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BEHOLD, I GIVE



UNTO THEE A KEY

## THE GIFT OF GOD

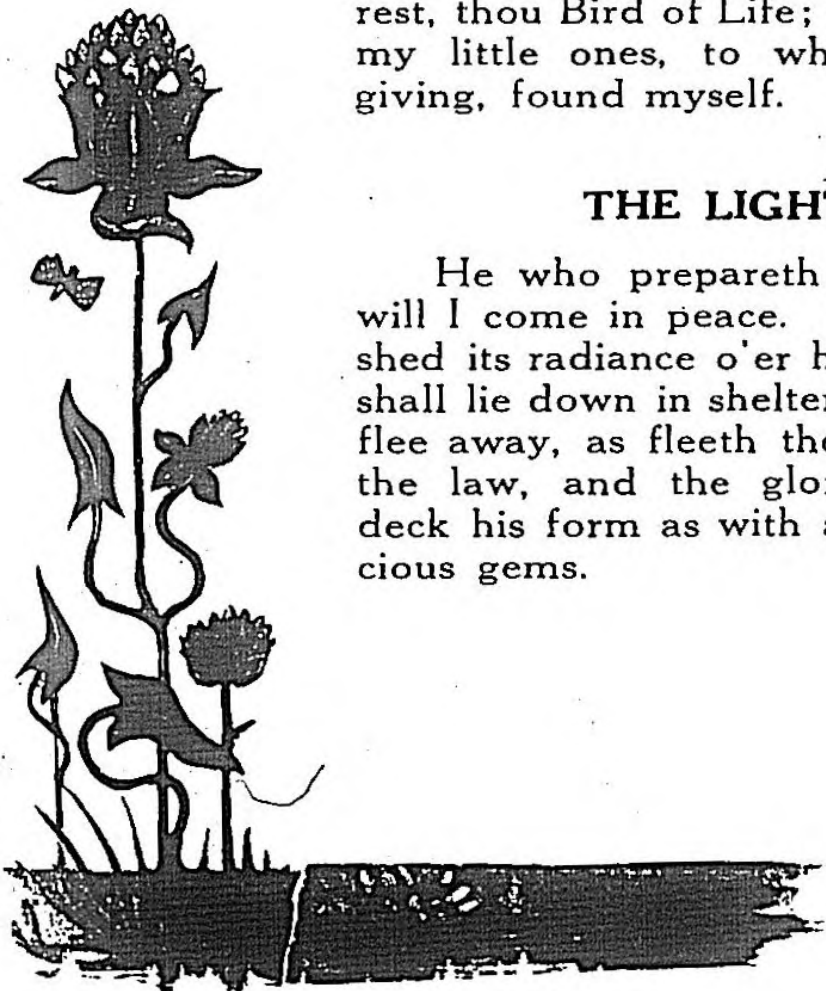
He who accepteth me shall live by me; he who liveth by me shall dwell with mine; and in the Light where dwelleth mine, the heart of God doth pulse unceasingly.

The shade that falls where God doth walk but fills a background drear against which all the light and glory of the Coming Age doth beat in never ceasing rhythm.

Enter thou that Light and fold thy wings and rest, thou Bird of Life; thy pinions are mine own, my little ones, to whom I gave myself and, giving, found myself.

## THE LIGHT OF PEACE

He who prepareth a place for me, to him will I come in peace. Light from on high shall shed its radiance o'er his dwelling place, and he shall lie down in sheltered places. Darkness shall flee away, as fleeth the conscience-smitten from the law, and the glory of righteousness shall deck his form as with a garment sewn with precious gems.



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## EDITORIAL MIRROR

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

The above was written many centuries ago, and it is just as powerful today as when first written.

Throughout the ages earnest and sincere prayers, streaming from the heart of man, have been one of the means of intercommunication between man and God.

There are selfish prayers, and there are unselfish prayers. But those high entities back of evolutionary law and all life respond to man's prayers according to the power and attitude of the sender; those prayers go forth into the realms of inner planes where they are answered in accordance with their inherent power.

In the occult realm, forces of energy are interchangeable in varying degrees, and true prayer is created as a result of the combination of the forms of energy of thought and words, and is sent forth to the highest realms of being where the Masters of Love and Compassion hear and respond according to the power and force of the supplicant.

A heart filled with love and faith, in renunciation of self, invoking the highest impersonal forces and praying in the spirit of "Not my will but Thine be done," leaving the results to the Great Law of Divine Wisdom, is answered for the greatest good of all.

A selfish prayer with motive of personal gain does not go very far, because "it meets on an interior plane other forms of the same energy, the desires of which are in opposition to it, and one neutralizes or destroys the other, and the consequence is neither desire reaches those who have the power to answer."

All doubts would vanish if man could see the exquisite color and light generated by the return wave of true prayer, and the most skeptical would be convinced of the great love of the Master in His desire to help those afflicted and sorely tried.

With the world full of hatred, evil, fear, destruction, and great suffering, there is a constant stream of prayers and supplications going out to the Great Healer, and some day these results will be seen in greater measure as many prayers are offered to God. The combined prayers of those beseeching help and relief will inevitably change existing conditions. These radiating forces of light will help to harmonize the discordant elements, making a wedge in the iron wall of selfishness that is trying to gain power. Then will man be enabled to practice true brotherhood. Men, nations, and

aces will live as brothers. Justice will rule, and the spirit of freedom will prevail over the earth.

B. S., a Great Soul of Light, who suffered with humanity in its tragedies, sorrows, and loneliness, who touched the heights and depths of life, wrote the following prayer:

"We offer Thee, O God, Thou who gavest us so lavishly of Life and Love and treasure past all telling, we dare to offer Thee a heart divided against itself—the broken links of that vast golden chain of hope and faith, obedience and trust, the chain Thou gavest us in youth.

"We offer Thee a world gone mad with lust and cruelty and selfish greed, O God; we offer these, but offer them with faces in the dust, with hands outstretched in pleading that no lips would dare to utter.

"We offer them with eyes bedewed with tears and penitence past power of speech, upon Thy Holy Altar, that refining fires may search them till Thou findest in their ashes once again the precious gold we lost at parting of the ways.

"We plead for opportunity and power to see the right-hand path where lies the gold which glitters not—Humility and Selfless Love."

For the Listener of All Life ever responds to the pleas and prayers of His children—whatever way answered, partial fulfillment or in whole—and acts according to Divine Will, for the greatest good of all.

P. F. D.

## THE POWER OF LITTLE THINGS

Only a soul that is capable of apprehending and using the minutiae, the small details so unbearable to one class of humanity, and utilizing them as a chess player uses his knights and pawns for the winning of a game, can by any possibility reach for and grasp the true infinite Potency. For, first of all, it is power over little things that leads in the end to power over the great.

To live on the spiritual plane means to keep one's self constantly in touch with all sweetness, all purity, all love. The man or woman who is discourteous, unkind, and selfish toward the least of the little ones of Christ is obstructing the very Christ-currents in his own aura and making it impossible for the potency therein to manifest itself.

No truer estimate of a great soul can be made than by watching its attitude toward the small vexations of daily life, those trivial things which are capable of tearing down the walls we may have made about ourselves and leaving the soul naked in the silence that falls upon it after the stress and storm of those battering, disintegrating little worries and cares which pile up like a pathless mountain thickly covered with brambles and briars that sting and tear till the mind grows desperate in contemplation.

We think of a man who goes into the desert to fight bravely with the wild beasts of his own soul, as of a hero who is worthy of the power he hopes to win. But he never will, or can, win unless he has first overcome the daily trials that stay his feet like a quagmire while his life is environed by a community of fellow creatures. For he will find nothing in them that is not in his own individual nature, and it is only the clashing of causes, one against another, that produces the friction between him and his fellows.

The natural tendency of the human race to look for its object of worship, its "holy temple," and the fulfilling of its sense of duty, either to the heavens or to some point distant from the individual point of vantage, is not easily understood. It is brought over from forgotten past ages, when there was a wider separation, when man had lost his heritage and the scales of evolution had not yet turned. But all true spiritual teaching proclaims the God within humanity, the duties to brother, neighbor, and friend.

One never finds outside himself what is not within; and, as long as there is a wrong to be righted, a sufferer to be healed and comforted, a child to be taught, or, in wider terms, any string of the harp of brotherly love to be attuned to the vibrations of universal love, lying right at your door, in the midst of your own family or your own social circle, your individual duty is right there. If your life, your strength, your influence were needed elsewhere, you would have found yourself elsewhere, or your circumstances so adjusted as to leave no room for doubt as to when and to whom your influence and devotion were due.

All the great epics, all the records, whether written on parchment and piled away in the archives of ruined, deserted temples, or graven on the walls of subterranean chambers of Initiation, bear witness to the great wars: the war between angels and demons, the war between elements, and the war between spirit and matter—unceasing, exterminating, eternal war. And whether he will or not, man must take part in this warfare, must choose sides and fight to the end in each of his incarnations. If he is inclined to shirk, he gains nothing; for Nature herself will force him to a bare fight for existence on the physical plane. If he has been false to his Higher Self and wasted those opportunities for development which would have given him power over Nature's forces, if he has lost his place in the army of the upper spheres, he has gained nothing. For to have lost that power and place means a temporary separation between the Warrior, the real Self within, and the lower personality. There is no inactivity, no cowardice, no selfishness, in the nature of the Warrior; there is only the great desire that he may win, with the certain knowledge that he cannot fail.

To look for the Warrior within, the lower personality must stand in an attitude of attention. On the physical plane this is sometimes a very wearisome maneuver; and nonetheless trying, when applied to the plane of soul, are these long hours of alertness

when the tired mind and body begin to long for the shallows and undulating meadows of life. Yet these are mirages most deceptive in their beauty and seeming peace. For there is no peace in them for the soul, the true Warrior; and by taking off his armor and lying down to enjoy the narcotic stupor of ease, the soldier misses the true Warrior to whom he has called and for whom he has waited long. His cry will not fall on that listening ear unless the lines of true knowledge have been laid; and in the feverish hurry of the coming fight his senses will cause him to reel and fall, confusion of friends and foes will ensue, and, when the day is over, his body will be found upon the battlefield, devoid of all life, an object only for the carrion birds of prey to fight over.

But, once he has found, or been found by, the Warrior, has become one with him, the last vestige of instability will disappear. For then will come a recognition of eternal truth, a sure knowledge of the cause and purpose of the infinite Father-Love that lies just beyond the field of battle, a living faith that no blow will be struck amiss, no charge lost, and that on the banner which he carries will be inscribed: "Victory! Victory! VICTORY!"

B. S.

From INTERVIEW WITH MASTER H. of March 14, 1899

### The Auric Egg

What is the grade of substance of the Auric Egg?

The Auric Egg is the sevenfold division of the seven planes of Matter, Force, and Consciousness. It is the synthesis, the all of individuality. All there is, is within the Auric Egg.

Each individual has in reality as many Auric Eggs, one within the other, as he has bodies. The astral body corresponds to the Auric Egg of the physical man, and so on up through all.

There is a grade of substance in the Auric Egg that flows in currents parallel to the blood in the veins. It is a current directed by the will. It is force. But remember force is substance. It is, of course, a very high grade of substance. It is in fact known as "Akasha."

There is much about the Auric Egg that we are forbidden to give out, save under very exceptional circumstances. There is, however, considerable more than I shall be able to tell you about it when I elaborate the instructions I have before mentioned. I cannot say exactly when I shall do this, but I think the time is not far off.

It is very necessary that the whole man become something more than man now is on the physical plane before it is possible for any instructions of this nature to benefit him materially. He may grasp them intellectually, but he cannot make the ideas a part of his own life until he has first done what I have been trying to teach you of late should be done, understand himself, and correlate the

higher in himself to the lower, to some extent, through aspiration and assimilation.

I have brought to your notice some of the instructions that were given in the west, and others which I have personally given to B. S., because I wished you to understand the necessity of which I speak. Until the heart of man is dissolved in love for the race and for the universe, and all that he considers Infinity, it is useless for him to attempt to go farther. In fact it is worse than useless, for he will inevitably drift into black magic, unless his heart is right. These lessons, which contain much ethical teaching, are a very necessary part of your instructions, far more so than I can convey to you in words.

### Aspiration

What is the connection between the strong desire that hinders growth, and aspiration?

Aspiration is true worship, the opening of the soul that the love of the Infinite may flow into it. It is the going out of love, making room for the reception of the same in return. The principle of desire is there, of course, to some extent, but it is nevertheless swallowed up in sincere worship. Aspiration is the highest of all things earthly.

The longing to lose one's self is desire. Aspiration is more the principle of giving than taking. It is, in fact, an indescribable process. One who has not felt its power could never receive any impression concerning it from one who had. It is simply the pouring out of one's own soul in love and worship to the Infinite, neither desiring nor expecting anything in return. The very joy of giving is all that one senses at such times.

There is in the heart of nearly everyone a feeling of looking for something in return. There is a void within caused by sins committed in past incarnations. One does not need to empty himself; the void is there already. And the desire which many express "to be filled with the Christ" must be understood to some extent before it can be granted. As a rule, the Christ is divided by the aspirant; there is some portion of that Christ that he requires more than another, and for which he begs. The attitude of reaching out and begging for any one thing is apt to hinder more than help.

As I have said before, it is in giving that the good consists, and it is through the giving that the answer is always received. You have had many lessons of late on this very principle, and it should have taught you more in relation to it.

Aspiration is like the outpouring of the perfume of the violet, the outrushing of the inner self to meet the overshadowing of the Divine Spirit. Any great intensity of longing closes up the mouth of the soul, so to speak; that in a way is the action of desire.

Aspiration is the giving, and keeping still with the thought of giving, that fills one's heart, that really calls the Divine. One may



see something analogous to aspiration in the eyes of the babe when it awakens to the consciousness of the overshadowing love of its mother, and smiles back its recognition.

### Hypnotism

What is the occult "modus operandi" of Hypnotism? What takes place, and how?

The seven sons of the Fohat of the Secret Doctrine is, or are, divided into seven lesser sons or forces. Hypnotism is really nerve force, and it is one of the divisions of the sons of Fohat. It is guided by will.

The force is used by an entity capable of using it in the same way as all other forces are used. It has its positive and negative aspects, and is used in a similar way to the electric forces now used through the telegraph and telephone, although of course there are no wires, or correspondence to wires, in the use of the higher forces. Currents are created by the passing over of the force; these in a manner might be called the correspondence to wires. The will itself prepares these currents; it is pointed directly to some given point, and in that very action the current is created through which the force will pass.

Whether or not the force affects the astral body depends primarily upon the hypnotizer. While a Master might not hypnotize in the sense you understand it, still he does something which may be said to correspond to that in connection with those who are closest to him. The Master of black magic does not hesitate to use that power as you understand it, and consequently he acts on the lower astral of the person primarily. He controls the lower part but cannot reach the higher.

What course does the White Master take? I cannot tell you, my son; that is one of the secrets of Initiation. It may, however, be said to be somewhat analogous to it in its most spiritual aspect.

### HOW LITTLE WE KNOW

Have you ever thought as you jostled along life's crowded highway whom you might be elbowing in the crush of the moving throng; by whom you might be standing in train or busy market place; by whom you might be sitting in auditorium, station, or temple of worship; by whom you were living day after day, year after year?

The question does not refer in outer sense to name, family, position, or standing of those whom you pass or meet by chance or otherwise. It is intended to call attention to the fact of the carelessness and superficiality with which you regard the human contacts of life, contacts which you should and must regard in time as actual parts of your own other selves.

You have become so accustomed to considering and looking

upon yourselves as confined to—imprisoned, as it were—within the one insignificant personality in which you have incarnated during this present cycle of manifestation, that you fail to realize, almost in entirety, the grander Self of that personality in the complete remainder of the whole human race, and so obtain, or attain to, but the merest fraction of experience and mental and spiritual illumination which were intended should be yours by the ensouling, energizing forces of the Ego that sent you forth once more into the world to conquer, assimilate, master, in all forms imaginable, that which is existent on this plane of manifestation.

True, you may return again to earthly spheres as often as you wish. You may take all the many hundred incarnations, extending over the longest periods of time, you like to gain the necessary knowledge, wisdom, and experience demanded by the soul. Nay, furthermore, it shall be required of you by the Law of Exact and Eternal Justice that it shall be so, if you will not do it otherwise; and there can be no escape, though you may try your best to retract. But is it possible, can it be, that you desire to place yourself in the category of those who have no soul ambition?

Of worldly ambition you have plenty. You would even urge yourselves and your sensitive children beyond normal capacity and strength to make the grade next higher, to become first among many contestants, regardless of the serious consequences which might later befall, that notoriety, praise, and attention be given and acquired.

But what about yourselves, your children, your neighbor in respect to spiritual progress, development of inner consciousness and status? This is the all-important subject for consideration, is it not? This is the vital reason for your being in outer form of expression today, for the surroundings, environment, and conditions in which you find yourselves. The soul, not of your personal ego alone, but humanity's soul, also, has placed you where you are, urged into incarnation again that you may recognize and comprehend yourselves more perfectly in relationship with, and as one with, all the myriad parts of yourselves which heretofore you have cast down, held under foot, or placed outside of or exalted too far above your power to reach.

And this brings us to the subject in question, with which this discourse started: "How Little We Know!" How much time is given for consideration of your other selves—those with whom you may be related in business or otherwise, your friend, your neighbor—as to whom or what they may be in reality, their true relationship to your smaller, individual selves, your relationship to the great Whole of Life, human and otherwise?

Have you considered how you stand spiritually today in comparison to a week, a month, a year ago?

Did you chance to notice the Christly manifestation, in time of trial and testing, in him who lives but a stone's throw from your

doorway? Have you read the Name upon his doorplate, or has your vision been too dim to see it clearly? Maybe if you cannot decipher it, you may be passed by when a Higher One comes to your threshold to see if you can read the Name engraved upon the card He shall present as He enters to sit a brief moment with you. Above all, have you endeavored to render in deepest consciousness the gratitude for service rendered you in time of stress and need? Have you given thought, have you had any clue or inspiration, as to who your servitors were in truth? By any means, was their power or status revealed to you? Or did high angel messengers miss your recognition because of appearing in humble, homely form before your bedside?

Shall we not say again, "How little we know!"

HILARION

### LIGHT

Oh Thou great Light of Lights,  
 Pouring in living streams  
 From out the Cosmic Heart,  
 Oh Thou bright radiance Divine,  
 All things upholding,  
 Shine upon us now.

Through all the murky chasms  
 Of our wrong thinking,  
 Into the deep crevasses  
 Of our dark mistaken acts,  
 Let Thy Light shine,  
 Till earth's dull globe vibrates  
 To Love's high note,  
 And Peace reigns over all.

Carrie Dencker, Auckland, N. Z.

### IN MEMORIAM

Another Warrior of Light has been called from the outer Temple ranks to join the Great Company of helpers on inner planes.

On December 21, after a prolonged illness, Martin G. Bilger, of Meriden, Connecticut, passed from this plane of outer activity into the shining beyond.

Mr. Bilger was a Temple member since 1907. He was a priest of the Temple. His whole life was built on true Temple principles of unity and brotherhood. Through the long years of his connection with the Temple, he supported the Temple work in every way possible, spiritually and materially. He radiated the Temple light wherever he went, and never lost an opportunity to broadcast its message, to extend the truth to all whose hearts and minds he

believed open and ready to receive it. He was kind, humble, a loving comrade, and a good friend.

His wish and desire through the years were to visit the Temple center. In 1939 his wish was fulfilled, and he was able to spend several weeks in Halcyon—the "Sacred Halcyon," as he called it. He attended the Temple convention and was initiated into a high inner order and ordained into the priesthood. He was loved by all, and his memory will be cherished in our hearts. As one Temple brother wrote about him: "Brother Bilger's passing on brought memories of devotion and loyalty to the Cause of the Masters; his kindly face and loving smile reflected the soul within. He was faithful unto death."

## 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.

As spirit was enfolded in matter through the long eons of time involved in the evolution of man and this planet, it was inevitable that man, the spirit, should reach a lowest point in that involvement; a point at which spirit was least and matter most. It was also inevitable that the mortal forces in matter should so impress themselves upon the submerged man that he would fashion them in the forms of his desires and live them. The first result of the descent into matter was that the consciousness of man's own divinity was lost, and after that certain disastrous changes followed. The Secret Doctrine says concerning the humanity of this most physical cycle: "They fell in the battle of mortal life with Life Immortal."

This "fall" consisted, not merely of the natural descent of the soul into the depths of matter, but of the choice and use man made, and is still making, of the forces and lives that inhere in the plane of matter itself. Through his divine power of choice, man chose to throw back the gifts of spiritual light into the faces of Those who gave them. Of this whole cycle, whose disastrous evils are still rampant in the world of today, the Secret Doctrine states:

Such were the first truly physical men, whose first characteristic was—pride! . . . What was the religion of the Third and Fourth Races? In the common acceptation of the term, neither the Lemurians, nor yet their progeny, the Lemuro-Atlanteans, had any; for they knew no dogma, nor had they to believe on faith. No sooner had the mental eye of man been opened to understanding, than the Third Race felt itself one with the ever-present, as also the ever to be unknown and invisible All, the One Universal Deity. Endowed with divine powers, and feeling in himself his inner God, each felt he was a Man-God in his nature, though an animal in his physical self. The struggle between the two began from the very day they tasted of the fruit of the Tree of Wisdom; a struggle for

life between the spiritual and the psychic, the psychic and the physical. Those who conquered the lower "principles" by obtaining mastery over the body, joined the "Sons of Light." Those who fell victims to their lower natures, became the slaves of Matter. From "Sons of Light and Wisdom" they ended by becoming the "Sons of Darkness." They fell in the battle of mortal life with Life Immortal, and all those so fallen became the seed of the future generation of Atlanteans.

At the dawn of his consciousness the man of the Third Root-Race had thus no beliefs that could be called religion. That is to say, he was not only ignorant of "gay religions, full of pomp and gold" but even of any system of faith or outward worship. But if the term is to be defined as the binding together of the masses in one form of reverence paid to those we feel higher than ourselves, of piety—as a feeling expressed by a child toward a loved parent—then even the earliest Lemurians from the very beginning of their intellectual life, had a religion, and a most beautiful one. Had they not their bright Gods of the Elements around them, and even within themselves? . . . We are assured it is so, and we believe it. For the evolution of Spirit into Matter could never have been achieved, nor would it have received its first impulse, had not the bright Spirits sacrificed their own respective super-ethereal essences to animate the man of clay, by endowing each of his inner "principles" with a portion, or rather, a reflection, of that essence. . . . It was the "Golden Age" in those days of old, the Age when the "Gods walked the earth, and mixed freely with the mortals." When it ceased, the Gods departed—i. e., became invisible—and later generations ended by worshipping their kingdoms—the Elements. . . .

The legend of the "Fallen Angels" in its esoteric signification, contains the key to the manifold contradictions of human character; it points to the secret of man's self-consciousness; it is the support on which hinges his entire Life-Cycle—the history of his evolution and growth. . . . It gives a clue to the vexed question of the Origin of Evil; and shows how man himself is the separator of the One into various contrasted aspects. . . . The "Fallen Angels," so called, are Humanity itself. The Demon of Pride, Lust, Rebellion, and Hatred, had no being before the appearance of physical conscious man. It is man who has begotten and nurtured the fiend, and allowed it to develop in his heart; it is he, again, who has contaminated the Indwelling God in himself, by linking the pure Spirit with the impure Demon of Matter. And, if the Kabalistic saying, "Demon est Deus inversus" finds its metaphysical and theoretical corroboration in dual manifested Nature, nevertheless, its practical application is found in Mankind alone. S. D. Vol. II:284 et seq.

## OCCULTISM FOR BEGINNERS

### Second Series, No. XIII

#### THE RADIANT ATOM

The two preceding lessons, "Life" and "The Sun," bring us naturally to a summing up of what may be called the "Radiant Atom."

The sun is a Radiant Atom liberating light and life from inner spheres because its atoms are free, emancipated. Nascent atoms of hydrogen, oxygen, potassium, etc., are also Radiant Atoms because they likewise are minute suns liberating light, life, electricity, heat, and so on.

Radiant Atoms, in other words, whether cosmic or minute are the doorways between the outer and inner planes of life, and

transmit, from within, the celestial and terrestrial forces that keep the universe in manifestation. Inhibit the nascence of atoms and all life would cease. Cosmically speaking, this would be the same as quenching the power of the sun, which would result in the death of the solar system.

From the Radiant Atom, which is the free atom, emanate life, light, heat, electricity, motion, gravitation, and so on, for it is the Heart of all the forces. From it come all color, all sound, the spirit of the metals (metallic elementals), the radiant vital essence of plants, the higher and ever higher grades of life in animal and man, and finally the deific light and life in the gods, the Masters of Light.

The Radiant Atom is a sun of light because it is free, but this freedom is simply freedom from attachment to other atoms of the lower planes having a downward tendency. In other words, the freedom is not a selfish separation from other atoms, but a most perfect unification of light, life, and energy with all other Radiant Atoms. In terms of souls, this constitutes the Great Lodge of the Masters of Light.

The Radiant Atom, cosmically or otherwise, is the Christos in manifestation.

## Second Series, No. XIV

### THE MYSTERY OF CHLOROPHYLL

The mystery of chlorophyll, the green coloring matter in plants, is the mystery of the lower mind—Kama Manas. Outer nature is the spoken Word of deific intelligence. The most recondite truths are usually most plainly presented by nature, so plainly in fact that the message is lost if the seeker looks beyond for something more complex.

Chlorophyll constitutes the green coloring matter of plant life, and possesses the mysterious power of enabling a plant to build itself up in the presence of sunlight. The leaves of a plant absorb or breathe in a gas known commonly as carbonic acid gas, which all human beings and animals exhale, and which is also liberated by the decomposition of all organic matter. This carbonic acid gas is made up of atoms of carbon and atoms of oxygen chemically united.

When a plant breathes carbonic acid gas into its leaves, the gas comes into contact with the granules of chlorophyll in the plant cell; and in the light of day, and especially when the sun is shining, a wonderful process takes place. The chlorophyll separates the atoms of carbon and oxygen in the gas; fixes and retains the carbon atoms, which become a part of the fiber or tissue of the plant; and liberates the oxygen atoms, which return to the air to be breathed into the lungs of human and animal life.

Hence the chlorophyll utilizes, to build itself up, to grow and

develop, not only the sunlight, but also the gas and any other forces or fluids in its composition. This is exactly the function of Kama Manas, the lower mind, in its contact with matter and experience. The green light of intelligence, with the shine of the Higher Self on it, selects what it needs for the upbuilding of its entity, and so grows in accord with nature's purpose. Without this light of intelligence no growth, spiritual, mental, moral, or physical, is possible (witness idiots who practically lack Lower Manas, and yet are not under the control of the higher principles and instincts).

The function of Kama Manas is to enable Higher Manas and the higher spiritual principles—the soul, generally speaking—to contact matter for its upbuilding on evolutionary lines. In its normal state, Kama Manas selects from life's experiences and contact of the senses what it desires and needs, and so upbuilds itself physically, mentally, and morally. The spiritualized colors and forms of its functioning are added to the soul structure, which thereby evolves.

Why is Kama Manas green in color? It is said to be projected of Higher Manas, which is indigo-blue in color. The green can occur only from a blending of the rays of Higher Manas and the yellow Buddhic principle—yellow and blue making green. Thus Kama Manas is compounded of rays of these two colors and their corresponding qualities. The yellow quality in the green gives the great discriminating power to intelligence.

We have an exact analogy in the chlorophyll which chemistry finds is made up of two substances: one blue, called phyllocyanin; the other yellow, called phylloxanthin. The presence of these two colored substances in fading autumnal leaves causes the various colors at that season of the year. These two substances blended make the green substance chlorophyll, the yellow and the blue colors relating that substance and lower mind to the corresponding forces and qualities of the universal Manasic and Buddhic principles.

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### LIFE STORIES: "To the Mothers"

In this present day of reform, the evolutionary period of woman in the social-political world, the age when new conditions are being worked out, it is well at times to place the evolutionary germ, so to speak, under high microscopic power of the inner lens to reveal the form, structural characteristics, mode of motion and operation of the potent causal organism, invisible to the naked eye, yet producing such startlingly visible results.

To the beholder of life of the inner world, the real cause of agitation on the various vital principles of the day cannot be

hidden. It is too strongly emphasized as the leavening aspect of the feminine principle, at the base of such evolutionary upheavals, to be mistaken; for strange as it may seem, it is the feminine principle that leads civilization forward from one round of progress to another.

This principle, in its unadulterated state, works in an entirely different manner for its liberation and development from what it oftentimes is seen to be doing on the mental and physical planes.

The final result obtained by any true effort put forth for a principle on any of the three planes, would be equal, for the planes unite in all finalities; but the end in view, the ideal held, could be reached much more quickly, and with far less entanglement, if the microscopic revelation of the spiritual intelligence referred to could be obtained by the masses working so determinedly for the betterment of conditions, politically, socially, economically.

Particularly so is this the case in those movements directly connected with the advancement of woman, for the causal germ now actively working for her mental-physical freedom is essentially a spiritual germ, accentuating itself, multiplying itself in power, intelligence, and influence, in all ways whatsoever, by the law of sacrifice.

Any other action, any other procedure, is a direct manifestation of the operation of the masculine principles, and any use of them on the part of woman keeps her farther from true liberation, equality, than she was before attempting to exercise them; for she has but strengthened her weakness by using borrowed forces, borrowed methods, instead of her own, which are far more potent, far-reaching, and certain in the attainment of her ends than any masculine qualities she could possibly exercise. Woman must work with man, not in place of him.

The all-important factor, the key that would unlock the door of temporal as well as spiritual power to woman, the restoration of motherhood to its divine station, in both individual and racial consciousness, as a spiritual, mental, and physical power, is in great danger of being lost sight of today.

Any antagonism arising out of the problems between the masculine and feminine principles can be largely avoided by working more closely with the initial impulse sent forth from the deeper plane of causes, thereby receiving the cooperation of the causal feminine potency, before which all things must bend, and which, in its march toward fulfillment, cannot be checked by the greatest obstructing, nullifying forces that exist, any more than the function of birth can be delayed, the time for delivery having come. Nature always has her way, and though her subject may be rendered unconscious through the administration of strong anesthetics, the processes of birth, be it child or truth, go steadily on.

Woman must first place her home upon a high constructive basis before she can expect satisfactory results for her cause in



the world. The degradation of woman today is due, not, as might be supposed, so largely to those who have given themselves to most abject physical slavery, but to the surprisingly large proportion of women in comfortable or affluent circumstances who, having become mothers, fail to assume its responsibilities, or to those who, having some intellectual, educational, artistic, or business pursuit, look upon motherhood as something to be deplored, avoided, or abhorred, as the case may be, because of its interference with certain particular personal and selfish ambitions. These are the conditions that withhold liberty from woman.

Here and there can be found some who, shining like stars in the darkness of the night, having kept close within their hearts the secret of their virgin power, having held fast to the authoritative key of their own nature, have pursued their careers as an outcome of devoted motherhood. To these we must look for the creation of a dynamic center around which the new women may gather for inspiration, example, and leadership.

Lasting consequences will come to woman as to any of the vital issues of the day, national, international, or local, when woman, individually and en masse, shall have restored the sacredness of motherhood so that she recognize, reverence, cherish, elevate it within her as a preeminent principle, holy above all things else, and upon which life itself awaits and attends. When this has been truly accomplished within herself, when her spiritual rather than her mental or physical demands shall have become imperious, not only will prostitution of her highest forces cease to exist but she will move through the world of affairs as an unfailing social power.

(To be Continued)

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### TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

During December and January, the following lectures were given at the Sunday service, and these meetings held in the Temple, Hiawatha Lodge, and the William Q. Judge Library.

On December 1, the sacred Feast of Fulfillment and Devotional Service were held in the Temple. December 8, Ernest Harrison spoke on "Temple Reminiscences"; December 15, Jane R. Thompson, on "Christmas." December 22, in the forenoon, the Temple Builders held their Christmas meeting in the Temple; in the afternoon, Elmer Hedin spoke on "The Light Bringers." On Christmas Day, at 11 a. m., the Feast of Fulfillment was celebrated; at 6:30 p. m., a Christmas dinner was served in festively decorated Hiawatha Lodge. There was a Christmas tree, about which Christmas carols were sung, and from which presents were given to the children. On December 29, Ernest Harrison spoke on "The Importance of Little Things."

On January 1, the usual New Year's reception was held in the W. Q. Judge Library. On January 5, we had the Feast of Fulfillment and Devotional Service. January 12, the Outer Guard Fred Whitney spoke on "Temple Messages." January 19, the anniversary of the birth of Blue Star, founder and first Guardian-in-Chief of The Temple of the

People, was commemorated by readings from Blue Star's writings, by the Outer Guard and the General Secretary; Emilie B. Bryne then spoke on "Altruism." January 26, Duncan T. Ferguson spoke on "The Overtones of Government."

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