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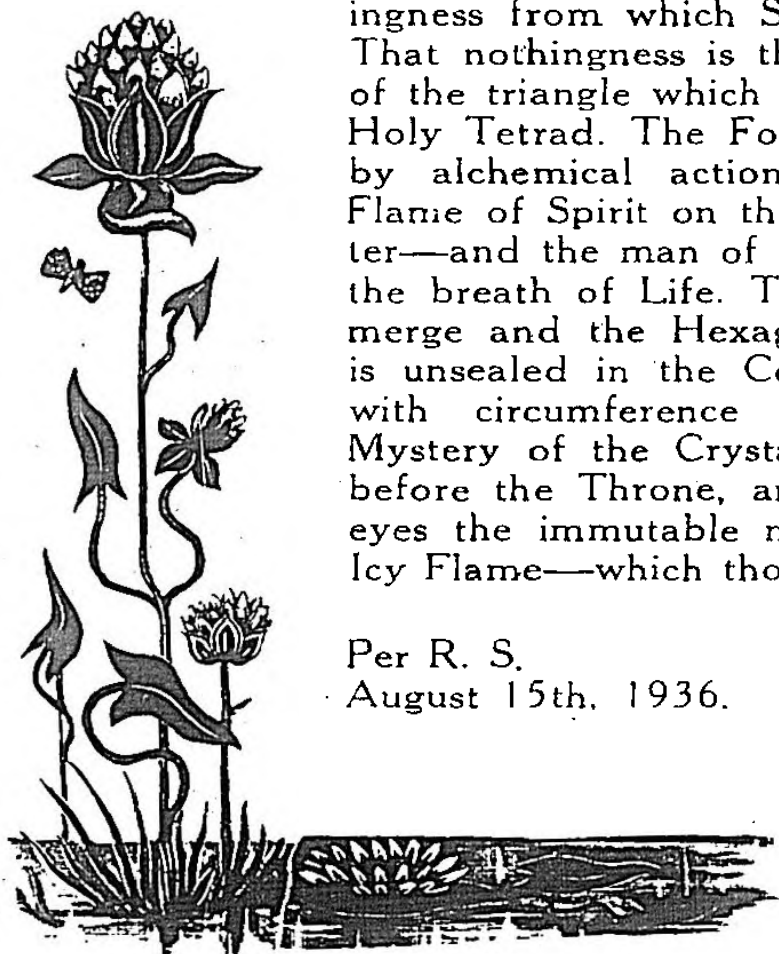
UNTO THEE A KEY

## Frozen Fires and Icy Flames (A Triple Paradox)

Frozen Fires and Icy Flames are the Alpha and Omega of all search for hidden causes in the Hearts of People and things.

That which is concealed is now revealed, the beginning everywhere, its end in vast nothingness from which Spirit and matter emanate. That nothingness is the point within the Centre of the triangle which lieth within the Four—the Holy Tetrad. The Four falls into the Pentagon by alchemical action of Sulphur—the White Flame of Spirit on the illusive Mercury of matter—and the man of Red Clay is endowed with the breath of Life. The two Five-pointed Stars merge and the Hexagon—the Star of Wisdom is unsealed in the Centre of Nothingness—yet with circumference everywhere. Ponder the Mystery of the Crystal Sea of Glass that lieth before the Throne, and it may reveal to inner eyes the immutable nature of Frozen Fire and Icy Flame—which thou art.

Per R. S.  
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## EDITORIAL MIRROR

In this vitally important cycle beginning with 1937, THE TEMPLE ARTISAN sends greetings of good-will to all its readers and friends wherever situated. 1937 bears portents of being a critical year in the history of mankind, for as the old order passes away and the new is ushered in, nascent forces are liberated that bring about great changes and new combinations in all fields of human endeavor, as well as in the organic and inorganic kingdoms.

It is well to bear in mind in the critical days that lie before the nations of the earth as well as the units composing humanity, that the Law of Centralization is of primary importance, as it is a principle to which we may cling in fair or stormy weather. The principle of centralization is an all-pervading principle, and reaches into the inmost centers of spirit as well as of matter, so that the order that obtains in heaven will come into the realization of human consciousness in proportion as it observes this great principle and law of centralization. Everything in manifestation must have its center, from the mightiest sun in space to the tiniest life on earth or beneath the waters of the earth. Likewise must social conditions and societies and nations have their center, which center should and must have its roots in the center of divine consciousness—Deity in manifestation.

Without this well-ordered principle of centralization with its roots in the Heart of God, the manifested universe and all its worlds would become chaos.

The law or principle of centralization is a self-evident truth, for you see it everywhere, in nature around you, in nations as well as in all animate and inanimate grades of matter. With the inner vision single to the divine truths which ensoul every particle of matter and spirit we can reach in and realize the hidden potencies and glories of all things, and become one with that inner light, "the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world." So in this important New Year Cycle let us endeavor to realize the inherent divineness within us, and make it every day a living power in our lives. If we do not do this, the world will be torn to pieces by the forces of separateness now manifesting so terribly

in practically every section of the earth. If a sufficient number of units of humanity can realize and apply the divine principle of centralization to outer conditions, such a collective group will be like a grain of sand that will turn the scales of justice and brotherhood in the right direction, thus permitting the gleams of a golden brotherhood of souls to dawn on this dark star. Every one can do his part in this by right aspiration and unselfish thinking and endeavor, for it is a truth that "there are no little things." The little things make up the oceans and the mountains and all of the constellations in this infinite universe. In other words, as the saying is, "Perfection is no trifle, but trifles make perfection."

By request of some members of the Temple staff the following is quoted from a carbon copy preserved in the office files:

"I note your appreciation of the letters from your home folks. You are a point of contact with the world, and by keeping this close connection with Halcyon you do attract through this Center to yourself Lodge Forces of light, life, and love. And you are radiating those constantly day and night, whether you are conscious of it with your brain mind or not. And in the big center where you live no doubt thousands derive an inner help from this radiation that modifies their thoughts and consciousness and helps them to do the right thing on outer planes. Thus the importance of having points of Temple contact in these large centers. It is not the outer exoteric work that counts but these inner forces that press through your aura and purify the astral channels, the pranic channels, in centers where thousands of people are congregated. Were it not for this fact there would be a congestion of negative or evil forces, and epidemics, or some phase of disturbance in the physical, mental, or moral life of the population would take place that would get beyond all bounds of control. Thus, you see, 'There are no little things,' and everybody under the Lodge plan is an important point. Your spiritual will is active all the time in helping on the dissemination of the Lodge Forces. I give you this thought and think it may be helpful to you."

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 it, which glides upon the standard of self.

The Old is passing into the New. The gold and crimsons 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.



### THE CHRISTOS

"A LITTLE CHILD shall lead them," quoth the prophet; and through long ages past the Child, foretold, hath led the people on through depth of persecution toward the heights of self-abnegation. And still the Child shall lead them on to undreamed heights beyond.

Sing for joy, ye people of all lands, for once again the CHILD, the CHRIST, is born on this His natal day; your Child, my CHILD, called forth from God by man's unceasing cry for help to tread the wine-press of the world and win eternal life—the CHILD for which mankind hath travailed sore and now hath brought to birth again within its heart.

### BENEDICTUS

May the glorious Sun of Righteousness cast its brightest beams along thy path today and evermore. Only may the shadows fall where there is need to halt too swiftly flying feet.

MAY HOPE fulfilled sing its glad song in thine heart at the dawn of CHRISTMAS Day, and may the Evening Star whisper a paean of Peace in thine ear as thou seekest thy rest.

From a Temple Calendar.

### From ESOTERIC TEACHINGS OF MASTER HILARION

#### Temple Teachings, Open Series No. 289

You have been told the time when with me you were associated in the Order of the Sons of the Dragon, Children of the Glory of Ancient Egypt.

Ah, my children! you were groping then in the rushes to find the Sun that had never set, the Sun that has lighted the Uni-


verse from the beginning of Time, and we have not all ceased groping amid the rushes even to this day. We were then deciphering the written pillars of the Gods, and I have learned that the only path that leads to the Temple gates lies over the stones of sacrifice.

You have often misinterpreted and misunderstood my words as given to you. No great reformer has ever passed through the world and accomplished his object, save over that path of the stones of sacrifice. There is no other way. If I were to pour into the world today millions upon millions of treasure, and the hearts of mankind remained the same as now, the result would be inevitably the same as does now obtain in the world and it would be worse than giving a child a sharp sword to play with. The many would be sacrificed to the few in the end, and that end would not be far off, for the effect of the causes set up by that action would be invariably the results of similar actions in the past. The closing of the cycles has made it possible for us to do much toward elevating the race, but there are many things that we cannot do. You cannot see as do we, or you would know this to be true.

If you could understand how we have labored, in the past quarter of a century, to bring mankind to a point where they might be able to RECOGNIZE some modicum of truth, and see how little, APPARENTLY, has been accomplished, it would surprise you greatly. All over the world, people have been prepared for entrance into the higher life and when the opportunity comes to them they do not recognize it but cast it away as worthless. Here and there, among the masses, are those in the position of leaders, who, by mere force of character and ambition, have risen above the mass to some extent, but, having once gained the power and tasted of the sweetness of ambition, they are not willing to give up the power, even for a temporary span of time, because they are not able to recognize the truth that it is only by giving up that one can obtain. Therefore, sooner than risk the little power they have gained, they almost invariably cling to it as to life, holding the masses back in the ditch from which they themselves have partially emerged.

The host of souls whom you speak of and think of as forces, are now combining to assist in the great work of the elevation of mankind and they MUST succeed, but man can hinder and does hinder in spite of all, for he is a free moral agent and cannot be saved against his will. It is only a question of time when all will be compelled to see: in the meantime, there is work enough for us all, and if we can see but one step at a time, it is better to take that step and trust for strength to take the next.

From an Interview.

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## CHRISTMAS, 1936

At your door, at my door—to you and to me  
 The Angels are singing: "Look and see  
 The ageless Christ-Child waiting thee—  
 A Light shining out of the Darkness sable!  
 Make ready your heart, your hearth, your table;  
 Send Him no more to the Beasts and Stable!  
 Ye grovel and grope midst surfeit, or grieve,  
 Mad voices are crying for change or relief,  
 Yet ye bar Him without as a Cheat or a Thief!  
 Open wide, open wide every pathway and door!  
 Open your culture, your craft, and your store!  
 SEE HIM, and BE HIM, and FREE HIM,  
 Once more!

Palo Alto, Calif.

Geo. B. Little

## HOLY GUARDIANS

By Nicholas Roerich

Thus said the Mongolian Lama.

"The Holy Keepers visited also our yurtas. Nobody knows when They shall appear. It is not known from where They come and whither They go, but They are usually in haste. It is told that They search for treasures, but others say that They lay foundations for monasteries, where these are necessary. Sometimes the place of Their visitation is being marked by suburgans or by ordinary obos. When the news of Their approach passes through the desert, then people rejoice in all yurtas. It is said that there are no illnesses in those places. And all plans and deeds are successful."

We asked: "Perhaps such success is due to mental suggestions? Such beneficial thoughts and ordainments are known."

"We know of this force and we ourselves believe that success is sent. Once the Holy Keeper was asked: 'Is it true that according to His thought many benevolent deeds are done and how He suggests them?' It is said that He replied: 'This happens in many ways, but the main thing is that you act as is necessary'. And They hasten in order to give to the people more good thoughts, in order that people everywhere can do the best within the needed time."

We asked: "Are They at once recognized by the people?"

"To say the truth, only a few recognize Them. And the others become only aware, after Their departure. And then they again begin to wait. Stupid people when something is given, they do not agree: and when it is taken away—they begin again to wait for it."



We asked: "And when They come, where do They stay?"

"Sometimes in Their tents, but usually They go away somewhere, and no one knows properly, from beyond what mountains they come and where Their path lies. But wise people expect them, and expect Them very much, especially for the day of the Blessed One. And when the news of Their arrival comes, joy radiates everywhere. From yurta to yurta messengers gallop at full speed. And hardly have the people time to gather, when He has already left. People of course say that They use some subterranean passages, but no one knows anything definite about these. When They suddenly appear amidst the desert, people wonder how such a long waterless path was accomplished. We ponder whether somewhere there are hidden roads. Even very deep and endless caves were found and no one knows whither they lead. And in the darkness of these caverns no one was able to find his way."

We asked: "Do you narrate all this about the ancient past, or does it happen now?"

"It was, and is, and shall be. They guard the people. They keep justice. They send new thoughts. And not long ago, and maybe even now there may appear a rider. Either alone, but sometimes two, and no one knows their ways."

We asked: "And are there any signs of Their coming?"

"No. Never. None! Everything great and wonderful comes unexpected. So sudden that human thought cannot anticipate. But the heart perhaps may feel. When the time of Their approach comes, the heart longs and strives and flies to meet Them. Sometimes, the heart flutters as a bird, and perhaps at that moment They pass nearby. How often does a steed neigh, no one knows why: perhaps it sensed Their steeds. Very often dogs appear watchful apparently without reason, but never will a dog bark at Them. Sometimes it happens in a caravan, during night-camping. It seems as if someone rides past, and when they listen—there is nothing to be heard. Sometimes a wonderful fragrance, as if from the best flowers, arises over the desert. It is said that this is due to Their approach. Some have seen an unusual white dog, like a Borsoi. Old people say that this was Their dog. And the dog runs alone, but as if with some purpose and does not respond to calls; no doubt it hastens. Others have seen in the desert white birds—like doves—and believe that these were Their messengers. There are many inexplicable signs in our desert. Sometimes we find most remarkable stones. No doubt someone has placed them there. They are carved, sometimes with unknown inscriptions, sometimes round like eggs."

We said: "There, you see many signs in the desert, but for foreigners the desert appears boring and dead."

"That is because they do not know the language of the desert."

The foreigners cannot judge the wind, nor do they smell the fragrance, and even should they meet Them, they will not recognize Their greatness."

We add: "What are They like? Some people must have seen Them."

"As circumstances require, in order not to attract the people's attention unnecessarily. I was told that in one camp They were taken for traders, in another as shepherds and yet in another as warriors, everyone judges by himself. But they are not offended at our remarks. One, who recognized Them, tried to find what he should do. And He replied: 'You will do as is necessary, don't worry about it, but always do good deeds, everywhere and in everything.' They always teach to do good."

Again we asked: "But why do They tolerate these dead deserts?" The lama looked at us very cunningly and said: "And this will come in time. And the rivers will rise, and forests will grow and grass will cover everything. Everything comes in time. As it left us because of human sins, so it will come thanks to the Keepers' thoughts. They will send, when necessary, when we shall be able to recognize and to accept."

We asked: "And has no one any signs or tokens from Them?"

"Perhaps some have. No doubt they have. But only, if anyone receives them, he will never say so."

We questioned: "And does any one know Their names?"

"They can assume different names, but again, if anyone was lucky to hear Their name, he will never repeat it to anyone else. No one will transgress this law."

Our friend became silent and piercingly followed with his eyes a moving point on the far-off sandy hills. Perhaps he pondered whether his luck had come. In his eyes glimmered the long waited for expectation. We felt that he knows, has heard and seen much more. But much longer must one sit at the bonfire, until the heart opens up. Even if the heart would be ready to reveal, the will knows how far these gates can be opened towards foreigners. To passers-by many mysteries of the desert remain closed. The desert can only entrust them to their own. Only to him whom it can fully trust: to him, who thinks quietly about the past and the future, who is content with the little which is incalculable for contemporary luxury.

The desert has assumed that aspect, in which it appears to the passer-by, in order not to show its significance and magnificence. The heart of Asia is hidden with all its wealth, with all deeply buried Signs, and the sons of Asia know how to guard the ordained, they guard the Teaching of the Blessed One.

Perhaps tomorrow the Lama will tell us about Shambhala, Naggar, Kulu, Punjab,

Brit. India.

Nicholas Roerich

## 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.

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Question: Have DREAMS any significance, and if so how may they be interpreted?

Answer:

Despite the efforts of so many psychologists to attribute all dreams to merely physical causes there are many well authenticated instances of dreams and visions which were undoubtedly prophetic, and which could not be satisfactorily explained in any such manner. Great poems have been composed in the dream state and musical compositions which excelled the works of their originators in the waking condition. Coleridge composed his masterpiece, "Kublai-Khan", in a dream. He sat reading before a fire and fell asleep as he read the words: "Here the Khan Kublai commanded a palace to be built . . . enclosed within a wall". His sub-conscious mind, in the dream state, took up the thread, and, unhampered by the intellect, wove around it this wonderful poem.

H. P. B. tells us that the "Devils' Sonata" was composed by Tartini, famous Italian violinist, under similar circumstances. She says, "During his sleep he thought the devil appeared to him and challenged him to a trial of skill upon his own private violin brought straight from the infernal regions, which challenge Tartini accepted. When he awoke the melody of the 'Devils' Sonata' was so vividly impressed upon his mind that he there and then noted it down; but on getting as far as the finale all further recollection of it was suddenly obliterated, and he had to lay aside the incomplete piece of music. Two years later he dreamt the very same thing, and in his dream tried to make himself recollect the finale on awaking." A blind musician had been fiddling under the artist's window as he slept, and the implication is that the music awakened a center in the brain into activity, and the completion of the Sonata resulted.

The Greek and Latin classics are full of stories of prophetic dreams and many such are recorded in the Christian Bible. A fair-minded investigation will convince anyone that sometimes during the dream-state a super-normal state is contacted, and under

certain favorable conditions a pre-vision of events to happen may be remembered on awaking.

H. P. B. says that "in dreaming . . . the brain is asleep only in parts and is called into action through the agency of the external senses, owing to some peculiar cause—a word pronounced, a thought or a picture lying dormant in one of the cells of memory and awakened by a sudden noise: the fall of a stone, suggesting instantaneously to this half-dreamy fancy of the sleeper walls of masonry, and so on. When one is suddenly startled in his sleep without becoming fully awake, he does not begin and terminate his dream with the simple noise which partially awoke him, but often experiences in his dream a long chain of events concentrated within the brief space of time the sound occupies and to be attributed solely to that sound."

In this connection perhaps it may be pardonable to narrate an experience of the writer years ago while having some teeth extracted under the influence of anhydrous oxide (laughing gas). No pain whatever was felt. Just a delightful dream, filled with music from a wonderful band—and the pulling of each tooth was translated into a bang on the bass drum. There were just as many bangs on the drum as there were teeth extracted and the pain of each extraction became transformed into a musical note, while the whole experience was an extremely pleasurable one and very far removed from anything one usually associates with the dentist's chair.

In the occult teachings it is stated that interiorly the senses are all one sense, and in this instance, the physical senses being temporarily deadened, the feeling of pain became, in some inscrutable manner, sound—and pleasurable sound at that.

H. P. B. says that man in addition to the physical has also a spiritual brain. "If the former is wholly dependent for the degree of its receptivity on its own physical structure and development, it is, on the other hand, entirely subordinate to the latter inasmuch as it is the spiritual Ego alone (according as it leans more towards its two highest principles or to its physical shell) that can impress more or less vividly the outer brain with the perception of things purely spiritual or immaterial." "Hence it depends on the acuteness of the mental feelings of the inner Ego and on the degree of spirituality of its faculties, to transfer the impression of the scenes its semi-spiritual brain perceives, the words it hears, and what it feels, to the sleeping physical brain of the outer man." "The more spiritual a man, the more active his fancy, the greater is the probability of his receiving in vision correctly the impressions conveyed to him by his all-seeing, ever-

wakeful Ego. The spiritual senses of the latter, unimpeded as they are by the interference of the physical senses, are in direct intimacy with his highest spiritual principle."

Now it is very far from the purpose of the writer to convey the impression that all dreams have a spiritual origin and are capable of prophetic interpretation. Far be it from that. The evidence would show that the vast majority have a purely physical origin and are of no value whatever. Dreamers are very numerous, and of course the dreamer would like to feel that his dream is of spiritual origin; so quite often we find him interpreting his dream in this light and pulling it out a little here, and patting it in a little there, to make it fit eventual circumstances. He resembles the New York East-Side tailor who will stand a prospective customer in front of a mirror and grab a handful of shoddy coat on the back to make it fit in front, and then turn his victim round and grab a handful of the front to make it a snug fit behind. And incidentally, do we not see the same tendency in the amateur astrologer and prognosticator? At all hazards he must make the horoscope fit, so he adapts it to the known facts, pulling it out a little here and patting it in a little there to make it snug—and usually blissfully unconscious that he is doing so.

In answer to the question propounded we have tried to show that H. P. B. taught that there are many kinds of dreams, having their origin in many sources. She clearly states that much highly spiritual enlightenment may come in the dream state and just as clearly and most emphatically she warns us of the danger of attributing value to a dream or vision merely because it is a dream or vision. A diamond is a diamond, whether we find it in the diadem of a queen or in the garbage-pail. The whole tendency of H. P. B.'s Teaching was to develop in her pupils the quality of discrimination and make them capable of sensing the TRUE, wherever they find it.

## FROM "THE PATH TO DISCIPLESHIP"

H. Kazemzadeh-Iranschaehr

### WORLDLY RICHES

If thou wouldst see thyself in thy dreams as owner of gorgeous palaces and treasures wouldst thou weep on awakening to find that all this was but a dream? Only a fool would feel such regret. From the beginning the wise man looks upon worldly riches as a delusive dream and therefore their loss causes him no pain.

He does not commit the folly of considering himself the owner of his riches, but only as the administrator.

He sees how the richest and mightiest men as well as the poor have to leave this earthly life with empty hands.

But he also realizes the difficulty and importance of his stewardship and he is conscious of the responsibility connected with his riches. He does not allow himself to be controlled or enslaved by the things of this world, he rules over them and uses them as means and instruments to reach his goal, just as a guest makes use of things at a banquet without desiring to possess them.

All riches, except the riches of the heart, are transitory.

## KINDNESS

Thy bitter complaints about thine enemies have reached me in my seclusion. Thou accusest thy fellowmen of wounding thee by hatred, envy and wickedness. Thou complainest that they receive thy kindness and loving care with ingratitude. Thou accusest those you love and protect of treating you with scorn, mockery and calumny.

Dost thou not know that these are only tests of thy loyalty, endurance and patience? Dost thou not know that this is a sign that thy love and kindness are not strong enough?

Dost thou not know that these negative vibrations of thine enemies are nearly always the echo of thine own negative and unconsciously wrong attitude? Thou thyself art responsible for thine enemies and their wicked actions. If thy love and kindness were strong enough, the negative vibrations of thine enemies would be powerless.

Therefore seek within thyself the cause of thy troubles. Be kind and grateful to thine enemies, who are but instruments toward thy purification and progress.

## DISCRIMINATION

Discrimination is the ship carrying you across the sea of life from the shores of woe to the shores of bliss.

The most difficult of all acts of discrimination is the distinguishing between the transitory and the eternal in every human being.

Therefore recognize, my child, that thy personality with all its organs, feelings, inclinations, thoughts and states of consciousness is transitory. These parts of thy personality only cause trouble to thee if thou identifyest thyself with them. In reality they are but instruments in thy hand, thou who art eternal and immortal.

These instruments are the material from which thou hast built the bark of thy life. Thou, thyself, art alike the builder and captain of thy ship. Thy personality—the crew of the vessel—must obey thee and must be kept subservient to thy commands. Then and only then thou wilt safely and surely reach the shores of happiness.

### AS LITTLE CHILDREN

If we WOULD only become as little children! Not in size, not in weakness, not in material experience and knowledge. But in innocence, in security of faith and in purity of spirit.

How many times this has been written, how many times this has been read, how many times this has been spoken, how many times this has been heard. And—sadly—how many times this has been misunderstood!

If the consciousness would only awaken to the concrete, vital and demonstrable actuality, that within the scorned and humble innocence, faith and spirit is contained the most real, the most important, and the only salvation!

Children are innocent because of ignorance of any evil. But perfection or salvation can contain no ignorance, therefore the contact with evil through conscious human life must be the experience of every spirit. This in order that it may retain the beauty and perfection of innocence, while conscious of the existence of the evil or imperfect.

The same is true of faith. Children have absolute faith until through the illusions of life this faith is lured into the quagmire of senses and lost. For the senses place faith in the fallible and perishable human form. Whereas perfection demands salvation through the life gained consciousness that faith must be placed in the infallible wisdom of eternal spirit.

“Steep is the path to the abode of faith.”

### ENTREATY

“If thou art conqueror thou wilt receive the light. If thou falter the whirlwind will obscure thy soul. Perfect yourselves, my friends, unwearyingly. Deny not the Voice of the Spirit, suppress only the earth-bound voices. Teach others by the example of manifested deeds but condemn not those in darkness. Many there be still ignorant—forgive them, their spirits slumber.”

Humanity is beginning to falter, the whirlwinds of envy, greed and ignorance are clouding the light from the eyes of the soul.

and ears are open to the earth-bound voices that slander the spirit and whisper of selfish reward. These are dangerous hours! The treachery of material evil will surely destroy mankind if the Voice of the Spirit be not heeded.

Deeds are needed, deeds of kindness, of tenderness, of solicitude for those dreaming in the slumber of ignorance. Action in the field of culture. Defense of the beautiful. Attention, desperately sincere attention to the cry of human hearts, that creation, that love, that truth be not lost in the mad chaotic frenzy of war, in the whirlwind that obscures the souls of men and leaves the Divine dreams broken, torn and bleeding to stagger through countless ages of darkest night.

"Perfect yourselves, my friends, unwearyingly."

New York City:

Gene Fosdick

## TEMPLE BUILDERS' DEPARTMENT, Lesson No. 30 (Reprint)

### THE LIFE OF THE WORLD

How many of you have ever thought that the earth is alive, a living, thinking, breathing being having a place among the stars?

The orange and apple have a peel or skin. So has the earth. We live on the skin, or outside of the earth.

Scientists say there is much heat and fire inside. There are great cavities in it, spaces big enough to contain all the cities of the world.

Some say if we were able to get to those places they would be much more beautiful than anything on the outside, and if we were to go in far enough there would be no storms, no earthquakes, no tidal waves.

As we go toward the center of anything we get nearer its real life—God—Peace.

Jesus said: "The kingdom of heaven is within." So we can only find the kingdoms of peace, love and harmony within our hearts. It cannot be found outside ourselves.

If we want to find the kingdom of love and harmony in another we must look within that other's heart, not on the outside. If we look merely on the outside we would find many faults. The outer part of us, or our personalities, are undeveloped. They are rough and harsh, like the crust of the earth.

In all fruits we always find the best part underneath the peel or skin. Why should it not be so with the earth?

We also know that our best and highest thoughts are the deep



ness. They come in the silence. They are not the ones that come on the surface and in noise.

The fire and heat in the earth correspond to the fire and heat in our bodies and show the earth is alive. The moon is said to be a dead planet because its fire has gone out.

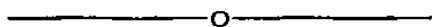
When the thoughts and desires of people get bad they poison the inner air of the world and diseases are caused. Also wars, and even volcanic outbursts and earthquakes occur. They clear away the bad conditions that have gathered just the same as when measles, scarlet fever, small pox break out in the human system, poisonous matter in the blood is thrown out and the person's life is saved.

So if these hidden inner fires did not break out as they do they might cause the earth to die or break to pieces.

Thus each Temple Builder can help the earth to be a better and a safer place to live on by having pure and good thoughts, by trying to do good whenever they can, by relieving sickness and distress, and by being patient with one another. In this way they are real Temple Builders, as the real Temple, we have been told, is humanity and is being built by thoughts and desires, "so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was building."

Temple Builders all are we,  
 Building for God's eye to see;  
 Not with hammer's cheery ring,  
 Not with outward chiseling;  
 Back and forth no plane we draw,  
 Never need we use a saw;  
 Though no tools our hands may show,  
 All the while the buildings grow.  
 Temple Builders day by day,  
 Building with the words we say;  
 Building from our hearts within  
 Thoughts of good or thoughts of sin;  
 Building with the deeds we do,  
 Actions bad or pure and true;  
 Oh! how careful we must be,  
 Building for eternity.

Jane W. Dower.



Return good for evil, and black magic cannot do much harm.  
 Strive to the utmost to reach the heart of all true Being.—H.

## TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

The following lectures were given in Sunday services in the Blue Star Memorial Temple during the last months: Nov. 8, Fred Whitney, "Some Bases of the Coming Race"; Nov. 15, Dr. Dower, "The Eternal"; Nov. 22, Duncan Ferguson, "The Hierarchical Plan"; Nov. 29, Lottie Ferguson, "Power of Affirmation"; Dec. 13, Herman Volz, "The Seven Principles"; Dec. 20, Dr. Dower, "Inner Light of Christmas"; Dec. 27, Ernest Harrison, "Personality and Individuality"; Jan. 10, Fred Whitney, "Inner Lines of the Race Nucleus"; Jan. 17, Dr. Dower, "The Law of Centralization".

The birthday anniversary (January 19) of our beloved teacher, B. S., founder and first Guardian in Chief of the Temple of the People until 1922, was devotedly commemorated in the Sunday services on January 17. The present Guardian in Chief and co-founder with B. S. of The Temple, Dr. W. H. Dower, referred to the anniversary in words befitting the occasion giving a high tribute to the great light outpoured by her into the Temple work.

We call attention of our readers to the Temple publications advertised inside the cover of the Artisan, and the following Correspondence Courses and books,

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