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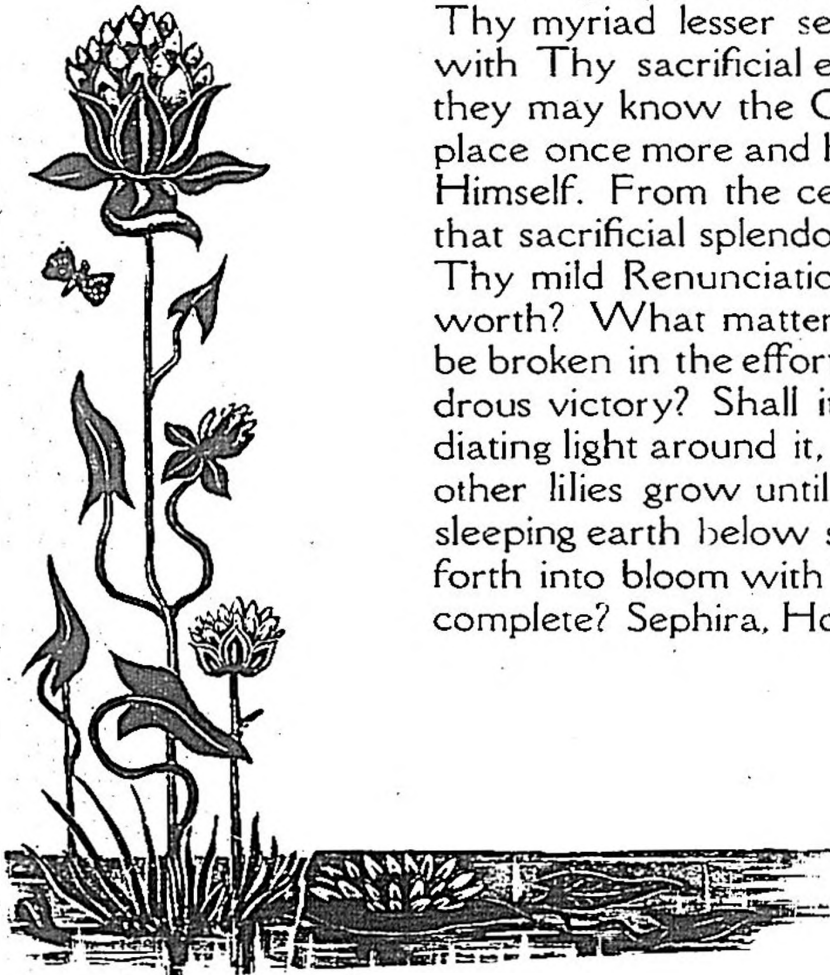


UNTO THEE A KEY

## RENUNCIATION LILIES . . . .

SEPHIRA, HOLY ONE! Cradled 'neath soft blanket of Thy light, nestled within deep folds of Thy creamy robe, warmed by the richness of Thy glowing life, the world lies sweetly resting. Strife, turmoil, sin and lust; failure, sorrow and despair—yes, love itself—lies resting in the consciousness of Thy Greater Self. As a new-ploughed field of light, as billowy cloud of mellowed glory, Thou hast placed Thyself over Thy myriad lesser selves below, covering them with Thy sacrificial essence that through Thee they may know the Christ has stepped into His place once more and has gathered His own unto Himself. From the center of that field of light, that sacrificial splendor, do we not see spring up Thy mild Renunciation Lily of creamy, precious worth? What matters it that one glorious petal be broken in the effort to bring through the wondrous victory? Shall it not be healed by the radiating light around it, and from its stem shall not other lilies grow until all the darkneses of the sleeping earth below shall rise into light and burst forth into bloom with Thee in Thy renunciation complete? Sephira, Holy One!—*August 16, 1926*

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## **Thirty-fifth Annual Convention of The Temple of the People---Conclusion of Report**

### **Saturday, August 11, Afternoon Meeting**

At 3 P. M. the Social Science meeting was held in the Temple, with Mr. Fred Whitney, Mr. Elmer Hedin and Mr. Kenneth Schussman in the chairs. Mr. Whitney presided. The meeting was opened with "Domnu" from "Banba of the Pathways," by John O. Varian, set to music by Edgar Cheetham, played on the piano by Mrs. Whitney. Mr. Hedin gave the following talk:

"Social science is a development of the new age. Before the beginning of the 20th century we had social philosophers such as Rousseau, Comte, and Herbert Spencer. We also had physical science well developed, broken away from theological limitations, using the inductive method: observation, classification, generalization. But it was not until after 1900 that a real social science appeared.

It assumed that the scientific method could be applied to man and his affairs as well as to man's environment. But in its attempt to take over unaltered the techniques of physical science, it limited itself overmuch. It ruled out subjective data as evidence and thereby rendered itself incapable of dealing with the vastly more complex subject matter of this new field. It ruled out also the guidance of the mystical literature of the world. Its ideal was the attainment of the same control over man and his institutions, as physical science had attained over man's environment; the social engineer applying the laws discovered by the social scientist. It has carried this task a little way and been halted by its own limitations, notably its refusal to consider the physically imponderable forces, the subtler essences at work.

Of late there have been intimations in academic social science of a more adequate vision, especially in the gestalt psychology which postulates a whole greater than the sum of its parts. Here is a new dimension in which it may function to better advantage. Social science must progress by expanding its concepts to follow the mystic, and work in his materials.



The scientific method applies still; otherwise there is no science, there is only social theory. It is man's insurance against self-delusion. But the mystic goes on ahead as he has always done. He is the pioneer, and the social scientist must follow his guidance and cooperate with him or be halted forever. Either one alone is a poor servant to the race. The mystic is often in error and his vision must be put to the test of experience, treated as a possibly accurate guidepost rather than as a dictum from on high. The social scientist limiting himself to the elements of experience which can be physically weighed and measured wanders eternally in a fog.

It is only when the two meet and are merged into the occultist that a real social science can be born. Their separate trails are meeting on the shoulder of the mountain in this new age. And it is only fitting that such a meeting should take place in the Temple."

Mr. Cethil Mallory then played the "Choral" by Cesar Frank, after which Mr. Schussman spoke briefly as follows:

"A child coming into the world is more or less a little animal. Gradually it develops, forming likes and dislikes according to its environment. Growing older it forms companionships with other children. This companionship is on a communal basis, not formed from greed, gain, or selfishness, but from the glory and fun of such an association.

As the youngster grows older he finds that the system into which he has been born is not of that kind. Cut-throat competition, unscrupulous business and super-salesmanship are essential in his character in order to "Succeed".

The capitalistic system under which we are now living has taken away the spontaneous cooperative effort of childhood. The new age is compelling people to take note of this discrepancy, and to return to the ideal. All the cooperative movements that have been started in the past years are examples of this compelling urge towards brotherhood. Most of these attempts have been strangled by the present system. Nevertheless these attempts are being made in ever-increasing numbers, and with increasing success. The depression has forced many into the mutual benefit way of living, and the experience alone amounts to fitting those participating for the universal plan later.

Despite this experience, and the many and varied attempts, the intuition or the ability to recognize and USE the force from our Higher Selves to an ever-increasing degree is the essential to real development and advancement in the new age."

Then Mrs. Whitney played a Japanese folk song, "The Bells," after

which Mr. Whitney read the following excerpt from a MS. entitled, "Occult History".

### THE BUILDING OF CIVILIZATIONS

For every outer line of action in human affairs there is an inner; and that inner is the real history, the rest is only the shadow. And since, as said, we are concerned with the bases for these outer lines of procedure it is germane to enquire that, if one social scheme is going down and another trying to rise, what is the position of the White Lodge in the alignment?

As progenitor and karmic administrator of the laws ruling fourth-plane man, the Lodge can not merely project the forces of its plans and purposes into the manasic and psychic field of this plane, and stand off and watch them work out in long cyclic eventualities. The plans are implanted and the Lodge holds to these plans rigidly and intimately though it move through daily human affairs in directions and toward ends never guessed by mortal man. First, it is compelled to follow evolutionary law step by step and phase by phase; it can not leap, it can not jump a gap or miss a step. In short, while keeping the goal in sight it is bound to the eternal Now. And *Now*, in the labors of an evolving Cosmos or a social order, means Position. And Position means two things: first, it is the only possible point for action. What has to be done at a given position can not be done elsewhere. Second, any position or point of operation is a distinct unit within itself, a thing capable of and demanding perfection of completion. If it is not so completed, the structure is marred, and the marred or incomplete is incapable of being built into the whole. This makes it evident that any step in the economy of the soul is exactly as important as any other step, whether it be great or small, of rise or decline, the declining arc of the cycle being precisely as important in the *total values* of the race as the rising.

So while the dreamer of a new system is right in his dream of things to come, and the race will ultimately reach that goal, it is not there Now. It is only just beyond the apex on the turn downward at the present. Consequently the Lodge can not at this juncture say with those who see no good in this system: "Since the capitalist system is doomed to go, why the sooner the better". Rather, capitalism must be let down the decline step by step, as well as built up step by step, and as thoroughly down through the possible devolutional stages as this fourth-plane man of passional powers will permit.

And all of this for a still greater reason than the one given above, a

reason that goes far into the background, far behind the present situation, far behind, even, all social systems and civilizations that man builds, and involves the pertinent question: What is Man here for? What is the meaning of human existence in the eyes of the Great White Lodge? For the masses of humanity life is a day in the sun. We, as the mass man, think we have schools, economic systems, arts, government, ships, advertising, flying machines for the purpose of getting rich and mighty, of being socially and politically great and important. And the whole world is to exploit and plunder. But actually we are here to *learn*. Simple! So very simple that it seems to be nothing at all. But the Lesson is deep and the school is Life itself. In this school all the things of the earth, all of its ideals, notions, knowledge, beliefs, and possessions, including ships, advertising, flying machines, banks and Big Business, are for USE, and USE is for the sake of the LESSON. So when the Lodge looks at man, struggling in the throes of civilizational problems, all of his vaunted values are liable to go by the board. The Lodge must look at him as a teacher looks at a classroom. The teacher knows that every pupil must master the lessons of that grade or he can not go on. The same with the humanity of any civilization; it must learn *at least a workable part of the lessons in race building* to be had for that particular civilization, both in its rise and in its decline, before it is fit to go on. Man must learn how to build his civilizations and make them stand, or, what is more vital still, how to bridge the gap evolutionally between one rise and another that he drop not into nights of barbarism that lie between. He must learn how to build Four-Square upon the Law. And, certainly, he has seldom if ever stood before his problem with a finer intellectual preparation, a truer scientific knowledge, a more fortunate and adaptable productive economic equipment to do the work with than at this present time. He should succeed, but if such a construction is not achieved the failing race will have to return to earth like a child to school and build its civilization all over again; and that, in all likelihood, at a greater risk of failure, for the evolutionary levels of race and planet are constantly rising. Perfection of completion is imperative; it must be reached at some time by individual and race or the mould is broken and the form destroyed by nature, as nature (Divine Law in material form) "will not keep a useless thing or creature." —H.

For America the individualist system broke in the stock crash of 1929. But before it will be possible for this humanity to even approximate cooperation it must learn the *meaning* of that crash. And man is so con-



stituted that the lesson must be driven home by the hammer blows of suffering. This suffering is inevitable enough out of his own karma, but the lesson, unfortunately, is not so inevitable. Actually this cycle of disaster is of more importance evolutionally to the race than any other cycle in this whole civilization—when looked at from the viewpoint of the Purpose. By this disaster, and out of it—this humanity is due to achieve—if it does—that turn in consciousness—that change in understanding—which hinges its whole possible swing into the next and rightful social order, which is to come to its perfection in the Sixth Race. And, as said, the way into that order is through a series of steps which must be taken with knowledge and right perception. They can not be fumbled and stumbled through; man must KNOW.

To this end the Lodge is bound to hold back the decline and round out the experience to the fullest of its ability to do so in the face of time and karma. All of this, of course, in the light of the Goal, for only so long as the finer nature of man can be aroused and applied to the task can the guiding hand of the Lodge be kept constructively in it. Evolutionally, the world's present problem of distribution is purely social. And every remedial step must be taken in that direction; all else means disaster. We can no more go back to the *status quo ante* 1929 than we can go back to the Renaissance or the days of the Pilgrims. The Mile Stone is past and the past is dead, whether it takes a day or a dozen centuries for it to die.

The meeting closed with the singing of the Consecration Hymn.

#### **Sunday Forenoon**

At 11 a. m. the Temple Builders meeting was held in the Temple. The children marched in wearing their blue capes and took their seats over the six-pointed Temple Star outlined in red and blue. The chandeliers, composed of colorful flowers and lighted candles placed on a table in the center of the star, added greatly to the setting. Miss Pearl Wilshire presided for Louise Stenquist.

The meeting was opened with a silence, followed by the Builders' song, "Shine On My Heart", after which a Character Ritual—how to build up character—was presented by Robert and Olive Ross and Robert and Patricia Altamirano. Then Dr. Little spoke on behalf of the German Temple Builders, and Miss Wilshire read the last beautiful convention letter to the Builders by their founder and leader Mrs. Jane W. Dower. After Mrs. Dower's passing to Inner planes, this letter, in which she cheerfully and lovingly spoke to them of her deep affection and understanding saying she would always be with them

in heart and spirit though she could not be there in person, has now become her last message to the Builders, a precious document and lasting token of her devoted and kind personality.

Dr. Dower then spoke on the fundamental value of the Temple Builders Department, and two of the present Guardians of the Builders, Mrs. Louise Awerdick and Mr. Clarence Dennis, extended kind and understanding words to the children. Then the Avataric Mantram was recited and the meeting closed with the song, "Father, Mother, Brother, Sister."

### **Sunday Afternoon—Temple Talks**

The last meeting of the Convention was held at 3 p.m. in the Temple. It was opened by the choir singing the powerful Song of Victory, "Wake to Life", by John O. Varian and Edgar Cheetham, Words of Force and Unifying Chant, and reading of "The Latch" from From The Mountain Top by the Inner Guard, Mrs. Wilkins.

As usual, this last meeting was given over to Temple Talks and reading of convention greetings from distant members and friends.

The Guardian-in-Chief first called on Mrs. Joyce Hedin. She expressed deep appreciation of her first year spent in Halcyon and the opportunity it meant in her life, which was crowned through the convention week with its high spiritual constructive forces. Mrs. Agnes Varian read some of John O. Varian's powerful poems, "Peace in Our Hearts", "Life", "The Sun Is Wisdom", and "Death", after which Mr. Cethyl Mallory played Beethoven's Allegro con brio on the piano. Mr. Kenneth Schussman—another new comer to Halcyon—then expressed how much he realized during Convention week the high and spiritual forces living in The Temple and back of it. Dr. Little of Palo Alto spoke of the German Temple Group and read letters from the Squares and comrades in Germany. He also spoke of the early years of the Temple work and of our warrior brother J. O. Varian, now on inner planes of life and sang a song dedicated to him (with words by Lillith Lorraine.) Mr. Elmer Hedin spoke of the growing self-knowledge we gain in the Temple, especially here at the Center, which enables us to work intelligently within ourselves. In the opinion of Miss Maude J. Wilson, of Palo Alto, this convention was the most interior one she ever attended. She expressed deep gratification in seeing the Temple Spirit growing in the younger generation who will continue the interior work of The Temple and carry the Temple force into the world.

Another hymn followed, "O how shall I receive Thee", sung by the choir, after which the Guardian-in-Chief, Dr. Dower, and the Temple

Scribe, Mr. Harrison, read telegrams and letters of greetings from the friends assembled in New York on the first Convention Sunday and from other places in the U. S. A., Canada, Italy, New Zealand, etc.

Mrs. Louise Awerdick and Mrs. Isabella Tarbox were then asked to say a few words. The latter, having been a resident of Halcyon for long years, now living in Berkeley where family duties keep her, appreciated the evidences of growth in the Temple work both interiorly and exteriorly, and said that the procedure and scientific presentation in some of our meetings in no way differed from the procedure at the university she had the opportunity to attend. There was a strong spiritual force prevailing during the whole meeting, which closed with the Mantrams, Consecration Hymn and the Blessing given by the Guardian-in-Chief.

In the evening we met for the last time at supper by the fireside in Hiawatha Lodge. Songs were sung in unison and the Lodge Salute given in honor of all our comrades everywhere. Finally we chanted the Great Untier and said Farewell for the time being, with deep gratitude in our hearts and with stronger love and devotion to the work and for one another, hoping to meet again at next convention.

Until then, may the Forces of Light remain with us, and Peace and Love with all Beings.

The following interesting letter was received from Canada:

WINNIPEG, CANADA, August 13, 1934—Dear Dr. Dower, Brother and Comrade: It is a week tomorrow since we held our picnic and meeting, sending our combined thought force to our Temple Convention, and the fragrance of it is with me yet.

During July we had very hot weather, and the ground was all parched and burnt up while we were having supper at the picnic meeting. The rain started to fall; we still remained in the rain which was like a blessing. After the tea, we drew the three cars into a triangle, three persons in each car, and the rain continued coming down, blessing us; the thunder rolled in the distance, the lightning sped across the sky, and we still stayed with our meeting. I began to feel it was for the first time we had ever met. I could seem to feel the Indians all about, and I thought of the fairy rings, and of you all, and of our dear Master Hilarion marching on and beckoning us onward. We could not have the burning of the incense because of the rain. But I could not help putting the two together and thinking of showers of blessings. Everyone, I think, was feeling the same, and each one, I am sure, received the forces from Halcyon, for they one and all spoke of the consciousness of beauty. And I am sure, dear Brother, that we were able to send forces to help you; I was so conscious of it, it was too beautiful for words. And we came away renewed in spiritual life for our winter's work. [Signed] MINNIE GOULDEN.



## The Sons of Jacob, a Study in Esoteric Astrology

By MRS. ADA MUIR, Vancouver, B. C., Canada

In studying the history of world religions our attention is drawn to the number that owe their origin to the symbolic portrayal of the cycle of the Sun.

The study of the Zodiac and the relations of the Sun to the other heavenly bodies was the first Bible, and it was written by men who had attained a knowledge of their own souls and a comprehension of God Who is the life and substance of all souls.

They recognized that all life is related and that man is perhaps the highest physical expression of the great spiritual Sun, but Mother Nature is a true mother and gives her children knowledge as they are fitted to receive it.

While they are still in their infancy of selfishness and petulance knowledge of powers they might possess is withheld, but they are slowly taught in story and fable the meaning of their own soul life. From these symbols they will reach out and discover the esoteric significance, and gain a knowledge of powers hitherto undreamed of, for, as the child is ready, the teacher is there.

The story of the one in the midst of the 12, typified by the Sun surrounded by the 12 signs of the Zodiac, is told in the 12 labours of Hercules, the 12 knights of King Arthur, the 12 gates to the heavenly city of religion, the 12 deities, and the 12 disciples of Jesus Christ.

Those who have a knowledge of their birth chart can obtain a fuller meaning of the *one in the midst of 12* and the soul struggle towards the light of perfection, as they analyse the esoteric meaning of the signs on the different houses of their chart, for each of us is in the midst of the 12 cosmic influences as typified by the 12 signs of the Zodiac.

Symbolically we may learn more of these signs through the study of the sons of Jacob. The dying Jacob, we are told, called his sons together and to each assigned a task. Let us consider these tasks in the light of the signs as we find them on our charts, and through introspection discover wherein we are fulfilling our destiny.

"Reuben," said Jacob, "you are my first born excellency of dignity; excellency of power. Unstable as water thou shalt not excell." Astrological students will have no difficulty in recognizing in this the sign Aquarius, ruled by Uranus, signifying strength of will, intensity

of feeling. spontaneous unpremeditated action. Aquarius controlled is the regenerator, uncontrolled, the destroyer.

In Benjamin we find the description of Aries "He shall rave as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey and at night divide the spoils". In our primitive state through our Aries consciousness we never really submit to control of others, and plan to get the better of others, but in higher states of consciousness, uncontrolled, selfish thought is transmuted into constructive idealism and we share the spoils of our mental ingenuity in seeking to unravel the Divine plan.

Taurus is assigned to Issacher, the strong ass, crouching beneath two burdens. In Taurus we carry the two burdens, personal love and hate, until we have mastered the conditions in our daily life; and misapplied zeal, jealousy and intolerance give place to a recognition of the Divine will and obedience to that will, for Taurus is the listening principle of humanity, the germinating power of silent thought.

Assigned to Gemini we have Simeon and Levi. "They are brethren," said Jacob, "and instruments of cruelty are in their habitations". This has reference to the powers of thought projection that lie within the magnetic constitution of the house dominated by Gemini. Thought directed in right channels is an immense power for good, but it lacks direction in the majority. Simeon and Levi represent the struggle for mastery between the self and the non-self, between reality and its shadow, until unity is achieved in the blend of intuition and reason.

Cancer is assigned to Zebulon. We are told "Zebulon shall dwell at the haven of the sea and he shall be an haven for ships". Here we leave the intellectual activity of Gemini and enter the magnetic current, water. Storm-tossed on the ocean of life, we seek a haven, but the voice of the soul speaks only to those who have stilled intellectual activity and made it the servant of intuition. In the house of Cancer, spiritual and material forces finally reach a state of equilibrium. The voice of sensation must be stilled, and in our haven of rest, aspiration, the ear becomes attuned to the inner voice.

Leo, the royal sign, is assigned to Judah of whom Jacob said, "He is a lion's whelp and from the prey, my son, thou art gone up". Through the sign Leo, in our primitive state, we suffer much through dread of criticism, through fear of giving offence, through self-indulgence and cowardice; but in this sign we also learn the mysteries of sacrifice. Leo, ruled by the Sun, is the life center of the circulatory system and our life center lies in the department dominated by Leo.

Asher is assigned to Virgo. "Out of Asher his bread shall be fat and he shall yield royal dainties". Virgo signifies toil, activity in many directions, but finding time to criticise the work of others until we recognize the divinity of compassion and yield the dainty of purity and mother love.

Libra is typified by Dan. "Dan shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel". In Libra we meet and, let us hope, conquer some of the pitfalls of the personal life. In Aries our will becomes less selfish, in Taurus our feelings are purified, in Gemini reason listens to the voice of intuition, in Cancer sensation gives place to inspiration, in Leo our love nature is laid on the sacrificial alter, in Virgo mother love is engendered, and as we reach Libra we would rest awhile and listen for the "Well done! thou good and faithful servant" and we ship our oars for a rest. In theory we have reached a state of balance, equilibrium and poise and from this vantage ground can catch glimpses of universal brotherhood, equality and rationalism.

In Scorpio we meet Gad of whom Jacob said "A troop shall overcome him but he shall overcome at the last". The troop of Gad is transient pleasures and sensuous delights which must be overcome.

Joseph is Sagittarius whose "bow abode in strength and the arms of his hands were made strong". This represents our organizing power wherein we must destroy every negative thought even though it be garbed as a "higher truth".

In Capricorn we have Naphtali of whom Joseph said "He is a hind let loose. He giveth goodly words". Through the house governed by Capricorn we seek position and like the hind or goat we often travel alone in our quest of the topmost peak. There we meet the goat of Mendes, the devil who points out the vista before us and appeals to our pride of place.

The same story is told in every religion. Christ went up the mountain and was tempted, offered a crown, and every soul who is climbing must be tested in the same manner. Considered astrologically, the devil says to Naphtali: "Put on a cloak of religion and pass Joseph where you learned wisdom and love and taste again the sensuous delights of Gad. Worship me and I will show you how to bribe Dan, the judge. You shall have Asher to work in your vineyard and we will wrest the sceptre and crown from Judah. We will wreck the ships in the harbour of Zebulon, Simeon and Levi shall make bricks without straw, and Issachar shall build you a home.



Naphtali ponders. Shall he work with this crafty schemer who is so quick to see his weakness and make use of it? In that pause his habits of perseverance, patience and steadfastness which have brought him to that high place, may prevail, and his "Get thee behind me, Satan" will fit him to understand and pass through the quicksands of Aquarius and with Reuben seek a condition of "excellency of wisdom, excellency of power".

If the responsibilities of the house governed by Capricorn are well understood and carried out, in Aquarius we are initiated into mysteries of inductive philosophy, can tap the intellectual and scientific life of our age and be a pioneer in the field of universal brotherhood.

Pisces is assigned to Ephraim and Manasseh, sons of Joseph, the law-giver, and with Joseph we give all we have in learning the lesson of universal love and pour this solvent upon suffering humanity.

As you see, Mrs. Mair said she was unable to come but this article would represent her. It was read by Mr. Fred Whitney in one of the Convention meetings at the Temple.



## THE "HEART"

REVIEW BY M. M. MERC

Now, when the entire world is aquiver with unprecedented hate and ill-feelings, and prejudice ravages like a plague of madness, this Blessed Teaching comes from the Highest Source just in time to help mankind to purify its heart in order to meet the Coming Avatar with a new consciousness and a new understanding of the "*Novus Ordo Seclorum*", which according to all prophecies is to begin in the year of 1936.

This is the Age of Fiery Baptism because the Coming Avatar manifests Himself through the Substance of Fire. It is therefore very significant that the Hierarchy of Light sends out at present into the world the Teachings of Fire. In order to be able to comprehend fully the grandeur of the Battle of Armageddon, which is raging now all over the world like a monstrous conflagration, one has to purify one's soul with the Blessed Agni, which pervades the entire space for this purpose, as never heretofore. And once one burns away with this Fire the dross and dust of yesterday, one begins to live in the future, which is the only reality at present to live in.

The whole of mankind goes through this fiery test and initiation. And those who cling to the phantoms of the past will have to be resurrected from the ashes to which they shall be burnt by the All-pervading Agni.

But those who live in the reality of the future shall bless this Fire, which kindles an eternal conception of an eternal existence. Thus shall mankind go through this Fire of initiation in order to emerge as a new and free humanity with the past burnt to ashes, and a future of an unconsuming Fire. Then joy and justice shall reign supreme in the hearts of new men and women, liberated by the All-pervading Agni. The book, "Heart", is a sesame to one's own heart, which is a true *Sanctum Sanctorum* of everyone's Body-Temple. And once one is guided to the innermost Sanctuary of one's own self, one shall never fail to hear the Voice of the Highest One, Who dwells in every human heart. To conquer self—is to reach one's inner self! With what love and compassion this Book guides one to the shrine of the heart! Only a hand of a Hierarch can guide in such a loving and compassionate way! Only a Heart imbued with Divine Love can kindle human hearts with the same Blessed Rays. Verily, if Armageddon can bring such manifestations as these Teachings from the Highest Source, then even Armageddon should be blessed. Many shall ask the Name of the Author of "Heart," as well as of the previous Books of the Agni Yoga Series, but who knows the real Names of the Hierarchy of Light, the Names of those Exalted Beings who labor for the General Good of humanity since the world has been created; the Names of those who sweat blood, so that mankind may be redeemed from the fetters of darkness and ignorance? And he, who knows the Names of the Masters, shall not pronounce them in vain! And when our hearts shall be awakened by the Fiery Call of the Great Ones, let us then dedicate ourselves and our service to the same Cause of Light, thus carrying out the Will of the Lords, and help them to carry the unconsuming Fire of the Teachings into the very jungles of life, where a starving and eager mankind is awaiting the Word of Light as its only hope for redemption. The time has come when the Teachings of the Masters shall become the very Bread of Life, which shall sustain all those who have dedicated their life to the Cause of Light. And the Fire of these Teachings shall save many a soul from the chaos of darkness which covers the very face of the earth. In this Messianic Age the Teachings of the Divine Agni shall verily cover the entire earth, as "the waters cover the sea", as it is said in Isaiah, "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Zephaniah also prophesied that the language of the heart shall be used by mankind in the days of Messiah: "Then I will turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the Name of the Lord, to serve Him with one consent."

Brotherhood of Man and Fatherhood of God have been proclaimed and preached in every corner of the earth for thousands of years. And in this Era the harvest of Fire shall be reaped probably for the first time in the entire history of mankind by a new humanity. Until this new order of things is fully established, the forces of darkness shall continue to hold the entire world in its bondage. It is therefore that these forces manifest such fury and hate, because the Fire of Hierarchy, which kindles the hearts of its Warriors of Light with eternal joy, burns darkness and evil to ashes. This is the Battle of Armageddon. And the time is at hand when humanity shall greet the Coming King with one fiery heart, united in their faiths and aspiring to the One God of the Universe.

And now, at the dawn of the Seventh Millenium, when the Rays of the Coming Lord Maitreya are piercing the hearts of men with the very joy of a new understanding, the Heart comes again to its own. And this Blessed Teaching of the Heart is needed now more than ever before to feed the starving heart of mankind. And this new way of and through the Heart is perhaps the only one to reach the gates of the new consciousness. It is therefore so precious that such Teachings as "HEART" are given by the Great One in this, probably the darkest, hour of mankind's history. With deepest reverence and gratitude we may exclaim: "Blessed be the Great Heart, which gave us in this hour of distress this Sacred Teaching to sustain our heart and soul."

The following letter to Dr. Dower accompanied the above article:

NEW YORK, N. Y., June 25th, 1934.—My dear Brother in Spirit: The Book, "Heart" is going to be published very shortly and we know how you and your dear co-workers will rejoice at this new volume of the Agni Yoga Series.

I enclose herewith a review on the "Heart" by M. M. Meru, written especially for the Temple Artisan and hope it will reach your next issue just in time.

With brotherly love, in spirit ever with you, M. M. LICHTMANN.

### TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

A small volume of selected poems of John O. Varian is just off the Halcyon Temple Press. His powerful and cosmic poems will be highly appreciated by all our members. The price is \$1.00. Address Mrs. Agnes Varian, Halcyon, California. The binding by the Halcyon Book Bindery is very attractive.



Attention is called to the article entitled, "The 'Heart' ". The book "Heart" and the other Agni Yoga publications, Leaves from Morya's Garden; Agni Yoga; Hierarchy; may be ordered from Halcyon Book Concern. Price \$1.00 each, postpaid.

We recommend again the following books: Occultism for Beginners, by Dr. W. H. Dower, paper 60 cs, cloth \$1.00. Brother of The Third Degree, an occult novel, by W. L. Garver, \$2.60, post paid.

Mrs. Ada Murr's books on Astrology and Health: Health and the Sun Sign; Cancer; Healing Herbs of the Zodiac; Food in Relation to Health, mimeographed; 50 cs each. Book of the Nodes and Part of Fortune; Pluto, the Redeemer; \$1.00 each, postpaid.

Mr. Mark Edmund Jones again held summer courses for his group at Halcyon for two weeks. Meetings, lectures and classes are going on as usual at the Temple center with good attendance on the part of members as well as non-members.

Please address all money orders and payments to the Treasurer or to the Guardian-in-Chief of The Temple of The People, Halcyon, Calif.

A beautiful, artistic and symbolic picture was recently received from our brother Martin G. Bilger which now adorns the east wall of the Temple. The frame is beautifully hand carved in heavy mahogany and has bronze castings including bronze plaques of H. P. B., W. Q. Judge and B. S. The Temple's thanks to our artist brother for this very valuable and treasured gift. In a future number more will be said about his work of art and its symbolism.

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### IN MEMORIAM

On November 2nd two devoted and loyal Temple sisters passed from this plane, Mrs. Alice Henderson of Los Angeles and Miss Helen R. Crane of Halcyon. Mrs. Henderson had been a Temple member since 1903 and made herself endeared to many of the Halcyon comrades. As long as her health permitted, she was frequently a guest at the center. We shall always treasure her in our memory. Miss Crane came from New Haven, Conn., to Halcyon at the convention in 1933. She was very helpful to the Temple in many ways as long as she was able. She was hostess at the Guest House and was a vocal and violin teacher and assisted in the music generally. Impressive funeral services were held for her in the Temple and her body was laid to rest in the Halcyon cemetery. Our love and blessings follow our dear sister on her path into the light.

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