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

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

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

THE OBJECTS of the Temple are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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BEHOLD, I GIVE



UNTO THEE A KEY

HELIOS

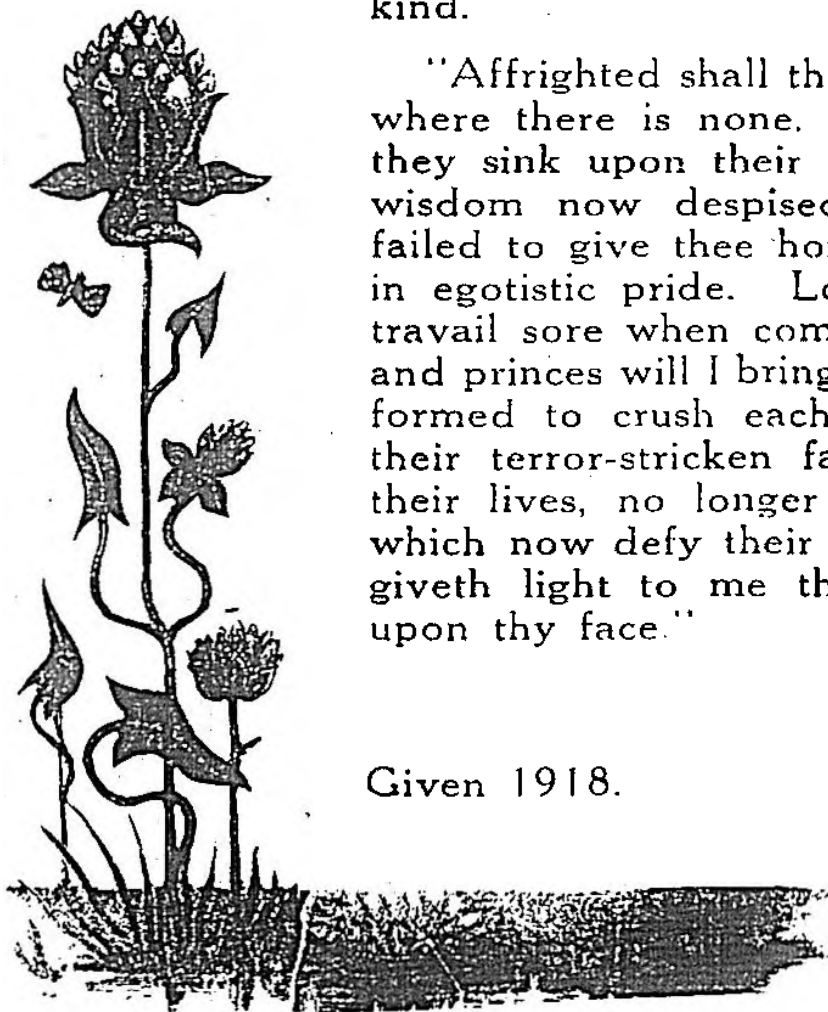
"A shade shalt thou cast upon my face," said Helios, Regent of the Sun, to the Regent of the Earth, "that thy disobedient, willful sons may know that thou hast power to take away all that thou hast given unto them.

"Thou shalt come before my face, and thou and I confer together for the good of all mankind.

"Affrighted shall thy people run, seeking light where there is none. Abased before me shall they sink upon their knees in pleading for the wisdom now despised by them. They have failed to give thee honor, and have flouted me in egotistic pride. Lo! I will bring them unto travail sore when comes that day. Their kings and princes will I bring to naught. Their armies, formed to crush each other, will I fling upon their terror-stricken faces. For I, the giver of their lives, no longer will maintain those lives which now defy their very God—the God who giveth light to me that I, in turn, may shine upon thy face."



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CHRISTMAS

This is the Holy Day period, and the Christ is where on this war-torn planet? Dwells he in the warring nations and the peoples, or in the neutrals; in the trenches soaked with spilled life, or in the conditions of the pacifists of the world who cry, "Peace! Peace!"

Assuredly, if there be any truth in Truth, the Christ of God is where he has always been, with and in the hearts of his creatures in the whitest light of highest aspiration and desire, in the unselfish efforts of any one to help humanity, or in kindly deeds to fellow-men, or, yes, in the most unseemly conditions of hate and unbrotherhood, for looking underneath with the eye of spirit even there, as the poet has sung, "even in the mud and scum of things, there alway, alway something sings." And that something is the Christ, the Balancer, the Unifier and Adjuster—the Sword and the Olive Branch interchangeably.

Then, if we see hate and war stirred up, we must know that, underneath, the great song of evolving life is being sung, the constructive forces of the Christos are at work to evolve a higher order of things, to work out destinies, to pay off old karmic debts, to burn up the rubbish of old and worn-out cycles that the pure forces of the new cycle may enter uncontaminated by the evil magnetism of the old.

In man, nation, or world, the Christos can be born only in humility—in a manger—and the three wise men from the east, from the place of light, the heart, whose names are Love, Wisdom, and Service, are attracted and bring their priceless gifts in token of the Birth of Christly Light that has taken place in that manger, the abode of the lower animal self or soul. And when this Birth has taken place in man, he is a Master of Light. And when it has taken place in the organism of a planet, that planet becomes a sun—self-radiant. And when it shall have taken place in the nations of the earth, we shall have the Golden Age when Love, Wisdom, and True Brotherhood shall rule, and not their opposites, as now.

Meditate on the Christ in the blade of grass, the tree, the dumb creatures of earth, your other human selves around you, in the suns and constellations—and then connect that Christ with the Christ within yourself. And you will know.

W. H. D.

FORTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE

Forty-three years ago the fifteenth day of this November, The Temple of The People was founded in Syracuse, N. Y. It was founded at a time of supreme moment to the human race. The coming of the Avatar into embodiment on the astral plane had brought a flood of spiritual light into the aura of the earth, quickening to renewed life and energy every soul and every particle of slumbering matter and darkened mind. A Messianic cycle had come, and with this cycle came others, potent and significant, and new and unprecedented gates of spiritual opportunity opened for all humanity.

But, with the coming of the altar fires of inner light, came also the dark and terrible struggles of the Armageddon, slamming the iron doors of greed, selfishness, and hate in the face of Him who came to bring the power of love, brotherhood, and deep understanding for mortal man—until the whole world has become engulfed in the struggles of change and violence, and the fates of the souls of men are being fought out. However, when the shadows are deepest the Light is highest, for never is humanity alone for a moment in the nighttimes of its trials and tribulations. "Out of the darkness shineth the Light of the Glorified Triple Star, into the hearts of humanity, raising the pulse of the Cosmic Heart, and driving the shadows into the blackness of the Great Abyss." And truth emerges ultimately, the race taking a step upward.

At this cyclic time the potential step upward is the greatest in the history of the globe, for humanity faces the "line of demarcation" between its lower self and its higher or Buddhic state of consciousness, and to it comes the Avataric message:

"Arise, Warriors! and conquer the Adversary within yourselves through the Power of your Spiritual Might in the Battle of Light over Darkness, for such it is that is upon you. Arise and conquer! You must win for yourselves, must prove your own standing in the ranks of the Hosts watching over, around, and about you. Arise and behold the Hand of the Christ above, and place your own within it."—HILARION, The Annunciator.

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HIS COMING


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Think you that the coming of the Blessed One will bring peace to the earth? Think you your periods of labor, of struggle with limitations, of the temptations of the flesh will be lessened, and that the conditions now obtaining on the Devachanic plane will be repeated upon the material plane? If so, great will be your disappointment.

No Avatar, no great leader of His people ever came to earth with an olive branch in His hand. Invariably He comes with a sword to divide the "sheep from the goats," to sunder the evils of ignorance from knowledge and truth. The olive branch materializes when the sword has done its work of separation, and the soul, stripped clean of its hindrances, its vile imaginings, bows its head and says: "Take me, use me, trample me if need be; only cleanse me, purify me, lead me to the stream of living water that I too in turn may give life to those who follow me."

In the days to come, what you are working for now will come to you, whether it be the things of the world or the things of the spirit. Improved conditions may and will give you improved opportunities, but those particular opportunities are for the future. Your present opportunities improved or neglected will bring you peace with honor or battle with dishonor in the coming days. The same demons of avarice, of jealousy, of hatred and despair that now pursue you so viciously will await the coming of your footsteps as they pass the portal of life's fulfillment in Devachan, to death in life on the physical plane.

The coming of an Avatar is always the signal for a harder fight than that which has preceded it, but, thanks be to the sacrifices He makes for you in His great renunciation, the weapons for use in that warfare are of tenfold the power and service, and your power and strength will be reinforced by the power and strength of His great purpose. Your personal responsibility for failure will not be lessened, but to that responsibility will be added the wisdom gained by association with HIS successes. The goal of your ambition may still seem far away and to have increased in power and greatness to the grandeur of a universal goal, but it will be within the reach of your vision.

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FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE, August 2 to 7, 1941

(CONCLUSION OF REPORT)

Monday Evening

A meeting of the Inner Orders of The Temple was held, during which seven candidates were initiated into the Order of the 28.

Tuesday

At 10:30 a. m., the Social Science meeting was held in the Temple. The Outer Guard, Fred Whitney, presided. The speakers were Herman Volz and Bernard Lentz. The meeting opened with the "Words of Force" and the "Great Unifier." Then Herman Volz gave his paper, titled

THE UNIVERSAL PEACE PLAN

For many centuries humanity has dwelt in the nighttime of a cycle of life. This cycle of spiritual darkness and moral ignorance ended in the period between 1898 and 1928, when the Avatar ushered in the light of a great New Day. The light of the Avatar is fast bringing the realities of life into clear vision, and all who wish to see may see and then "live accordingly."

As Jesus said two thousand years ago that he came not to send peace but a sword, so does he say again today that he comes bearing a sword, the Sword of the Spirit, which of itself is clearing away the darkness and evil. As the rising of the sun at dawn causes darkness to disappear, so does his sword of light cut away the darkness. This is what we are witnessing in the world today, the struggle of the dark forces against the light of the Avatar.

The Avatar comes to the whole world. Therefore all nations are involved in the coming of a new social and spiritual system whereby humanity can live upon earth in a spirit of brotherhood and peace.

Dr. Dower expressed this in an early ARTISAN when he said, in effect: This will mean the real beginning, in concrete terms on earth, of a universal republic, and this naturally means the beginning of the real universal brotherhood of all humanity, without distinction; it will also mean that at last the children of man will have been able to establish on earth conditions that will prevent wars in other words, a condition of universal peace.

This international peace plan will function only when each nation has at its head a spiritually minded leader, a leader who thinks not only of the good and welfare of his nation but of all other nations as well.

This world-wide peace plan, which is the work of the Great White Lodge and a part of the New Age plan, has such a just and high meaning that it will bring an entirely new order of living into the world. In case of need, a nation will have the combined power and helpfulness of all the other nations at its command. When the new order is established, there will be an international spirit of goodwill in place of vicious trade schemes and international suspicion.

Our President a few years ago quoted Simon Bolivar, of South America, who said: "The Americas must live together in harmony because each nation has what the other nation needs." So it is with the combined nations of our earth; each nation has what the other nations need. The needs of one nation may be produced around on the other side of the earth. The people over there may have different climatic conditions, different soil, and may follow different lines of craftsmanship, and so a peaceful trading plan is necessary for a just and comfortable living on earth. In fact, so important are international harmony and peace between the nations that the Avatar can appear in fullness only when there is founded such a league of nations as can be put on a practical working basis. This is the firm footing for the Avatar to rest upon in his appearance among men.

A recent United States development in the direction of a new league of nations is encouraging. As Acting Secretary of State, Sumner Welles set forth the foundations for such a league in the following three points proposed as the basis of a peace settlement for the present war:

"1. Abolition of offensive armaments and the limitation and reduction of defense armaments and of the tools which make the construction of such armaments possible.

"2. Establishment 'fully and adequately' of economic rights to all peoples of the world with equal access to raw materials.

"3. Abolition of armaments through some rigid form of international supervision and control; without such practical and essential control, no real disarmament can ever be achieved."

The American Government, Welles declared, has a "great responsibility" in the framing of that peace.

Dr. Dower stated in a 1916 ARTISAN editorial: "Until the earth is purified, the order of heaven cannot draw nearer humanity. The Masters of Love and Wisdom will not be among us face to face to lead, to help and instruct, until we have done away with injustice and deceitfulness. There is no place for Them in a world of lies and corruption. . . . In a great world conflagration there is always the great hope that a better order of things will result. . . . And this is seen in the well nigh universally expressed desire and hope for a world federation of all the nations, with an international court to settle all disputes and with the decisions of such court to be enforced by a police power agreed upon by all. This would mean disarmament and Universal Peace." This is the great ideal, but wars of defense must continue to be fought until aggression is no more.

A piano solo of Schubert's "Serenade" followed, played by Jean Tedford, after which Bernard Lentz read his paper on

THE DAWN OF A NEW AGE

Reference is made in teaching and prophecy to the Golden Age, the Sixth and Seventh Senses, and the Coming Races together with their corresponding Avatars and Teachers. Much confusion and dispute have ensued as result of misunderstood, incomplete, and erroneous data concerning these topics, which in the light of the true teachings of the Masters present some very interesting and clarifying aspects.

These teachings are set forth very plainly and unmistakably in the Commentaries on Theogenesis—the third section of the Stanzas of Dzyan as given to the world through The Temple—and which Stanzas with Commentaries form the real Third Volume of the Secret Doctrine. The thirteen quoted series which immediately follow are selections from said Commentaries:

"It has been denied that the prophesied Golden age—the Satya age—the age in which the 6th race will appear, could by any possibility be so close at hand as has been claimed by some writers, as such a long time must elapse before the close of the Kali yuga. It would appear that such disputants might have forgotten or never knew that there must be a Satya cycle in the Kali yuga, just as there must be sub-races of the Sixth Root Race, the progenitors of which must appear in the Satya cycle of the Kali yuga, for all Root races overlap each other by many thousands of years.

"There are third race men living in parts of Australia and Polynesia today, as there are Sixth Race men—high chelas of the Great White Lodge, living in equally isolated portions of the earth.

"The great ages, Manvantaras, rounds, and cycles and the root races, sub-races, tribal and family races of a great Manvantara become inextricably mixed in the minds of those students who are not versed in the Secret Doctrine, for the reason that they have been so carelessly used by earlier students of Occultism. The overlapping of races is also confusing if the student does not bear in mind that it is the remainder of the last tribal and family races who remain in incarnation during the intermediate periods between definite cycles of Time and who are the progenitors of a new race.

"Humanity as a rule is now in exactly such a transitional state of development. Everything in exterior life today is, consciously or the reverse, in a condition comparable to longing, a state of stress and strain, and of

consequent conflict. The forces of nature have been called into requisition by man to a remarkable degree. Matter itself is in the throes of parturition pains. Intuitively we grasp the fact that tremendous changes are taking place in all fields of life, and that through these changes, through the fire and blood and acid of present experiences, humanity will evolve the rudiments of that sense which in a later cycle of the present great Root Race will relate the human to the Divine to a far greater degree than has ever been the case in any age of this planet.

"No mere human imagination can picture the changes which the development of the Sixth sense will bring to the human race: The scales which have covered the eyes of humanity through the past ages will fall from those eyes. The uncertainty which now drives many to desperation will be replaced with certainty. Man will know what he now only surmises, at the best, of the great mysteries of life.

"These difficulties are greatly lessened in the case of the deep student of the Wisdom Religion, as the basic truths of that religion are brought out in the Secret Doctrine, the Upanishads and the Vedas. Unfortunately, as it would appear, there are comparatively few among the masses of humanity who have the education, the time, and power of concentration to fully inform themselves in regard to the more mystical aspects of that religion; therefore they are compelled to depend on others to interpret them. If those others chance to be ambitious, selfish people who are seeking material advantage alone, such interpretation will only conform to personal desires. There are all too many of these in the world today, as there have been in all ages, conscious or unconscious devotees of the Adversary—the negative aspect of life.

"It may be interesting here to call attention to the fact that having reached and passed the middle point of a great age the souls of the races now on earth and those who are to incarnate in the immediate future would come more peculiarly under the great universal testing forces—the Satanic forces—the elementary forces of destruction, while previously they had been more certainly under the elementary creative and building forces.

"It is a well known fact that the higher the development of a human being, the finer and more subtle are the temptations which beset him, and the same rule must hold good in the race as a whole.

"Frequent references to the humanity of the sixth race occur in the Theosophical literature of the present day, and in some instances the writers fail to state whether reference is made to the sixth root race or the sixth sub-race of the present fifth root race.

"It is believed by some students of eastern teachers that there are sixth race people living now upon the earth. The Master Hilarion has stated that the progenitors of the sixth race are being born at the present time, but he was referring to the progenitors of the sixth sub-race of the fifth root race, not to the sixth root race, and there is a wide difference between a progenitor of a race and a fully developed racial being when changes in organic structure must take place. When one considers the vast periods of time which must pass during the life of even a sub-race and the pralaya which follows, to say nothing of the periods which elapse during the life of a root race, it is unthinkable that a fully developed sixth race individual could exist on the earth at the present time and as the earth is now constituted.

"The Masters have said that both Europe and America will have disappeared from the surface of the earth before the humanity of the first sub-race of the sixth root race will have been born. A new continent, or rather a renewed continent will emerge from the ocean's depths,—a new Garden of Eden for the home of the new race, as has been the case before the birth of each preceding root race.

The present human race possesses but five active sense organs. The sixth sub-race will possess six fully developed sense organs, and the seventh sub-race will possess a synthetic sense organ which will combine the qualities of the six sense organs together with the qualities of the seventh. The present atrophied pineal gland will be more active in the sixth sub-race and will be the organ through which the Kundalini force will function.

There are noticeable changes taking place in many of the children of the present time. It is the belief of many who have noted these changes that they are indications of the development of the sixth sense organ, but this is doubtful, as there seems to be no physiological evidence of renewed activity in the sixth organ of sense, the pineal gland. Such changes as are occurring in the children and in some older people appear to be extensions of the present powers of sight and hearing, as they are more of the nature of clairvoyance and clairaudience, which are qualities developing in the humanity of the last races of the fifth sub-race and will be at the command of all people in the sixth sub-race. The regained activity of the pineal gland—the rudiments of the third eye—and use of the Kundalini force will open the way for the development of the Kriyashakti force, a psycho-physiological force or sense which is of tremendous psycho-mental power over matter of lower vibratory rates. This means power over all forms of material life, human, animal and vegetable, on the physical plane, as well as over the action of the psychic senses.

"With the opening up of the present Messianic cycle preparations are being made for new conditions, for far greater opportunities than any which have preceded them in the sense consciousness of man,—in biblical terms, for a New Jerusalem coming out the clouds of heaven, in other words, out of the condensed, constricted conditions which now bind the human soul, the soul which is always in heaven (the fourth plane of manifestation) but which is now so constricted by elementary forces acting through gross matter that it is not conscious of its divine mission at all times."

Three facts are outstanding in the world's current events: first, the vast radical changes and chaotic conditions taking place in the affairs of men and nations generally; second, the mass of conflicting interpretations that attempt to account for these upheavals and changes; and third, a popular state of mind or rather bewilderment that might be expressed in a question: "What is it all about, and how and when is it going to end?"

To correctly describe, interpret and answer the above simply requires an understanding of Temple Gnosis—which is not a set of theories or dogmas specially imparted to a few chosen intellectuals or devotees as some might think—but is a restatement of Ancient Wisdom at a cyclic time of great world crisis by Master-Sages and Prophets through specially prepared Agents for the sake and safety of all of Humanity that will stop and listen.

Four major factors are directly responsible for the drastic changes and unstable conditions now occurring or already taken place in the world at large: first, the great confluence of seven cycles—three cosmic and four planetary—that occurred around 1898, making for vast universal changes on a hitherto unprecedented scale (the said seven cycles came to an end then, approximately, and seven new ones of equal duration began—these include a new 5,000 year one, a 2,000 year one, the new century cycle, one of 33-1/3 years, etc.); second, the Advent of another Avatar into the Aura of the Earth around the before mentioned time, made possible by karmic and cyclic law, and as described in the Bhagavad Gita and foretold in Revelation (this divine impingement alone roused to a fury the elemental forces lying dormant for thousands of years around humanity's neck, so to speak, and thereby causing a precipitation of karma which had anyway to come sooner or later); third, the formation by the Initiates of the White Lodge of first three and then nine—twelve in all—Auric Centers within

the Humanity of this evolutionary period (an event described by the Master Hilarion as one of the greatest ever to occur in this Manvantara, as it will enable the human race as a whole to rise to heights beyond the wildest dreams of the masses' imagination); and fourth, the War of Armageddon—the precipitation of humanity's karmic heirloom from past ages down to date, and which historically considered presents the following outstanding epochs in which this humanity's worst debts were created: the Aztec civilization in its decline, similar periods in Egypt, India and France (the religious massacres, French Revolution, etc.); the Crusades and Inquisition; the conquest of Mexico and Peru; the wars of the Napoleonic Era (1803-15); the multitude of crimes against nations and individuals in the name of advance and enlightenment throughout the last two centuries; and the small and great European and other wars and general disturbances already made into the history of this century; (actually and esoterically, the War of Armageddon is the eternal unceasing War between Spirit and Matter, that lasts throughout a Great Age; historically and prophetically, it is some of the holocausts above mentioned, particularly the instalments now known as World Wars I. and II.; and if one adds to these the famines, plagues and pestilences, the endless nature disturbances, crime, depression, and social upheavals of the last few decades, there is a perfect picture of the negative side of twentieth century karma).

According to esoteric tradition and sacred writ, preceding any great catastrophic upheaval or series of cataclysms an effort is made to save as many units and fragments as possible from the positive side of waning races and civilizations, for use as seed and nucleus of a new and better order of life. This explains the mission of the Temple movement racially and in terms of impulses, the special part the United States has as cradle of the new race, and the particular contributions of other nations—among them China, India, and Russia.

It has been said, humanity can hinder, as it has done in the past, the arrival of the New Age, but it cannot always prevent its final appearance, for, as pointed out by the Master in His 1928 Temple Convention Message: "We can wait, as we have waited long periods passed and gone into the silences, but we shall not always wait in vain. Whichever course you take, Our Sun has Risen, Our Day has Broken. The opening strains of the Prelude of the Paean Triumphant can now be heard by those who have ears to hear."

Temple Teachings abound with many remarkable prophecies and visions relating to various phases of futurity as well as world events already taken place.

One such disclosed the exact manner in which the U. S. S. Maine was blown up in Havana harbor Feb. 15, 1898—a disaster which was caused by explosives being secretly placed underneath the hulk of the ship, as claimed at the time by the American government and corroborated externally thirteen years later by engineers when the wreckage was brought to the surface. Most interesting of all, the whole thing was seen interiorly by the Temple Guard in the night before the day (Feb. 14) preceding the explosion, said one witnessing in vision the fiendish act in all its details and preparations. This vision, therefore, both confirmed and was confirmed by the engineers' findings of 1911.

A whole series of visions witnessed in the subterranean Book of Destiny gives the true factual and symbolical picture of the Theosophical movement and Temple formation from earliest stages of the former to inception of the latter and its gradual unfoldment way into the dawn of the Golden Age, as well as international efforts on the part of the right-hand powers to help humanity and intrigue on the part of the left-hand ones to destroy it through the periods just mentioned.

In another vision reference was made to the failure of the world—nations, groups, and individuals—to absorb and assimilate the High Lodge

Force pouring out for its upliftment, thus delaying the work of the Lodge and bringing still more chaotic forces into being. High sacred forces were misused, thereby adding to the current precipitation of humanity's karma. The final injunction was: "Find the abstract consciousness in yourself, and everything will tell you Truth without words." This vision with interpretation is given in the Master's 1938 Temple Convention Message.

The following fragment of symbolic prophecy shows which nations, or racial divisions, will ultimately combine, after the long processes of peace and amalgamation, toward the establishment of a whole new planetary order: "The lion, the bear, the ox, the eagle, the bull, and the snake will form the hexagon, the sixth—from which the square, the fourth—will arise to build the corner stone for the feet of the Architect to rest upon."

Another interesting prophecy through W. Q. Judge shows that it was no chance that impelled Balboa to give the Pacific Ocean its present name, for Lemuria—the third continent, which now largely forms the bed of this ocean—will arise in time to house the future Sixth Root Race, which it is said will be essentially a peace-loving Humanity.

It was no chance, either, that the Lodge Temple Center was brought to the Pacific coast and named Halcyon—a magical Greek word meaning peace, happiness and tranquility. In fact, the Greek Alcyone and Sanskrit Aum are identical in their root meaning, either designating a Great Bird that makes its nest over the waters of the Great Deep. And if "the Fourth Race lost Aum", as the Stanzas of Dzyan say, it is logical to infer that the Sixth Race shall regain it. In other words, through winning mastery over grades of matter of coarser vibration the New Humanity will have bridged the gap between the Higher and lower self, thereby finding again the Lost Word—its own divinity—the Higher Self.

The advent and nature of the Coming Race is described symbolically in "Red Folio" message: "It shall be as 'The Light that never shone on sea or land', for the Serpent of Whiteness shall stand as Perpendicular Line of Power and be transformed into the Eagle of still Greater Whiteness, perched for high flight and freedom never known before, and carrying in its beak abundance of fresh grasses for nourishment and nesting of the Race that Is To Be, with whose knowledge dogmatic religions and their attending demons shall die out. . . . The Serpent of Pure Wisdom, the Union of physical and spiritual powers, will beget a progeny that will overthrow the Mental Race with an Intuitional One, a Mighty One that shall be incomparable."

One of the most thrilling and inspiring of the endless Master prophecies given us relates to the time when man—the Purified Elect of the Sixth Race—shall again have to and fro access between the outer crusts of the Earth and the Center—the "Unknown Country", and to the Holy of Holies—the Great Underground Temple.

Truly shall the Angels then sing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men."

Dr. Little sang one of his own compositions, "Acknowledgment." The Outer Guard then referred to present world conditions and, in summing up, said that the forces of the Old Dispensation are now spending themselves both in the destructive furies of universal warfare and in the elements of social revolution that are accompanying these forces. When these struggles are ended, the New Age will be ushered in and while few, if any, of the present plans and accomplishments in social betterment are likely to be in any wise final or permanent, still all efforts of any nation to better conditions will go into the building forces of the

New Dispensation. The Avatar is gathering up all that is true and divine in the old order, and will unite these principles and ideals with the greater ones coming in, and all human souls will partake of the fortunes of the New Age according to their ability to appreciate it and co-operate with it. The meeting closed with the Mantrams and the Consecration Hymn.

The noonday Healing Meditation followed. It was conducted by Lottie Ferguson.

At 3 p. m., the members of the Temple Home Association met at the residence of Mrs. Dower for their annual meeting. Two of the directors of the Association, Otto Westfelt and Duncan Ferguson, whose terms had expired were re-elected. The report of the past year showed the Temple Home Association in good condition.

Tuesday Evening

A concert of Temple music was given in the Temple under the direction of Ebba Whitney. The program opened with a piano solo of the Andante from the "First Symphony" by Sibelius, played by Cethyl Mallory. The choir, with Gertrude Tedford and Constantine Harcoff as soloists, sang three songs, "The Harp of Life," "The Cauldron," and "Horo," from John O. Varian's poetical plays after Irish legends which were set to music by Dr. W. H. Dower and Edgar Cheetham. Then Mrs. Tedford sang "In the Valleys," with words by Dr. Dower and music by Monica Weaver. Mr. Harcoff sang John O. Varian's powerful "Sunrise Song," set to music by Edgar Cheetham. The program concluded with "Daniel," from "The Vision," a movement from Mr. Cheetham's composition "Thirty Years After," played by Ebba Whitney and Cethyl Mallory on organ and piano.

The Temple possesses a great treasure of Temple musical compositions by members of the Center—all tonal expressions of the great building forces of The Temple. This music has a distinction which has so appealed to all hearing it that the concert has become a regular feature of the Temple convention.

Wednesday

The noonday Healing Service was conducted by Ella Vogtherr.

The Temple Builders then gave their traditional luncheon, accompanied by a program, in Hiawatha Lodge for all Temple members and friends of The Temple. The program started with the Temple Builders songs. Then Jerry and Margie Harrison recited a poem, "Who's Afraid in the Dark?" and Roselma Wheeler recited "Counting Treasures." Roselma and her sister Elizabeth said the Builders Prayer. Jean Tedford played a piano solo, "The Spinning Song." Then followed two tap dances by Jean Tedford and Pat Altamirano, and the program closed with a patriotic finale by John, David, and Roland Mallory, with the audience joining in the song "God Bless America."

Wednesday Evening

A group of Halcyon players presented a dramatization of Kahlil Gibran's poem "The Prophet" before a large and appreciative audience in Hiawatha Lodge. Cethil Mallory who played the role of the Prophet, gave a beautiful rendition of Gibran's poetry. The reading by Gertrude Tedford, the piano accompaniment to the reading by Ebba Whitney, the vocal solos by Jean Tedford, the clarinet solo by Joy Thompson, and the dance by Thelma De Field all added to the beauty and charm of the play. The members of the cast, who, without exception, did very well in their roles, were as follows:

The Prophet.....	Cethil Mallory
Almitra, the Seeress.....	Jean Tedford
City Elder.....	Dr. Neville Harris
Young Townsman.....	Bernard Lentz
Mother and Children.....	Jane R. Thompson and Margie and Jerry Harrison
Ploughman.....	Fred Wolff
Musician.....	Joy Thompson
Temple Dancer.....	Thelma De Field
Story Teller.....	Gertrude Tedford

Joyce Hedin directed the play; Ebba Whitney had charge of the music. The beautiful Oriental costumes, the simplicity of the realistic stage setting, consisting of a Temple scene with white steps and pillars of the porch, a palm tree in the foreground, and a stone bench against a background of deep blue simulating sea and sky—all these, together with the lighting effects on the various scenes (managed by Herman Volz), were the work of the players and contributed greatly to the dignity and success of the play.

Thursday

An all-day picnic on the shore of the Pacific Ocean was greatly enjoyed by all who participated in it.

Sunday, August 10

At 3 p.m., the Temple Builders held their convention meeting. On this occasion the Temple Naming Ceremony was performed by the Guardian-in-Chief and the Outer Guard for Gerald Jean (Jerry) and Margarete Isabelle (Margie) Harrison, grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tarbox and Mr. Ernest Harrison. After this service the usual Temple Builders meeting proceeded with its ceremonial, interspersed with individual contributions befitting the occasion—poems, songs, Temple Builders stories, and short speeches by resident and visiting Temple Builders, their teachers, and parents. Especial attention was called by the teachers to the importance of the Temple Builders work; it has particularly to be cultivated at this momentous period and turning point in the evolution of hu-

manity, since the children born into, and brought up in, this Center of the Master's group are souls who have earned the right to receive all the help and assistance we can give them from the beginning of their lives along the Path of right living, based on true principles of Unity and Brotherhood. Though this duty, in the first place, rests upon their parents and teachers, in a wider sense it rests also upon the whole Center; for, since we are one, we all are responsible that these children may become true Temple Builders and helpful factors in the human race in the New Day which will be ushered in during the lifetime of the rising generation.

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OCCULTISM FOR BEGINNERS

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THE AKASIC BRAIN OF MAN

Man has three brains, in his totality. The lowest of these is the cellular brain, found as visible substance within the cavity of the cranium, and composed of white and gray matter divided and subdivided into hemispheres, convolutions, and all the various parts described by anatomists and physiologists.

In this material brain are found all the centers and correspondences of the five and seven senses, active and latent, as well as of the seven elements, planes, and principles of the cosmos, the brain being a complete organism or universe in itself.

Within the cellular brain exists the molecular brain. This is the astral brain, sometimes called the subconscious brain or mind.

Within and without this molecular brain is the atomic or Akasic brain. We say "without," as well, for Akasa is all-pervading, though it may focus anywhere that conditions have been made for centering its energies.

Thus the Akasic brain of man is his atomic brain, and it is through the conscious activity of this brain that man becomes god-like—a god, in fact, once he has correlated his lower brain centers with this Akasic brain. Through his Akasic brain, man becomes omnipotent, one with God and the great creative forces of the universe. Why? Because the cellular and molecular brains are immersed in an infinite ocean of Akasa, and these lower brains are but transformers and transmuters of Akasa into any terms, forms, or forces that the will may dictate—as long as the desire is not out of tune with the divine purpose—just as, by means of electrical transformers, motors, rheostats, vacuum tubes, and so on, electricity may be transformed into heat, light, power, chemical force, magnetism, radiant energy, and so on. And electricity is only one of the lower phases of Akasa!

For the student of occultism, much depends upon knowing what Akasa is, and it is well to gain a basic idea of this before going further.

Of elements, Akasa is the fifth thus: Earth, Water, Air, Fire, Akasa. In principles, Akasa corresponds to Higher Manas (Mind) and to Sound unuttered—that is, it is the Verbum, the Word that is with God, that is God. Its utterance brings all things into manifestation and this process goes on ceaselessly. "All things proceed from Akasa and all things go back to it." So far as finite mind can understand, Akasa is God, and no exoteric religious system has ever had its origin higher than Akasa, though there are two still higher planes of consciousness and energy.

Akasa is the Soul of the world. All creative energy has its root in Akasa: it is, in fact, the Creative Fire and the cause of creation of worlds or creatures. In the human, Akasa flows in and out of the atomic constituents of the brain cells; the Akasic fires are transformed and drawn down into the molecules and cells themselves, and thence are absorbed by the circulating blood and carried to every part of the system for re-creation of such new cellular lives as may be needed. Through the pineal gland and pituitary body, specially modified fiery Akasic emanations reach the blood and are absorbed and stored up in the reproductive glands, for creative purposes. Literally, sparks of creative, Akasic fires become encapsuled in matter for this function. If not used for the creation of offspring, or if not wasted, these Akasic sparks vivify and energize the whole physical-astral organism by raising its vibrations.

When a human is evolved to the point where the cellular, molecular, and atomic (Akasic) brains are attuned, the Akasic energies may be drawn into the astral or physical body at will, and its energies and powers are thus enormously increased, like unto the gods'. But this requires correlation with Higher Manas, through which Akasa works. It was the Akasic fires, energies, that Prometheus "stole"—that is, drew from "heaven," from and through his own Higher Manas.

W.H.D.

TEMPLE BUILDERS DEPARTMENT, Lesson No. 239

CHRISTMAS STORY: "The Bells"

One time on a winter's night long ago there was born in Bethlehem a babe who brought something very beautiful into the world. It was so beautiful that the Angels sang in Heaven and there was great rejoicing on the earth. What he brought was his own true Self; he brought a Heart full of wisdom, kindness, truth, and deeds good and right, that he might fill the hearts of children—and grownups too—everywhere over the world with the desire to have such thoughts as these and live good lives and do right deeds.

The life that he lived was the One Perfect Life come straight

from God, for he knew all of God's laws and lived them every single day. So every time we do deeds that are true and honest and honorable, he comes to us and puts his life into our hearts, for he is a Son of God, the Christ, and can do that for us. And some glad day we, too, will be perfect even as he is perfect, and we won't want to break the laws any more or hurt anybody, for we will be wise and have true understanding with him in our hearts.

Thus every time Christmas comes there is rejoicing in the hearts of all men of goodwill for the life of this Great One who comes to help us to become like God, even as he is like God. The bells ring out our joy today.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

—Longfellow

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

Since convention, the following lectures have been given in the Temple during the Sunday meetings: August 17, Bernard Lentz, "The Path." August 24, Herman Volz, "Aspects of The Temple." August 31, Duncan Ferguson, "Social Science and Temple Teachings." September 14, Ernest Harrison, "Crystallization in Religion." September 21, Jane R. Thompson, "The Measure of a Man." September 28, Duncan Ferguson, "Selections from the Bible." October 12, Cethyl Mallory, "Centralization." October 19, the Temple Naming Service was performed by the Guardian-in-Chief and the Outer Guard for Patricia Louise Lentz, daughter of Herbert and Louise (Stenquist) Lentz, and grandchild of Ebba Whitney. Fred Whitney spoke on "The Incarnating Soul." October 26, Fred Whitney, "Future Leader-

ship." November 9, Lottie Ferguson, "A Review of the Book TEACHINGS OF THE TEMPLE. November 16, Herman Volz, "Temple Prophecies." November 23, Bernard Lentz, "Ceremonial." November 30, Guardian-in-Chief Pearl F. Dower, "Templars in Review."

On the first Sunday of each month, at 3 p.m., the Feast of Fulfillment was celebrated, followed by the Devotional Service.

Besides the regular Sunday services, noonday healing meditations, and Builders meetings, there are several evening study classes held in the Temple during each week.

November 15 was the 43rd anniversary of the founding of The Temple. On November 20 a community Thanksgiving dinner was served in Hiawatha Lodge.

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.

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