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THE TEMPLE

COSMICALLY The Temple of the People corresponds to the Temple of Humanity.

THE TEMPLE of Humanity consists of all humans who, having awakened into a knowledge of their own divinity, have undertaken to tread the Path, and of those who devote their lives to the unselfish service of mankind.

SPECIFICALLY The Temple of the People is one of the bodies or vehicles for the manifestation of the Avatar or Christos for the New Dispensation, the dawn of the New Civilization for the races of the earth. It was founded in New York State in the second cycle of the Great Lodge movement in November, 1898, by three Masters assisted by others for the laying of the mental, physical, and spiritual foundations of the coming Sixth Race.

THE OBJECTS of the Temple are:

First: To formulate the truths of religion as the fundamental factor in the evolution of the human race. And this does not mean the formulation of a creed.

Second: To set forth a philosophy of life that is in accord with natural and divine law.

Third: To promote the study of the sciences and the fundamental facts and laws upon which the sciences are based which will permit us to extend our belief and knowledge from what is known to the unknown.

Fourth: To promote the study and practice of Art on fundamental lines, showing that Art is in reality the application of knowledge to human good and welfare, and that the Christos can speak to humanity through Art as well as through any other fundamental line of manifestation.

Fifth: The promotion of a knowledge of true social science based on immutable law, showing the relationship between man and man, and man and God and nature. When these relationships are understood we will instinctively formulate and follow the law of true brotherhood.

RELIGION, SCIENCE, AND ECONOMICS, these are the foundation stones of The Temple. There can be no true religion without its scientific basis, and there can be no right economic system not based on a science that is religious and a religion that is scientific.

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BEHOLD, I GIVE



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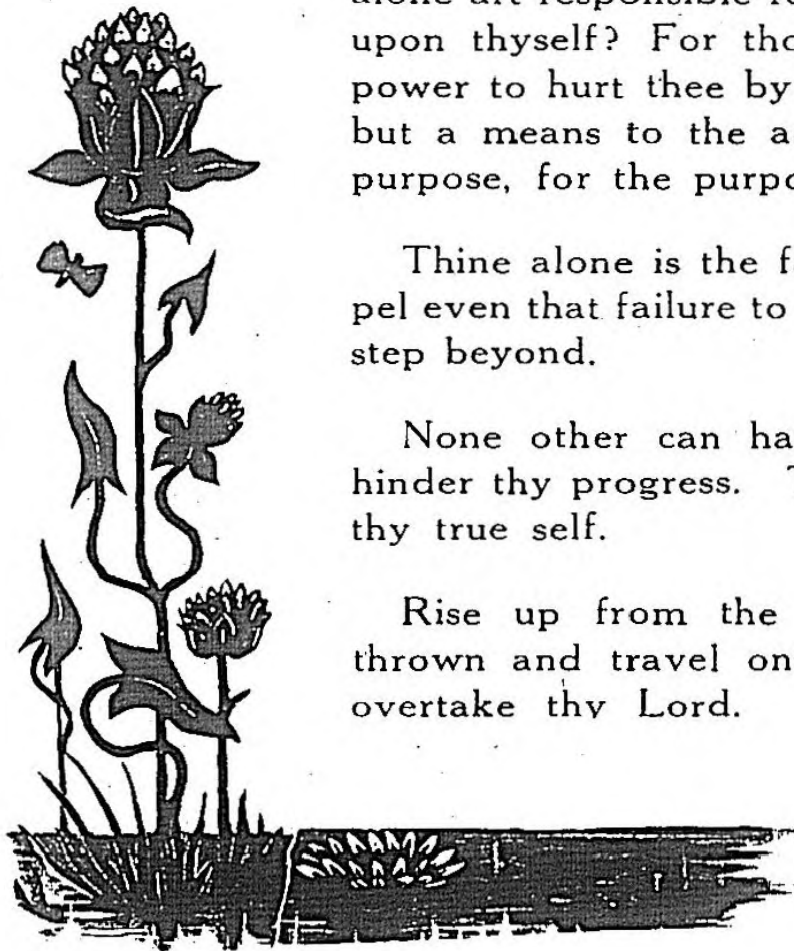
RELIGHT THY TORCH

Knowest thou not, weary, disappointed, rebellious child of the Master—thou in whose heart faith, hope and ambition languish and die through thy Brother's sin or failure—that thou alone art responsible for the effect of that failure upon thyself? For thou alone didst impart the power to hurt thee by accepting that which was but a means to the accomplishment of a great purpose, for the purpose itself.

Thine alone is the fault if thou dost not compel even that failure to assist thee in mounting the step beyond.

None other can harm thee, none other can hinder thy progress. Thou alone art the way to thy true self.

Rise up from the mire in which thou art thrown and travel onward. Mayhap thou shalt overtake thy Lord.



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EDITORIAL MIRROR

What is Co-operation?

The following paper written by W. H. Dower gives a lucid answer to this question.

CO-OPERATION

The Temple stands for Co-operation and Brotherhood. One means the other. There can be no true brotherhood without co-operation. The essential Unity of all life is self-evident to all who are not blind. Not a blade of grass, not a tree, flower, crystal, animal, man, God or world could be independent of the law of co-operation. The blade of grass and flower would be mud and slime, carbon, oxygen, etc.; the crystal would be soot, clay, or some other form of unorganized earth; the form of man would be in the primitive unicellular amoebic stages of existence, living in a ditch or pool of muddy water; the universe would be cosmic dust afloat on the bosom of the Great Deep without form and void—and God Himself would be chaos instead of Omnific Light, Order and Law.

From the One comes all, to the One all returns by the Law of Unity and Co-operation. We are in a Universe not a duoverse. There can be no other Truth, but the One Truth. "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me."

A competitive system makes for a duoverse in the world. It is selfish, separative, and opposed to the laws of nature, and the plan on which the Universe is built, spiritually and materially.

The great Truth of Unity and Co-operation is as simple as all great basic truths are, but man cannot realize this until his own forces are unified, the lower co-ordinating with the higher—the mind with the soul. The great truth of Co-operation is dawning through the sleepy film of the human mind, and it is a promise of what shall be.

W. H. D.

The basic law back of co-operation is the Law of Attraction—Unity—tending to draw together all people, all things of similar natures, to accomplish like purposes and ideals—perfect obedience of the Group Soul to the decrees of the Divine Law of Love and Harmony. Disobedience to the Divine Law calls into action the Law of Repulsion, Inharmony, which is the cause of the failures of outer attempts of co-operative endeavors.

P. F. D.

A Letter by B. S. to the Children of The Temple
March 9, 1899

Dear Comrades:

Many inquiries are received relating to Blue Star and the seven selected agents of the Master H., regarding their position, occupation, residence, and their power and ability to receive and transmit messages or directions from the several Masters of the White Lodge now engaged in the great work of raising the rate of vibration of, and assisting the present humanity to a more advanced step in evolution.

But that which should engage the attention first is not the evanescent personalities of these or any other instruments engaged in this work, but the truths these agents submit as coming from the Masters.

After giving all necessary instructions in relation to the work during one of His visits, Master H. closed the interview by saying, "This is the work of the present humanity, for the conditions, philosophical, social and political, now existing, are the direct effects of causes set up by them in the old Aztec civilization, and in Egypt, India and France. They are reaping the crop sown in these long past incarnations. That Karma is nearly exhausted, and if they will but open their eyes, grasp the true situation, take up the work of regeneration with a single heart, the coming new cycle will usher in an age of peace and plenty to and for all. The Lodge can suggest, direct, instruct and supply force, but the work must be done by the people."

Some of our friends have announced their belief that this could not be done without the expenditure of large sums of money, and have felt disposed to grumble because no offer of financial help has been made by the Lodge for the new movement. But at another time the Master said, "There is too much money in the world now, cursed as it is by the blood of men and the tears of women. We need to get rid of what there is, instead of putting more into circulation. Only by sacrifice, unselfish labor and love, can the great stain made by the misuse of money be wiped out from the world. It is only one by one, so as by fire, that the children will enter the Temple Gates." The Master knew well the position and status of the agents selected. He knew them to be of the common people, most of them obliged to work for their daily bread, as have many others placed in similar positions through the past ages. But He also knew that they had received from Him a touch of the Holy Fire which left them with no other wish than to perform aright the duty entrusted to them, the duty of giving to others, as far as possible, all they had themselves received.

There is now in the hands of these agents an everincreasing amount of instructive matter which they are unable to give out as they desire, dependent as they have been almost entirely upon their own very limited resources. But very little has been received from outside sources, many applicants being unable to contribute

even the nominal sum required for dues. The instructions referred to above answer all questions that can possibly be asked by members. But time is required, for it is impossible to select, at a moment's notice, the particular food that will suit each individual palate.

Now, dear Comrades, try to realize the position of a little handful of people, poor and unknown, with a work of such immensity on hand. That work is yours as much as it is ours. We cannot do it without your help. Remember the **UNITY OF ALL THINGS**, the at-one-ment that must daily become more and more of a great reality, instead of the theory it now is, if we are to save ourselves and the race from a great calamity, and bring the dawn of "The Golden Age" before our vision. Our opportunity is here. Do not let us cast it away or return to our old idols.

With sincere love and devotion, I am your sister,

Blue Star

MATERIAL BASIS OF ASTROLOGY **Temple Teachings, Open Series, No. 296**

If the average student would recognize more fully the material basis and consequent material aspects of the science of astrology, instead of confining himself almost exclusively to its spiritual and psychic aspects, therefore to that which is not science in the general acceptance of the term, there would be much less antagonism engendered in the average mind and more faith in its findings awakened.

The whole universe, both interior and exterior, is governed by cyclic law. When the first creative impulse is given by the passing of the energy of a ray of light through a hitherto quiescent laya center, cyclic motion is aroused, and the force of gravitation is set up. To that then active center of force is attracted some measure of the star dust floating in space, and these microscopically minute particles of long dead and disintegrated suns and planets fall into the rate of motion previously established in that center of force. As a result of that one rate of motion, some one influence or quality is aroused, which will persist and dominate all other influences or qualities that may be generated later, as other degrees of solar energy are attracted to that center and other qualities of star dust are drawn into it. This influence continues to rule until the energy which first set the laya center into action has been exhausted and the first cyclic round has been completed.


When other stars and planets have been evolved in like manner, each with its own dominant influence or quality, there must inevitably be a clash or an attraction, as the case may be, between the ruling forces, thus setting up cycles of opposition, which will endure for a length of time determined by the strength of the forces thus aroused.

As the physical bodies of all the humanities of all the planets are subject to the same cyclic laws of birth and rebirth as are the stars and planets, and as the basic substance of each one is the same and subject to the same dominant and sub-dominant influences—qualities—the close relationship between man and the heavenly bodies is evident. But as a general thing, the individual man is ignorant of the fact that he is exerting a certain degree of influence upon each one of those heavenly bodies, as great in comparison to his size and power as are the influences he is sustaining from them.

Divine Will has determined the different rates of vibration in each creation, and the same divine Will, operating in man, can change the dominating rate of vibration or influence of a physical body, but does so only in obedience to its own laws, and it has decreed that such changes shall take place always at the beginning of a new cycle. In other words, man can pass out from the controlling influence of one planet into that of another by changing the dominant qualities of his personality at definite cycles in his own life. As every quality, every influence, every habit of mind or body has a definite time limit of manifestation, if the man has sufficient knowledge of his own nature and of his limitations, he can take advantage of the natural time limit of the said qualities, influences and habits to raise the character of the same.

If he clings to the idea that mind is not substance, he will not succeed to any extent in raising the vibratory pulse of a quality. Neither will he if he holds to the idea that all suns and planets are of exactly the same grades of matter. While the same qualities may exist in two planets, the manifestation of the qualities may be very dissimilar in degree.

If the student permits the idea that he is being absolutely controlled by planetary influences to become fixed in his mind he will become a slave to, or a playground for, certain orders of the semi-conscious, irresponsible creatures which reside in all planetary spheres; and every such binding thought force he generates will serve to increase his bondage. It is only as he recognizes the nature of the dominant influences which control any one or more stars or planets of his solar system, and therefore the nature of the influences he must combat or attract to him, as the case may be, that he will gain by astrological research.

H—

DREAMS

Temple Teachings, Open Series, No. 297

Answer by Master H. to a Question relating to Dreams

It is a well known aphorism that "dreams go by contraries", and the verification of the same in so many instances has led to a wide acceptance of the aphorism. That it is founded on the action of a universal law is not always recognized save by the few who see the

action of the pairs of opposites in such seeming perversity. All phenomena of the physical plane are inverted. Rays of astral light may be reflected and refracted as are rays of sunlight, and lead to even greater deception in relation to phenomena than does the sunlight under similar circumstances. If you gaze into a concave mirror you will notice several reflections of your face, each showing a different view of your features.

The state of substance which forms the boundary or screen of each plane of existence has one peculiar property, it acts as a perfect reflector for the next finer state of substance. As the astral light reflects many aspects of the objects or characters active therein, upon the screen of the mental plane, it depends entirely upon your astral angle of vision as to which aspect of a reflected image you see: whether it is elongated or contracted, or what degree of density it manifests. The same is true of the mental plane, for the correspondences are exact.

Dreams are repetitions of events in which you or others have participated at some stage of life. Life repeats itself, and while the personnel of a dream may change, an event precipitated will occur again and again, as its particular cycle rolls around, and as every molecule of matter has its opposite poles of operation, so every event has its opposite aspects; and if one pole or aspect of an event is called into manifestation on one plane, its opposite aspect manifests on another plane, and the transference is effected by means of the beforementioned boundary line, screen or mirrored surface of that plane and the position of the fiery lives which constitute the brain, astral or physical, at the time of the dream: that is, the position of the observer determines to what extent the main points of the scene or event will be reproduced, or transferred to some part of the screen of his consciousness. For instance, you may dream of attending some place of amusement and enjoying a pleasurable hour: you happen to be in an astral position which reflects a grouping of people, but, at the same time, your position as related to the opposite poles of sensation—pain and pleasure—may be such that the aspect of pain alone is in evidence when the scene of action is shifted and the astral experience is transferred to physical life. Therefore your dream of pleasure would manifest in a grouping of people for some painful purpose. At another time, a changed condition or angle of vision might bring about an exact reproduction of a dream in physical life.

There is a point in the evolution of man when he becomes capable of "dreaming true dreams" at will—a point of equilibrium. Where he stands, as it were, at the center of each of the four lower planes and can therefore see all around and through all the phenomena of those planes. He is then no longer subject to illusion. But he does not reach this point until pain and pleasure have done their perfect work and all material things are matters of indifference to him in that he has risen above their usual effect.

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.

In the year 1888, just half a century ago, the Esoteric Section of the Theosophical Society was founded by H. P. Blavatsky; its purpose being to gather together in a cohesive group those members of the T. S., who could be counted upon, by virtue of their devotion to its principles, to hold the T. S. together and to keep it centered in the objects for which it was formed. These objects were as follows:

1. "To form the nucleus of a Universal Brotherhood without distinction of Race, Creed, Sex, Caste, or Color."
2. "To study ancient and modern religions, philosophies and sciences."
3. "To investigate the hidden laws of nature and the psychical powers latent in mankind."

Over and over again in the writings of H. P. B., and after her death, by her successor W. Q. Judge, great emphasis was laid upon the first object, viz, "To form the nucleus of a Universal Brotherhood", and the fact that the two other objects were subsidiary and unimportant is stressed again and again—and with good reason.

The situation was as dramatic as any we can find in history. We read of her in London about 1887. Here was an unknown Russian woman, with a very imperfect command of the English language, impoverished to the extreme, with few friends and, on account of her eccentricities and absolute lack of conventionality, the target of suspicion wherever she went. And she knew that her task was to "form the nucleus of a Universal Brotherhood! ! !" And what is still more remarkable, she did it.

For years before this H. P. B. had realized that she had a great mission to perform. She had experienced interior urgings and extraordinary impulses and knew that she was chosen to do a great work, but so far as we can learn she did not yet realize what this work was, nor how she was to accomplish it. Like Joan of Arc she felt an inner urge which overpowered and ensouled her, she heard voices which guided her and she saw visions which led her on, she knew not where. Her attitude towards these inner experiences is indicated in letters she wrote to her

relatives. (see *Artisan*, April-May, 1938, pp. 91-94.) She found powers developing in herself of which she had not dreamed and, although from childhood she had had strange experiences, now she found that a new phase had commenced and that her time had come to do the work for which she had been prepared. And so we find her in New York City, and later in London, where she died, the center of a small and very varied group who were drawn together partly by curiosity or interest in the teachings she gave out so profusely, partly by the phenomena of thought transference, materializations of tea cups, etc., which began to accompany her, and partly, no doubt, by the first and principal object of the Theosophical Society which she had just formed, namely,—“To form the Nucleus of a Universal Brotherhood without any limitations whatsoever.”

But fifty years ago, as it is today, far more people were attracted by materializations and other phenomena than by a vague and theoretical Universal Brotherhood; and the original and principal object for which her society had been founded was in great danger of being lost sight of in its subsidiary objects, namely, “The study of ancient religions and philosophies, and the investigation of hidden psychic powers latent in man.”

So the E. S. T. was formed. The E. S. T. was originally the Esoteric Section of the Theosophical Society, later changed to the Eastern School of Theosophy.

The Order of The 36 in The Temple of the People corresponds to this order. It might be called a Reincarnation of it. Both the E. S. T. and the Order of The 36 were designed and organized to maintain a spiritual center against the forces of crystallization which always inevitably begin to gather in any organization almost as soon as it is formed. It seems to be part of the process. A great truth is given out, and immediately round it begin to cluster dogmas and creeds and opinions, and unless eternal vigilance is used and spiritual discrimination kept burning the light quickly becomes obscured by the shadow it has attracted. So it has always been with the Wisdom Religion. From time to time a great teacher has appeared and a great message has been given. Those who have the perception recognize it and accept it and promulgate it; societies and churches and organizations are formed. The revelation is stepped down to terms recognizable by the lower mind, and at once rules and creeds and dogmas begin to coalesce and grow more and more material and mechanical until at last the Spirit is in danger of being submerged by the letter, and the Light which was so illuminating and inspiring becomes obscured by a mechanical religion of “thou shalt” do this and “thou shalt not” do that. As is brought out so clearly in a letter of our late Guardian-in-Chief William H. Dower, which is quoted in the

Artisan for April-May, 1938, the Light which called into being the Theosophical Society and, later, The Temple of The People is the same Light. It is the Wisdom Religion—the real Temple.

In 1888—fifty years ago—H. P. B. founded the E. S. T. for the purpose of maintaining within the heart of the Society she had established the seed from which was to develop the Universal Brotherhood of humanity. Each applicant to the E. S. T. was placed on probation for three months before being accepted into the Order and was required to sign the following which was the essential Pledge of the Order:—

"I pledge myself to maintain a constant struggle against my lower nature and to constantly work for humanity, thus keeping within my heart the light of that Self which is our link with the Lodge and the radiation of the eternal Spiritual Sun."

Now in the pledge of the probationer is contained the essence of all true religion, for it is basic and fundamental; and on the degree to which this pledge is kept will depend entirely the development of the individual who takes it, and also his influence upon the development of the race.

The essence of the Wisdom Religion, and the Wisdom Religion is the basis of all true religion, lies in this conflict between the Higher Self and the lower self. It is going on all the time, and in every one of us, and is a process of transmutation which we have it in our power to aid or to hinder as we will.

Man is a Center of Force upon many planes. Forces enter his body with the food he eats. They flow into his mind with the literature he reads. The emotions he feels are forces which pass into and out of him. He is a receiving station and a transmitter at all times and on many planes. He can tune his mind into symphony or into jazz, as he may elect. His emotional nature may transmit love or hate, envy or appreciation, anger or peace, according as he tunes it in. He can make of his sending station a center of light or of darkness, of building or of tearing down. He may choose to align himself with the forces of darkness or the forces of Light, and to the extent that he tunes his consciousness in with the latter he will become a builder in the Great Temple which is building now and has been building for thousands of years.

To return to our original point, which was the formation of the E. S. T. and its function of holding a nucleus of spiritual light at the Center of the Theosophical movement. The Theosophical Society as such split up many years ago. As the original leaders passed on dissention arose and varying factions organized their own societies and made their own creeds and dogmas and crystalliza-

tions. The inevitable occurred. The lower mind, intent as always upon particulars and details rather than upon principles, seized every opportunity to tear apart rather than to build. But **The Temple** goes on building just the same. Every time anyone of us transmutes an evil impulse into a good one, he adds a stone to the Great Temple.

E. H.

Many requests from Temple members and friends for the reprinting of the Second Series of "OCCULTISM FOR BEGINNERS" by William H. Dower have been received. So beginning with this issue, we shall reprint the illuminating and instructive series which was published in the Temple Artisan some years ago.

OCCULTISM FOR BEGINNERS

Second Series

I

The writer has been led to resume the lessons on "Occultism for Beginners," because of the general demand for the same on the part of those who read the first series, and the evident helpfulness that the lessons have been to so many who expressed approval of the same. Written in the stress and hurry of a multitude of duties and cares, the undersigned often had misgivings lest the lessons should either fall flat or shoot over the head or under the feet of the reader, or give the impression of post-graduate work rather than a series for "beginners." The widespread appreciation expressed, however, from so many different sources has justified the principle on which the lessons are based, namely, to start with some fact of outer knowledge and lead by logical and orderly sequence into the unknown, but not unknowable, realms of being. If this can be done, reason and intuition are coordinated, and the outer correspondence of every spiritual truth is made manifest.

In the former series of lessons we found we were trenching on forbidden occult ground on certain lines and received prompt warning from the Master to desist revealing too much on those esoteric lines at this time. Where the intuition is alive and working, however, nothing within its province is concealed, and a slight outer suggestion will often suffice to crystallize and reveal deep and vital esoteric truths in the brain consciousness. The Light of the Heart—Love—forges a Magic Key which opens the Gates of all the Mysteries of Being—but Wisdom alone has power to use that Key.

SOUL

Soul is the Perpetuating Principle of life. It is the intermediary between matter and spirit. But for soul, matter would be chaos,

and spirit would be spiritless—like steam unconfined. Soul uses spirit and matter for the highest constructive evolutionary purposes.

Can we prove the existence of soul? Let us try. It is self-evident that there is a perpetuating principle in nature. This principle is soul because it is a force that ensouls, involves, uses matter and forms, and through the same builds and constructs other forms of the same or similar character. The forms themselves like a machine may go to pieces, but the soul energy remains the same and repeats itself through any similar seed or matrix conserved. This irresistible motion to repeat itself indefinitely and infinitely is the symbol of the Eternal Law which makes soul immortal or through which it finally wins conscious immortality. Therefore generally speaking we may regard soul as a Universal All Pervading Element—one of the eternal Triad of Substance, Soul and Spirit.

Before the dawn of creation these three were One—whole and indivisible, like water holding in solution various elements, and the high plane of the One, where this indivisible Unity is, still obtains. With manifestation, which means creation, separation, differentiation, there occurs by the addition and impulse of the creative energy a precipitation of basic elements in this Universal Solution and the various planes come into manifestation with their worlds and creatures. Just as in a chemical solution of any substance or substances, there comes a point of over saturation when a part of the substances held in solution precipitate as crystals to the bottom of the tube or vessels. These precipitated crystals are the analogue of Souls Precipitated Out of the Bosom of the Infinite Father-Mother Waters of Life—of the Great Deep. Note these crystals—souls, are still in their primal element, but differentiated—they are no longer solved in this primal universal element. They are now individualized souls incarnated in form—of crystals—the exact correspondence of the human soul. Each crystal or soul has relations on its plane and acts and interacts with other crystals of its own or other kind—capable of reabsorption into the primal waters—some time. Body and soul are for the time being, however, no longer held in the Solution of Universal Spirit; but the incarnated soul of the crystal of the human at once begins to build a Temple of Divine self-consciousness because of the overwhelming infinite power of the Spirit around and in it. It would be that Spirit in form—an impossibility—but hence the insatiate activity and ambition to grow, to become, to enlarge, to attain and to be Omnipotence Itself—desire working through every center, animate and inanimate in the cosmos. Higher and higher forms are thus built with increasing power for expressing the Spirit of the Infinite. From Primordial Sound—the Word—were precipitated by harmonious combinations, souls of Color.

From Color, the souls of the metallic elementals, and the metallic elementals precipitated the material elements of chemistry of which worlds are composed. In time, urged on by infinite spiritual impulse, certain combinations of these took place and the first organic vegetable cell was formed; then evolution took a great bound. The vegetable cell has the wondrous power in the presence of sunlight—symbol—of the spirit—of converting minerals or inorganic matter into organic matter, thus paving the way for the animal cell which finally appeared and so on in more and more complex combinations until man was evolved—a soul crystallized out of Spirit, incarnated in metallic and gaseous elementals and awaiting the time of a perfect balancing of these diverse elements in himself when he will be reabsorbed or perhaps be identified in intimate and perfect alchemical relation again with Universal Consciousness—the Three in One.

The subject will be continued in the next lesson.

W. H. D.

From "THE PATH TO DISCIPLESHIP"

H. Kazemzadeh-Iranschaeher

INVOCATION

Thou oh Light who art eternally concealed within me manifest Thyself! Reflect Thyself within me!

May all adore Thee, thus made manifest through me.

Spiritual Sun latent within me, guide me to Knowledge and Truth. Let Thy Light shine within me, radiate through me and lighten the dark human world.

Will of the Universe, I am one with Thee!

Fill me with Thy power that I may conquer my lower nature.

Grant me strength to overcome my destiny.

Endow me with the divine wings of love that my soul may rise to the source of Light.

PEACE

Peace be with thee who hast won victory over self.

Night follows day, spring follows winter—this is the law governing the Universe.

Peace is the reward of him who is endowed with the armour of endurance, the shield of renunciation, and the sword of courage, who has conquered his lower nature.

He will now have gained masterhood over his impulses—and they will be his true servants. His desires will humbly submit to his guidance and will serve him faithfully.

Angels will greet him and Gods will praise him.

Peace be with thee who hast won the battle, although the peace was won with the blood of thy heart.

Peace to all Beings!

DESTINY

I greet thee and bless thee, oh my sorrows, fruits of my thoughts and deeds, result of my past, the harvest of my own sowing. Without your help I could not have found truth; ye have helped me to reach this stage of evolution. I could not have freed myself from the bondage of my lower nature without the strength gained by suffering.

I greet you as messengers of universal justice.

I greet you, for ye will bring about redemption.

I greet you, divine wings of my soul.

JOY

When God created the world the archangels cried: "Lord, by what means wilt Thou sustain this host of creatures?" God answered: "By Joy."

When the Great Mother had brought forth the Universe and opened her eyes, her first glance beheld the Angel of Joy. Joy is the common heritage of all beings. To be joyful is their first duty; thou hast no right to deprive thy fellow creatures of joy by thy moodiness.

A loving mother will conceal her pain lest her children should feel sad.

Rejoice to see other people full of joy, their gladness will be increased and thy joy will return to thee strengthened by their joy.

Joy is the first-born daughter of the World mother, and therefore is more powerful than sorrow.

Every step taken on the Path without joy will be a drag on further progress. Plant thy feet firmly and lighten thy load with the power of joy, thou world-wanderer.

TEMPLE BUILDERS DEPARTMENT, Lesson No. 92

LIFE STORIES. PART I.

(Simplification of T.T. Creative Fire)

Children, do you ever wonder about yourselves, about life and birth, and how you ever found your way into the world? It is a great mystery to you, one that you would like to have explained, to know more about?

Let us talk it over together, for it is right that you should know, and your lives will be stronger, purer and holier for learning about these truths.

The story of life and birth will always be somewhat of a mystery to us. We can never know all about it, for it is the story of love and of God, and we never could know all about God, no matter how much we might try, any more than we could learn all there is to be learned of love.

We would never want to know all there is to be known about love. It would take half of the joy and sweetness of it away if there were nothing new to be learned. It would be like wearing one dress forever and ever and ever, and oh! how tired we would grow of it. Love is like wearing a new dress each day, or like having a new dress to wear whenever the old one is worn; a sweet, clean, beautiful dress, simple, neat, and well fitting, ever pleasant and bright to us like the friend that grows ever nearer and dearer.

Life, love and birth are all one—they all hold the same mystery within them, and we learn to understand one by the others.

If we would learn deeply about them and ourselves we must go to the great Instructor—Leader in the World School where these lessons are mastered. We must go to the World-Child, not just the child of men and of women, but the Child of all thought, all feeling, the Child spirit everywhere, to the Child of nature, of the rocks, of the trees, of the flowers, of the stars, of the universe, of God.

This great Teacher-Child of God is the ever living Radiance, the shine in things, the bright shining radiance of life, in the never ending secrets and mysteries that lie hidden away from us, in the things we know to be, yet cannot touch or taste, or hear, the Un-manifested.

In the truest truth this Light, this Sun, this Love is the Creative Power, the Cause, the Birth, that gives Itself to Itself, that it may be born, that it may live.

This giving, this sacrifice, is what occurs when a child, a boy or a girl is born into the world, as you will learn later on in our talks.

First, you should learn that life and love are a holy fire that wounds and destroys, if need be, that all may be made clean and pure and ready for new life to be born.

Indeed, it has been said, to know life, to really learn of love and of birth, man must be like a star, a five-pointed star, with feet, arms and head, stretched on the cross, that the selfish part in him may be crucified, and the Radiance, the Child, be born into the light.

All mothers, all fathers and teachers have always been hampered from the beginning when trying to tell of the most sacred truth of birth, for people have never been holy enough to listen purely, to think upon the beautiful, shining part without calling out ugly thoughts and impure actions.

So before we go on with these talks we must solemnly decide together to keep these truths sacred, to not allow ourselves to be tempted to use them wrongly or unworthily, no matter how hard it may be to resist, for if we do, all the shine will go out of our lives, we will become wicked and sick and dark, and not the wisest person on earth, or the highest angel in heaven, could help us.

So think this over and see if your hearts and your minds and your bodies are pure and clean and fit to learn and to know of life, of love, of birth, and of God, before we go further.

(To Be Continued).

NOTE—This series of lessons is sent forth as an answer to the oft repeated request on the part of mothers and parents for something interior and practical on the great life mystery to place in the hands of their children. The endeavor will be made to make the lessons clear and simple, as well as uplifting and spiritual. In large measure they are the result of experiences and talks with the children themselves, the Teachings of the Master being used as a basis for instruction.

A certain element of mystery, of the unknown, will be embodied in the lessons that the sacredness of the subject may be retained. The key to the problem lies in the parent presenting that which will draw the child close, giving free opportunity for the answering of questions when they are asked.

Suggestions or questions on the part of parents or children will be welcome.

(Reprint)

Jane W. Dower.

THE HELPING HAND

The Temple Treasurer asks you as Comrade to Comrade engaged in the fiercest struggle of this cycle to stand by us and help in our efforts to carry out the Master's directions. Remember, we ask you to contribute all you can to the Helping Hand Fund, and to do it in a regular and systematic way if possible. There are many expenses in a work like ours which are not covered by the dues. The Helping Hand department must raise the additional means necessary. The following message was once sent to a member by the Master. It is just as applicable to every other member of the Temple, now as ever:

"As to your duty, a duty is not a matter of inclination. It comes as the result of an action of irrevocable law. Where a duty develops, there is a debt to be paid. By your pledges to the Great White Lodge, by the Master's acceptance of you as a personal disciple, by the striking of the key note in the scale of the group soul of which you are a part, you stand obligated to give all your time, means, and labor to the service of the Lodge and the group to which you belong. You stand obligated to sustain and defend the trust placed in you. These obligations are not merely forms, they put you in line with all the great souls of the Red Ray, and as the latter are laboring for your protection and help on the most vital field of your being, so is it your privilege to do the same for your physical and spiritual kin on lower lines."

Will you help us? Send all Helping Hand contributions and dues to the Guardian-in-Chief or the Treasurer of The Temple of The People, Halcyon, Calif.

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL TEMPLE CONVENTION AT HALCYON

We again wish to remind our members and friends that the 39th Annual Convention of The Temple of The People will begin August 6th and continue through Sunday, August 14th. It will be a deeply interior, uplifting, and interesting exterior gathering of Temple forces, with the outpouring of Lodge forces through the Temple Aura to all humanity.

We trust all who are able will be in attendance. Those at a distance who cannot be here should tune in to the center, realizing the aims and purposes of the Temple of The People founded and carried on on principles, not personality.

The following is a schedule of the meetings regularly being held in The Blue Star Memorial Temple, daily, weekly and monthly.

Feast of Fulfillment and Devotional meeting, first Sunday in month at 3 P. M.; on all other Sundays, Sunday Services at 3:30 P. M.; Temple Builders meeting (Children's Group), second and fourth Sunday at 11 P. M.; Healing meeting daily, at high noon; Meditation, Monday and Thursday, at 7:30 P. M.; 36 meeting, Tuesday, at 5 P. M.; Outer Court meeting, first Friday, at 8 P. M.; Open Square study class, second and fourth Fridays; 36 study class, third and fifth Fridays.

In the Sunday Services, on May 26, Fred Whitney spoke on "The Path"; June 12, Patricia Mallory on, "The Power to Build Constructively"; June 19, Bernard Lentz, on "Occult Centers"; June 26, Lottie Ferguson, on "Prophecy"; July 10, Ernest Harrison, on "The Great Temple", which last-mentioned lecture is published in this issue under the "Blavatsky Department"; July 17, Emilie B. Byrne, on "Patanjali."

Concerning **TEACHINGS OF THE TEMPLE**

The first edition of the **TEACHINGS OF THE TEMPLE** is now out of print. For some time we have planned a new edition of this most valuable and unequalled book. We invite members and friends who are interested in getting out a second edition to let us know if they would be able to assist in this undertaking. Some contributions for this purpose have already been received. Those who contribute to the fund for publication of the second edition will receive copies to the value of their advance payment. Send letters concerning this directly to the Guardian-in-Chief of The Temple of The People, Halcyon, California.

We recommend the following **TEMPLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES**: By Master H.: No. 1, **The Coming Avatar**; No. 2, **Chelaship**; No. 3, **Sex or The Law of Duality**; No. 4, **Metaphysics**; No. 5, **Sound**; No. 6, **Thought**. Also special courses of instruction: No. 1A, **Beginner's Course**, By F. A. LaDue and Dr. W. H. Dower; No. 3A, **Mysticism and Music**, by Jane W. Dower; No. 4A, **Basic Principles of Science**, by George Harrison. Six lessons in each course. Price, \$1.60 per course.

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