trace the probably life history of a star. In the beginning we have a large, fairly cool mass of vapor, a gaseous nebula, which stretches for billions and billions of miles through space. Such gaseous nebulae can be seen in various parts of the heavens, but should not be confused with the spiral nebulae, which are distant island universes. The atoms in this mass of vapor attract each other by the force of gravitation, and the whole mass, in the course of millions of years, slowly condenses into a smaller volume. As this condensation takes place the nebula becomes warmer, because the atoms are closer together and rebound from each other more often. So we have the mass of vapor getting denser and hotter, until finally it is condensed enough to be called a real star, a tremendously large star formed of hot gases. Such a star is called a red giant, and a number of the most famous stars of the heavens are in this class.

We can now visualize the process by which this star grows older. As it radiates light and heat into space it cools off, which causes its matter to condense still further. Apparently the process of condensation more than balances the heat radiated, for the star becomes hotter instead of colder, and finally reaches a state of white heat, all the while becoming smaller and denser. This process continues through countless ages until the star has reached the point where it can no longer become hotter while radiating, and it then begins to cool off, still getting smaller. It has now passed its prime and is nearing old age. Our sun is in this condition, for it is a small red star. Finally the star is no longer even red hot, and it grows colder and colder and eventually becomes a dark body. How many of these dark dead suns there may be in the heavens we have no present way of knowing. A few such have been detected when they happened to be near enough to bright stars to swing around them in orbits and at times eclipse their light.

In this picture of the birth, growth, and final death of a star we have omitted the most important point, namely the source of the energy which the star radiates as heat and light for countless millions of years. Many theories have been proposed, but it has not been until within the last few years that a satisfactory one has been found. Our own star, the sun, must have been at about the same temperature as it is at present for at least a billion years past, for fossil remains show that life of the type we know today existed on this earth that long ago, and organisms of this sort cannot exist at temperatures more than a few score degrees hotter or colder than our present earth temperature. This tells us that the cooling off process of a star must be an extremely slow one, for there is no rea-

son to suppose our own star exceptional. It has become necessary to suppose that the interior of a star is a laboratory where matter is actually being transformed into energy.

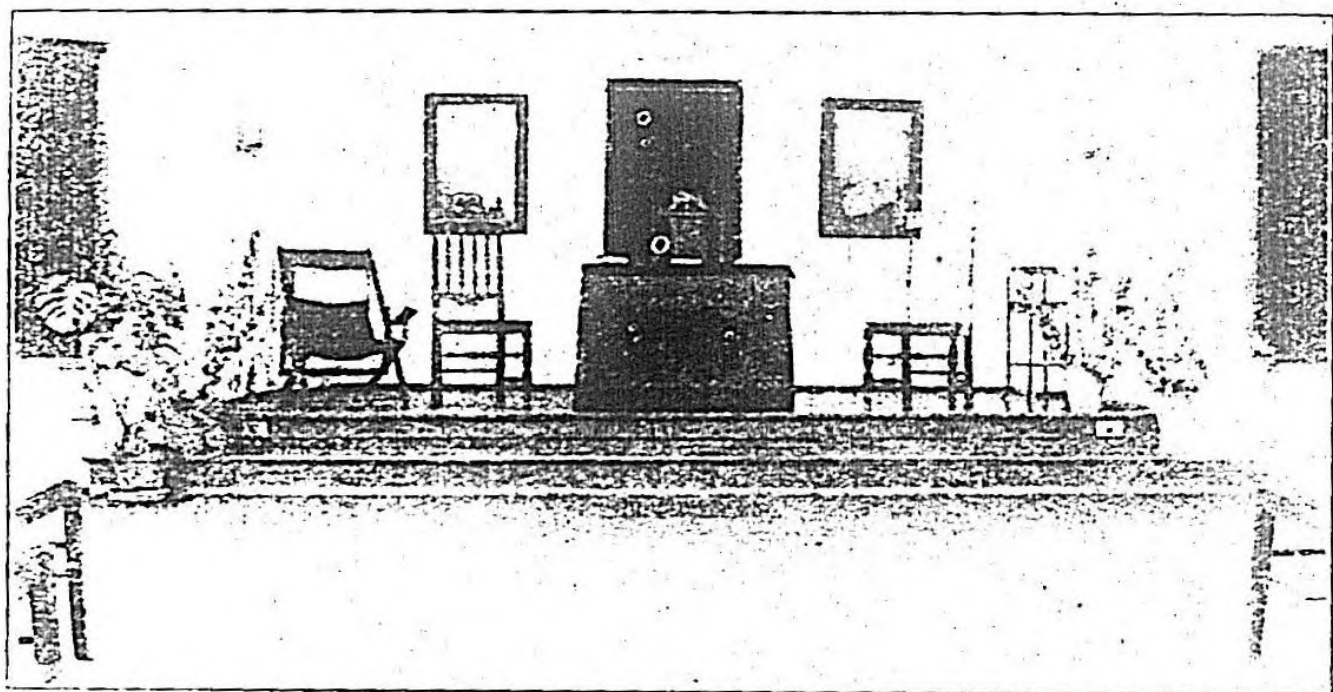
The temperature of the outside of a star may be found from its color; white stars are in the neighborhood of 30,000 degrees Fahrenheit, while a red star, like the sun, is only one-third as hot. But the temperature at the center is many times as great; in fact, the clue to the source of solar energy comes from the fact that a number of stars of widely different outside temperature are found to have the same central temperature of about 70,000,000 degrees F. Apparently this is the temperature at which matter breaks down into energy; presumably a positive proton, or atomic nucleus, and a negative electron annihilate each other as matter, and a pulse of energy is born.

The stars thus become giant thermostats, and are perfect devices for providing light and heat at a uniform rate for billions of years, so that worlds like our own can be kept at a constant temperature to serve as cradles of life of the form we know. When the sun becomes too hot it expands and cools slightly, which lowers its central temperature below the critical value of seventy million degrees, and matter is no longer transformed into energy. If the sun becomes too cool, it condenses and the rise in temperature sets free some more matter as energy which slowly fights its way out through the atoms of which the sun is composed and finally emerges at its surface, to travel off through the ether as a heat wave. The rate of energy radiation from the surface of a star is thus constant for many billions of years, or until so much of its matter is turned into energy that there is no longer sufficient left to raise the internal temperature to 70,000,000 degrees F., when the star as a whole cools down. Then does the star indeed cease to function as a sun; and the worlds it illumines grow cold. The life which inhabits them must then take on forms at present unknown to exoteric science.

--Dr. George R. Harrison.

The above is the essence of the interesting lecture given by Dr. Harrison during the convention last August.

BLAVATSKY DEPARTMENT



ROSTRUM IN THE TEMPLE

Owing to pressure of work at this Christmas season, the usual columns which we devote to the Blavatsky Department will be omitted in this issue, and in their place we are printing the accompanying photograph of the rostrum of the Memorial Temple at Halcyon. The folding chair seen at the left of the rostrum was the property of H. P. Blavatsky, and she carried it from place to place in her travels in the Orient. This chair was presented to the Temple by the Countess Canavarro who is at present a resident of Los Angeles, California. The Countess Canavarro was for many years a Buddhist missionary in Ceylon and so endeared herself to the natives by her work among the Ceylonese women and children that on her departure for America the Governor of Ceylon asked her what she would like to take with her as a slight token of their good will. Madame Canavarro selected this chair, and decided that the proper place for it would be the Temple at Halcyon, where it now occupies an honored position on the rostrum of the Memorial Temple, a fitting tribute to the great soul of H. P. B., who laid the foundation in the hearts of the western people for the work which the Temple is doing.

The Countess Canavarro obtained knowledge of the Temple through friendly contact and association with a Temple member of many years standing, namely, Mrs. Dell Munger of Glendale, Calif. Mrs. Munger told Countess Canavarro all about the Temple work, its fundamental purposes and objects, and its line with the Great Lodge and H. P. B. Hence her decision and desire that the H. P. Blavatsky traveling chair find a permanent and honored place in the Temple.

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EDITORIAL MIRROR

We call our readers' attention to the instruction in this number of the Artisan entitled "The New Day" which is of paramount importance because of the New Cycle we are entering upon. This should be read and re-read, as it contains much of extreme value and importance and will be elaborated from time to time in articles or instructions sent to members, either in the pages of the Artisan, or otherwise.

In this issue members will find a very valuable exposition of this instruction under the head "Hermeticism" by Mrs. Genevieve Kemble. This exposition will be concluded in the next number. We are sure that our readers, members and non-members alike, will appreciate this new department under the heading referred to, and which is clearly defined in the introduction under the head of "Hermeticism" in this issue.

We also wish to call the attention of our readers and members to the new edition of "Beacon Fires", printed and bound by the Halcyon Press. This book was first published in 1899 and consists of fragments of conversation with the Master. It has been out of print for many years and is a soulful and uplifting little book. It is bound in paper and in cloth. See notice of it under the head of "Temple Activities and Notices."

1928 is now with us, the year looked forward to with so much interest by Temple members. It will undoubtedly be a year full of astonishing happenings and outpour of forces of tremendous importance not only to the Temple, but to the human race.

A recent word of advice and warning from the great Master "M." refers to forces active at the time of this writing, and received

January 5, 1928. He says:

"Though you see Me not nor hear nor touch Me, yet am I with you and shall not forsake you. Is That not enough? I come to strengthen and encourage. I come also to comfort and to counsel. There is much to be inaugurated within the fortnight. Be watchful, quick to listen and to heed. Be prompt to act as well."

Also we have had a word of opportune advice from our Blessed Master-Father, HILARION, as follows:

"Keep your eyes on the mark—the Light Within. This will hold you within the Sandelwood Auric Sphere, and according as you accept and remember this, your lives will be pleasing unto yourselves and of greater service to others. I, or some of my associates will be stationed on each turn and along the way as well. Step by Step, should be the slogan. The Sandelwood odor was for the purpose of holding your attention and for protection also. It always indicates impingement of My Aura upon the near physical for constructive effort and use. It is the most satisfactory means available for distributing force generally, and for giving the immediate or individual touch. It is most important that you keep within the Aura of Sandelwood Force at this time in conscious intimateness and for some weeks to come, most particularly during the waning of the Moon. You should be **inpositive** with the Lodge, its desires and forces, in order that the negative aspect of opposition be overcome by your own auric power more than by the outer position and action you may and will have to take."

Only a portion of this instruction message is given, but it will be sent out to all members as soon as possible, with appropriate comments. Members at a distance may always be sure, however, that as they are in harmony with the center, whatever Lodge Forces impinge on this Center flow outward to them also, in proportion to their spiritual aspirations.

—W. H. D.

THE OLD AND THE NEW

In hush of midnight hour, through long lane and narrow, come I to reassure and gladden with bright glow of power. Between shimmering leaves, on soft lighted sky line of gently waving tops, watch for me. Low down, upon the ground, 'neath hard and heavy trunks, look for and find me, also. A pathway to your door have

you made for me, cleared and sheltered by your love and faithfulness. **Therefore**, do I come to you, in answer to your expectation, in fulfillment of the tryst between us, that the Light Shall Dwell Among You and Be Known unto All Mankind.

The new-born Crescent of Light stands upon the gray-green base of earth-mind. Within the grail between the upturned horns of light, the soul of man is carried and weighed in the balance by the gauge of the Brilliant Star above which glides upon the standard of self.

December 25, 1927.



The Old is passing into the New. The gold and crimson of evening are lost in the grays of sleeping skies. The Mantle of Night falls upon the Past covering all. Lift it not, unless it be to give power, courage, purpose, to the Hush which precedes the Morning,—the Morning of Joy, in Fulfillment of the Soul's Awakening to the Light of the Christ Within.

December 31, 1927.



HERMETICISM

By Genevieve Kemble.

Under this caption will be published an exposition of the Master Messages and Teachings of The Temple in terms of the Science and Philosophy known as Hermetic.

Hermeticism is based on the fundamental doctrine of Analogy and Correspondence. It comprehends exoteric and esoteric values of Occultism, with its corollaries in realms of Matter, Force and Consciousness.

It postulates that "whatever is, is double", that "whatever exists in the natural world exists in the spiritual world in a spiritual form, and whatever exists in the spiritual world exists in the natural world in a natural form." As above so below.

It synthesizes all arcane science and philosophy-- Astrology, Alchemy, Gemmetry, Esymbology and numerology), Occult Physiology and Biology, Metaphysics, Theosophy and Mysticism, comprising the seven wards of the Cosmic Key unlocking the doors to The Mysteries.

Its purpose is to stimulate the union of mind and heart, knowledge and intuition, in accomplishment of the Divine Marriage-of Love and Wisdom, spoused in the Celestial Chamber of Divine Consciousness. Its vision is the refining and subliming of physical being, the unfolding of interior functions and faculties, the exaltation of spiritual perceptions and aspirations, the ultimate merger of The One with The Whole.

The implements of the Hermetic System are the symbols and images of the Ages, the tincture of which so richly colors the Temple Message. Its language, that of the Sages of all races and times, will be translated for the modern "children of Hermes" as simply as the profundity of the eternal verities may permit when rendered into workable terminology.

Questions are invited and may be addressed to Hermeticism, Temple Artisan, Hollywood, California.

THE DAY COME TO US

The Master Message, The New Day, published elsewhere in these pages, is so suggestive, so full of mental "meat", so bounteously replete with material for discourse and discussion, as to provoke many phases of Hermetic inquiry. It offers many points, angles, surfaces and contacts for analysis, comparison and synthesis according to the seven-fold interpretations offered by Occult Law.

The wise Son of Hermes will, as a most direct route to understanding the principles and prophecies buried in symbol and poetic imagery, apply his unfailing key of Matter, Force and Consciousness-- the "Triple Key" of Temple Teachings. And although there are Divine, Celestial, Cosmic, Human and Mundane analogies in this master presage, a major clavis is offered for our guidance in the accepted language of The Stars, with allusions to their cyclic periods, their functions and influences, as well as their definitive intervention in the affairs of men. The Astrological significance carries alchemical imports which are obvious and invite deep study.

"An important measure of Time closed August 19, 1927, on the Hour and Figure marked by the Clock of Kronos. . . . The curse of Father Kronos is all but fulfilled". This message must be linked up with a Master Message, dated January 1, 1901, given to an inner order of the Temple at that time. It reads:

"Within the beginning of the New Cycle there returns within the orbit of the earth a conscious Entity who has not operated in this sphere of action for 5000 years. It comes clothed in a form of Electro-magnetic energy from the planet Saturn; and the battles between it and the disintegrating energy, to which I have repeatedly alluded, will be fierce indeed. The first is a building power, the last a destroying power. Man will be either the playground of, or the coadjutor with, one or the other of these great Cosmic Entities."

This reference to the rampant forces of the past cycle, whose influx culminated so dramatically at the specified time, apprises us of the impingement on the earth aura of certain major Evolutionary Forces, working through the regency of the planets. Their nature, attributes, powers and purposes, together with the omens of counter-activities of opposing forces, is described. The tragic fulfilment of the portent has been so woefully verified as to need no recapitulation in this generation.

The direct sequel to this dire prophecy was cataclysmic. How the battle between Cosmic Titans recoiled upon our little star, exacting its bloody toll in human sacrifice, is writ upon the still trembling Akashic Records. How the conflict between the constructive and disintegrating powers found its reaction on mankind is still poignant in the minds of those who suffered and endured their particular scarification. These tremble at the idea of a fresh Armageddon—hinted at with scant semblance of vagueness in the veiled auguries of Those Who Know.

It must be emphasized that one of the vital offices of Saturn is to teach that things are not always what they seem. But even under the cognomen of Satan he functions both good and evil, since out of the depths of discord, inharmony and dissonance, by vibrating the opposite pole of the same impelling force is re-created concord, harmony and consonance. Lucifer redeemed, regenerate, becomes once more Son of Morning Light and is replaced in the Heavens as Pon of the Sky. (See Temple Teachings, page 467).

Saturn construed as Peter standing at the gates of Heaven seeking Illumination represents the lower understanding, cold, calculating brain intellect, which must be co-ordinated, lifted up, to the higher faculty of Intuition, the soul quality of spiritual insight, before it can grasp and function the Divine attributes of Justice and Truth.

In his undeveloped or negative vibration he is Kama Manas, which must be clarified in its self-centered and in-turned vision of the Lower Self, with its crystallized objectives, inhibitions and lusts. Not that Saturn is immersed in the senses or the sensuous, for Saturn is Chastity personified, having been emasculated by his father, Uranus, Higher Mind. In the matrix of sorrow, affliction, limitation, denial, disappointment and disillusionment, is begot a higher order of senses, finer perceptions, nobler ideals, with aspirations to purer joys and deeper harmonies than those merely transitory, superficial and fleshly.

Though his blessings may be long deferred and although he makes his children WORK for them, yet his rewards for steadfastness, loyalty, patience, perseverance and purity, are manifold, rich and enduring. Benefices to Old Age are his particular delight. Eventually, to those who intelligently submit to his chastening and disciplinary rod, he gives contentment, peace, possessions, with

many interior blessings of substantial mystical value. These find implications in Saturn "devouring his children", a legend carrying many interpretations, astrological, alchemical, occult, and spiritual.

In the message *The New Day* these children of Saturn are alluded to as "the personal gods of exotericism" expressing through intellectualism, intolerance, bigotry, superstition, false notions of Modernism as well as Fundamentalism, in which the Letter is magnified and the Spirit submerged.

Sometimes we see Kronos depicted as devouring the years in the shape of children, little boys and girls representing the seasons. Sometimes we see him carrying a scythe in one hand and a serpent swallowing its tail in the other, emblematic of the Revolution of Ages, the Renovator of Cycles, God of the Cycle and the Golden Sickle or Scythe,—which gives us our symbol of Saturn. With the scythe of Time he reaps the golden harvest, for in his dual capacity he plays the role of harvester and reaper as well as planter and sower. As Lord of the Harvest he "returns again with great joy bringing his sheaves" (redeemed children) with him.

As Father of the Gods, or planets, he gathers up the attributes, qualities and powers of the other planets and in the purgatorial crucible of Time purifies and transmutes them into sublimated principles of Eternal Law and Order. He translates the shades and shadows of Illusion and Form into definitive lines of Truth and Reality, converting the shells and husks of Kama Manas into the quickened germ of Spiritual Substance, all in the smoldering philosophic fires in the chrysalis of Time. Through curiosity, intellectual greed, he piques the lower mind into exploring into deep wells of learning, thought, reason, philosophy, but to conspire to overthrow their findings by showing up their fallacy and futility unless they be illuminated by the soul's torch of Intuition or informed by the Immortal logic of Wisdom.

A less metaphysical concept is that in the mincing maw of Time, through the slow processes of days, hours, years, is swallowed, ingested, digested, assimilated, transmuted, all of those actions, experiences, knowledges—all purely physical and phenomenal objectives incident to human living, those things transitory, expedient or mutable in nature—which are to be consumed, resolved, metabolized, into elements, substances, essences and principles that are subjective, superphysical, illimitable, changeless and unconditioned. Time must be swallowed in eternity, Dross transmuted into Gold, Saturn into Sol.

According to some of the myths "instead of children they (i. e. Rhea) gave him a stone." A stone, a rock, petros, lapis. "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church." "Ye also as lively stones are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood." "A stone (understanding) shall become a great nation and fill all the earth." Mystically a stone has the most significant of meanings,

with parallels Divine, cosmic, human, as emphasized in the Hermetic Art, since it is here, as the Philosopher's Stone, that we find the most cogent alchemical and spiritual correspondences to the work of the Temple, as to its individual units, in its relation to the Temple of humanity, which it typifies; all being now in the testing tubes of Saturnian forces, purgative and separative, preparatory to the transmutations of "The New Day". Each individual Templar, as "a stone in the guardian wall" of the new humanity, should stand prepared for the processes of The Great Sifter.

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BOOK REVIEWS

Music and Health and Drum Talk.—By Eva Augusta Vascelius and Louise Vascelius-Sheldon. Third printing, enlarged edition, de luxe, bound in flexible leather. Goodyear Book Shop. Price \$3.00.

Music and Health is a condensed collection of the MSS of the late Eva Augusta Vascelius, Founder and President of the National Society of Musical Therapeutics, devoutly collated and edited by her sister and co-worker, Mme. Louise Vascelius-Sheldon. It has as its theme the theory and practice of Rhythm, Harmony, Melody, in relation to health maintenance and healing in the individual and the institution.

From far historic reaches it graciously moves through myth and legend, Oriental and Hellenic, through the mystical technic of the Pythagorean cultus and the Therapeutae, lightly touching the limpid strains of the Hebrew songsters, accenting the palpable apprehensions of the Master Musicians as to rhythmic and tonic reactions of remedial potencies, climaxing the narrative by the modern recognition of music and melody as accepted agencies for healing "this sick and poisoned world".

While not a textbook Music and Health analyzes physiological, nervous, mental and emotional responses, indeed, general therapeutical influences, of music, vocal and instrumental, upon the ill and ailing in home, prison, workshop, and insane asylum. The book sketches the progress of the movement from a mere personal adventure in healing, to its widespread adoption as a nationally accepted instrument for alleviating and harmonizing the sick in mind and body.

It is rich in incident and example of the efficiency of its theory that "music is not only an Art and a Luxury, but a Necessity". It

is highly recommended to those seeking practical information as well as suggestive hints as to the employment of vibration, rhythm, melody and harmony for uplift and cure. Musicians will find it delightfully illuminating and inspiring.

The volume modestly harbors three wondrous chapters by Mme. Vescecius-Sheldon herself, under the caption "Drum Talk". Filching a bit of "Comet's hair;" with broad sweep and seductive, she flies fluently from South Africa to Paul Whiteman, the apostle of modern Jazz. She tells how the Kallir boy with his telegraphic beat upon a tree trunk, "Drum Talk," anticipated the Morse Code and wireless antennae by a thousand years. In historic incident and biographical bit she outlines the inception of the Negro Spiritual, "ragtime" and current "jazzmania" with such gripping narrative and rippling reminiscence as to kindle the hope that there are more "Drum Talks" on the press. G. K.

A Traveller Through Time.—Glimpses of a Soul's Past, by Letitia Withall, Percy Lund, Humphreys and Co., London. This brochure is a prose poem of lyrical beauty and mystical quality. It is loftily conceived, deftly developed, and convincingly sets forth the recollections of a pilgrim soul through its wheel of Incarnations. Its manner holds a message of mystical value, as well by its literary high spots as by transcendent flights into Celestial ethers. The Recoveries are in short story form, charming and inspiring. —G. K.

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TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

The holiday activities at Halcyon were both interesting and entertaining. In addition to beautiful and impressive services in the Temple on Christmas Day, there was an enjoyable and unifying Community Christmas Dinner in Hiawatha Lodge, at 6 p. m. Mr. Ernest Harrison as toastmaster called on various members for short talks, and all sat around the beautifully decorated tables for several hours. A real Christmas tree was sent from our sister Maud Wilson from Olympia, Wash., and a very small Christmas tree was on each one of the five tables, arranged in a form of a five pointed star, with a place in the very center for the Invisible Guest, represented by a burning candle in a beautiful candlestick.

Monday evening at Hiawatha Lodge there was a Christmas tree celebration with light refreshments and a very enjoyable social evening was spent by all.

The following Tuesday and Thursday evenings was given up to a marvelous Christmas Mystery Play, under the supervision of Borghild Janson. The chorus and solo work, costuming and dialogues, were most impressive, and each night there was a large attendance from the neighborhood and surrounding towns. Scene V in which the twelve years old Christ appears in the Temple and astonishes the three rabbis with his learning was written by Mrs. Genevieve Kemble for the occasion, and was wonderfully impressive. The characters of the three rabbis were taken by John Varian, Duncan Ferguson, and Fred Whitney. The young Christ was impersonated by Miss Hattie Westcott of San Luis Obispo, a pupil of Borghild. This act would have to be seen to be appreciated.

The Manger scene was also most impressive, as was also the Baptism of the Christ at the River Jordan. Wilfred York of San Luis Obispo was a magnificent John the Baptist, and Henri Carlberg, clothed in a spotless white robe, gave a spiritual thrill as the Christos. The piano and organ work by Mrs. R. Partridge and Mr. Edgar Cheetham as well as the solo work of Margaret Konarsky and Welma Hampton, Hattie Westcott, and Louis Sibilio were of super excellence.

"Beacon Fires" has been republished in attractive book form and can be obtained through the Halcyon Book Concern. 35 cents in paper, and 70 cents cloth bound. This was one of the first books published by the Temple in 1899 and consists of helpful and uplifting fragments of Conversation with the Master, given at the very inception of the Temple work.

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On New Year's Eve a Midnight Service was held in the Temple, of a devotional character. A few minutes before the midnight

hour, the Great Unifying Chant was sung, the Fire Sacrifice held, and exactly at the midnight hour the Rallying Cry was sounded. The half hour services were very impressive, and High Spiritual Forces entered in.

On New Year's afternoon a reception was given in Hiawatha Lodge to all members and friends, under the auspices of the Temple, with Mrs. Ida J. Wilkins and Dr. W. H. Dower acting as hostess and host of the occasion.

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