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BEHOLD, I GIVE



UNTO THEE A KEY

## THE APPEAL OF THE SOUL

Hearst thou not the low moan of the souls in torment in the growl of the Thunder God, seest thou not the screed writ on the spaces of heaven by the first faint flashes which herald the gathering of the fiery clans?

Thinkest thou the thunder's growl, the lightning's flash can spend their force upon the face of nature only, and leave the soul of man unscathed?

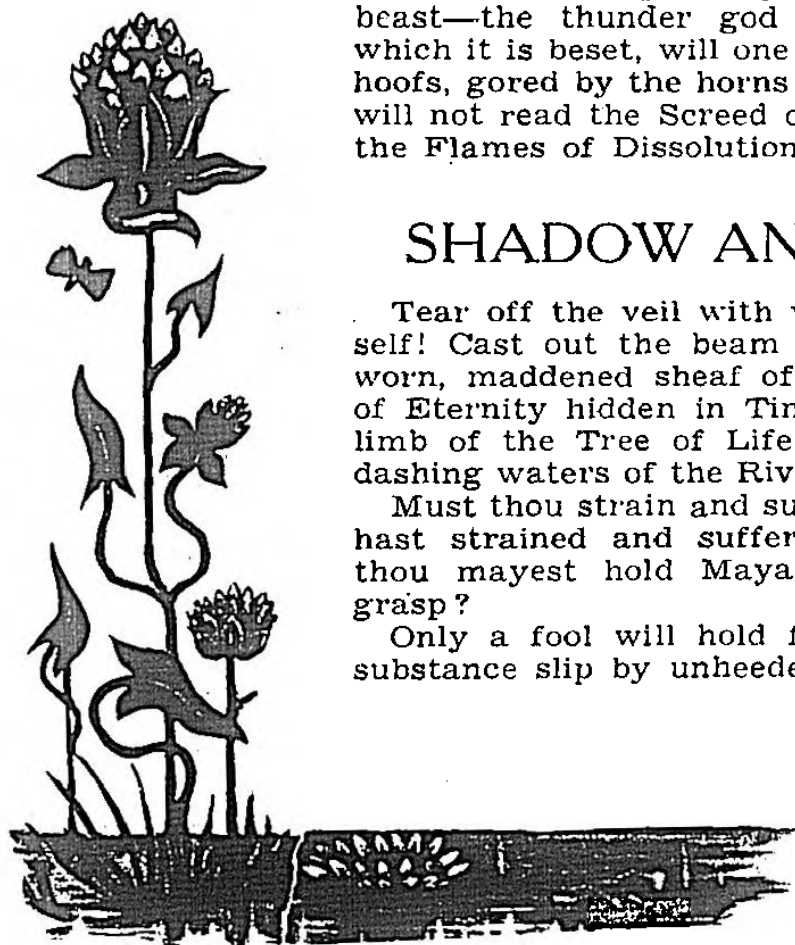
He who closes eyes and ears to all his soul's appeals for freedom from its thrall that so it may have power to tame and rightly guide the untamed maddened beast—the thunder god of his own lower self—by which it is beset, will one day find himself beneath the hoofs, gored by the horns of that same beast. He who will not read the Screed of the Heavens must fall into the Flames of Dissolution lit by the Fiery Clans.

## SHADOW AND SUBSTANCE

Tear off the veil with which thou hast blinded thyself! Cast out the beam from thine eye, thou world-worn, maddened sheaf of human passions; thou child of Eternity hidden in Time; thou weak and wavering limb of the Tree of Life now spanning the foaming, dashing waters of the River of Life.

Must thou strain and suffer for ages to come as thou hast strained and suffered through past ages, that thou mayest hold Maya's deceitful treasure in thy grasp?

Only a fool will hold fast the shadow and let the substance slip by unheeded.



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## EDITORIAL MIRROR

### HALCYON

"HALCYON was started by direction of the Masters of the Great White Lodge, to establish the nucleus for the New Humanity and the Brotherhood of Man, through which the Masters are working.

"The inner atmosphere of Halcyon is ensouled by the Lodge at this particular point upon the planet. There is not so much on the outer plane, but all who come to Halcyon realize and feel that inner Something, that Aura which defies analysis.

"A great force radiates from this Temple Center into the hearts and lives of human beings. The Masters are sending, through the splendid nucleus they have gathered together, high spiritual impulses for the good of human-kind generally.

"Being a Lodge Center, the forces are very strong at Halcyon, and those who come into this center must stand on their own feet in spite of the adverse forces which are always at work to block the efforts of a true Lodge Center.

"To get the best of it, one has to put aside everything one has learned before and approach Halcyon as a Lodge Center where everything is bound to be different from in the world. One has to stop intellectualizing and study Halcyon from the standpoint of the inner or heart feeling. Then one will get the Light, and Halcyon will be realized as a masterful entity working out big plans and projects, and transmitting great forces for the good of those here as well as the world generally.

"Halcyon is a testing center and not a heaven on earth. Everyone who comes here has to undergo a period of probation to see whether he or she can stand the strong forces. If one comes to Halcyon, one must vibrate in accordance with the high spiritual forces back of the work, otherwise one runs against the building force of the Great White Lodge, and this in time means self-elimination from the center. In proportion as members keep attuned to the center, they will receive inner and outer help.

"Whenever a feeble minority has tried to get hold of the reins of power, their efforts have been in vain because of the law of

centralization on which the work is based and the building power of the Lodge which ensouls Halcyon.

"It is a great privilege to live in Halcyon—a privilege beyond monetary value. It is priceless to be under the wings, so to speak, of the Lodge of Light."

(This vital and elucidating description of Halcyon and what it is and stands for has been gathered from the papers of Red Star, the second Guardian-in-Chief, co-founder of The Temple of The People, who has passed from this plane and is now active on inner planes. It is here printed in commemoration of the birthday anniversary of that great soul, Red Star, which was March 22.)

P. F. D.

### FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH MASTER HILARION January 17, 1899

I give you love's greeting, my children!

I have seen with some sorrow that you have not fully appreciated the warning I gave you in connection with the last lesson you had. There are, as you have been told, immense changes taking place in the cosmos, involving to some extent the whole universe. More than one star will vanish forever from the horizon of time within the next cycle; more than one world will be sunk into oblivion. The warring forces are utterly beyond your comprehension, though to some extent B. S. has seen and noted for your consideration some of the battles taking place on the inner lines. These must be objectivized on the physical planes ere all is over. I speak of this at present to warn you again to keep control of your minds and senses and let no mirage of imagination lead you into doubt or distrust, which must invariably warp your whole nature and leave it impossible for truth to enter.

In the study of creative power I warned you never to consider the subject beyond a certain point, for if you did so you would open the door for the dark powers to come in, and you are not strong enough to hold your own against them. If you have thought of anything more you would like to know concerning it you may ask questions now. If not, I should like to have the paper B. S. wrote about the lesson given in the West read before you.

The spiritual fire in its higher essence is the property of the Triangle, the Father-Mother-Son. In order to comprehend that, you would have to consider the subject in all its bearings. It refers to the beginnings of manifestation when the first seven triangles or perfected beings or Gods were alone in manifestation. The very subject I have been speaking of, which B. S. has prepared for you, will give you some knowledge on that point. The perfected cubes are the perfected men, or what in Bible nomenclature are termed the Archangels.



## LESSON FROM THE WEST

To be all things to all men is the one ambition of a true occultist, of one who has passed the Guardian of Universal Soul and come face to face with his individual soul. This is not selfish ambition; for until a man has become all things to all men he is still in bondage to the lower self; and Liberty, true Liberty, is the heritage of the man who has merged his individuality in the all of Universal Life. Liberty must never be confounded with license or indifference. It is a woeful mistake to imagine that satiated vice or pleasure, and indifference to the pain or suffering of one's self or another, are indications of an advanced stage of progress; for when one has become what the occultist means by the word "indifferent" he has passed the bounds of matter and the true marriage of soul and spirit is an accomplished fact. Only the man or woman who is keenly alive to pleasure and pain, and can sympathetically feel the like vibrations in the souls they come into contact with, can take the first step up the great ladder leading to the footstool of the Gods.

It takes a strong man, strong in every sense of the word, alive with the concentrated life of the All, to seize and examine the phenomena of life; and he reaches to this point by sensation, by contact with every minutest atom. His sensitiveness, virility, does not lessen when he enters upon the study of practical Occultism; it is increased tenfold. The first awakening of the spiritual pole of his being sends a vibratory thrill to its opposite, and back again; and this is repeated until its momentum is exhausted. He must suffer and must enjoy more keenly than others leading a normal, vegetative kind of life. It is his first test of strength, for he must not let this sensation move him from his fixed purpose.

In the Hall of Initiation of the Great Temple the first ordeal to which the neophyte is admitted, the first of the seven steps leading to the Great White Throne, is endurance of bitter pain, anguish of loss and despair, and their opposites joy and bliss. Until he can bear these shocks with equanimity, and come out of the furnace of fire purer and better for the trial, his feet are stayed from further progress.

Among some others, there are two classes of men to whom the gates of the Temple are closed, the satirist and the clever man. The latter because he will neither recognize nor tolerate anything but a corresponding cleverness in those about him. He makes of that cleverness an idol to which he offers incense. He may make himself feared and detested, it is true, and compel others to fall down and worship with him the idol he has raised; but this brings him neither happiness nor wisdom, but only an egotistical selfishness.

To be unselfish, we must love; to love, we must believe in the reality, the truth of the ideal we have created, though to others that ideal seems common clay. We must learn how to forget

ourselves entirely in the object we love, and how to yield ourselves, body, soul and spirit, with a glad yielding that asks for no reward; for nothing but the privilege of loving and being of real service to that loved one; and this is impossible to the egotist, the clever man who has centered himself in his own cleverness.

The satirist makes the whole world his prey. He seizes wisdom and folly, affectation and natural tendency, everything that impresses or is sacred to man, turns it into satire or ridicule, and by continually dwelling in such an atmosphere his whole nature becomes permeated with the poison, and it oozes from him like water from a sponge when brought into contact with another body, and prevents the germination of the true seed of life, which is love.

If we desire to help mankind, we can do so in no other way than by loving them. It is a sin to desire to be wise without wishing to share such wisdom. Every one of our feelings, desires, aspirations and intuitions has found or will find its counterpart in another. Man cannot isolate himself if he would, for every thought, like a winged thing, will find its way to some other thought, intermingle with it and pass on to still another. When a man is in universal sympathy with the world he can enter into the life and condition of every plant, animal and human ascending and descending along the scale of being; he loses to a great extent his feeling of personality, and begins to live in reality and to know what true Liberty is.

The majority of the human race bow only to what they cannot understand; to the occultist nothing is inexplicable, he bows to all.

The great Infinities, the principles underlying all manifested life, such as Love, Will and Wisdom, are profound mysteries to which puerile man first gives reverence and awe, then fear and idolatry. The Masters of Compassion know these principles to be themselves, they offer to them true service, and that alone.

One of the first lessons taught those who approach the Temple of Wisdom is that of perfect service, utter self-abnegation—not a cold, heartless abnegation, that a great power may be won, for this is where the difference between white and black magic appears, but the abnegation of perfect love, which has no room for self, because its heart-room is filled by others.

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You will find in that lesson much more than a casual reading would lead you to suppose. I particularly wish you to take and study this well from every point of view, for within it are indications that will help you as much as anything I could possibly say.

I desire that the letter which I wrote through B. S. today be read here now, for a purpose which will be seen later on . . .

## LETTER

My Dear Children:

You, B. S., are often perplexed as to your duty under certain circumstances. I write this to again impress upon your mind certain truths you are too apt to forget in the stress of the storm beating about you.

From time immemorial incomplete man has attempted to guide those whom Karma had appointed as his guides and teachers by formulating his own fancied needs and insisting on their being supplied. To become as a little child is the one essential thing in the study of true occultism; and these words will bear repeating and reiterating, if need be, for ages, or until the disciple has learned with his heart (not only with his head) their great significance.

It is very necessary that all should be brought to consideration of the fact that it is immaterial to us whether or not we are accepted as guides or Masters of individual or organized attempts at conscious union with the Lodge; but it is a duty as well as a privilege to and for us to awaken in the mind of man an all-absorbing desire for truth and wisdom, and this can only be gained by development of the intuition or soul power of man. We cannot give true knowledge, it must be gained.

Another thing you and others forget too easily is that we are more strenuously bound by law than yourselves, for we have become a part—a conscious part—of that law, and any infringement of the same results in incalculably more harm than when committed by one ignorant of its consequences.

Your Loving Father

I wish to tell you of the force which is about you. You might think it was not entirely good for you because of its immense power, but you would be mistaken, for it is the force of the Ring of Fire that now surrounds those under the Protection of the Lodge.

I cannot and will not make automata of you. I will direct and guide where I can and make what suggestions I can, and you must carry them out of your own free will. I want you to learn to use your own judgment, and the best way to do that is constant practice.

. . . You are doing the best you can and much more than you can form an idea of now. The results will be shown later on.

You can do nothing more in regard to the overcoming of the plans against you at present. Overcome hate by love and leave the rest to us.

I return your heart love, my children.

Hilarion



## THE BOUND AND THE LOOSED

A quarter of a century ago I placed the Orb of the Order of the 36 in the hands of the Lion-Hearted (H. P. B.) and said to her that which has been said by some Initiate to every entering neophyte at appointed times since the appearance of the Third Root Race upon this planet: "What you loosen, that I bind; what I bind, the Kumaras scatter broadcast."

Many are the human souls that have been unloosed by that often unappreciated Messenger of the Gods—loosed from their bondage to Maya, loosed from their attachment to things of sense, and their feet well set on the Narrow Path.

But few there are that have been bound by the climber's rope one end of which I hold. Not that I would not, but because ere the many had taken the first step toward that rope the three demons, Greed, Ambition, and Lust, had seized them and borne them far away, borne them where I could not follow, into illusion's pastures where light is as darkness and darkness is as light, where the Jinns gleefully spread nets to catch their feet and glamour their eyes, where the envoys of the Dark Forces play upon the human harps thus given to their hands with all the skill of mastery.

But for those who love knowledge for its own sake, for those whose love for the Self of All is greater than their love for the self of one, freedom from bondage to sense and time comes sure and swift with the unravelling of the last strand of the climber's rope at the touch of the hand of the Kumaras.

Long and tedious the way, full of unrest and weariness, hungering and thirsting in the midst of plenty is he who fails to see the Light of the Gods shining from the eyes of the wise man, the fool, and the criminal, the eternal radiance of the Divine Motherhood streaming from the hearts of saints and harlots alike.

Take and bear the double cross—the cross of self-satisfaction—till life shall end, if so you will. The choice is thine. But that you may enter upon your rest at last, the rest which is the reward you will have won, take heed lest you lose that also by failing to recognize the justice which has decreed your loss.

Given in 1898.

MORYA

Note: The climber's rope is the system of philosophy which a religious teacher uses in establishing the same.

The single cross is the symbol of sacrifice; the double cross is the symbol of material gain.

## QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AVATAR

Questions. Why do the Temple and the writings of H. P. B. use the strange term, Avatar, instead of the well known terms,

Messiah and Saviour? And if a Saviour does not always come as a person how does he come?

Answer. Both the writings of H. P. Blavatsky and Temple teachings do use the words, Messiah and Saviour. But these terms have very definite and restricted meanings in Western theology, and in order to get away from these restrictions into a broader and more rightful understanding of their significance the term Avatar is used. While this term is Oriental and comes directly out of Hindu thought, at the same time it issues from and carries the meanings that rest in a broad background of spiritual instruction that rightfully is the property of all mankind. But only a fragment of this teaching is carried in the theological understanding of the above two terms. So in order to escape the restrictions imposed by these two terms, a new one is brought into the West. And its source need be no objection. Jesus himself was of the Orient, schooled in its lore, and the Gospels were written on the rim of the Orient by his pupils.

If one goes into this background and compares the Gospels with the teachings and symbology found therein it becomes immediately evident that the writers of the Gospel stories did know this ancient lore of the race and chronicled it on every page. But to Western theology this lore is a closed book, and it will never be able to understand the matchless pages of deep symbolic and spiritual meaning in the Gospels until it is ready to look beyond them for help in a true scientific spirit of research amongst the volumes of explanatory light that stands waiting.

In the words of Master H. in Teachings of the Temple:

"The New Testament synthesizes all, but it has been so misunderstood and misinterpreted that we deem it best to go back to the older philosophies that they might explain the New Testament. It is only in the older philosophies that it can be understood, for it contains copies of the most occult manuscripts in the world; and the treasures of the hidden chambers of the East—are but explanations of all that you find between the pages of Matthew and Revelations." Pg. 593.

So, 2000 years ago when the Son of God appeared in the person of "Jesus who was called (named) Christ," to quote Matthew, all of the arcane wisdom of the Orient, and beyond it, was sifted, as it were, and gathered into one marvelously compact and cryptic volume of instruction in story form so simple a child can understand it and yet so profound no man can fathom it. This volume was given to the Occident as its guide and source.

How a Saviour does come if he does not always come in a physical body is a question that takes us directly into this universal background.

First, an Avatar is a Divine Incarnation, a Ray from the God-head, a Son of spiritual Light and Deity. That light is Divine Consciousness. Or, in trinitarian terms, it is the Love, Will and

Wisdom of God incarnated in some great Soul. So if an Avatar appears as a person that person is an incarnated reflection of the consciousness of the Christos. This Matthew knew when he said that Jesus was "called or named Christ" i. e. Kristos.

Being thus, an Avatar does not appear in incarnation as a phenomenon, or as a result of a dissociated act of Omnipotence. Rather an Avatar belongs to a distinct Hierarchical Line of Spiritual teachers and leaders, consisting of great cosmic Beings and angel men whose movements within the human race are as much a part of universal law as is the rising or setting of the sun. So, according to this greater instruction, there is no one Messiah, or Saviour whose incarnation on earth was unique, but God, in His Son, comes again and again in all tongues, peoples and ages.

Whether an Avatar is to be born as a child or whether he will appear in a more interior and invisible manner and deliver his message through an incarnate group of disciples, or in some such manner, and as to whether his will be a greater or lesser incarnation depends upon a number of qualifying factors. In times of racial change like the present, that are freighted with momentous situations and powerful contending forces, the action of the law that brings Avatars into manifestation does not move in near confinement to a person, or within a limited sphere of action on the earth, or to any one nation.

With a new human race in process of formation in the Occident, a vast irresistible tide of the forces of readjustment and recreation are flowing out from the Heart of God into the entire world, shifting, shaping and adapting. Nor is this all. So universal is the present change that the entire solar system is involved. Planetically speaking, this tide is pouring out from the center of the sun into all planets, producing both inner and outer changes as it goes, the outer being always the reflection of that which is within. So the coming of the Avatar is not merely a question of the presence of a man on the earth, however great that man may be.

An avataric tide quickens everything it touches. It gives birth to the new in that which can receive it, and shatters or casts off that which cannot carry it, even as a seed casts off the decayed husk that surrounds it, that life within may come forth, bringing new hope, growth and beauty. Hence the coming of an Avatar is not confined to the teachings of a person or the presence of a state of consciousness in the world, but it is primarily a life-giving essence each atom of which is a part of the birth structure of a new order or cycle of evolution in the eons of the evolution of humanity. The keynote of the Avatar today is UNITY. Out of the present turmoil will emerge new standards and methods of procedure. Peace on earth, freedom, good will, will be born of a chastened and regenerated heart in man.

F. W.

## "NO SURRENDER"

I will not yield! although no aid be nigh,  
 Although my foes be many as the sand,  
 Although the echoes mock my desperate cry  
 As slips the sword-hilt from my nerveless hand,

I will not yield!  
 Disgraced, defeated, broken, shamed,  
 Besmeared with filth and blood, all maimed,  
 All crippled, wounded, thrust  
 Down to the very dust,  
 Faint unto death—  
 While I have breath  
 I will not yield!

I will not yield! the courage of despair  
 Thrills through me; from the wreck of youthful hopes  
 Springs fierce resolve; now all seems lost, I dare  
 As ne'er before; in ruin Will finds scope.

I will not yield!  
 Not dreaming now of vast renown,  
 Of laurel wreath and golden crown,  
 Of place among the Gods,  
 I face the fearful odds,  
 And for dear life  
 Maintain the strife.  
 I will not yield!

I will not yield! I cannot choose, for lo!  
 I, too have seen—seen what the end might be,  
 The far-off sunkissed pinnacles of snow,  
 The perfect life of selfless liberty.

I will not yield!  
 For having seen, I can but seek  
 The highest; though the heavenly peak  
 Lie ages hence away  
 From this foul bed of clay,  
 It can be won!  
 Child of the Sun,  
 I will not yield!

I will not yield! The fault is all my own  
 That I have fallen; evil seeds bear fruit;  
 Loins girt for years with pleasure's silken zone  
 Have failed to stand the strain; but to the brute

I will not yield!  
 No! though the struggle be in vain;  
 No! though I rise to fall again;  
 Unto the utmost end,  
 Until the night descend,  
 I stand my ground;  
 Vanquished or crowned,  
 I will not yield!



## OCCULTISM FOR BEGINNERS. Second Series, No. IV.

In the last lesson reference was made to the auric—synthetic—quality of the Mouth from the standpoint of physical correspondence. Cosmically, Deity is referred to as a Consuming Fire, and in the Bhagavad Gita, the vision of the Divine Form is seen by Arjuna with all creatures and worlds rushing into the Divine mouth. As the Word the cosmic all proceeds from the mouth—it is the correspondence of the Auric Centre into which all must be indrawn eventually.

Every line of the face is a materialized quality expressing the forces which the Ego has created by thought, word, or deed in this or other lives. We are pictures painted on the screen of Nature by our own thoughts, desires and aspirations. Thus, the mouth may out-picture the innate stored-up forces of cruelty, sensuality and so on or the "heavenly sweetness and abnegation of the Warrior of Light." Around the mouth and chin on inner planes plays a wondrous light in those in whom the Spiritual Will is active. Even physically, we note how the mouth and chin is the seat of the personal will. In terror or fright, the teeth chatter, the chin and mouth droop, and in those of weak wills, as idiots, the mouth and lips are flabby and loose. Note also how in concentrated effort the lips are compressed, the chin thrust forward and all the forces of will focused on this centre.

The head is the physical correspondence of the Ego itself. Thus we have the seven centres or orifices in the head, each expressive of fundamental qualities and functions. The two nostrils correspond to the Positive and Negative Vital Forces, and the formation of this organ of one's personal cosmos indicates the character of force stored up from the vital standpoint. The nose has a connection and correspondence with the Pituitary Body. The eye is the light—the seeing centre of the brain externalized. It is connected with and corresponds on the outer plane with the Pineal Gland. The "windows of the soul" out-picture what the Ego has stored up in terms of light. They receive the outer and send forth the inner light. The ears, organs of hearing, likewise picture stored up qualities, as in the idiotic, degenerate, or congenital criminal, the ear is malformed invariably. Occultly this must be due to a break in the harmony of the inner senses and centres on which the outer depend for we must bear in mind that the real centres of sensation are on the inner plane and the outer organs simply stand for the inner power to see, hear, taste, smell and so on. Thus the more perfect the inner proportion and harmony, the more perfect the outer expression and its organ. Let us illustrate by the extreme delicacy of the ear in sensing tones. Thus, in the middle ear we have an apparatus called the organ of Corti composed of 3000 little rods, each connected with a filament of the auditory nerve. Viewed from

above these rods look very much like the keyboard of a piano. In "Kirk's Physiology" we find "The rods of Corti are arranged so that each is set to vibrate in unison with a particular note, and thus strike a particular tone, the sensation of which is carried to the brain of those filaments of the auditory nerve with which the little vibrating rod is connected. The distinctive function then of these minute bodies is probably to render sensible to the brain the various musical notes, tones, one of them answering to one tone, one to another, while perhaps the other parts of the organ of hearing discriminate between the intensities of different sounds rather than the equalities. We have here a musical instrument which is similar in construction to artificial instruments, but which far surpasses them in delicacy as well as simplicity of its execution. For, while in a piano every string must have a separate hammer by means of which it is sounded, the ear possesses a single hammer of an ingenious form in its ear-bones which can make every string of the organ of Corti sound separately.

"As there are 3000 rods of Corti present in the human ear, this would give about 400 to each of the seven octaves within the compass of the ear. Thus about 32 would go to each semi-tone. Weber asserts that accomplished musicians can appreciate difference in pitch as small as the 1-64 of a tone. Thus on the theory above advanced, the delicacy of discrimination would appear to have reached its limits."

It is logical to assume the more balanced and co-ordinated the inner man, the more the outer organs would correspond. The more the inner self is unorganized, the more disproportion in the externals and the more the inability to co-ordinate the outer cosmos and its forces with the inner.

In the next lesson the Book of Revelation will be used to illustrate more truths of symbolism.

W. H. D.

## TEMPLE BUILDERS DEPARTMENT, Lesson 94 LIFE STORIES—Part II

"The time is here for another life-story with the children. How many have remembered the first talk, and how many have come with clean hearts, with pure minds to listen to another?"

"The glow in Mary's eyes says that she has kept sacred all the truths she has learned.

"The light on John's face tells of the reverence he has for the life-stories.

"Paul looks as though he were determined to master any wrong thoughts no matter how much courage it might take to conquer himself.

"And what is it Martha says—'Why try so hard to be good? Why not have lots of fun and not be so serious?' Ah! Martha, have you forgotten the first lesson of the life-stories? What is it, James, do you remember?"



"It is, that if we really want to know of life and birth and love we must be unselfish and sacrifice the common pleasures, or the child cannot be born into the light."

"Yes, and who remembers anything else from our first talk? Anna knows something; let us hear it."

"All boys and girls are born into the world by sacrifice."

"And, Elizabeth, what more?" "The story of life and birth will always be somewhat of a mystery to us."

"Yes. You have done well, and your coming together today shows that you would like to know more, which is good."

"The desire to know about life and how we came into it is no more evil than any other desire. It is only when we use that knowledge wrongly that it becomes sinful."

"Martha's desire for pleasure is natural. Paul's determined will is necessary to guide his desire rightly, and Mary's and John's love and reverence will keep both will and desire holy."

"It is in the coming together, the uniting of love, will and desire, all three, that we find the mystery Elizabeth felt."

"Love first gives itself to will, and will must give itself to desire as Anna said; and then, James, the child is born into the light."

"When Love, Will, and Desire, come together they form a beautiful triangle of light: This triangle is the life-seed of the child, just as the maple seed is the life-seed of the tree that grows in your yard."

"This triangle, Love, Will, and Desire must first be formed before a child can be born into the world with eyes, arms, feet, hands and heart, as you have."

"When this triangle has been formed by the father, mother, parents of a child, a seed is created which grows to perfection under the care and nourishment of the mother. This seed is given to the mother because it requires the greatest tenderness and care to bring it to perfection, and no one can give that care as a mother can."

"Mary, you were reading the other day the story of Jesus, of his birth, and of Mary his Mother. Can you tell us about it? for the birth of Jesus was the most wonderful one that has ever been known, and Mary was the most beautiful of mothers."

"Oh, yes, it was beautiful! It was like the triangle of light you have been telling us of here, only an angel came to Mary and told her that a 'Child would be born unto her, and that His name should be called Jesus, the Son of the Highest'."

"Did the story mention any one else in connection with the child, Mary?"

"Yes, it mentioned Joseph, the father of Jesus, and it said the Highest would overshadow it."

"Yes, Joseph was also told by the Angel to watch over Mary, to care for both her and the child and keep them from any danger."

"We said, James, you remember, that the seed was given into

the mother's care, but did you not wonder how it came into her keeping?"

"Yes, but I thought you would tell us, so I waited, and then too I wondered if it might not be in some way like the flower seeds are carried from one place to another. I have been studying the flowers and I have been growing some fine plants lately, and I know Jesus always taught that we could learn the greatest lessons of life from nature."

"You are right, James, and it is from nature, from the flowers, from the birds that we will learn of the story of birth, even as Mary heard it first through the Angel that spoke to her from heaven; for the same Angel speaks to the children today through the flowers and all nature, and even more clearly to the mothers and fathers of each little child."

—Jane W. Dower

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### IN MEMORIAM

On Sunday, March 5, our brother William Herbert Thompson, for many years a priest of The Temple, passed to his day of rest on the other side of life's stream.

It was a quiet and peaceful close of a long and useful life. Mr. Thompson came to the Arroyo Grande Valley in the early days of the Temple here and shortly afterwards joined its ranks. It might be said that he was characterized by his acts of kindness and liberality as a Temple brother, rendered so readily and quietly to those in need. He was always helpful thus, and his material aid to The Temple also was constant and substantial throughout the years.

Free from ostentation, his spiritual life was simple in expression and always natural; and in his Temple activities he will probably be most remembered by us here at the center for the many years in which he conducted the Five-o'clock Class. He kept up this work faithfully even to within a few days of his departure, when he laid down the scroll and passed on to inner shores of light, there to join the Great Company in the Realm of Causes.

### TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

On February 5 and on March 5 the Feast of Fulfillment was celebrated in The Temple, followed by the devotional services. Temple Builders meetings were held on February 12 and 26, and March 12 and 26. In the Sunday Services on Feb. 12, Patricia Mallory dedicated her paper to the memory of Abraham Lincoln; Feb. 19, Bernard Lentz lectured on "Temple and Theosophical Terms"; Feb. 26, Herman Volz spoke on "Sun and Life Forces"; March 12, Fred Whitney on "Individuality versus Personality"; March 19, Ernest Harrison read a paper on "The Symbology of the Temple", and March 26, Wenonah Varian gave a paper on "How to Live a Happy Life." In the Tuesday 5 o'clock class, March 21, Red Star's birthday anniversary was fittingly commemorated.

We ask Temple members and Artisan readers to notify promptly The Temple of The People of change of address.

#### Concerning "TEACHINGS OF THE TEMPLE"

The book **TEACHINGS OF THE TEMPLE** is out of print. We constantly receive orders which cannot be filled for this valuable and unequalled book which has been given by the Masters to humanity for guidance in this most important evolutionary cycle.

That we may be able to have it reprinted as soon as possible, we invite Temple members and friends to help us raise the necessary means by contributing to the fund we are now accumulating for this purpose. Those who subscribe in advance to the new edition will receive copies to the value of their payments.

Please do all you can to help in this undertaking, sending letters concerning it directly to the Guardian-in-Chief of The Temple of The People, Halcyon, California.

We desire to call attention especially to the book, "Brother of The Third Degree." (See special offer.) This would make a good gift book. A very fascinating occult novel, 380 pages, blue cloth cover, stamped in gold. The romance includes valuable instructions on many occult and mystic fundamentals which all students of life appreciate, the more so because of the attractive form in which the author has presented them.

We also recommend "The Torch," magazine for health and astrological advice, edited by Mrs. Ada Muir, 657 E. Hastings St., Vancouver, B. C., Canada. Further, her books: No. 1, **Health and the Sun Sign**; No. 2, **Cancer**; No. 3, **Healing Herbs of the Zodiac**, illustrated, at 50c each; No. 4, **The Book of the Nodes and the Part of Fortune**, 75c; No. 5, **Pluto: The Redeemer**, \$1.00; No. 7, **The Sons of Jacob**, a study in esoteric astrology, 50c; No. 8, **The Degrees of the Zodiac Analyzed**, \$1.00; **Food in Relation to Health**, 50c; **Ephemeris of Pluto, 1840-1935**, 50c.

We call again attention to the Song, "Creeds Disappear, Hearts Remain," dedicated to The Temple by Mrs. Winogene Savage who wrote the words and music. The price is 35 cents. Write for it to Mrs. Savage, 3177 Poplar Drive, Lynwood, Calif.

#### HEALING MEDITATIONS AT THE TEMPLE CENTER

Through healing meditations and devotional meetings for years past a powerful center of high spiritual forces has been created in the Blue Star Memorial Temple at Halcyon. We are holding there healing meditations daily at high noon (12 M., P. S. T.), sending out healing vibrations into the world, for the good of humanity. All who are interested may tune in at this hour to receive the healing forces and help a distressed world. Humanity never has been in greater need of spiritual assistance than now. Let us bear in mind that all the forces of Light are at our command if we sincerely ask for them.

#### THE HELPING HAND FUND

Do not forget the Helping Hand fund. You know what it means to support and sustain any work in these days. The expenses of printing the Artisan and maintaining the work are not covered by the dues. The Helping Hand Department must raise the additional means. You will therefore respond according to the behest of your inner voice and outer circumstances that the Law of Supply and Demand may be fulfilled between the center and the circumference.

Let us quote from "Self Responsibility" by B. S.:

"While we are thinking of the wealth of instruction we have been

given and the countless evidences we have had of the protection and help of the Masters through all the past years, do we earnestly ask ourselves "what have we given in return?" Do we sufficiently realize that there is a Divine law of reciprocity which demands that for all we receive we must render an equivalent, otherwise the law will set up an account against us which we will have to pay some day with accumulated interest?"

All Helping Hand communications, contributions and dues should be sent to The Temple of The People direct.

### THE TEMPLE

To Those Who Seek Illumination:

1.—Has a consciousness of the Avataric Forces working in the affairs of men and nations dawned upon you? If so, can you perceive the necessity of combining the known principles of Science, Religion and Sociology for the establishment of righteous laws, thus helping to bring about an Era of Justice which offers equal opportunities to all who truly serve their fellow men?

2.—Are you open to consideration of, and conviction concerning, the unalterable Law of Cause and Effect?

3.—Have the fierce struggles between the spiritual and material—the seeming injustices and inequalities of life—roused within you a longing for conditions that reflect the beauty of spiritual truths in material forms that truly embody them?

4.—Can you perceive that only by a return to a greater simplicity of life is it possible to weed out the fungus of false and fleeting ambition, and plant the seed of a great and wise purpose, to serve in all loyalty and love, the whole human race?

5.—Can you accept the fact that the Omnipotent, Omnipresent God-head can and does communicate consciously, by means of perfected men or Masters, with human beings who have correlated the higher with the lower self, when some great spiritual or national purpose is to be served; and that you, as a component part of that God-head, are capable of evolving and correlating such senses or qualities in yourself by rightly directed effort, thereby becoming a link between the spiritual and the physical Man?

6.—Are you great enough, spiritually, to extend the right hand of fellowship to every true aspirant for a better life, regardless of anything the past may have brought to such a one, understanding that the Law of Cause and Effect may place you, in the great tomorrow, in the same position your brother may have been forced into, today?

If the foregoing questions are of sufficient interest to awaken response, and you are prepared to sacrifice the time and effort required for entering into a closer relationship with those who are trying to serve their fellow men intelligently, and worthily, will you write for further information to

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