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THE TEMPLE

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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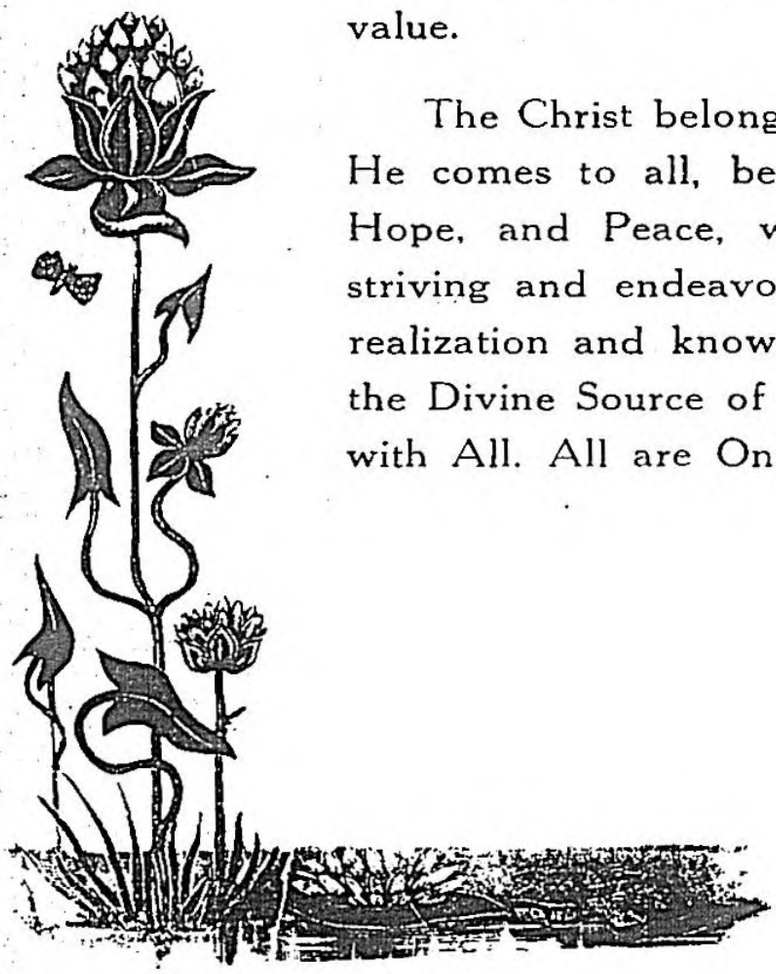
BEHOLD, I GIVE UNTO THEE A KEY

THE CHRIST CHILD

Though higher than the angels, he descended the stairways of the stars, was born in a lowly manger. Showing great humility by his teachings, precepts, and example, he left to the world he came to redeem spiritual truths of unutterable value.

The Christ belongs to all races and peoples. He comes to all, bearing a Message of Love, Hope, and Peace, with infinite patience ever striving and endeavoring to awaken man to a realization and knowledge of his Oneness with the Divine Source of Being. The Christ is One with All. All are One with the Christ.



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

On Sunday, November 15, The Temple celebrated the Forty-fourth Anniversary of its foundation date by the reading of The Temple Choral Service with musical numbers by the choir.

The Temple was founded by the Lodge of Light through the Annunciator as the vehicle of the Avatar to bring into manifestation the Avataric forces of purification, regeneration and redemption for this, the greatest of all retributive cycles on earth. Symbolically and mystically the year 1942 is compounded of the Logoic or Avataric 30 years and the cycle of 12. The Bible says that when Jesus—who is, incidentally, the same Avatar as He of today—was 12 years old he went into the Temple of Jerusalem and disputed with the Doctors of the Law, and they marveled at what he taught. This statement, put into the form of a single temporal incident, tells a far greater truth as we shall see when we take it as a cosmical story.

Every cycle has its esoteric and exoteric aspects. Hence the 30-year Avataric cycle has its dual beginning in 1898 and 1900 respectively. So when any part of this cycle began on the inner side it reached the outer 2 years later. And these 30 years were the years of preparation, or the implanting of His forces in the earth and its humanity. At the conclusion of this cycle He had entered the outer plane "with power and great glory," not objectively but by lifting the earth atomically and penetrating its fields of consciousness. From the points of that iridescent contact and consolidation of powers began the great and intensive struggles of His "dispute" with the forces, methods, standards and ideologies of the Anti-Christ in embodiment, and in the souls of men. Esoterically this phase of the Armageddon has been under way for 4 years, which time is the cycle of the formation of the Square. As 4 x 4 or 16 it is the number of the "tower" of earthly presumptions, ambitions and powers, struck by the thunderbolt of Divine Judgment; struck to earth in ruins morally and spiritually.

Such is the significance of the esoteric 44 years of this great Avataric cycle, culminating in 1942. Then, add to this the fact that in two more years comes the 44 of the exoteric cycle of 1944, and the additional fact that the sum of 1942 is 16, and it becomes evident that when these number cycles converge in this wise, measuring a world crisis such as the present, their action is of powerful proportions. Only the soul of man purified in the fires of

recreation can issue from them and step forth into the Light. Numerically, this is made possible for every soul of awakened perception, for while 16 carries destruction and termination, sending thousands of souls on their way to dissolution, its unit value is the sacred 7, the sum of all the planes of action, and of the Regent Rays that are the Powers of the World of Light, the Progenitors of the good and true, and at the head of them the "First-born of many brethren," the Avatar. The sum of the year 1944 also carries its part of the message to man. 18 is the double 9, and is a number very bad for those who are bad, but it carries both the devotional and the evolutional 9, and its unit value is 9. This is the number of the Annunciator to the Avatar, the Angel Gabriel, Mars, whose Trumpet shall awaken those who sleep; the dead to spiritual truths, into the light of understanding. Out of the darkness the Light shines, and, sooner or later, the Word of Truth, spoken by the Voice of God, and impressed on the inner man, will lighten the whole world with a New Day.

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LO, I AM IN YOUR MIDST

Lo! I am in your midst. I whom you have asked for long. I stand at your door for entrance. Long have you invited me to come and sup with you. Bread I need for on my journey; none was provided. A piece from your platter I would break; a share in your love I would partake to renew me for my journey's end. Cleansing water I also need to refresh me, for travel stained, thirsty, and weary am I. Rest also from strife, doubt, greed, anger, lust and uncharitableness. A couch in your room I ask for the night-fall. Long have you called. I have come at your bidding. Soon the morn shall break and I must go on. The morn of Great Splendour into which I must vanish, the dazzling whiteness of which shall hide me from view.

Would you know my face, shall we speak each other? The path to your doorway has been lone, narrow and long. I fain would greet you but I tarry not long. Lo, I stand and knock for entrance. Shall you open soon, or does some obstacle block the way? I hunger, thirst, weary of waiting. Soon you must open or I shall be gone.

THE GLORY OF THE LORD

The Ego which last was in incarnation upon this planet in the body of Jesus, the Nazarene, is the same Ego which has incarnated in every racial and national Saviour since the beginning of the present great cycle of 200,000 years; and every such Saviour has heralded the beginning of an age, a minor cycle of the major

cycle. The finger of God has, as it were, drawn a smaller circle, within a larger circle, and evolved a new order of life upon it. When the great cycle is closed, the Ego which has built up the bodily expressions of those individual Saviours will pass on to take up a higher mission, perhaps upon some other planet. Its labors will fall upon the Ego which comes next in development, and It will begin to build up the vehicles or personalities for Its incarnations with the first minor cycle of the major cycle. The incarnating Ego of the Saviours of any one major cycle is the Great Initiator, the "Watcher on the Threshold" for that cycle. Only as man can understand all that is involved in the words "A Group Soul" can he understand just what Jesus was and is. The reflection of the sun which you see in a pool of water is not the real sun, yet it partakes of certain qualities and characteristics active in that sun. In illustration: If the sun were able to fix all its reflections permanently and endow them with mind, the vibrations in continuous action between the sun and those reflections might gradually evolve a Group Soul; the sun being the central figure, there would be a continual interaction of forces and principles, and the sun and its reflections would become one inseparable entity on a higher plane.

The personality of Jesus was correspondingly a reflection of the Father, the Spiritual Sun, and there obtained that perfect interaction of forces and principles between them which made them One in deed and in truth, as has also been the case with preceding Saviours.

If a perfect understanding of this important truth has come to us, it is no longer difficult to appreciate that "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me!" indicates the positive aspect of that great sacrifice, as the words, "It is finished!" indicate the negative aspect of the same; and we must not lose sight of the truth that the rendering of this great sacrifice was no more requisite for the final perfecting of Jesus than it is for the perfecting of every disciple of the White Lodge. . . .

"Rejoice, ye children of earth, for unto you is born this day a King and a Prince of the house of David," sang the seraphs in a day that is past. Yet again and again shall the same song be sung by you and yours in the days to come, and each song shall bring you closer to the fulfillment of your highest desire.

From "The Coming Avatar."

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE

August 2 to 6, 1942
(Conclusion of Report)

Tuesday

At 10:30 a. m., a Social Science meeting was held in the

Temple. The Outer Guard, Fred Whitney, presided. The speakers were Bernard Lentz and Herman Volz. The meeting was opened with a vocal solo by Monica Weaver, "Holy Sephira," the words by Dr. Dower set to music by Mrs. Weaver. Ebba Whitney accompanied on the piano.

Bernard Lentz then read his paper entitled, "Armageddon and the New Age," which follows:

AMAGEDDON AND THE NEW AGE

The War of Armageddon with its squaring of accounts between the nations, now going on, has been prophesied in the Bible, Secret Doctrine, and Temple Teachings, as well as in vision and revelation given to many seers and races through the centuries.

The New Order so much talked and written about should be rightly understood: it is based originally and entirely upon an occult teaching and coming reality. The "Novus Ordo Seclorum" (New Order of the Ages), and emblem designed for the reverse side of the U. S. seal, refer to this New Order, regardless of the fact that the reverse side was never cut or officially adopted. It consists of an uncrowned pyramid with an eye in a triangle descending to complete the structure, and symbolizes the Three falling into the Four, or the Eye of Divine Wisdom incarnating into a new racial embodiment.

It is a well known fact that the outstanding figures of the American Revolution were under Lodge guidance or influence, and it was no chance that such an occult emblem and phrase should have been chosen for one side of the seal, as the Wisdom Religion teaches that the United States is the cradle of a new race or humanity, which by its very nature will bring into being a truly new order of the ages—a higher type of race and civilization made possible by karmic and cyclic law. Equally significant about this seal is the other topmost phrase, taken from Virgil: "Annuit coeptis" (He has smiled on our undertakings) which would indicate the divine benediction resulting in success of the early efforts of the Initiates to lay the foundation for the New Order. The obverse and more commonly known side of the national seal—consisting of an eagle, bearing the American coat of arms on its breast and holding an olive branch in its right talons, with a bunch of arrows in the left; and, overhead, a circlet of nineteen links, with a golden radiance surrounding thirteen white stars on a blue field—is also of deep occult significance. The Eagle Force—Liberty, among other things—wields the positive and negative powers of peace and war in corresponding talons, which talons are vehicles of rest and grasp. Thirteen is the Christ number, and the five-pointed white star is of similar high significance with regard to the Fifth Race. The light blue field is deeply symbolic because Jupiter—the Great Blue Star - has been referred to in a Master Message as the Architect of the coming Sixth Race. The golden radiance could signify the dawn of the New Age, and the surrounding circlet of nineteen—a compound number carrying the force of beginning and initiation—is suggestive of the force and protection of the New Cycle. Still no less significant is the pennant with the phrase "E Pluribus Unum" (One Out of Many) carried in the

eagle's beak, a designation never more peculiarly applicable than to the hope, seed and foundation of the true New Order which the American nation represents and is.

The first radical preparation of political and economic nature, whatever its limitations in sufferance of the money system, thus far made in our time for this coming civilization has been the New Deal inaugurated in 1932, which is in reality a vital preliminary step toward the New Order, following as it has done the line of the middle path.

The greatest distortion of and effort to stop this coming reality has been the dictatorial invention called the "New Order"--a very evident misnomer and malversion, as it represents the combined efforts of the satanic forces to push back the hands of the clock of progress not hundreds but thousands and even millions of years. It is an attempt to bring back or perpetuate the Old Order on a scale reminiscent of, yet far surpassing, the black horrors of the Middle Ages.

The League of Nations, the United States of the World, the United Nations--whatever designation is given to the coming political unification of races and countries, as opposed to world conquest by a single nation, ruler, or political group--is an inevitable milestone across the threshold into the New Dispensation.

This will never be accomplished, however, through mere intellectual and mechanical processes, as witness the League of Nations, whose machinery has been described as perfect, yet in whose dismal failure the most powerful nations were prime agencies. And this dismal failure undoubtedly involves a heavy karma made by our own people in allowing themselves to be influenced against entering the League. The same forces now embodied in various groups of obstructionists will most certainly try to do this again at the end of this war.

The hearts of the people must first be changed, and this can only be done through suffering and right philosophy. As long as the masses are at the mercy of creeds, dogmas, intellectualism, indifference, and irreligion, just so long will humanity as a whole be held from making more rapid advance along higher lines of evolution. It was for this reason that the Theosophical--now Temple--movement was launched in America: to give the right racial impulse at this great cyclic junction to a new incoming humanity and its civilization.

People are finally coming to realize that it is necessary not only to win the war, but even more so the peace, if anything like permanent peace is ever to be achieved in even relative measure in this iron cycle; and it cannot be achieved save through an international government, language, police force, etc., all made fool-proof against still further recurrence of attempts at world conquest, whether by arms or propaganda or both. But such edenic return will never be accomplished until the huge pile of humanity's mass karma has been sufficiently expiated to make a definite start in that direction. This process is now going on.

To return to the War of Armageddon: it is generally thought of in terms of outer warfare taking place this century; and while true enough from an exoteric angle, it embraces that and much more. It embraces all

the many and terrible edicts brought by humanity upon itself through the agency of such forces as are symbolized by the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, who are also known as the Four Holy Ones and Lords of Karma.

A very important point brought out in Temple Teachings is the fact that mere cessation of outer warfare does not dispose of the infinite hordes of violent elemental forces brought into manifestation through such destruction, any more than a person's life forces are spent by sudden violent death or suicide. The elementals referred to hang about in the atmosphere, mayhap for ages, using other negative, human vehicles for their continued manifestation or until their force has been transmuted or eliminated through suffering and purification. This was more than proved in the interim between World Wars I and II, when not only 17 minor wars besides many other uprisings took place but also a mass of crime, strikes, depression, famines, epidemics, unrest, jazz, immorality, and countless nature disturbances.

From the standpoint of symbolism and numerology and in regard to Armageddon, the following passages in Revelation are very suggestive:

16:16—"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."

20:8—"And (Satan) shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the far quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea."

The following symbolic extract from Temple prophecy indicates the racial divisions concerned in the evolving of the New 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 cornerstone for the feet of the Architect to rest upon."

The hexagon is the Sixth Race, and also represents spirit and matter united in perfect balance; the Architect is the Avatar, and the evolutionary forces set in motion by the advent of this Entity; the square is the coordinating of the nations along lines of true development, the birth and maintenance of a Great World Federation, and the full establishment of the Temple work on the physical plane as a complete expression of the Great Lodge.

The racial and political divisions symbolized by the above named animals are respectively the British, Russian, Teutonic, Democratic, and Oriental peoples, although cosmical forces are involved even more fundamentally.

The United States is preeminently under the Eagle Force, and is the prophesied birthplace of the next great Avatar and new Humanity. A clear correspondence with this was the founding of the T. S. in New York City in 1875, and of its successor, The Temple, in Syracuse, N. Y., in 1898.

The lion, whose growl "has changed to the purr of a cat," may indicate the transitions the British Empire is yet to go through, perhaps raising the status of dominions and colonies to self-rule and nations on a par with the motherland.

The ox, having "regained the seminals of a bull" and pawed "the earth to open the way for the fiery hosts" refers nationally to the

Teutonic peoples, who have been unified, albeit militarized, and have brought on world conflagrations, who will also be chastened by Karma.

The bear Russia and the Slavic peoples—whose wound in the left eye, caused by the eagle, has now been closed by the eagle, which has also "loaned the bear its wings for swift flight," is playing a most conspicuous part in Armageddon.

Japan, while under the snake force, is also under the eagle because of being on the upward arc of a new cycle. While she defeated Russia in 1900, her victory, however, was somewhat neutralized through American mediation (Treaty of Portsmouth, N. H.); nevertheless the bear's wounded left eye Russia's Siberian holdings—somewhat marred at the time, is now closed; but she is enhanced by the eagle (the U. S. A.) through American entry into the war, and also by this country's equipping and modernizing Russia, militarily and mechanically, during the past twenty years, as well as by the lend-lease program.

An even more fundamental working out of the eye symbol in relation to contemporary Russia would seem to involve the rise and fall of irreligion. As the forces of the New Age gather strength, one creed after another will disappear, and political ones will be no exception.

Japan, striving for a Pan-Asiatic Federation—for Japan, however, not for Asia has fortunately been balked so far by China under the leadership of Chiang Kai-shek. It is a struggle to the death between the Golden Dragon and the Black Dragon. The latter now rules Japan; the former is a high symbol, much revered by the Chinese, and in Temple Teachings is one of the many that relate to the Avatar.

Only one thing can prevent the ultimate overthrow of the white by the yellow race, we are told, and so throw back in evolution the whole of humanity for ages; and that is—a gradual peaceful coordination of the constructive forces in both races, as exemplified in the leadership of such men as Franklin D. Roosevelt and Chiang Kai-shek.

The Chinese are the oldest civilized people on earth, being descendants of the Fourth Root Race. The Japanese are a very late offshoot or sub-race of the yellow race, and a young one in more than one sense of the word.

The fate of India—cradle of the Aryan race (the Hindus are the first sub-race of the Fifth Root Race) has ironically been precipitated through combined onslaught of the Germanic branchlet of this race (the far distant ancestor of the Indo-Germanic stock) and the amber-colored or brown Nipponese. The cause of India lies unmistakably on the side of the United Nations, but it has long been hampered by superstition, crystallization, and division of races and religions; and abuse of the feminine sex, all of which has been encouraged or permitted by the negative forces from within and without. Separate Moslem states are unthinkable; the very idea is simply one more effort of the dark powers to still further divide and exploit India. Where is the Man of the Hour, in tune with the times, able to unite the heterogeneous masses, and place India in line with her sister nations?

Three outstanding references from Master prophecies fast being

verified by current events are: (1) the United States becoming a Beacon Light for the rest of the world to follow; (2) the ominous truth concerning "the other nations, or rather, what is left of them"; and (3) the special roles of the United States and China with regard to the New Order and certain future developments.

The tides of evolution are now centered in the Western Hemisphere, and most particularly in the United States. California is really the first part of the Promised Land of the New Age and Race, and Halcyon the Holy City to which said race shall journey for enlightenment and initiation, according to Those Who Know; in fact, it is that right now.

In the age that is coming—how far off depends in part upon humanity itself government will be by Theocracy—Centralization—the Solar Dynasty of Divine Kings and Adepts. In other words, the Great Lodge of Masters will be the ruling power behind all nations, individually and collectively. This can only come about, as said before, when humanity as a whole has suffered sufficiently from the negative pole of chaos and disintegration to throw it off and build, purified, upon the New Order of Harmony, Unity, and Brotherhood.

This means the restoration of the Wisdom Religion on earth, recognition of The Temple as a vehicle of the Great Lodge, and the outer advent of the next great Saviour the Avatar—the Shining One coming on his white steed to help the children of earth break their bondage to Maya, Mara, and Mammon. Temple revelation shows that this Divine Presence is already here, having entered the aura of the earth, being born onto the lower astral plane, in 1898, during and after which process Its power and influence have been affecting the lives of men and nations in ever-increasing degree. Even now the Morning Star shines over the glimmerings of a New Day, sounding its keynote—Unity—the Song of the Avatar.

Herman Volz' paper which follows was entitled:

THE WORLD CRISIS

Perhaps man has never been so driven by the action of forces as at the present time, forces which, on the one hand, would destroy him or bind him in slavery and darkness, and, on the other, bring him into light and freedom supreme. Humanity will have achieved the greatest joy and peace the world has ever seen when these great struggles are finally over, because the forces of freedom will in the end win out. An ignorant and vicious few, through misuse of military power, have again released fiery hosts of elemental forces from inner spheres, and they are now sweeping the earth with death and desolation. If these forces should not be controlled they could blast all life on the planet, and, perhaps, destroy the planet itself.

Thus we have today the sharply defined and fateful contrast between these universal pairs of opposites; great joy, peace and right living by adherence to the fundamental laws and principles governing all life, and, on the other side, the emptiness of negation, fear, hatred and destruction as never before known in human history. Blue Star in the 1918 convention number of the Artisan points out this polarity of good and

evil which figured so fatefully in the world crisis of that day and was due to so continue throughout this great world cycle of the Avatar.

To quote: "What is before the present races of the earth only God and the great Masters who do His bidding can tell, and it often seems that humanity could illy bear a plain statement regarding the events which must inevitably precede the coming of the Avatar. We have only to cast our mental eyes over the world today to gain some idea of future probabilities. On the other hand a mental vision of possibilities of an entirely different character is enough to raise the consciousness to a super-normal degree, for there are signs of such a religious awakening as the world has never known, an awakening which will sweep the earth with a passion of Love, Understanding and Brotherhood that will make the very Angels rejoice.

"That this will come as a final effect of the present great world crisis all true seers are confident. It is only in the interim—the period between the present and the dawn of the new cycle that there must come days and nights of foreboding and sorrow. However, such periods are our greatest opportunities for the cultivation of Hope, Courage, Devotion and Compassion, and also opportunities for serving to the last degree Those who stand at our backs. Every other object should be made subservient to those ends, for only by so doing can we meet the final test which will fall upon all mankind, the test of our ability to recognise the Avatar when he shall come."

The Avataric force was greatly intensified on the physical plane after the year 1928 when this Christly Force became fully centered in the outer world. In the same convention number of the Artisan referred to above Dr. Dower speaks of a way in which Temple members can help all humanity. He said that Halcyon is a world center, a center of regeneration created by the Great White Lodge, and from it Christly Forces flow out into all the world. So there is a way in which we can all help in the work of regeneration and reconstruction, namely, by holding in mind and feeling interiorly and exteriorly a Balanced Consciousness, and by putting forth vital images of poise and harmony in and for all humanity. Halcyon is a sensitive point through which the Lodge pours its forces of Light into the aura of humanity to be picked up by the many thousands of minds attuned for its reception.

Likewise the seat of government of this nation at Washington D. C. is also a sensitive center for the governments of the world at this crucial time. All nations that are battling for the right are looking to this nation for help and guidance as we were told over forty years ago they would do, this land being the cradle of the new race that is forming to bring into expression higher standards of civilization.

The Atlantic Charter has been laid down, the Four Freedoms proclaimed as foundation stones of the true New Order. According to a press report, "One foreign dignitary after another is coming to the United States these days, loaded with war plans to be perfected, woes to be eased, and offers of aid to be joined in the struggle toward Allied victory." And the great military and spiritual leader of China has said,

"We are confident of the wise and far-sighted leadership of America."

In the Master's message to the convention of 1934 he speaks of the coming of this great Avataric Force amongst the nations. To quote:

"To The Children of Man: I greet you on this thirty-fifth anniversary of a great work a work that has prepared a Living Square of the peoples of the earth, in the center of which is now in process of birth the Architect, that invisible constructive force, the Divine Force, the Avatar who will rule the earth and the people thereof with the Golden Rod of Wisdom, Love and Brotherhood.

To the people of The Temple and its invincible Guardian Wall, to all who love their fellow men, to all rulers high and low who aspire and work for a brotherhood of souls, to all religiously minded men and women who prayerfully make sacrifices, keep alive and active the instinct and knowledge of the Divinity within: I greet you in all humility because of the Holy Covenant existing between us, so that, working as One—you in me and I in you—we may leaven the iron selfishness in all human hearts and lives and clear the path between the Higher and Lower Self, so permitting the sparkling incandescence of Spirit to utter itself in all fields of human endeavor. Again, to all unselfish workers in the realm of science and invention, to all teachers of the Divine Message in terms of art, poetry, music, beauty and literature; and to all true, earnest, sincere teachers who educe, lead out from the innocent ignorance of the inner nature and transmute these negative qualities into the selflessness of Spiritual Gold—all these I salute in the name of true Brotherhood.

To all, working in every field whatsoever, who serve constructively in all and every trade, without whose fidelity the work of the world would falter—all such I greet and bless, for they are the salt of the earth though their achievements may be unknown and unsung to those in so-called high places, as all life depends on the little and invisible things. All of these, and more, are members of the great Temple of Humanity, and are the hands and feet of the Great White Lodge with its twelve grand divisions for carrying on the Great Work. I have said: work in me not for me in this war of the ages upon your planet. It is the strife between the Sons of Universal Light and the Brothers of the Shadow. The clutch of personality, self-interest and selfishness must be broken to regain your spiritual birthright—a conscious unity with the God within."

The righteous side of the struggle the world is in stands for greater opportunity for all peoples by establishing altruistic governments in all the world. As we look at the battle lines of the nations of the earth today the above stated, "Living Square of the peoples of the earth in the center of which is . . . the Architect," seems to be plainly in evidence, at least in part, and has come into outer formation with World War II, being formed—in its objective aspects—by the four great nations that are at this time battling for the right of self-determination, peace and plenty for all, and the policy of the good neighbor. To bring this order about, in so far as is humanly possible, rests primarily within them and is their task and responsibility. But if any of its principles are to be won

out of this war, they who battle for this right today, nationally and individually, must win both the war and the peace, for it is only in the peace, following the storm, that the Ideals can come into form and live.

Note: Herman Volz and Bernard Lentz are now privates in the U. S. Army.

Fred Whitney then spoke on the mission of The Temple in this transitional cycle, and in essence he said:

The Temple carries the message of the Great White Lodge for this universal cycle of the "New Humanity," and the forces of the Lodge flow through The Temple in such floods of light that none need be blind for a moment as to what this message of the Lodge is. Whoever seeks The Temple and seeks it truly will enlighten his own soul and help the Soul of The World, for The Temple is based upon, and placed about and within the eternal Verities that rule and **are** all living things. No personality founded The Temple. It does not depend upon this person or that one for its presence on earth. It is of the World, eternal. Its Way is open to all, and if each mortal can lift the levels of his personality up to the Principles of this, the real Temple, all the Knowledge of the Ages is at his soul's door. The wisdom of the ages opens the doors of heart and soul, and the flood of Light, of understanding, and power of usefulness flow in to strengthen perception and clear vision. All of this is his to have and to use, who is willing to pay the sacrificial price to be new born.

Between the lectures the choir sang some Temple compositions, directed and accompanied by Ebba Whitney. The meeting was closed with the Temple Mantrams and the Consecration Hymn.

Clarence Dennis conducted the Healing Service which followed at high noon.

At 3 p. m., the members of the Temple Home Association gathered at the residence of Mrs. Dower for their annual meeting. Three of the directors of the Association, Mrs. Pearl F. Dower, Mrs. Ebba Whitney, and Mr. Harry Elliot, whose terms had expired were re-elected. The report of the past year showed the Temple Home Association in good condition.

Wednesday

For years past this day of the convention week has been the day for social entertainment of the Temple group by the Temple Builders.

After the noonday healing service which was conducted by the Outer Guard, the Temple children served luncheon in Hiawatha Lodge. The Lodge was turned into an art gallery, the walls being covered with drawings by the children who are pupils of Harold Forgostein's weekly art classes. It was a colorful and jolly occasion, astonishing as to what had been accomplished in the short time the classes had been held, and it was interesting to see the

individual and temperamental expressions of the children in their chosen themes.

After the luncheon the Builders and some of their friends, all between the ages of four and eleven, dressed in Swedish costumes, entertained with delightful Swedish folk dances, taught them and directed by Roberta Shumway; Ebba Whitney accompanied on the piano. The afternoon closed with Temple Builders' songs and the National Anthem.

Thursday

The usual all-day picnic on the Oceano Beach was greatly enjoyed by the members and their friends.

The noonday Healing Service in the Temple was conducted by the Temple Scribe, Ernest Harrison.

Sunday

At 3 p. m. the Temple Builders held their Convention meeting in the Temple. They were seated in a circle, around a small altar in front of the chancel.

The meeting proceeded in the same order as all their Temple gatherings. A precessional on the organ, "Build The Temple Strong and Right," was played by Ebba Whitney. The candle on the altar was lighted by little Gloria Shumway. A silence was held to invoke the blessings of the Master. The opening hymn was then sung, and David Mallory read a poem of Convention Greetings. Ella Vogtherr extended words of welcome. The offering was taken by Elizabeth Wheeler and Roland Mallory, and accompanied by a Prayer of Thanksgiving spoken in unison. John and David Mallory then played a violin duet, "America." Eleanor Shumway and Michael Schussman each read a Temple Builders' story, and John Mallory a poem. A Builders' hymn, sung by all children, followed. Then Mrs. Bertha Harris, one of the teachers, read a lesson on "The Temple Builders League of Kindness;" Mrs. Gertrude Tedford sang" The Golden Tone," and Mrs. Patricia Mallory read excerpts from the Master's Convention Message of 1921, referring to the religious and right philosophical training by parents and teachers of the child from infancy on, as one of the vital and most important principles in bringing up children, to keep the soul of the human race alive to the higher and true values of life.

A meditation was then held by all to send spiritual help out into the world, after which the Builders sang their closing hymn. The Temple Mantrams and Consecration Hymn followed, and blessings extended by the Outer Guard for all the world. Little Mona Lee Schussman then extinguished the candle, and the children asked for and received the flowers which adorned the altar. With a recessional on the organ, the meeting closed. A very beautiful force prevailed during the whole service.

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FUNCTIONS OF THE SEVEN HIERARCHICAL RAYS OF BEING

Some idea of this subject may be gained by studying the functions of the seven colors from red to violet, remembering that each color corresponds to one of the Seven Great Cosmic Hierarchical Rays which in their totality constitute the substance, force and consciousness of the manifested universe. As the seven colors we know of emanate from the sun, so the seven great Hierarchical Rays emanate from the Central Sun of all Being—the Godhead, or Deity, or whatever other name we choose to call it.

FUNCTIONS OF THE RED RAY

The red rays are heat rays; the violet, chemical rays. All the qualities of warmth and fire are in the red rays; they, in their purity, stand for love and creative energy bringing into manifestation Form. The red color, or ray, therefore stands for organization, throwing unformed elements into a form in whatsoever field of life they are manifesting—whether in a mineral, plant, man or race. Also, once it has created form or organization, it acts as a protecting agent corresponding to the maternal instinct in nature. Even in chemicals we see its action protecting delicate life structures from disintegration of the chemical blue or violet rays. This is why the photographer develops his negatives under red rays of light. Also, we can see in this why the blood is red—to protect the delicate tissues of the body from the destructive action of the chemical violet and ultraviolet rays, all of which could penetrate the body more or less. The blood flowing, as it does, to the outermost periphery of the skin makes a red fluid curtain, screening the deeper sensitive tissues from the more penetrating chemical rays.

All of this is corroborated by studies and experiments with light rays. For instance, in such diseases as smallpox, a disease of virulent inflammatory nature, it has been found that the disease runs a much milder course if all rays of light are screened off except the red. Therefore red glass or curtains are used in the sick room for this purpose. Not only is the disease milder but the effects on the patient are beneficent, as there is much less pitting than in the cases where the red light is not used as a protecting agent against the chemicalizing violet rays.

The metallic correspondence of red is iron. Hence we may say that red is iron willed in its nature, bringing and holding form in manifestation when once it is created. Red is as strong and as enduring as iron, and as universal in nature.

Red corresponds to the do of the diatonic scale in music, the tone of strength, of dominance. It is a militant color, materially or spiritually. Wherever dominating in nature, animate or inanimate,

it makes for strength and form because of its innate rupic (form) essence. At certain cyclic periods the Red Cosmic Hierarchical Ray dominates strongly nations and races. When it does so, these races manifest and function the fundamental qualities of the Red Force, leaving its work as a heritage to humanity. The civilizations of the Atlanteans, the prehistoric Americans, the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans were dominated by and belonged to the Red Hierarchical Ray. The Greeks gave a true basic form to art and philosophy; the Romans, to government and law; the Egyptians, to religion; the prehistoric Americans, to socialism; and the Atlanteans, to science. Among chemical elements, hydrogen is its representative. Red is not only the maternal and paternal instinct in nature and man, but also the protective and preservative instinct. Form must be created and preserved, says the Red Ray. Form must be destroyed (regenerated), says the Violet Ray.

The other pole or complementary color to red is green, which will be considered in the next lesson.

W. H. D.

IN MEMORIAM

On November 6, our Temple brother Fred Bernoudi passed to the Beyond. He was eighty-seven when he died of a brief illness, with his faculties clear to the last. He came into The Temple in the early years at Halcyon, but, encountering difficulties which he could not solve at the time, he went out; not wholly out, however, for he lived on true to the finer instincts of Heart and Soul which finally brought him back again to The Temple, and he was very happy that he had come home once more.

May peace and blessing rest upon you, our brother, and may you come again for a still better day.

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

Since the last convention, the following services and lectures were held in the Temple: On the first Sundays of September, October, and November the Feast of Fulfillment was celebrated, followed by the Devotional Service. On the second and fourth Sundays, at 11 o'clock, the Temple Builders held their regular meetings; August 9, they had their annual convention gathering. In the Sunday service, August 16, Bernard Lentz lectured on "The Aum;" August 23, Herman Volz, on "Fire." August 30, the Guardian-in-Chief spoke on "Service." September 13, Elmer Hedin gave a paper, entitled, "An Occult Story." September 20, Ernest Harrison, "The Twelve Basic Principles." September 27, Roberta Shumway, "Commentaries on 'Light on the Path.'" October 11, Patricia Mallory, "Mental Mirrors." October 18, Cethil Mallory, "Lotus Eaters." October 25, Harold Forgostein, "Books." November 8, Bernard Lentz, "The Status of The Temple in the Evolutionary Plan and the Present Cycle." November 15, the 44th Anniversary of the Founding of The Temple was celebrated by a Choral Service; a paper was read written for the occasion by the Guardian-in-Chief. November 22, Lottie Ferguson spoke on "Voices in the Wilderness." On Thanksgiving Day, November 26, the Choral Service was held in connection with the noonday Healing Service. November 29, Bernard Lentz read a paper by the Guardian-in-Chief, "Nature's Vast Storehouses."

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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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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THE OLD AND THE NEW

The Old is passing into the New. The gold and crimsons of evening are lost in the grays of sleeping skies. The Mantle of Night falls upon the Past, covering all. Lift it not, unless it be to give power, courage, purpose to the Hush which precedes the Morning—the Morning of Joy, in Fulfillment of the Soul's Awakening to the Light of the Christ Within.

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

May the Glory and the Joy of the Christ Child, born in the world's Bethlehem at this season, be born anew and aright in every heart in the world, bringing new life and purpose, pure desire and noble deeds for a better, truer New Year!

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