

THE TEMPLE

PRIMARILY, The Temple is a cosmic organic centre, the constitutent 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 revivified 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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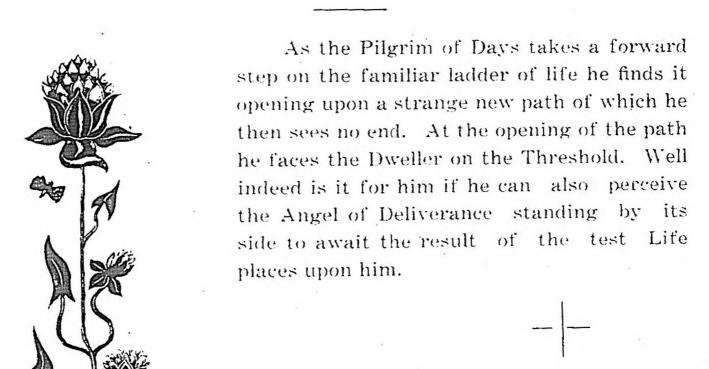
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Behold I give



unto thee a key.

THE ANGEL OF DELIVERANCE



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THE CALL.

Hear ye the clear call of the Holy Grail?

The Sons of Light are seeking those whose hearts

Are worthy to receive its message true,

In Love's redemptive work be given part.

Be ever ready to obey its Call,

To follow it wherever it may lead,

Through pastures green and by the waters still, Or over paths so rough the feet must bleed.

Are ye obedient, when the darkness falls

Within your hearts will shine a holy light,

Which like a star will shed its radiance

Upon the dwellers in the earth's sad night.

Thus shall ye join Love's Brotherhood of Souls That yield their all to serve humanity.

And daily from the Chalice of the Grail Drink living wine, which is indrawn from Me.

—L. S.

EMANCIPATION

- Before the soul has gained the power to heal, its heart must be washed to pureness with true, enduring, eternal love.
- Before the soul can travel the high roadways, it must be shod with the seven league boots.
- Before the soul can sing in the doorways of the god world, the words of its heart must ring true as steel,
- Before the soul can strike the evils of life dead, it must hold the fire sword of the spirit in its hand.
- Before the soul can meet the enemy of high growth, its auric armour must be rustless with purity.
- Before the soul can become invulnerable fighting Hell and its cohorts, its shield must be the guarding power of the Avatar.

—J. O. Varian.

LETTER FROM THE MASTER.

Teachings of the Temple

Open Series No. 236.

My Child:—

It would seem that your question in relation to resigning or expelled members of the Temple or pledged disciples of any Order whatever had been fully covered over and over again in previous communications.

The confusion of mind, lack of principle or cohesive power, or deliberate disloyalty, whatever it be, that makes possible the withdrawal or expulsion of a once accepted neophyte of the Lodge is primarily due to the throwing open of the individual aura to the influence of our hereditary enemy; and once the seeds of decay or disruption are planted in an auric sphere it takes more heroic effort to kill them out than the average man or woman is able or willing to make.

Despite his doubt or loss of faith in personalities, if a disciple possesses the courage, devotion to principle, and faith in the survival of good to hold him steady to a point he is in honor bound to hold, he will find that the constructive forces of the world will work in and with him, and by the power of his own unaided will he will bring about a change in the right direction in condition and circumstances; and if he lack these essentials he not only fails in everything of importance he undertakes but drags other weak souls down with him, adding the karma of their weakness to his own.

No matter how great our pity and compassion for such a one, our duty to the world precludes the admission or retention of a coward or recreant or selfish disciple to or in the Degrees or Orders of the Great White Lodge. The battle between the black and white is too strong to admit of our placing a coward, a recreant, or a spy on the vantage points of the battle field, and where such a one finds entrance to the field he is unable to remain there—for—any—length—of time.

by one method or another, when the currents of destructive force working in him come into collision with the constructive forces of the body as a whole. He may think the impulse to resignation or the act which necessitates his expulsion is entirely due to his own or his comrades' volition but it is not true. He has come into collision with a Universal Building Force, and is thrown out by that force in the same way the mechanic throws aside a broken or imperfect tool. When this occurs it is of no use to try to mend or perfect the tool; it will only break again with some severe strain. So it is of no use to retain an imperfect or unworthy member. He will naturally sink to his own level if left alone, and the safety and usefulness of the body as a whole be more perfectly assured by his withdrawal.

Neither have those who are left anything to regret in such withdrawal. Far better is it for the former that he should not be compelled to meet the future tests and trials of strength under which his failure is a foregone conclusion.

There was a very deep meaning to the words of Jesus, "gather up the fragments", for it is the fragments—those that are left after the feast—after the supreme trials are over, which form the basis of a newer, a stronger effort. So no matter how badly a body appears to be broken by the withdrawal or expulsion of its unworthy or useless members, those that remain are worth more to a cause than all the others put together.

Never forget you have been chosen to build a peculiar structure under a definite plan. If the stones that have been chiseled for each individual part refuse emplacement or must be rejected by the Master Builder for cause, the work may be delayed; but it will be finished, in time. But it is the height of absurdity for the withdrawn or rejected stones to imagine that they can build the same structure while the corner-stone remains intact in its original place, and the plan is not available for them.

Let this answer your question and all future questions of a similar nature.

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May. 1910.

HILARION.

Dear Temple Comrades:—

The above letter from the Master to B. S., which was received in May. 1910, is as applicable today as it was then because of the fundamental principles involved concerning Lodge Work and our responsibilities to one another and to any organization under the Lodge with which we have become affiliated and to which we have given our inner and outer allegiance. This obtains with much greater importance in the case of those who have entered the inner or esoteric degrees of an organization like the Temple of the People and have taken definite pledges or obligations for promoting its good and welfare.

The undersigned advises all members, whether inner or outer, to read and study carefully the basic Lodge Truths contained in the above letter from the Master, so that each one so reading may have a clear understanding of these truths from the standpoint of the Master Himself. He has repeatedly said that He will not make automatons of us, but that once we have entered an authentic order under the Great Lodge, we have taken a definite step on the Path and have taken, so to speak, our evolution in our own hands and have assumed more responsibility for ourselves and others than if

we had not taken that step. This great truth has been pointed out to students of occult philosophy by the Masters and Teachers of the past from time immemorial.

This is an opportune time for sending out this letter calling attention to these basic truths so easily forgotten in the stress of our

modern life.

While this letter was formerly esoteric, it is now given out publicly and can be used by members in whatever way they think it will accomplish the most good. In the name of the Great Work,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

William H. Dower, Guardian-in-Chief.

June 15, 1927.

THE DISINTEGRATOR.

Temple Teachings.

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The Great Disintegrator and the Adversary of Souls are identical, as are the evil spirits generated and in-formed by that Satanic entity. Where any doubt of the existence and labor of that, entity remains in the mind of an intelligent human being today it requires but a mental vision of conditions in the world in the present era to dispel that doubt. The surest indication of the nature of that entity may be found in its field of labor, the field of spirit, for it is on the spiritual nature of man that its deadliest work is done. One has only to observe the deceit, the treachery, the disloyalty, and dishonesty of the numberless votaries of religious bodies who deliberately break most sacred obligations and declare themselves chosen by God to perform some high purpose to perceive the work of the Disintegrator. In order to carry out that purpose they do not hesitate to bring personal influence to bear on others who are easily deceived by means of their ambition or desires, regardless of the ruin may bring upon those others both spiritually and materially. March, 1920.

THE TEMPLE AT HALCYON

To the student of the religions of the world there appears a basic and extensive agreement in fundamental teachings. This evi-

dently carries all great religions back to one fountainhead of Knowledge that is the property of the human race. It is said that ever so often in the history of the world, when the cyclic time is right in any given civilization, there is a restatement of the Teaching. New wine of the knowledge of life is put into new bottles for the children of men, which is what Jesus did two thousand years ago. Then, eventually, into the broad and extensive outpouring creeds enter, and another religion is formed.

We are at the present in such an outpouring. It was begun in actu by the writings of Helena P. Blavatsky over fifty years ago. Her chief publications are "Isis Unveiled" and "The Secret Doctrine." These books laid down the modern restatement of the Ancient Wisdom and started the movement known as Theosophy. The first half of this movement ended with the death of H. P. B. in 1891. Seven years later, at Syracuse, N. Y., the second half of the Movement was begun with the founding of The Temple of The People. November 15, 1898.

It is popularly thought in the West that religion is purely a private matter, concerning only the relationship of the individual to God, and being bounded and determined by this creed or that. This is so only because we are looking at a creedalized form of religion. The deeper student perceives that religion pertains to racial movements and that creeds are personal strictures placed upon the broad application of religion to the ongoing of humanity. In short, all humanity without distinction of race or religious form—and indeed all nature too—is included in the re-ligio, or binding back process which religion achieves. For in the consummation of time all things created "turn again home"; the "corruptible puts on incorruption"; the mortal becomes immortal; matter re-becomes Spirit.

As the crown of one of these cyclic spiritual movements in the race there comes a Divine Incarnation. One of the ancient books, which tells us the same as Jesus tells us in the Twenty-Fourth Chapter of Matthew (only that the King James version makes Jesus fore-tell the end of the "world" instead of the "age"—aion—as it reads in the Greek), puts it thus: "I (the Christ) produce myself among creatures whenever there is a decline of virtue and an insurrection of vice in the world; and thus I incarnate from age to age for the preservation of the just, the destruction of the wicked, and the establishment of righteousness."

This statement sets forth present world conditions and calls for the Incarnation. But these lines do not tell it all. The world has been dark before without the Incarnation of the Savior. The student knows that the Incarnation is finally determined by the precessional movement of the heavens. Two thousand years ago the Magi, who were Chaldeans wise in the lore of the stars, saw "His Star" by scientific observation, and hence came seeking Him in the sacred city.

It was on the present coming of this event that The Temple was formed by direction of Master H. thirty years ago. Whether there is or is not to be an actual physical appearance of the One whom some of the ancients called the Son of the Sun, the Light will come. An outpouring of spiritual Light has been going on for a generation and more in the West, and The Temple was founded with a specific work to do in bringing this Light into manifestation in the New Age of spiritual activity, and also in the New Race that is now generally admitted to be forming in America. A new type for the New Age is evolving out of the blending of all races that have come together in this land. This new Race will evolve a civilization as distinct from the present as is that of Greece or Babylon. The ensouling of this race with its own expression in government, economics, art, science, spirituality is the work of The Coming One and His legion of helpers,—and they include all those who are unselfishly working for the good of humanity. Such as this is His supreme Incarnation, whatever else may happen, for it is in Him as God and by Him man that "all things living", move and have their being. It is actually from the heaven world that the real rulership of the earth takes place, however much the mortal man may think of himself as the sole author of his destiny.

From time immemorial at the forming of races and at the restatements of the Divine Wisdom man has reared temples and built

sacred cities at chosen spots on the face of the globe.

The Temple was begun at such a spot in the state of New York. It was begun at a temple center of the ages, and at the place where Hiawatha formed the Iriquois federation of the Six Nations on the principle of the brotherhood of man several centuries before our own federation was formed. But that was only the starting point for The Temple. "Wetsward the course of empire takes it way," and the Sixth Race is fated to come to flower on the rim of the Pacific. So the Temple Center was moved in 1903 from Syracuse to Halcyon by-the-sea in San Luis Obispo County, California. Mrs. La Due, the first head of The Temple, and Dr. Dower, the present head, came across the continent under instruction as to where to go and located on the original four acres of what is now Halcyon.

Halcyon, too, is at the site of a great temple and sacred city of "the mighty past", a time so long ago, so the story goes, that this coast has dipped under the sea and come up again. This locality is highly magnetised, both because of its past use and because it is naturally electro-magnetic, so much so that for several miles along the coast the compasses of passing ships are disturbed. Because it is magnetic it is adapted to the tranmission of the constructive forces that enter into the building of a race. The significance of this process can be illustrated by referring to radio. Thought is a force which manifests in its finer aspects as inspiration. From the higher realms this inspirational force is constantly dropped into

the hearts and lives of men. But it is not just dropped out of the blue; it is stepped down, adapted to the various uses and the various grades of understanding among mankind. To this end both individuals and groups of individuals may become broadcasting stations, and very vitally so at particular times and places. So that, as said

above, this is one of the times and Halcyon the place.

The Temple teaches the Unity of God, man and nature. is only one God, one Life for all that is, expressing Itself in myriad diversity. With the Father-Motherhood of God goes the brotherhood of man. Each human is an individualized spark of its destiny in working Deity. out this mortal world under the law of cause and effect according to a Divine Plan laid down at the dawn of worlds. Each one can reap pleasure, which means growth and expansion in good works, by fulfilling the conditions of the Plan. He can reap pain, suffering and loss by going against the Plan. Entering incarnation as a soul infant, it takes him many thousands of incarnations to complete the task.

The office of religion is to serve the spiritual needs of man and the mental and physical as well, pointing out his purpose in the world and indicating his destiny. Its office is to so inculcate the Divine Principles as to build character in the individual, making each soul a more conscientious and trustworthy servant of the race.

Frederick Whitney

Haleyon, Calif. July 1, 1929.

TEMPLE BUILDERS' LESSON NO. 212.

Sunrise at Halcyon.

My windows open to the east, and this morning when I awoke the world was gray with the early dawn; but over the mountains the light was breaking through, showing where the sun would appear. It seemed the whole world was watching and waiting—holding its breath, so to speak—for "The Coming", that cyclic daily appearance, a reminder of the Coming of the Avatar, for whom we are preparing a place in our hearts.

Out of the "Hush" I heard the cry of a lone wild goose, and looking upward I saw her winging her way—straight—straight as an arrow toward the place of light. Oh! the call! and the drawing power of the Sun, meeting a recognition in the hearts of all crea-

tures!

The "Hush" was so beautiful and wonderful, but—it was only the waiting. Then, so softly, so tenderly that at first its presence

sang and with fairy fingers touched the lightest leaves on the educative trees, those most attuned, and they wakened and took up the watch! Down through the twigs, the branches went the lawakened

ing, until all the tree was vibrant—waiting—waiting!

Thus the breeze passed through the Builders' grove, touching all the trees. But what a difference in them! Some of the trees were like vestal virgins waiting with oil-filled lamps, others sordidly, stolidly still asleep. But within all was the soul. And at last the breeze, strengthened by the wakened hearts of the trees that had been attuned, swelled to such volume that the whole grove was astir—all, all but two beautiful young trees growing side by side, leaning toward, embracing each other with branches intertwined like fond lovers. Were they so filled with thoughts of each other that they failed to sense the Coming of the King? But no! At last they see, and when they do prepare to salute Him none in all the grove do it with such grace and power, working rhythmically together, strongly, surely, naturally falling into the chorus with branches outstretched to all the rest.

The sturdy old cypress trees, with roots reaching downward toward the stones in the ancient altar and branches sheltering the little white house of prayer, seem too poised and steady to be shaken by any emotion. But the hearts of them are so strong and true that one who walks beneath their branches, if his soul be attuned, may read all the knowledge graven deep within their hearts.

And now the clouds are flocking in all their splendor toward the place of the Coming! Each second they become more glorious! They reach out arms of exquisite color toward the Holy Place! A flock of little birds, twittering, fly swiftly—straight toward the

east!

And now, amid a grand triumphant chorus, appearing above the mountain-top I can see His face. And the bond between the heart of the Sun and the hearts of all the earth-lives seems like strands of silver light! And the one I feel in my heart draws me closer to Him and to all.

M. C. E.

Halcyon, Calif.

VICTORY

When you are content with any food, any raiment, any climate, any solitude, any interruption—that is VICTORY.

When you can bear with any discord, any annoyance, any irre-

gularity, any unpunctuality (of which you are not the cause)—that is VICTORY.

When you are forgotten or neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you smile inwardly, glorying in the insult, or the oversight—that is VICTORY.

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation, nor to record your good works, nor to seek after recommendation, when you can truly "love to be unknown"—that is VICTORY.

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your tastes offended, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you take it all in patient and loving silence

THAT IS VICTORY!

—Quoted.

BLAVATSKY DEPARTMENT

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.

Conducted by Ernest Harrison, Temple Scribe. Address, Blavatsky Department, Temple Artisan, Halcyon, California.

Question:—What do we know of the characteristics of the Sixth Root Race?

Answer:—Very little teaching of a definite character has been given out on this interesting subject except on very—general—lines, probably because it is difficult for a soul with a Fifth-Race mind to understand the consciousness of a soul—with—a Sixth-Race—mind, just as a child in the fifth grade at public school could—not—understand the lessons of the sixth grade student. However, we can get a key to the general characteristics, perhaps, by studying what—we know of the Fifth Root Race and its subdivisions.

In "The Secret Doctrine", original edition, Vol. II, page 301, we read: "We are only in the Fourth Round, and it is in the Fifth that the full development of Manas, as a direct ray from the Universal Mahat—a ray unimpeded by matter—will be finally reached. Nevertheless, as every Sub-Race and nation have their cycles and stages of developmental, evolution repeated on a smaller scale, it must be the more so in the case of a Root-Race. Our race then has, as a

Root-Race, crossed the equatorial line and is cycling onward on the spiritual side; but some of our sub-races still find themselves on the shadowy descending arc of their respective national cycles; while others again—the oldest—having crossed their crucial point, which alone decides whether a race, a nation, or a tribe will live or perish, are at the apex of spiritual development as sub-races.

It becomes comprehensible now why the 'odd eye' has been gradually transformed into a simple gland, after the physical fall of

those we have agreed to call the 'Lemurians'.

It is a curious fact that it is especially in human beings that the cerebral hemispheres and the lateral ventricles have been developed, and that the optic thalami, corpora quadrigemina, and corpora straita are the principal parts which are developed in the mammalian brain. Morover, it is asserted that the intellect of any man may to some extent be gauged by the development of the central convolutions and the fore part of the cerebral hemispheres. It would seem a natural corollary that if the development and increased size of the pineal gland may be considered to be an index of the astral capacities and spiritual proclivities of any man, there will be a corresponding development of that part of the cranium, or an increase in the size of the pineal gland at the expense of the hinder part of the cerebral hemispheres. It is a curious speculation which would ceive a confirmation in this case. We should see, below and behind, the cerebellum which has been held to be the seat of all the animal proclivities of a human being, and which is allowed by science to be the great center for all the physiologically co-ordinated movements of the body, such as walking, eating, etc., etc.; in front, the fore-part of the brain—the cerebral hemispheres—the part especially connected with the development of the intellectual powers in man; and in the middle, dominating them both, and especially the animal functions, the developed pineal gland, in connection with the more highly evolved, or spiritual man.

It must be remembered that these are only physical correspondences; just as the ordinary human brain is the registering organ of

memory, but not memory itself."

It would seem that each race functions especially one characteristic or quality. Thus, one race will be very strong physically, another will have the emotional nature extremely strong and so on, the key-note of the especially dominant quality of each Round and also of each Root-Race corresponding to one of the seven principles in man, and it will be in the fifth Round of the Fifth Root-Race that Manas or Mind will reach its acme of development. By analogy we may conclude that at a similar point in the development of the Sixth Root-Race the acme of expression of the next higher principle, Buddhi, will be reached.

The flow of the evolutionary stream is clearly outlined in "The

Secret Doctrine" as follows: (Vol. II, page 434).

1.—"There are seven Rounds in every manyantara. This one is the Fourth, and we are in the Fifth Root-Race at present.

2.—Each Root-Race has seven Sub-Races.

3.—Each Sub-Race has, in its turn, seven ramifications, which

may be called Branch or 'Family' Races.

4.—The little tribes, shoots, and offshoots of the last named are countless and depend on Karmic action. Examine the 'genealogical tree' nereto appended, and you will understand. The illustration is purely diagrammatic and is only intended to assist the reader in obtaining a slight grasp of the subject, amidst the confusion which exists between the terms which have been used at different times for the divisions of Humanity. It is also here attempted to express in figures—but only within approximate limits, for the sake of comparison—the duration of time through which it is possible to definitely distinguish one division from another. It would only lead to hepeless confusion if any attempt were made to give accurate dates to a few, for the Races, Sub-Races, etc., etc., down to their smallest ramifications, overlap and are entangled with each other until it is nearly impossible to separate them.

The Human Race has been compared to a tree, and this serves admirably as an illustration. The main stem of a tree may be compared to the Root-Race (A); its larger limbs to the various Sub-Races, seven in number (B1, B2). On each of these limbs are seven branches, or Family Races (C). After this the cactus-plant is a better illustration, for its fleshy 'leaves' are covered with sharp spines, each of which may be compared to a nation or tribe of human be-

ings

Now our Fifth Root-Race has already been in existence—as a race sui generis and quite free from its parent stem—about 1,000,000 years. Therefore it must be inferred that each of the four preceding Sub-Races has lived approximately 210,000 years. Thus each Family Race has an average existence of about 30,000 years. Thus the European 'Family Race' has still a good many thousand years to run, although the nations or the innumerable spines upon it, vary with each succeeding 'season' of three or four thousand years. It is somewhat curious to mark the comparative approximation of duration between the lives of a 'Family-Race' and a 'Sidereal year' "

Again on page 444 (Vol. II): "Thus the Americans have become in only three centuries a 'primary race', pro tem., before becoming a race apart and strongly separated from all other now existing races. They are, in short, the germs of the Sixth Sub-Race, and in some few hundred years more will become most decidedly the pioneers of that race which must succeed to the present European or Fifth Sub-Race, in all its new characteristics. After this, in about 25,000 years, they will launch into preparations for the Seventh Sub-Race; until, in consequence of cataclysms—the first

series of those which must one day destroy Europe, and still later the whole Aryan race (and thus affect both Americas), as also most of the lands directly connected with the confines of our continent and isles—the Sixth Root-Race will have appeared on the stage of our Round. When shall this be? Who knows save the great. Masters of Wisdom, perchance, and they are as silent upon the subject as the snow-capped peaks that tower above them. All we know is that it will silently come into existence, so silently, indeed, that for long millenniums shall its pioneers—the peculiar children who will grow into peculiar men and women-be regarded as anomalous Lusus naturae, abnormal oddities physically and mentally. Then, they increase, and their numbers become with every age greater, one day they will awake to find themselves in a majority. It is the present men who will then begin to be regarded as exceptional mongrels, until these die out in their turn in civilized lands; surviving only in small groups on islands—the mountain peaks of today where they will vegetate, degenerate, and finally die out, perhaps millions of years hence, as the Aztecs have, as the Nyam-Nyam and the dwarfish Moola Koorumba of the Nilghiri Hills are dying. these are the remnants of once mighty races, the recollection of whose existence has entirely died out of the remembrance of the modern generations, just as we shall vanish from the memory of the Sixth Race Humanity. The Fifth will overlap the Sixth Race for many hundreds of millenniums, changing with it slower than its new successor, still changing in stature, general physique, and mentality, just as the Fourth overlapped our Aryan race, and the Third had overlapped the Atlanteans.

This process of preparation for the Sixth great Race must last throughout the whole sixth and seventh sub-races (vide supra, the diagram of the Genealogical Tree of the Fifth Race). But the last remnants of the Fifth Continent will not disappear until some time after the birth of he new Race; when another and rew dwelling, the Sixth Continent, will have appeared above the new waters on the face of the globe, so as to receive the new stranger. To it also will emigrate and settle all those who shall be fortunate enough to cape the general disaster. When this shall be-as just said-it is not for the writer to know. Only, as nature no more proceeds by sudden jumps and starts than man changes suddenly from a child into a mature man, the final cataclysm will be preceded by many smaller submersions and destructions both by wave and volcanic fires. The exultant pulse will beat high in the heart of the race now in the American zone, but there will be no more Americans when the Sixth Race commences; no more, in fact, than Europeans; for they will have now become a new race and many new nations. Yet the Fifth will not die, but survive for a while. Overlapping the new race for many hundred thousands of years to come, it will become transformed with it-slower than its new successor-still getting entirely altered in mentality, general physique, and stature. Mankind will not grow again into giant bodies as in the case of the Lemurians and the Atlanteans; because while the evolution of the Fourth Race led the latter down to the very bottom of materiality in its physical development, the present Race is on its ascending arc; and the Sixth will be rapidly growing out of the bonds of matter, and even of flesh."

Essentially the coming great Race will be controlled and inspired by the Christ-Force, Buddhi, Compassion, just as the present one is controlled by mind and Reason.

HERMETICISM

Inder this heading there will be published with each issue of the magazine an article clarifying and explaining the teachings, messages, and communications received from the Masters back of the Temple and sent out to members and to the world generally. This clarification or simplification will be appreciated, we are sure, as the truths in many of these messages are very profound and fundamental and not always easily understood. The term "Hermeticism" is a good one as it stands for anything that may be written under the head of occult science, philosophy, theosophy, alchemy, and mysticism generally. The articles will be written by different members and students qualified to write on their particular subjects from time to time and not necessarily by any one individual.

Questions in regard to any matter in this department are invited from readers and should be addressed to The Temple Artisan, Halcyon, California.

"Meat or Bread, Milk or Water, Grape or Wine."

Before considering the paragraph in Master Hilarion's last convention message to the Temple in which the words of our title occur, let us quote from the preceding one. He says: "It is your own evolution which lies in the balance, is at stake, as perchance that of the race as well, if that be of any moment to you......Whichever course you take, Our Sun Has Risen, Our Day Has Broken", etc.

Master again expresses what we have been told over and over, and by Master Morya as well in the most emphatic way in his message "The New Day" (see Red Folio, page 12), that old conditions have passed, the old Racial Gods have been dethroned. That means that the upward cycle is on. We have passed the lowest point in the evolution of our planet and its humanity; and Spirit, having been involved and controlled by matter on its downward cycle, is now called forth in humanity to conquer matter in order finally to reign supreme. And it means that if we want to reach the goal that In-

finite Mind set on high for our humanity, we have to take our evolution now in our own hands. We cannot tarry and delay any longer with unessential things but must, if we did not before, enter the "Perpendicular Path of Discipleship", for not alone our own evolution is in the balance, but that of the whole human race as well is at stake.

Now Master tells us in precise and short symbols what choice is ours: "Meat or Bread, Milk or Water, Grape or Wine—which of the Double Three would you choose for eating and drinking? As you select and partake shall you be offered of that which follows

next: Fire or Light, Ice or Akasha, Earth or Rock."

There are mentioned three pairs of kinds of food of different substances, and it seems in one way as if they are meant to feed the solid, fluid, and inner or etheric substances that build up our physical bodies and the vehicles of our higher principles. These foods, of course, are not meant in a physical way, but we have to deal with their symbolic meaning, and it refers to all planes, inner as well as outer

We find in all sacred scripture and symbology that "Bread and Water of Life" are the essentials for building up, sustaining, purifying, and regenerating individual life, and that means the true spiritual; eternal life. And it is promised to us Children of the Temple in the holy Feast of Expectation, not only symbolically but actually, that if we partake of the bread and water in the right spirit "more will be given us", i. e., "the Wine of the Cup of the Holy Grail" will be offered. Here we have the three essentials for entering and continuing on the Path that leads to true enlightenment and Eternal Life.

Master Hilarion says in the lesson "Transmutation" (page 147, "Teachings of the Temple") that among the foods feeding the soul there are certain foods and liquids that contain greater numbers and finer grades of the fiery lives than others. "Among these are wheat, wine, and water. They are more easily disintegrated and assimilated. Therefore the fiery lives are more expeditiously and thoroughly freed from bondage to coarser forms of matter." And we are told that it is the fiery lives that build up through the chain of our incarnations the Fire Body or Nirmanakaya Robe, our eternal vehicle.

Now, the very simplicity of these essential foods, if we correlate the symbols, shows that if we choose the right Path now we shall walk on it steadfastly, straight, single-eyed, and one-purposed, under the guidance of and co-operating with Divine Law. We shall stand like rocks on the Rock of the Lodge—as Master Morya says in the message "He Who Overcometh" (page 2, Red Filio), as the Lone Tree, strong, staunch, straight, roots deep in the ground, branches outstretched high, in aspiration toward the Light and the All. Then, as Master says in another message, the Fires of Regen-

eration will sweep through us, but they shall not scorch nor burn us. We shall know the fires—they will purify and transmute us; and Light will be given and radiate through and from us, ever more Light. And we shall enter the Akasha, the realm of all conscious spiritual Life, and become reunited with the Source of Light itself, the Firstborn of the Father, who—as Lucifer—sacrificed Himself by sweeping out in spiral sweeps into Space that the Universe—we—might live; and we shall become One again with the Father, our Source and Goal, to Whose Glory and Ever Greater Unfoldment we have been sent out into Manifestation.

And Master says all that is necessary "lies in our own hands". In other words, we have the spiritual power and the teachings and the power to apply them aright; also, that we have it "in our own hearts". for the heart enshrines the Divine Spark in us, and "in our own souls"—We Are It. We must only believe and know that it is

so, and live up to it.

We suffer only because we keep the Christ within ourselves imprisoned (see message, Red Folio, page 3) letting Him knock in vain on the walls of our hearts, the walls we have built of uncharitable and selfish thoughts, words, and actions. And as long as we do not radiate His Glory through all we are, through all our thoughts, words, and deeds we are not truly on the right Path. And just so long and to the degree we fail, we shall be diseased, separated, and limited in the beauty and greatness of life. Let us try, therefore, with all our power to clear away the obstructions in our hearts and lives, that we and all the world may know the love, strength, and beauty undreamed of, until we know Him in us as we in Him

We are told that it is the Hero Path of life we have chosen, and it is the hero's way we must walk. If, on the contrary, we are weak-minded and cowardly, we shall (applying the given symbols) choose meat for eating, maybe milk for drinking, and grapes for our delight. Then we shall go on our own way, following selfish a.ms and desires, living for our own comfort, pleasure, and selfish purposes, ignorant of the true purpose and responsibility of our lives, and indifferent to our own greater self, humanity. Then "earth" shall be ours—the life material—and the Fire that should purify us will scorch and burn and consume us, for we are selfishly indulging in unessential experiences, which are meant in reality only for gaining understanding of life and development. So, delaying and detouring, we would lose sight of our true goal, thus delaying the development of the whole race and inviting the descent of the soul into separateness from the conscious Whole, into "ice"—crystallization— or even final extinction for this Manyantara.

Finally may be added a few more interpretations of the sym-

bols as far as they are not given above.

Meat as a symbol for food stands for the lower self, for selfish-

ness. To gain it man has to sacrifice, to kill rather highly developed forms of life on the Path below him. It sustains his physical and strengthens his lower astral body, his animal propensities only. Thus, instead of developing on true lines in protecting and serving the life below him, he robs his younger brothers of their opportunity for development that he himself may live.

Bread—Wheat. Wheat, we are told, was brought to us from Venus, a planet far advanced in evolution beyond our Earth. It is one of the most efficient foods we have sustaining, if taken in the

right spirit, all of our bodies and building up the brain cells.

Milk stands in reality for a high grade of spiritual food and drink, since it is on the outer plane the natural food for the babe, the innocent human soul; and it is the food for the baby animals as well, both the lamb and the leopard. Thus it would stand for food for the pure, innocent, meek, defenseless soul, and this is an aspect of the spiritual and living Christ. As the grown-up human being, however, has not yet reached this Christly state, if applied as a symbol of drink for him, it might and would be of quite different value. We can make the necessary correlations in considering that to get it he would have to take away their natural food from younger helpless forms of life, and that it may cause him digestive trouble through fermentation and constipation.

Water is one of the necessary elements of our material plane of existence. Its ever moving, changing, adaptable, cleansing, purifying, and life giving, and regenerating qualities convey easily its

symbolically valuable correlations.

The Grape, though also a high grade of food for the finer bodies of men, is not yet wine, though it yields wine after right fermentation. And it is the wine, the quintessence of the grape, and not the grape, which is one of the symbols of pure Spirit on the physical plane. The wine is called the "Blood of Life". Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, refers to Himself and His disciples as "the vine and the branches." It is the Vine of Life which springs from and is the Christ—the Root of all disciples. And the fruits are the ensouled living teachings, offered to those who would partake; and to all who persist and endure, the true disciples, shall be given Wine, the true Spirit of Life. But the grape—the symbol of high food—can be abused for selfishness, for it is the same Spirit of Life that can be used for worthy or abused for unworthy ends and aims.

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EDITORIAL MIRROR.

The Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Temple began August 4th and lasted a week, with the usual good meetings. A report of this will appear in the August-September issue. The thirty years cycle is significant, and this is the year of fulfillment of the prophecies transmitted through the Temple since the year 1898. If every reader will check up the wonderful changes that have occurred in the world since that date in the fields of politics, religion, philosophy, and science, he or she will realize how true was the prophecy that a Great Light, a Divine Incarnation, was coming into the aura of the world and that humanity would be raised to higher levels of consciousness and living as a result.

1929 being the year of fulfillment, in other words the apex of the Divine Force touching humanity in this year, almost all students of natural and occult law realize that the Judas power would also manifest strongly both in the Temple and in the world at this particular time. Such is the law from time immemorial. This Judas force of treachery and betrayal, based on ambition and other qualities used by the Disintegrator, attempts to block the way of the Light that is coming into the world with such tremendous speed and effulgence. In symbolic language it is the White Horse of Revelations coming into manifestation. The White Horse symbolizes synthetic Lodge Service with the Christos as its basis. The dark or negative forces would, of course, strive to overwhelm this White Force, but the attempt to do so is vain and futile, because the White Force has the high Lodge of Masters back of it. As the Master has said, however, in recent communications, "It is a battle to the finish"; and this year must clear out many things in true mystical organizations as well as in the world generally to make way for the Great Light that is shining into the heart of the great World Mother. The rodent forces, the crawling, poisonous things will be driven from their holes by this Great Light and be revealed as to their true nature and cast "into the darkness of the Great Abyss".

Therefore, 1929 is a year of great opportunity for all who have "put their hands to the plow", so to speak, and have come under the direction of the Great Lodge of Light. The adverse forces, of course, will test their discrimination, devotion, faith, and loyalty; but this must needs be so, for every one must win his own crown of spiritual strength and Light. The qualities of devotion, faith, and loyalty will carry anyone over the bogs of doubt and deception. This does not mean blind faith but an awakened inner consciousness to the fact that there are high spiritual qualities back of the Temple radiating from the Elder Brothers of the Race who have brought it into objective existence for helping humanity.

As the Master has said during the years past, every candidate on the Path of Light must win out "in the very teeth of the Beast", that "the Path is beset with wild beasts every step of the way"; and these wild beasts may be elementals in one's own nature or in the natures of those around us. There is the Ordeal by Fire, which is the ability to endure pain by passive endurance, and the Ordeal by Water, which is the ability to keep one's head above the waters in spite of all the storms of life in which we may be plunged by outer action. Both qualities are necessary for the Warrior of Light in order to attain to the conscious at-one-ment with the Lodge as a whole which really is the Christos.

The opposition to the Lodge work brings increased strength and resources, and in the thirty years of work this has been found literally true in Temple history. Temple literature and teachings are circulating far and wide in this and other countries of the world, and scores of letters received from non-members attest the high appreciation in which these teachings are held and the inspiration and help that is poured through the Temple Center to the world generally through the splendid nucleus of loyal members at Halcyon and the loyal members in all parts of this country and other parts of the world. The Master said many years ago, "Be true to yourself and be true to us"; and if this is done we will vibrate in attunement with the Lodge of Light in its great plan for helping the world.

W. H. D.

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES.

The report of the Thirtieth Annual Convention will appear in the August-September number of "The Temple Artisan". The Convention began on August 4th, lasting a week. We again call attention to the Red Folio of Master messages and communications. This will be sent to members or to friends especially interested in the Temple work on receipt of \$1.00, postpaid.

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