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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.

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

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

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

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BEHOLD, I GIVE



UNTO THEE A KEY

THE PATH TO GLORY

The life that is truly blessed, the daily fruits of which feed the soul with celestial food, is the life of that one who never misses the opportunity for a kind thought or action whenever or by whomsoever required.

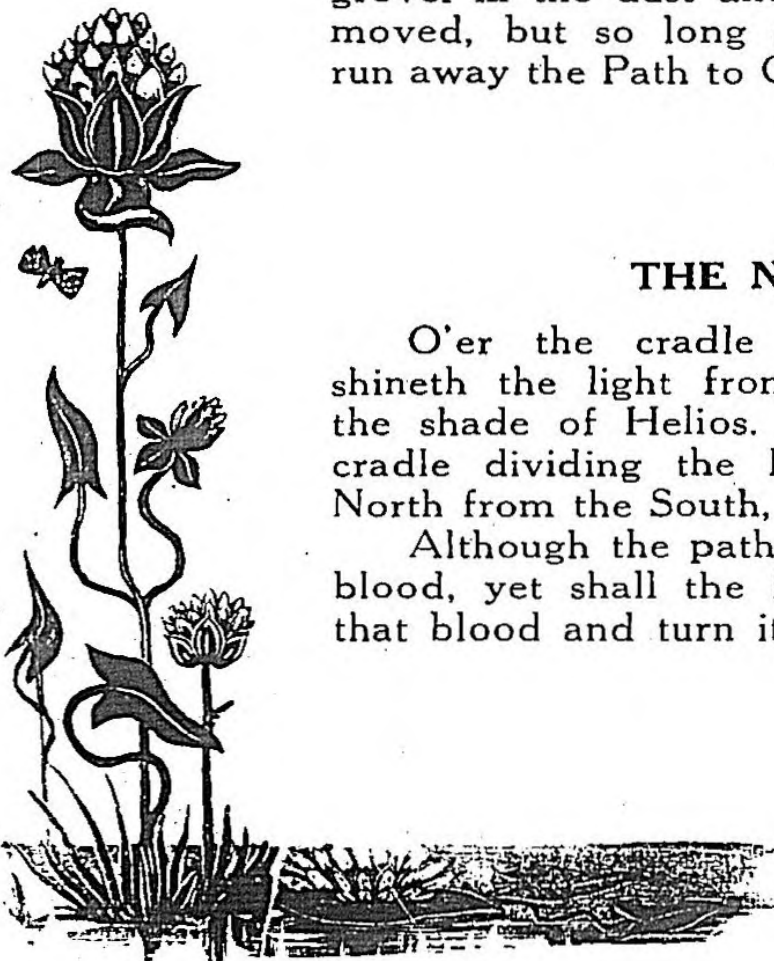
A soldier is never defeated until he turns his back on the foe. Pain and sacrifice may bring him to his knees, may even make him grovel in the dust and beg that he may be removed, but so long as he does not turn and run away the Path to Glory is open to him.



THE NEW STAR

O'er the cradle of the New Humanity shineth the light from the Eagle's Eye across the shade of Helios. His rays now pierce the cradle dividing the East from the West, the North from the South, as with a sword.

Although the path of the shade be wet with blood, yet shall the fires of the Eagle lap up that blood and turn it into Jewels.



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EDITORIAL MIRROR

In this fast moving world of today it is necessary to conserve force and energy in every way possible to help along constructive lines, that Victory and Freedom will resound throughout the whole world.

It is well to consider one phase of life's activities, which is mighty powerful for good or evil, according to its use, and that is the WORD, written or spoken. The power of words carries a strong force for good, or an insidious force of undermining evil.

The expressions of man are the results of ages of experience, with an eternal background beginning at the dawn of time. In all degrees of development and all walks of life each and every one expresses himself or herself according to their inner or outer understanding. So, as a result, some have very little understanding or thought of the power of words, while others realize its potent results on life now and hereafter, and endeavor to uplift races and nations, realizing the Great Law back of it which moves to righteousness.

Words become the creations of limited man when their source and divine origin are lost. An idea, when clothed in a combination of letters, words, or sounds, objectifies a clear picture in the astral light. When these finer substances are drawn from the inner planes to the outer, the desire which impels them creates a mould which leaves a vacuum in the astral plane through which the higher forces pass to the physical plane. For example, when an idea clothed in words comes into the mind of a person it is immediately impressed upon the astral light as a picture, accompanied by the sounds represented by words, and thus reflected to man's consciousness through the astral light.

From the Center of All Life emanates the WORD—the First-born Son of God—the power and potency of all energy and force in the manifested universe. Through this creative Word a divine and spiritual energy is set in motion through myriads of atoms, comes into manifestation, and inheres in form and matter.

The Word or Sound, through differentiation and evolutionary process, has brought about the evolution of language. Through this process the forms of energy called sound, color, number, and form are separated into many races, nationalities, and peoples.

Each atom, or ray, evolves from the one sound or word to the many differentiated ones, containing all the other sounds or words within itself.

Ideas, or divine thought, are eternal, and remain the same though the language in which they are clothed is changed. Language comprises symbols, alphabets, words, and letters, each letter of the words or language having its own sound, color, number, form, and vibration. All attuned to that rate of vibration can easily interpret the message sent.

The Great Word is a regulated process of divine decree, and reveals some aspect or quality of God through every atom, form or idea, from the greatest to the least, from the universal language of symbolism to the language of man. We have been told that the Higher Self uses only a few symbols to convey its ideas to the consciousness of the lower self. As these vibrations are stepped down, words reflect the idea held in the astral light.

Words carry strength or weakness according to their motive. The great power of sound and its ramifications causes one to pause in using words for negative pursuits and purposes, as many of the world's woes past and present have been caused by their misuse. While words are symbols, forces, clothed ideas, they have their place in the world and are a very necessary medium of inter-communication.

There are many interesting, strong, powerful words, expressions, and combinations that convey mankind's views; but when the forces of analysis and criticism enter in, the true message or idea first set in motion is often lost and thus a very limited interpretation is placed upon it. Therefore, it is necessary to use words from their inherent viewpoint—the Universal Language. A great Master controls and uses ideas, but the average man is controlled and used by ideas because he has lost the key to his divine source. Therefore it is ever well to consider the power of words and their inherent divinity and far-reaching results on humanity.

P. F. D.

THE HORSE OF FIRE

The Horse of Fire is pawing the air, awaiting its chance to bring down its wrath-shod feet upon the head of its self-chosen enemy, chosen because it has been thwarted in fulfilling its own mad ends by meeting That Which Is Greater than itself. Therefore would it wreak vengeance for its defeat upon whomsoever may seem to it to be the object through whom its defeat came, forgetting altogether that the cause, the long-flowing sequence of events which followed, the issue and final outcome were all of its own making, though it recognize them not, originated by its own deter-

mination and persistent desire in the conflict it deliberately set up in the beginning against its own Higher Self and the Master it had promised to carry and serve. Therefore it stands balked, defeated by itself, not by another, and stands also before and confronted by its Master, who needs was forced to conquer because he too had pledged himself, pledged to guide and check, encourage, throw rein, or halt in danger.

If the Steed take the bit between the teeth to hurl its rider and damage itself, what can be expected of the wise and kind rider but to run the horse afoul, check its mad speed, and save one or both, if possible, before it dash them both to pieces? Elsewise he must leap and leave the Steed to its fate, whatever it may be. None could ask for Master to ride recklessly to destruction because the Steed will not listen or heed. But if at last it be caught and held in its wild dash, then is the moment to beware of the hoofs, which rise high to stampede, murder, annihilate all that come in the way of its fury.

Such is the present moment in which you are standing. Let not yourselves be deceived by the quiet which appears to have settled. A resentful and vindictive animal nurses its wrath in the quiet, that it may accumulate fiery power with which to make fresh charge without warning when it sees opportunity and when it believes it has the object of its attack well cornered. Thus is the Steed of Fire apparently stayed.

In the meantime, gather together your own forces of Righteousness, gird on your Armor of Light in readiness for battle in the supposedly surprise attack. "Forewarned is forearmed." Let not time pass from your hands and you be found unprepared. I speak to the point. We are holding the Horse of Fire at bay that you may be given chance to find Path around it and escape when it breaks its halter, as the Powers decree it must sooner or later. The blow intended for yourselves shall then react on itself, when it finds you not there and in its desperation its fire-shod hoofs strike hard on the ground; and the impact shall throw it to earth, shatter its pride of self-will, and it shall be found either humbled or biddable to direction of the Master, or, allying itself altogether with the Dare-Devil Powers, it shall thrash and beat itself to death.

You who wish to find the clue to the mystery of the symbol-legend of the Steed of Fire can do so by close study of the vision of the Apocalypse, when the seals were opened by the Lamb. It contains the hidden spring that opens the Window of Understanding, and the Steeds of the different planes and elements shall be disclosed in their varied characters and bearings.

HILARION

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THE WAR OF ARMAGEDDON

Temple Teachings, Lesson 79

Do you realize that the War of Armageddon, already commenced on the astral plane, and to be precipitated on the physical, is a religious war, strange as that statement must appear in this Age of Iron? This is not recognized by the majority of those who see its coming; but, driving them on with fiendish ingenuity, the demons of darkness are forcing England, Japan, Russia, China, Germany, and the United States, and even fomenting internal struggles between factions, into what appears to a materialist to be a struggle for material power. But, back of all exterior causes is the struggle for spiritual supremacy. On one side is the accumulated strength, power, and fanaticism of the ages, embodied in the "Brothers of the Shadow," leagued against the strength, power, unity, true democracy, and conservative force—the garnerings of the middle path—of the "Brothers of Light."


I have told you the forces seemingly precipitated upon members of The Temple by the Brothers of the Shadow were not in reality primarily directed against you as individuals; they are against Us, the White Lodge, the progenitors of the human race, the bearers of the cosmic hammers and battle axes, the Keepers of the Temple of the Holy Grail, and the great war referred to is between the Brothers of Light and of Shadow, and the gages of battle are the souls of men. The final result means freedom or slavery for the human race for ages to come. It means man's victory over death, or continual dying—man's union with God, or dispersion from God, and it is these tremendous, incalculably great issues which will make the result of this universal contest the point of balance in the evolution of man, for ages to come.

Look deep enough, and you will see the jewels of truth in my statements. Remember it will be true Christianity, typified by the white race, that will be lined up against prostituted Shintoism, Buddhism, Confucianism, etc., as typified by the yellow race, and the latter are being reinforced by the devil-ridden devotees of demonology who belong to the black races. The Occidental and Oriental races are the vehicles of power, but the one great issue is the higher evolution of man.

Look underneath the surface of all the exterior causes set up by those who are contending against each other in this world-wide struggle for future existence on this planet, and you will find what is sometimes termed religious instinct—the innate longing of the latent or the awakened soul for consciousness of Self. When that longing has deteriorated by constant indulgence of the sensuous, selfish, lower nature of man through repeated incarnations, the soul is driven out from the body, and the longing for spiritual supremacy, the cry of the created for its creator, is replaced by a longing for material supremacy; and a spiritual degradation corresponding to the material uplift takes place.

The incarnating Ego is thus disgraced and degraded by being compelled to seek the races which are on the downward arc of civilization in order to incarnate. The yellow and black races long since lost their power of interpreting and absorbing spiritual truth. They are only now passing the lower point of that arc, and so have but just started on their upward arc; consequently there is a natural religious antagonism back of the material antagonism felt by both races for each other.

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From INTERVIEW WITH MASTER HILARION,
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My Children, I would like to have you read the article which I have prepared with B. S., and if there are questions I will answer them. I cannot make this interview too long for I am needed elsewhere. The reading of the paper now followed.

SOUND OR AKASHA

II

Many students familiar with standard works on Theosophy choose for a textbook the "Voice of the Silence"; and while perfectly acquainted theoretically with the passages referring to the ladder of mystic sounds they have believed it to be only an allegorical concept. But the truth is that this ladder of mystic sounds is the "Ladder of Life," and the sounds are among the most real of all existing realities and are perfectly audible to the human being who has been awakened from his sleep of ages by the spiral action of Fohatic powers. Each one of these sounds is the conveyor or vehicle of one of the Sons of Fohat or Cosmic Electricity, and all are the Architects or Builders of Form and Number. When the ears of the Inner Man have been opened to the "music of the spheres," the combination of musical sounds given forth all unconsciously by every created thing or being, he is brought to a true conception of the power and meaning of real harmony, and the knowledge dawns upon him that however sublime, uplifting and beautiful earthly music may be, whatever its apparent mission, in its true essence it is divine, and its real mission is the construction and conservation of those forms of energy upon which to a great extent the whole Universe rests.

No man having once heard the mystic sounds referred to will forget them in one incarnation, and ever afterward all earthly music will seem coarse and common by comparison. These melodies are indescribably sweet, but their effect upon a body unprepared for the action of such powerful forces is disintegrating. It raises the vibrations of the molecules of the brain and spinal cord

and the harmony between the higher and lower forces that constitute his physical body is disturbed and great nervous reaction invariably follows. This reaction is far greater in the inhabitants of the Western Hemisphere than in those of the Far East, each race of which has brought into incarnation many souls who for countless ages have been prepared by long years of meditation, concentration, and right living, and who by confining themselves to a vegetable diet, which eliminates much of that quality of substance or matter which tends to resist higher and finer influences, have succeeded in building bodies sensitive to very rapid rates of vibration.

Only one among thousands of the inhabitants of the Western world is capable of enduring the mental and physical strain incident upon the Initiations even into what are termed by high Occultists, minor degrees of the Great Lodge. Hence the great necessity for a change in the present conditions of life in those regions. Americans, filled with pride and arrogance at what they consider their country's greatness, fail to realize that those whom they designate as shiftless, lazy, useless heathen, might by any possibility ever have been their superiors; but they forget that the East is now in a state of decadence incident upon the downward arc of the cycle to which it is attached, while the West is on the upward arc of the same cycle and some ages hence these conditions will be reversed. But the humanity of the West must first reach the point of development from which the East has descended; that point of civilization which will enable them to leave to their descendants even more than the ancient glory of the East has bequeathed to the world at large.

A Swan was chosen by the ancients as an emblem of life for many reasons, one of the most important of which is its power to exist in the three elements, earth, air, and water. When its wings are outstretched its peculiar form bears some resemblance to the Maltese cross, the cross of balance—of perfect adjustment. Ancient mystics credited the Swan with power of song second to no other bird in the Universe. The real work of birds in the economy of the Universe is little understood by those who are ignorant of the relation of Sound and Form. The constant rhythmic vibrations awakened by the singing of uncounted millions of song birds in the Universe result in bringing many forces into manifested form.

"The Bird of Life" has a meaning to the Occultist that would be unintelligible to the masses of humanity. As a rule, mankind has as yet but little idea of the services rendered by the birds of all ages. It was not from caprice that the Bird or Swan was chosen as the emblem of all Life, as has been mentioned. The right wing of Hamsa the Swan was represented by A, the left wing by U, and the tail by M, the head as the half-metre; and AUM is the sacred word. Both head and tail are double glyphs; fold head and tail together and with outstretched wings the bird represents a

triangle. In its highest aspect this signifies motion or breath. In its second aspect it is creation, conservation and transformation. Thus it represents all the fundamental Laws of the Universe, and as such was, and still is, more sacred to many schools of Occultism than any other commonly known glyph or symbol. But sacred as is the AUM, there is one other word still more so, a word that is never pronounced save in the Silence, the power and potency of which are far beyond those of the AUM. This Word, or combination of Number, Sound, and Color, has never been given to man save under exceptional circumstances and for very important reasons. It was given in olden days to the Chief Hierophant of a Lodge of Masters only when he had reached a certain stage of development that made its acquirement safe, for it was and is as capable of destroying a world as of building one. But what is far more important is its spiritual potency on inner planes of causes. It is connected with the manifestation of Light as closely as the AUM is connected with Sound, Fohat, or the directive power of Cosmic Electricity.

There are but few terms in the Wisdom Religion more pregnant with occult significance to the Initiate than that of Fohat. By many it is considered an entity; by others, only an abstract, philosophical idea. It is, in fact, both and much more. It is the directive power of Will; and when we say Fohat is one of the Sons of Sound, we mean Sound in the sense of the Creative Word, not Sound in manifestation on the lower planes of Being.

In considering any or all of the great creative powers, the student should never lose sight of the truth of the One eternally-concealed, ever-living Reality in which is the underlying Principle of every atom of Substance, Force, and Consciousness. From this Eternal Foundation the Universe springs into manifestation at each Manvantaric Dawn; but it is not that Universe which is sensed by the perverted faculties of the men of the Iron Age, for they are only capable of sensing the reflection of the Real Universe; hence, a force condensed into any form perceptible to the present humanity is altogether another thing on the Spiritual planes. Sound, Color, and Form on the physical plane bear little resemblance to the manifestation of the same Forces on higher planes. And this is all due to different rates of vibration of the same fundamental Substance, or Essence; therefore, while Fohat would be one thing in the Archetypal world, and another thing in the world of reflection, it would still be the same Eternal Reality. Water can be frozen or evaporated, but it is still water. Fohat in manifestation in man becomes the force which may be used by the Master Builders in imparting new rates of vibration that impel to higher evolution, and it is also used by man himself in carrying Human Will into effect.

Blavatsky Department

This department will be confined to the teachings of H. P. Blavatsky. In it will be published, so far as possible, the views expressed by H. P. B. on any given subject. Our readers are requested to send in any questions on any subject which they wish to have elucidated, and we will endeavor to search through the writings of H. P. B. and publish her teachings on such subjects.

The following are excerpts from "Practical Occultism" by H. P. Blavatsky. They are reprinted here in dedication to "White Lotus Day," May 8.

It is an eternal law that man cannot be redeemed by a power external to himself. Had this been possible, an angel might long ago have visited the earth, uttered heavenly truths, and, by manifesting the faculties of a spiritual nature, proved a hundred facts to the consciousness of man of which he is ignorant.

The "God" in us—that is to say, the Spirit of Love and Truth, Justice and Wisdom, Goodness and Power—should be our only true and permanent Love; our only reliance in everything, our only Faith, which, standing firm as a rock, can for ever be trusted; our only Hope, which will never fail us if all other things perish; and the only object which we must seek to obtain, by our Patience, waiting contentedly until our evil Karma has been exhausted, and the divine Redeemer will reveal to us his presence within our soul. The door through which he enters is called Contentment; for he who is discontented with himself is discontented with the law that made him such as he is; and as God is Himself the Law, God will not come to those that are discontented with Him. If we admit that we are in the stream of evolution, then each circumstance must be to us quite right. And in our failure to perform set acts should be our greatest help, for we can in no other way learn that calmness which Krishna insists upon. If all our plans succeeded, then no contrasts would appear to us. Also those plans we make may all be made ignorantly, and thus wrongly, and kind Nature will not permit us to carry them out. We get no blame for the plan, but we may acquire karmic demerit by not accepting the impossibility of achieving. If you are at all cast down, then by just that much are your thoughts lessened in power. One could be confined in a prison and yet be a worker for the cause. So I pray you to remove from your mind any distaste for present circumstances. If you can succeed in looking at it all as just what you in fact desired, then it will act not only as a strengthener of your thoughts, but will act reflexly on your body and make it stronger.

To act and act wisely when the time for action comes, to wait and wait patiently when it is time for repose, put man in accord with the rising and falling tides (of affairs), so that with nature and law at his back, and truth and beneficence as his beacon light, he may accomplish wonders. Ignorance of this law results in periods of unreasoning enthusiasm on the one hand, and depression on the other. Man thus becomes the victim of the tides when he should be their Master.

Have patience, Candidate, as one who fears no failure, courts no success

No man does right who gives up the unmistakable duties of life, resting on Divine command. He who performs duties, thinking that if they are not performed some evil will come to him, or that their performance will remove difficulties from his path, works for results. Duties should simply be done because commanded by God, who may at any time command their abandonment. So long as the restlessness of our nature is not reduced to tranquillity we must work, consecrating to the Deity all fruit of our action, and attribute to Him the power to perform works rightly. The true life of man is rest in identity with the Supreme Spirit. This life is not brought into existence by any act of ours, it is a reality, "the truth," and is altogether independent of us. The realization of the non-existence of all that seems opposed to this truth is a new consciousness and not an act. Man's liberation is in no way related to his acts. Insofar as acts promote the realization of our utter inability to emancipate ourselves from conditioned existence, they are of use; after this stage realised acts become obstacles rather than help. Those who work in obedience to Divine commands, knowing that the power thus to work is a gift of God, and no part of man's self-conscious nature, attain to freedom from the need of action. Then the pure heart is filled by the truth, and identity with the Deity is perceived. A man must first get rid of the idea that he himself really does anything, knowing that all actions take place in the "three natural qualities," and not in the soul at all. Then he must place all his actions on devotion. That is, sacrifice all his actions to the Supreme and not to himself. He must either set himself up as the God to whom he sacrifices, or the other real God—Ishvara; and all his acts and aspirations are done either for himself or for the All. Here comes in the importance of motive. For if he performs great deeds of valour, or of benefit to man, or acquires knowledge so as to assist man, and is moved to that merely because he thus thinks he will attain salvation, he is only acting for his own benefit, and is therefore sacrificing to himself. Therefore he must be devoted inwardly to the All, knowing that he is not the doer of the actions, but the mere witness of them. As he is in a mortal body he is affected by doubts which will spring up. When they do arise, it is because he is ignorant about something. He should therefore be able to disperse doubt "by the sword of knowledge." For if he has a ready answer to some doubt he disperses that much. All doubts come from the lower nature, and never in any case from the higher nature. Therefore as he becomes more and more devoted he is able to know more and more clearly the knowledge residing in his Sattva (goodness) nature. For it says: "A man who is perfected in devotion (or who persists in its cultivation) finds spiritual knowledge spontaneously in himself in progress of time." Also, "A man of doubtful mind enjoys neither this world nor the other (the Deva world), nor final beatitude."

The last sentence is to destroy the idea that if there is in us this Higher Self it will, even if we are indolent and doubtful, triumph over the necessity for knowledge and lead us to final beatitude in common with the whole stream of mankind.

True prayer is the contemplation of all sacred things, of their application to ourselves, our daily life and actions, accompanied by the most heartfelt and intense desire to make their influence stronger and our lives better and nobler, that some knowledge of them may be vouchsafed to us. All such thoughts must be closely interwoven with a consciousness of the Supreme and Divine Essence from which all things have sprung.

Spiritual culture is attained through concentration. It must be continued daily and every moment to be of use. Meditation has been defined as "the cessation of active external thought." Concentration is the entire life-tendency to a given end. For example, a devoted mother is one who consults the interests of her children and all branches of their interests in aid before all things; not one who sits down and thinks fixedly about one branch of their interests all the day. Thought has a self-reproductive power, and when the mind is held steadily to one idea it becomes colored by it, and, as we may say, all the correlates of that thought arise within the mind. Hence the mystic obtains knowledge about any object of which he thinks constantly in fixed contemplation.

OCCULTISM FOR BEGINNERS

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C O L O R

Every color is the outer garment of a Divine Entity or God. The evolutionary function of the Entity incarnated in such a color is to raise the vibrations of its embodiment to a higher and higher degree of evolution until it has merged into the One Color or No Color, the Absolute, the Supreme God itself.

Color is the Soul of Matter. Each element—iron, tin, copper, zinc, gold, silver, hydrogen, oxygen, calcium, and so on—can be reduced by intense heat, volatilization, to its spectral color; that is, made to liberate its inner nature or soul in terms of color, light.

As these spectrum colors are the essence, the root, of every element in nature, and as we humans are compounded of the various elements in manifold combinations, it follows logically that our physical bodies, as well as our inner sheaths, are combinations of colors, and that therefore the various qualities of our parts, organs and tissues, result from those combinations of colors. Verily, we are Sons and Daughters of Light literally.

It must follow, then, that our thoughts, feelings, aspirations, emotions are also the result of the inner liberation of these colors due to the association and dissociation of atoms and molecules going on incessantly in our various inner and outer bodies. Music,

art, poetry, science, philosophy, economics, right government, and ethics are the manifestations of the Light within human nature, the Inner Light made manifest. . .

Even in outer nature, the function of light and sound is to throw unorganized or disorganized matter into true form. The songs of birds and myriad insect lives, the various sounds of nature, as well as the blue of the sky, the green of the foliage, and other nature colors, help on the disintegration and then the integration of molecules and atoms of matter, ever giving the impulse of nature's finer, inner forces to build up a higher and truer form in accord with the Divine Plan back of all manifestation. What are called Tatwic forces are liberated by Color and Sound, and these are the great building forces of nature and incessantly beat on everything around and in us, impelling and forcing all things to evolve—live, die, and live again in accord with the Plan of Being. God is still at work building the universe, and He incarnates and works in Light and Color and concord of sweet Sounds. Hence God is Light, Love, and Harmony—or Father, Mother, Child—the Three in One.

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COLOR AND MATTER

Color and Matter really mean light and matter, as color is a differentiation of the synthetic or white light.

Zeno, the old Stoic philosopher, said: "Color is the first configuration of matter." Occultism postulates the same truth. All matter may be reduced to color or light by raising its vibrations. Increase sufficiently the mass or molecular vibration of any substance—iron, lead, or any material object—and the result will be sound and light, with the disappearance from this plane ultimately of the object as such, as long as the high vibrations are continued.

Every ray of light, color, or energy, then, is a potential form of matter raised, however, beyond the plane of matter as such, but capable of being reduced to material form if the vibrations are lowered. Or, we can put it in terms of consciousness. Lead, for instance, is a state of consciousness. Increase the atomic or electronic vibrations of lead, and its state of consciousness may be changed to gold or some other element. In the same way a passionate or selfish desire, which is likewise a state of consciousness, may be changed to compassion and unselfishness by raising the vibrations of the ultimate elements of which the desire form is composed, as in the case of lead.

In this case, a new compound is formed in a metachemical sense. Desires are formed of elements analogous to chemical elements. Thus, a selfish "burning" desire is composed in large part of the analogue to hydrogen; and if the Light or electrical energy of the Higher Self is poured on the desire, it may cause a union of the hydrogen desire-element with the oxygen correspondence

of the Pranic principle, and a spiritual magnetic water is formed by this union, precipitating a refreshing shower on the soil of the lower nature and causing germination of the seeds of truth, beauty, and unselfishness there stored up—and the Inner Self has now a nobler proportion than before.

The objective universe is an exact correspondence of states of inner consciousness. If lead, iron, gold, lime, hydrogen, oxygen, and all the other elements exist, they do so by virtue of the fact that the state of high spiritual consciousness which they represent and are has been lowered in its vibrations, and thus materialization has taken place; color and light—states of consciousness—have become matter and the various sub-planes of matter.

Iron, for instance, seems to be a universal constituent of the material universe. We find it in vast quantities on the earth. Spectrum analysis shows that it exists in the sun and stars. The meteors falling on the earth from interstellar spaces are composed principally of iron. It is, in short, one of the most abundant elements of nature. It corresponds to the Kama Rupa principle, the principle of Desire that throws matter into form. Hence comes the necessity for its universality. It exists in the red-blood cell as a phosphate of iron and attracts oxygen to it as the blood stream passes through the blood vessels of the lungs, thus carrying its load of life-giving oxygen to all parts of the system—it being in the physical body as universal as it is in the universe as a whole, and for the same reason. And the same truth applies to all other elements if we are wise enough to see the reason and have discrimination and insight sufficient to look in—and understand.

Matter is materialized light. Light in its last analysis is a deific state of consciousness. This light of god-like consciousness incarnates or materializes in matter and, by various mutations and transmutations, incessantly gives out its essence in terms of all the infinite qualities that are found in all forms of matter, force, and consciousness.

Starting from the Ineffable Consciousness of Absolute Unity, or Light, the circle of evolutionary necessity is as follows:

First. The Ineffable Unity or Absolute Consciousness.

Second. From Ineffable Consciousness is born the Great Silence—the Soundless Sound.

Third. From Sound comes Light.

Fourth. Light materializes into the spirit of the elements—the metallic and non-metallic elementals.

Fifth. The metallic and non-metallic elementals materialize into the elements themselves—iron, gold, silver, calcium, hydrogen, and so on—thus bringing what is called matter into existence.

Sixth. These elementals are now incorporated into the living cells and tissues of plant life generally.

Seventh. From plant life the elemental radiations pass into animal and human forms and principles.

Eighth. From the human form the primal monadic essence is

further transmuted and regains ultimately its primal Ineffable Divine Source, plus all the qualities of consciousness—color, sound, and force—that it has gained by passing through the great Cosmic Octave of spiritual and material experiences.

W. H. D.

TEMPLE BUILDERS DEPARTMENT, Lesson No. 22

LOVE YE ONE ANOTHER

Who is there that does not love the sun as it shines in the sky? It would be a foolish person, indeed, who did not; for without it there would be no earth for us to live on, no light for us to see anything, no heat to keep us warm and active, no plants and fruits for food, no flowers to gather, no birds to sing.

The sun draws the earth toward it and holds it in place by warming, loving, lighting, nourishing it. The sun is the center around which the earth revolves and receives more and more light and warmth all the time. The earth is also held at a certain distance from the sun. If it were not, the heat and light would become too great, and all life would be destroyed for a time.

There is a Center, a Center of Love around which not only the earth revolves but the whole universe. It is called the Center of All Being, God, drawing all things, people, planets, worlds, to Himself.

When we see how the magnet draws pieces of iron filings to itself it helps us to understand how God's Great Love constantly draws and finally brings all things to One Center in Himself until all are of the Same Substance—One.

We learn the lesson of Love from the growing things about us. The plants love the soil, water, air. There is a part of God's life in plants, and they draw oxygen, hydrogen, carbon, sulphur from the soil and air into themselves, and so raise the different elements into a higher form of life which is able to express more of the beauty, fragrance, harmony, and truth of the life which is at the Center of All Things.

Each flower and plant is really a message to us from God, and we should study its inner life to find out what truth it is telling us.

Every color, form, and number, of leaf or blossom, every sound in Nature, has its meaning.

The sea draws all waters into itself because it is lowlier than the streams. The message the sea is telling us is this: if we would draw people to us and make them feel our love for them, we must work as Nature does. We must be "meek and lowly in heart." We must put ourselves in such position and attitude toward all men as the sea does toward all waters, that their heart force, their love, will flow naturally toward us. Then the incense of our lives will be drawn up by the God of Love as the sun draws the vapors and mists from the sea, forming the clouds, which return again in

refreshing showers upon the earth, and which in due time through many streams come back to the sea.

So, as we send our love out over all humanity will it return to us in loving streams from millions of hearts, making it possible for us to do even nobler and loftier deeds than before, and be of more service to all.

Reprint

JANE W. DOWER

BUILDING THE TEMPLE

God's Temple is not built with hands;
Rising to Heaven, eternal it stands.
Of kind loving thoughts its fair walls are made;
With every good deed a new stone is laid.
Its towers and arches reach to the sky,
Though we cannot see them with our mortal eye.
All who bring beauty and goodness and peace
Are building the Temple, its blessings increase;
All who are helpful and patient and kind,
With love in the heart and light in the mind.

—THIRZA REDFIELD

IN MEMORIAM

On April 21, 1942, after a prolonged, lingering illness, our beloved Temple Sister Mrs. Minnie Goulden of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, passed suddenly and peacefully from this outer plane to inner realms of life.

Mrs. Goulden was a Temple member since 1914; loyal, devoted, steadfast, an untiring helper and supporter in the Master's Temple Cause. She had a great love for true knowledge, which she found in The Temple, and which she extended to many whom she contacted. For long years she was the Inner Guard of the Winnipeg Temple Group which she held together through her loving, motherly spirit, and her true understanding based on the great principles of life.

No greater and more beautiful tribute could be given to our sister than by quoting from a letter of the Outer Guard of the Winnipeg Group, which was written in her memory: "By her honesty, purity, love, and unselfishness she has made a chalice in which the members of the Group would be held as they breathed the essence of her soul through the influence for good which she had left behind, as a legacy for all Temple members and to those who had the privilege to come within the folds of her aura."

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

Since we last reported, the following lectures were given in the Temple during the Sunday meetings: April 12, Fred Whitney, "Centers of Transmission." April 19, Cethyl Mallory, "Cosmic Builders." April 26, Duncan Ferguson, "The Temple Healing Plan." May 10, Harold Forgostein, "Space Relationships." The Outer Guard dedicated a brief summary to

"Mother's Day." May 17, Bernard Lentz, "Theosophical Phrases and Paradoxes." May 24, Herman Volz, "The New World Cycle." May 31, Pearl F. Dower, Guardian-in-Chief, "From the East to the West."

White Lotus Day, the Anniversary of the passing of H. P. B. from this plane, was observed in the meeting on May 8.

The Feast of Fulfillment followed by the Devotional Meeting was celebrated on the first Sunday in April and May.

We wish to remind members and friends that the **Forty-third Annual Temple Convention** will begin Sunday, August 2, with a preliminary meeting on Saturday, August 1, at Hiawatha Lodge.

ERRATUM

Our readers are asked to correct a printing error which occurred in the December 1941, January 1942 issue of The Temple Artisan. In the article "The Temple", on page 53, paragraph 5, it should read as follows: "uncover thine head" instead of "cover thine head".

TEMPLE LITERATURE

We call attention to the Temple Books, Correspondence Courses, and Pamphlets advertised on the inside cover of the ARTISAN. "From the Mountain Top" is a revelation of light, shining through Messages from Inner Spheres of transcendent truth and beauty. "The Coming Avatar" tells the truth about the great age in which we live; it should be in the hands of all people. The Yellow and Red Folios contain Messages from Masters of the Great White Lodge given to The Temple and, through The Temple, to humanity, 1926-1929.

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 expenses and material needs continue.

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"That which thou givest me I will give back to thee full measure. Seek in my gift for the overflow."

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