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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.

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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.

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BEHOLD, I GIVE

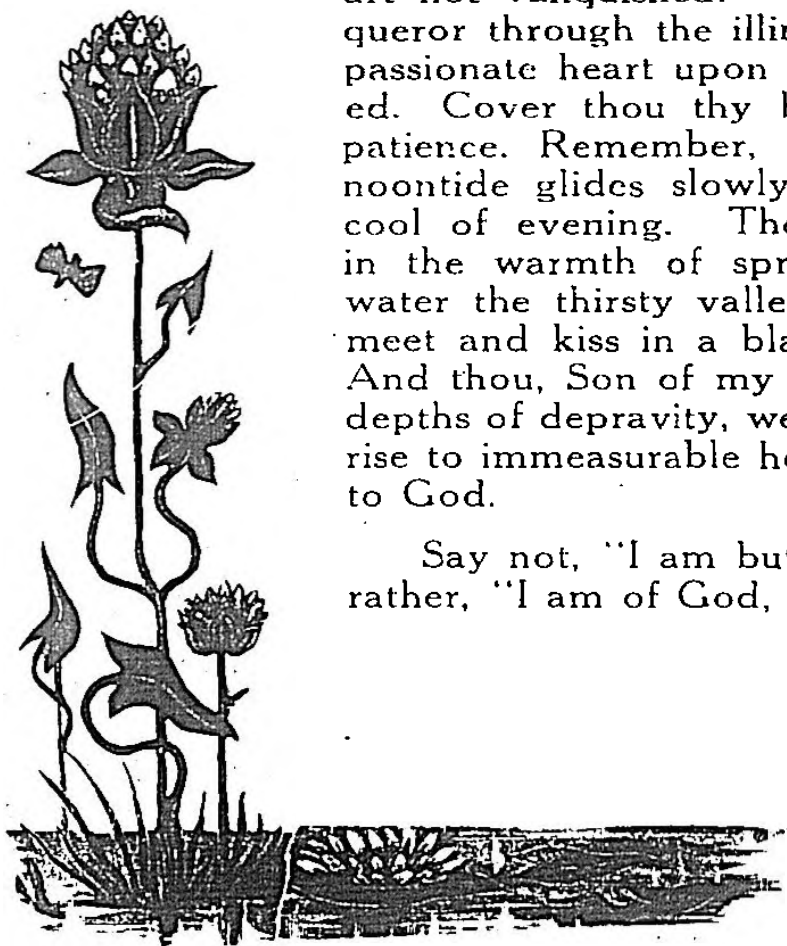


UNTO THEE A KEY

Lift Thou Thine Eyes To God

Child of the Eternal—listen! Know that, though scorched by the sun of desert sands, lashed back by the furious ocean's waves, struck motionless by the power of the Ice-Angel, with the wings of thy soul as the wings of a bird when the Storm-King has beaten them close to its breast; know, Son of the Sun, even yet thou art not vanquished. Thou art more than conqueror through the illimitable love of that compassionate heart upon which thy head is pillow-ed. Cover thou thy breast with the shield of patience. Remember, the burning heat of the noontide glides slowly, imperceptibly, into the cool of evening. The mountain glaciers melt in the warmth of spring and, drop by drop, water the thirsty valley below. Earth and sky meet and kiss in a blaze of unspeakable glory. And thou, Son of my Heart, though cast in the depths of depravity, weakness, or weariness, may rise to immeasurable heights by lifting thine eyes to God.

Say not, "I am but a leaf in the wind." Say rather, "I am of God, in God."



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EDITORIAL MIRROR

The symbolic meaning of Easter and the Power of Resurrection back of all Life celebrated at this season in all lands has been told and interpreted in many tongues and languages. God, the Central Spiritual Source of Love, Light, and Life, creates and generates Life in order to regenerate and resurrect the Life Forces which ever seek greater expression and unfoldment of consciousness.

Easter symbolizes the Resurrection of Life on all planes. From the winter season of indrawing, the natural and divine forces awake to new life, new expression, new birth, raising the vibration of man, animal, and plant life with the spirit of renewed energy.

Man, inspired by love and quickened by the spring season of new-born life, adds to the Soul's procession of beauty and upliftment. Birds add their share by the thrilling notes of song, which awakens sound vibrations that react upon the ether and bring into form forces from a higher grade of life. Nature, reborn, vibrant, outdraws and emerges in a new garment of many colors, and quietly resumes its cyclic duty of revitalizing and revivifying the earth. Flowers burst forth in a riot and profusion of color—their beauty, purity, sweetness, and fragrance filling the air. Mingled with the multicolored flowers is a mantle of green, the color imparted to plant life through the chlorophyl cell, giving the vegetable kingdom the selective power of growth and sustaining life. All, functioning through matter and form, regenerating and resurrecting, are attuned to the unseen forces of Love and Light.

Life in its totality is changeless, deathless, and is eternally expressing itself through myriads of lesser lives, rays or emanations of the One Universal Soul which proceeds by inbreathing and outbreathing, periods of rest and periods of awakening, birth and rebirth, guided, directed, and protected by the Light of the Spirit, the Eternal Essence of all Life which dwells within and comes out at the appointed season for greater and more abundant life.

The Soul, stepping down to the plane of matter, is bound by the principle of form that must live and die, be born and reborn in this tomb of matter, experiencing great trials and suffering and hours of illumination, which must come to all until the soul is regenerated and resurrected out of the darkness, clothed in the Light of the Christos, and brought back to the Father's Bosom.

"Build well each day some part of the eternal structure which will not fail you in your hour of trial. Let each coming Easter

Sun shine upon some new trophy of your present effort. However trifling to other eyes than yours that trophy may seem, it will mark a milestone passed on the long hard climb to the mountain top which you hope to attain."

It is well to heed the words of the Master and build strong the eternal structure, realizing that every effort toward helping our fellow men will add another link in the chain of constructive development for the Redemption of Humanity.

P. F. D.

THE AVATARIC MANTRAM

"I WILL ENDEAVOR TO REALIZE THE PRESENCE OF THE AVATAR AS A LIVING POWER IN MY LIFE."

Without formality, without outer arbitrary organization, let all who feel and believe the truth of the Presence of a Redeeming Cosmic Force, repeat the above daily and constantly. It will help to build a matrix—heart center—through which the Christ force will externalize in qualities of living power.

Let us keep clean our hearts and minds, and the earnest endeavor to realize His Presence daily will assuredly help in His Manifestation, and the Spirit of Love will impel humanity to ideals of true Brotherhood.

THE MESSENGER

As the desert traveler stays the feet of his beast of burden when he reaches an oasis and hies him to the waters to quench his maddening thirst, so will you and I stay the feet of our beasts—the bodies—which bear the burden of our desires, and rest within some brightly fringed oasis in the wilderness of material life while we traverse the path which leads to the holy city of our aspirations and to the King who awaits our coming. Just beyond that blessed oasis of refreshment must we meet other foes, unconquered as yet, other elemental forms which guard the path, and must fight our way on toward the heavenly city with the rest of the human race to which we belong.

It will be no light task to meet the test which is to prove or disprove the right to rebirth in the new Golden Age to follow this drear Iron Age.

Beside the spring which gives refreshment to the travelers who have reached the oasis in their search for truth through the media of the Golden Precepts stands One who says to both you and me: "Welcome, weary traveler; drink thy fill of the waters; then lie here in the shade and listen to me. What I shall say to thee will be as oil and wine to strengthen thee in the hours of thy coming test, if thou wilt treasure my words within thine heart. In ignorance hast thou belied thy God; in disobedience hast thou barred the gate of thy soul against the messengers sent to thee in love.

But now must thou listen and heed what I say to thee, for I am thine other Self.

"Thou criest for mercy, for forgiveness and pity, when the long roll of thy sins against thy God—thy Self, thy kind—presses hard upon thee. Knowest thou not that thou art not those sins? They are the effects of the causes long since set up by thee to test thy strength, endurance, and power of service. As falls the soiled garment from the runner in the race ere he plunges in the stream which is to cleanse his body of its impurities, so must thou drop the mind-woven garment of thine offenses now clothing thee and plunge into the stream of thy divinity. When thine eyes behold the Holy One who cometh unto thee and His voice falls on thine ear, thou wilt hear Him say, 'With thine whole heart do thou bless the pain which hath opened thine eyes, the passion which hath given thee understanding, the once hardened heart from which now flow streams of deep compassion. Fall on thy knees and gaze at the love which now lightens the faces of thy fellow travelers, the love born of transmuted hate and selfishness, the sorrow which brought them to repentance and atonement. These three, Love, Sorrow, Atonement, made thee what thou art, and it is what thou art, not what thou hast done, that will lift the veil of Isis when life in flesh shall end for thee. Seek not for signs of evil in a brother's face; look behind that mask and mayhap thou wilt see the tortured eyes of a soul looking out upon thee, a soul spent with the stress of the fierce warfare it is waging against its enemies, therefore against thy enemies.' So saying, the Messenger will bid thee pass on and make room for another, who will also be thyself."



LETTER FROM MASTER H. TO TEMPLE WORKERS

My Children:

Future months and years will bring to each one of you many hours when, because of the pressure of unassimilated forces now surrounding you, life will seem almost unbearable—hours in which it will appear that you are in a sense cut off from me; and whenever such times come, I desire you to bring out this letter and strive to realize that what I now say to you is for all time and eternity.

"I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU; I WILL NEVER FORSAKE YOU."

Unless you felt acutely the pressure of those evolutionary forces which have been set in operation for your ultimate development, it would prove conclusively they were not helping you upward as rapidly as it was possible for you to go. Growth is corollary with suffering, whether it be growth of body or soul. The mother who simply stands and watches the pain inflicted on her child for its own good, suffers more in reality than does the child,

but she may not be able to lessen the suffering for that reason.

No pain is more difficult to bear in silence and with patience than is the mental agony of the long weary hours of loneliness which invariably succeed the moments of illumination that come to every true aspirant. The spiritual essence discernible in such moments is, as it were, the flavor of delicious fruit, while the longer periods of loneliness typify the processes of assimilation of the gross material elements of such fruit, its transmutation into the blood and tissue of a corporeal body.

You must also strive to realize that, whatever your relationship to me, or your righteous demands upon me, my duty calls for the expenditure of much time and labor in other directions, and neither desire nor feeling is a safe guide in the performance of duty.

You are doing your duty to the Lodge as surely in an act of kindness and unselfishness to some needy member of your own family as by the performance of a like act to or for some Temple member.

As the outer work grows, and demands on the time and strength of those at the head of the work become more incessant, there will also come to each one of you many more opportunities for self-sacrifice. You have been placed by karmic law in the thick of the fight. It is useless to say you are not fitted for work or sacrifice; you must become fitted for all that will bring you into the heart of things and people. You must occasionally "go up into the mountain to pray," but the greater part of your time and endeavor must be spent, as is that of the Masters, among the multitudes on the lowlands until the multitude will go with us to the mountain.

Spirituality is not selfish asceticism; it is selfless unity.

Every time you permit the Disintegrator to convince you that I have deserted you, you cast a serious reflection on my good faith and ability to perform what I have promised. Unless you can trust me in the shade as well as in the shine, your faith will never supply sufficient fuel to the great engine of love with which you are connected, to enable you to receive and disseminate the Lodge influences.


When you are suffering from mental indigestion or other effects of unassimilated energy, set about doing some kind act for some other human being. This will expel the old dormant force, neutralize all bad effects, and make room for the new energy which is striving to gain admittance and expression.

You often fail to realize the effects of aspiration, and are discouraged at the results of the same. In some moment of exaltation you offer to the Lodge, to God, to the highest you are capable of aspiring to, all you are, all you have, all you hope to be. You do not sufficiently appreciate the fact that the offer has been accepted, and recorded in the Book of Life, and that there have been at once set in action certain definite agents for your trial and testing; and it is quite possible that your most intimate friend may

be the unconscious vehicle through which they may work. When the results of aspiring thoughts begin to manifest, as noted above, only too often you misanthropically shrink back into your shell, and fail to perceive the causes which lie back of your suffering.

I would have you strive to understand and appreciate the power you awaken in aspiration and prayer; for, having awakened it, you cannot control its action. Therefore I say: Be careful! Be sure you are willing and able to endure whatever effects may manifest as a result of any act of consecration.

My children, for more than one long seven-year cycle (in the past), I waited for a single expression of hope and encouragement, an expression which never came to me until I had relinquished even the desire for the same.

H—

NOTE: The above communication was given to the Temple in 1904, but is as applicable and as full of helpfulness to more recent members as to those to whom it was originally given.

Excerpts from Interview with Master Hilarion December 31, 1900 (last day of the century)

My Children:

Much as I desire to, I cannot remain with you for more than a short time tonight, owing to the great responsibilities that are resting on me elsewhere. But I will make the best possible use of the time at my disposal. The great entitized powers of the last century of the cycle of five thousand years, which is closing tonight, with those of the first century of that cycle upon which you are now entering, have done and will do more to advance all grades of matter, as well as to produce more rapid changes in the evolution of humanity, than has been possible in the last five hundred thousand years, owing to the increase of vibratory action.

In speaking of a cycle, or rather the expiration or commencement of a cycle, you must always bear in mind that one of the days of occult time constitutes seven days of earthly time, and the octave, or eighth day after a given date, is always the real end of the day indicated in a given date. Therefore I say that the day which commenced with the sun's passing over on the 25th of December really closes tomorrow. (A day on the lower astral or eighth plane is equal to fourteen days of your time.) I tell you this that you may avoid making mistakes in teaching others relative to this branch of occultism. . . .

The question has been asked if the Master force from Saturn is a Master. It is what you would term a Master in one sense; what others might term a God in another. It is one form of the great evolutionary energy belonging to the Green Ray. This is very necessary at the present time at this point in the development of the human race. It is a connecting link between the upper and lower manasic planes and comes for the purpose of raising the lower manas in mankind to a higher vibration, that humanity may

be able to accept and realize those occult truths which have so generously been poured out upon it in the last century. This Entity has been doing the same work for the planet Saturn. Question: Did this Entity work here 5000 years ago? Answer: Yes! This particular form of energy circles about the solar system touching, in turn, each planet in that system. It requires 5000 years to do the necessary work in and about each planet. Then it passes on to the next in order, and so around the circle of the solar system, until it is time for it to return, as is now the case with the earth. It will remain for 5000 years. It is this force that brings the rapid vibrations. As soon as it contacts the outer layer of the earth's atmosphere, it at once awakens a new or more rapid rate of vibration in the central sphere of the earth, the stationary energy of which is negative to its positive. Question: Is this force now contacted, or is it imminent? Answer: It is imminent. It has not as yet completed all the connections. . . .

These dark days will pass; there will come the light. But, my children, my dear children, try and take into your inmost souls the truth I am compelled to utter: There is, as I have warned you so many times, terrible suffering and anguish in store for the children of the earth. As I have so often told you, you must prepare to meet what belongs to you. If I could take you into my arms and shield you there, my Father heart would prompt me to do so; but I cannot, for, by so doing, I would take from you your chance for still higher development. You have had, you are now having today, more help spiritually than any other class of people, than any other individuals on the surface of the earth. Try to realize this; try to realize that you are living in my love, even if you must suffer with me, as it was for this that you have begged for many, many years.

I must leave you now. . . . I wish to convey to each of the group my heartfelt love, my desire that they will hold fast to the truths they have been taught, that they may enter into the reward prepared for the faithful and patient. I give to each one of you assembled here, my children, my love and confidence. It is much to me in these shifting hours to know that I can put my hand on any one of you and find you there.

Rather, we trust we may always be worthy of your love and your confidence. Question: Will you give a subject for meditation on this the last night of the year? Answer: Yes. Take the upbuilding of the Temple work in all its ramifications.

SPIRITUAL VICTORY

Continued from the December-January Artisan

When the Theosophical Movement was launched, it was based on the Unity of all life and being, and the Universal Brotherhood of man, but it was not supposed to establish that brotherhood at the time, as that is necessarily a long task, and must await its own rightful cycle for fulfillment. However, it was the immediate

work to build a "nucleus" to this end. This H. P. Blavatsky, the founder, makes plain in a statement to Wm. Q. Judge, in 1888, on the basic social purpose of the movement. She says:

"Falter not so long as a few devoted ones will work to keep the nucleus existing. You were not directed to found and realize a Universal Brotherhood, but to form a nucleus for one; for it is only when the nucleus is formed that the accumulations can begin that will end in future years, however far distant, in the forming of the body which we have in view."

Such was the task; and when the Theosophical Society, a heterogeneous and untransmuted body, failed utterly to reach this essential goal, its ranks were sifted, and an inner group, the Esoteric Section, was formed with the hope that it could be used. But, to quote H. P. B., it, too, was a "dead failure," and when she passed over in 1891, the whole movement crumbled, leaving apparently but one solitary man holding the Lodge Line. And when he, too, left this plane only five years later, driven from it by the attacking forces of those who should have stood loyally and devotedly by him, the entire movement had ended in "dead failure" to all appearances. The Masters who instituted the movement did their work in the century cycle that ended in 1900. Fortunately this was not all of the period that was involved. There was more to follow; and the second half came into place with the founding of the Temple two years before the closing of the century, and at the juncture of several additional cycles in and close to 1898, including the second 5000 years of Kali Yuga, and that of the Avatar whose Thirty Years went on into the new century.

The Temple, resting its foundations in the Heart—the seat of the God in man—and centered in the Head of the Ray that fathered the whole movement, coupled the heart forces of the "Lion-Hearted" H. P. B. with the inner core of its own body and carried the work forward with the primary purpose of building the nucleus. But, with the coming of the Temple the basic nucleus for Universal Brotherhood came to embody a vast Lodge structure which must reach away into the future, including the work of the Avatar in world reconstruction and the bringing in of a New Race.

For this work the Temple instructions are specific. To quote briefly: "Never forget you have been chosen to build a peculiar structure under a definite plan," are the words of the Master. And in the Yellow Folio he says, "The Temple has an important mission in this respect, namely, to give the right inner impulse to new racial conditions." Again, in his Convention Message for 1923 he says, "Each cycle of Lodge work has its particular message, its keynote. . . . The keynote of effort for this particular cycle is to retemple the earth with the fires of spiritual knowledge, wisdom, and service to and for all; to unify the races of the earth in bonds of Universal Brotherhood, and to make a practical application to all grades of human life and action of the great spiritual

principles and truths imparted to humanity by us now and in past ages, to the end that mankind may again become cognizant of the God within—and live accordingly."

Master M. addressed the group at the beginning of its work with, "You who are the heart of this present attempt of ours"; and Master H. states the very essence of the nucleus when he says, "The higher purpose, the aim of all those who are true Templars, was, and still is, the preparation of a place where it might become possible for the overshadowing Christ to enter and send forth the message which the world has waited for so long. Such a place requires quiet, concentration, aspiration, unified endeavor, faith in each other and in the common purpose. These are essentials; all else is nonessential."

So the first condition to Temple success was not so much that it go forth as that it go IN. But that carries no sinecure. Rather, it invites the aspirant to an intense battle with the forces of the shadow man within his own soul, and in that of the whole human race. He must wage an uncompromising battle with himself and with "the opposing forces of the age" by use of the forces of Unity, Harmony, Steadfastness, and Discrimination.

At the very beginning of the Temple work stands the grand call to action, given by the Great Master:

"Arouse ye! Arouse ye! Children of the New Covenant. Why stand ye in the public places idle throughout the busy day? The War of the Ages is upon thee—the strife between the Sons of Universal Light and the Brothers of the Shadow."

In the Red Folio of Lodge Messages we read, "It is a battle to the finish you are fighting, and the Lodge will win. There is no compromise, no playing with fire. It is Life or Death, and it shall be Life. You are dealing with Forces: Smoke and Light, Noise and Silence, Mercy and Hate, God and Demons. The Armageddon is upon you," to quote but a little of it. It is signed, "Hilarion, The Annunciator," the Temple being the Order of the Avatar, and under the "New Covenant."

In the Yellow Folio the Master says, "The greatest effort of the Lodge in long ages is endeavoring to impress itself upon you. . . . Unto you has been given the Charge; within you has been placed the Trust; through you has been made the possibility of carrying the Light of the New Era into the darkness of a suffering world."

And how well has that trust been kept? In order to answer this question aright, in the broad inner light of its true nature, we must bear in mind that true victory in all fields of life is won only by the might of Right, working through the hearts and lives of men, urging them onward and upward into the Light of their own true Selves. It is the man himself, the nation, the race, the planet itself, that achieves victory; or, suffering defeat, calls down the judgments of the Law and its consequent punishments. But out of victory, even of a few rightfully placed within that Law, the

whole race steps up into broader understanding and truer lines of action; and lanes of Light are opened for great souls to come into the earth life and teach and lead mankind for the greatest possible good to the greatest possible number. So the nucleus must transmit the Forces of the divine world into the dark of the mortal world, and it must transmute the evil of the mortal into Light, and "HOLD" the heart core against disruption. W.

THE DAY AND THE HOUR

What means this beat of marching, on the air,
That seems to girdle all the earth
With horror, and with fear;
That like some thunder roll
Of aerial armies,
Meeting foe with foe,
Wakes hell's mad echoes far below?

"What mean these fateful sounds?"
You ask, in mortal fear,
"Sounds as of frenzied heart-throbs
Of demons, in the air—
And rolling drums of terror,
Everywhere?"

"Oh, woe is earth!" sounds out the trumpet call,
"Things that have been, are ready now to fall,
And be no more."
But quivering through the dark and smoky pall
Of warring hosts, is dimly seen
A new and holy birth—
Hope come to earth—
Great Mammon now prepares
His sacrificial feast,
Gathering his war-meats vast from West to East
To celebrate his dying agonies.

Auckland, New Zealand, September, 1939.

Carrie Dencker

THE MOTHER OF COMPASSION

I bid you pray that the Mother of Compassion may gather up the tears which spring unbidden to the eyes of the sorely afflicted and bereft of earth now exiled from home and become wanderers in strange lands, and to mold those tears into jewels of endurance and courage and into faith in divine guidance, without which life must become a tragedy beyond power of man to describe.

He who thinks those tears are naught but moisture like unto that which falls from the skies upon the earth and into the salt seas knows but little of the divine mystery of grief and its purpose

in the spiritual economy of life and being, or of their final effect on the soul of man.

Rarer, finer than any jewel in the bosom of the earth are the jewels now in process of crystallization within the hearts and souls of those who shed the tears which grief has wrung from the sorely afflicted victims of man's inhumanity.

Well may ye pray, if ye are of those who stand idly by and smile or sneer, or who leave un comforted those who weep for causes like to those which open the well of tears in the eyes of all who bear the sorrows of the world in hours like unto these, for heavy will fall the hand of karmic retribution in the days to come.

Well may ye pray that the Mother of Compassion may light the lamp of sympathy and helpfulness within your hearts, that ye may show the path which leads to where the Comforter of man now hath His habitation, to those who blindly seek that path in agony of spirit such as only those may know who lie upon the cross.



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.

Question: "Some claim that man was not created by God as is generally understood from the Bible, and that he did not evolve naturally as materialism holds. Just what is the teaching in the Secret Doctrine on this subject?"

Concerning the first part of the question, the Secret Doctrine points out that the popular notions as to what the Bible teaches and the occult meanings of this book are quite different. God speaks universally to all peoples and in all tongues. The Word to each is the same, and given in the same manner. Man never was "created," says the occult teaching. He, the Spiritual Monad, is a "Ray," a "Spark" of the eternal Fire, as is the case with worlds and atoms as well; and his vestures or embodiments have been fashioned, through Universal Law and karmic necessity, by beings far greater than himself rather than by a blind nature. His evolution is a growth in consciousness from, or through, a stone (as primordial substance) to a god. We quote the following from Vol. I:266.

"The well-known Kabalistic aphorism runs: 'A stone becomes a plant; a plant, a beast; the beast, a man; a man, a spirit; and the spirit, a god.' The 'Spark' animates all the kingdoms, in turn, before it enters into and informs Divine Man, between whom and his predecessor, animal man, there is all the difference in the world. Genesis begins its anthropology at the wrong end — evidently for a blind — and lands nowhere. . . . Had Genesis begun as it ought, one would have found in it, first, the Celestial Logos, the 'Heavenly Man,' which evolves as a Compound Unit of Logoi, out of which, after their pralalyic sleep — a sleep that gathers the Num-

bers scattered on the mayavic plane into One, as the separate globules of quicksilver on a plate blend into one mass — the Logoi appear in their totality as the first 'Male and Female,' or Adam Kadmon, the 'Fiat Lux' of the Bible, as we have already seen. But this transformation did not take place on our Earth, nor on any material plane, but in the Spacial Depths of the first differentiation of the eternal Root-Matter. On our nascent Globe, things proceed differently. The Monad or Jiva, as said in Isis Unveiled, is, first of all, shot down by the Law of Evolution into the lowest form of matter — the mineral. After a sevenfold gyration encased in the stone, or that which will become mineral and stone in the Fourth Round, it creeps out of it, say as a lichen. Passing thence, through all the forms of vegetable matter, into what is termed animal matter, it has now reached the point at which it has become the germ, so to speak, of the animal, that will become the physical man. All this, up to the Third Round, is formless, as matter, and senseless, as consciousness. For the Monad, or Jiva, per se, cannot be called even Spirit: it is a Ray, a Breath of the Absolute, or the Absoluteness rather; and the Absolute Homogeneity, having no relations with the conditioned and relative finiteness, is unconscious on our plane. Therefore, besides the material which will be needed for its future human form, the Monad requires (a) a spiritual model, or prototype, for that material to shape itself into; and (b) an intelligent consciousness, to guide its evolution and progress, neither of which is possessed by the homogeneous Monad, or by senseless the living matter. The Adam of dust requires the Soul of Life to be breathed into him: the two middle Principles, which are the sentient Life of the irrational animal and the Human Soul, for the former is irrational without the latter. It is only when, from a potential androgyne, man has become separated into male and female, that he will be endowed with this conscious, rational, individual Soul (Manas), 'the principle, or the intelligence, of the Elohim,' to receive which he has to eat of the fruit of Knowledge from the Tree of Good and Evil. How is he to obtain all this? The Occult Doctrine teaches that, while the Monad is cycling downward into matter, these very Elohim, or Pitris — the lower Dhyan Chohans — are evolving, *pari passu* with it, on a higher and more spiritual plane, descending also relatively into matter, on their own plane of consciousness, when, after having reached a certain point, they will meet the incarnating senseless Monad, encased in the lowest matter, and blending the two-potencies, Spirit and Matter, the union will produce that terrestrial symbol of the 'Heavenly Man' in space — Perfect Man. In the Sankya Philosophy, Purusha (Spirit) is spoken of as something impotent unless it mounts on the shoulders of Prakriti (Matter), which, left alone, is senseless. But in the Secret Philosophy they are viewed as graduated. Spirit and Matter, though one and the same thing in their origin, when once they are on the plane of differentiation, begin each of them their evolutionary progress in contrary directions — Spirit falling gradually into Matter, and the latter ascending to its original condition, that of a pure spiritual Substance."

OCCULTISM FOR BEGINNERS

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In the last lesson it was stated that qualities are primal essences — the abstraction of expression. It may be well to make this plainer if possible, for in the study of occultism there is nothing more important than the understanding of what a quality is in the inner meaning of the word.

If a quality is the abstraction of the expression of anything, then any thing, condition, or form made manifest—expressed—

is a quality materialized or embodied; or, in other words, the quality of the form or condition is the spirit of the thing seeking expression in and through that particular form or condition. Thus, the whole cosmos is an expression of the quality of God—or a form or condition through which deific qualities seek perfect expression. As with the cosmos, so with man.

Man is a god in his essential nature, and his godly qualities likewise are embodied in flesh and matter; and as that flesh and matter become finer and finer, the godly qualities in man's essential nature find more perfect expression. As with man, so with everything in nature, animate and inanimate. A certain quality in Deity incarnates, finds expression in that congeries of elements that we term a rose. And so with other flowers and forms of vegetable life. Many high qualities in the economy of Deity become perverted or inverted through manipulation by human or animal will and appear as weeds or pests in nature, as certain types of parasitic and insect life.

It is the same with inanimate nature. A rock is a congeries of certain elemental forces expressing certain qualities in their chemical relations, and giving the mass or molecular substance certain properties peculiar to itself. The basic quality of that rose and that rock is the incarnating ego of the rose or rock, as the Incarnating Ego of the cosmos is God, subdivided into countless egos. The collective consciousness of all egos is the Consciousness of Deity.

It has been said that there is nothing great in nature but man, and there is nothing great in man but mind. This is true so far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. There should be added: there is nothing great in mind but Light. For, in the final analysis, Light is Life, and Life is Love, and Love is God; and so there is nothing great in nature but God—a self-evident truth.

As rays of light proceed from a flame, so all egos proceed, emanate, from God; and if we find our Higher Ego, we have found the All-Ego, for all egos in nature, animate and inanimate, are inseparably one.

All qualities—Harmony, Motion, Faith, Justice, Compassion, and so on—have their root in Absolute Being, which means being without conditions or limitations. Thus there is in the Absolute a realm of pure Music—yet music produced without any musical instrument. Likewise, a realm of pure Motion, apart from anything moving. A realm of pure Faith that is not based on any condition. A realm of pure Justice without equations, and so on. These are states of Absolute Consciousness in the Godhead, which constitute the essential nature of that Godhead. To the mortal mind, those states of consciousness would be unconsciousness, oblivion, as the mortal mind cannot realize qualities, save in terms of limitation, form, and relativity. Thus to comprehend qualities spiritually is to comprehend God and his ineffable nature of pure and illimitable Reality.

W. H. D.

TEMPLE BUILDERS DEPARTMENT, Lesson No. 107
LIFE STORIES, Part VI

"Tell us, James, the special kind of care you gave your lily to have it grow into such a perfect plant and flower."

"The first thing I did was to select the most perfect bulb I could find, and then I was particular to handle it carefully so that it would not be bruised or scarred in any way."

"Why would that make any difference? Wouldn't it grow just the same even if it did have a little bruise or scar on it?"

"I think it would have grown, but not just the same. While handling the bulb, I always thought of the beautiful, snow-white flower hidden away somewhere within the bulb, and how the tender petals might be broken or hurt if I injured the bulb in any way. I thought it might need all its strength to make the plant and flower grow, instead of having to use it to heal any scars or cuts. So I handled it tenderly from the start."

"Your love for your flower certainly did teach you the secret of its growth, James, as well as the secret of growth for your own life. We must be careful of our lives from the beginning if we would grow into perfect manhood and womanhood."

"The bulb contained within it the future life of the plant, and had to be handled carefully that no harm might come to the plant before it was set free to grow in the bright air and sunshine."

"How did you take care of the lily, James, after it had come from the bulb?"

"I watched it more carefully than ever then, and never touched it at all lest I should break the tender buds. I protected it, too, from outside things that might have hurt it—from bugs, insects, or worms, and sheltered it from the wind and too much heat. It has grown so straight because it had a strong support; and it is so large and fresh because it has always had plenty of rich earth and water to grow in; and it is so white, I know, because it couldn't help being. Doesn't it look as if it just loved to live?"

"Yes, it does, James, and so do you, and so do all children when they grow as your lily did. It is that joy of living that you are helping us to learn from it today."

"Children go through certain periods of growth just as the plant did, and should have as much care taken of them in those times as you gave the lily. They are even more tender and sensitive than plants and so need even greater care than they."

"They are different from plants, however, in being able to learn about themselves, how to take care of themselves, and this is one of the first things every child should learn."

"They should learn first of all to be clean; to eat simply and regularly; to exercise, study, and play properly; to sleep long; and to find out all about their bodies, all the different organs, their uses and needs, and to care for them rightly."

"Cleanliness is always necessary, and this means cleanliness of thought as well as of body. A child who thinks unclean thoughts, who swears or puts wrong meanings into things, can never grow up as he should, and will never be wanted in worthwhile positions, with worthy people. Cleanliness of body is necessary to ward off disease, and to keep the mind working clearly. Regularity in food, exercise, play, and sleep habits is needed for the same reasons.

"Children who watch these things are sweeter tempered, happier, brighter in their studies, stronger and freer in every way than if they gave no attention to them. Their faces grow more beautiful just as the lily did, and everyone learns to love them, because they are pure in body and heart and mind.

"Each part and organ of the body has its own work to do and must be cared for in ways that will help it to do the best work possible. The brain must think, the heart must love, the feet and legs must walk and run, the arms and hands must lift and work, the lungs must breathe, the teeth must bite and chew, the stomach must digest the food, the liver, kidneys, and bowels must do their work and help to throw off whatever is not needed or is harmful to the body. The eyes must see, the ears must hear, the pulse must beat, and the creative organs must create. Each and all have a particular purpose, as well as a work to do together, and must be kept in the most perfect condition possible to do their work well.

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(Reprint)

Jane W. Dower

THE HELPING HAND

The importance of the Helping Hand Department is again brought to your attention. All contributions, however small, will be greatly appreciated as the pressing needs of material expenses continue.

In the following Helping Hand message, Blue Star quotes a message sent to a member by the Master. It is just as applicable to every other member of the Temple at any time.

"As to your duty, your question indicates ignorance of the fact that 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 keynote in the scale of the group soul of which you are a part, you stand obligated to give all of 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."

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March 22 marked the birthday anniversary of our beloved Red Star, Dr. William H. Dower, co-founder and second Guardian-in-Chief of the Temple, from 1922 to 1937.

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Christ, the true esoteric Savior, is no man, but the Divine Principle in every human being. He who strives to resurrect the Spirit crucified in him by his own terrestrial passions, and buried deep in the "sepulchre" of his own sinful flesh; he who has the strength to roll back the stone of matter from the door of his own inner sanctuary, he has the **RISEN CHRIST** in him.

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