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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

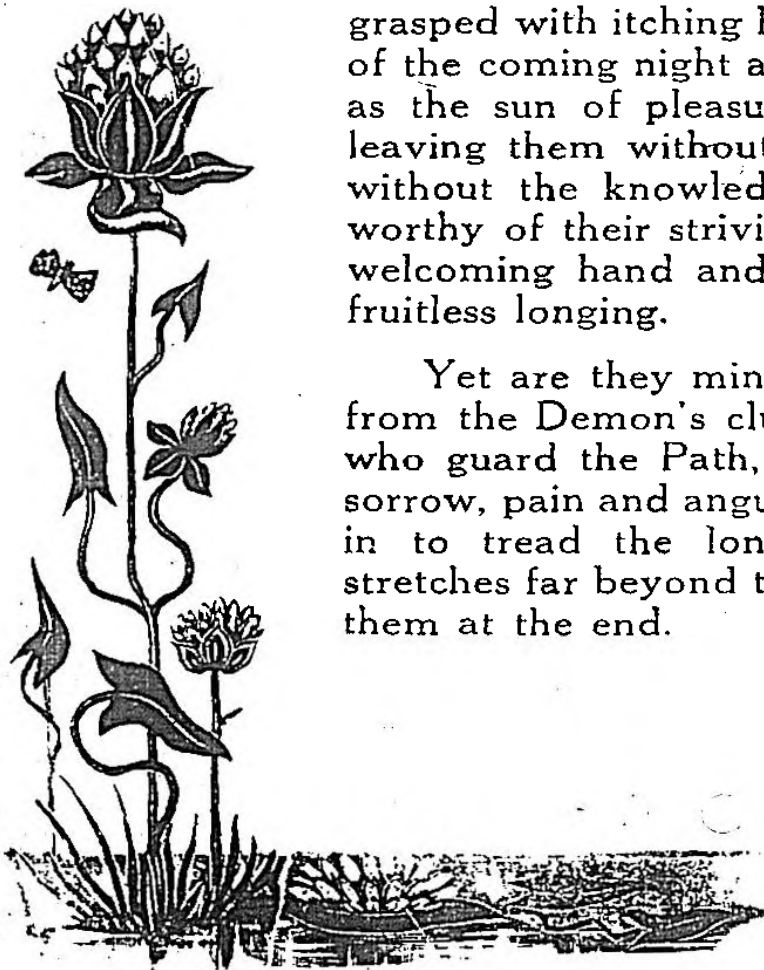
THE GATES OF SORROW

Swing wide the gates of sorrow and let the earth-bound in, ye who would guard the path of full attainment; open them and let my children in, for they are ready now.

Now have they drained the cup of pleasure to its lees and stand appalled before the satiate mystery.

All that sensuous life could offer have they grasped with itching hands, and now the shadows of the coming night are falling round about them as the sun of pleasure slowly sinks from sight, leaving them without a single unfulfilled desire, without the knowledge Life has aught to offer worthy of their striving. Only death holds out a welcoming hand and offers surcease from their fruitless longing.

Yet are they mine. Fain would I save them from the Demon's clutch. So, now I bid you, ye who guard the Path, to open wide the gates of sorrow, pain and anguish of the soul, and let them in to tread the long and lonely path which stretches far beyond those gates—and I will meet them at the end.



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EDITORIAL MIRROR

When one desires to enter the path of occultism and seeks entrance to the doorway that leads to spiritual illumination, one of the requisites of the aspirant is to voluntarily renounce all that in any way hinders his development; renounce everything that impedes or obstructs his further progress.

As one desires to make true advancement along these lines, the selfish and useless life must be abandoned because he now enters into a covenant with his Higher Self and his Master. So from that time on he is accountable to Him, and to Him alone; and when truly accepted, all that has been given up is won back again, but it now belongs to the whole rather than the personal self. The personal will becomes subservient to the Divine Will. Every step of the way is won by Renunciation, motivated by Love, Understanding and Discrimination.

As one seeks surcease from the outer confusion and turmoil, distress and suffering, he must realize that in order to attain the highest spiritual knowledge each and everyone must work this out on the plane of struggle where there is noise and disturbance and general disruption until every fibre of his being is translated into a higher substance, which must be accomplished through renunciation and sacrifice.

Selfishness is the antithesis of selflessness. While one takes all for personal gain, the other gives all and as a result gets all in renouncing. In taking for personal gain, one draws together the negative forces of evil and thus destroys the real things in life. In giving up, one gathers the higher forces in constructive effort and this leads to the highest attainment. These two lines cannot exist at the same time; one or the other must be followed, and, for true advancement, one must work with the positive forces and abandon the selfish course.

The following advice was given to one of the leaders of The Temple in 1896 by W. Q. Judge in answer to a question on Renunciation.

"It is true that from the standpoint of the world renunciation after renunciation seems a terrible thing, but how does it appear from the point of view of one who has renounced? Has he nothing in the place of that which he has renounced? Has he not power

and knowledge which he could have attained in no other way, and can he not become a co-worker with nature? The valleys and planes are only delightful and pleasant to those who know nothing of the mountain heights; and strenuous exertion and renunciation are required by one who would climb to the highest peaks; but once reached the climber finds himself above all storms and clouds; he has reached the eternal sunlight and found the peace which passeth all understanding. From below, the mountain top seems to be enveloped in clouds and fog, and it requires a strong conviction and an undaunted courage to enter the cloud, but the cloud only shuts off the world of reality from the world of illusion, and in the end we shall find that what we have renounced is the illusion and that what we have is the reality. The renunciation is, however, very real at the time, because our life is so covered over by illusion and this illusion appears to us to be the reality. It is only after the conflict with, and the domination of, the lower self that we shall be able to distinguish the real from the seeming and to know what true Peace is."

True peace is the neutral center where the veil of illusion has been lifted, the struggle with the lower self has been vanquished, and the results of renunciation are realized. The Soul no longer struggles with the things that seem so real, but forgets self and sacrifices and renounces its all for the good of the whole, remembering at all times the eternal truth that all men are now and have always been One in Essence; all have the same ultimate goal in their evolutionary progress.

When the Soul has finished its journey through the maze and intricacies of the path, it can enter the sacred abode where Divinity calls its own to itself—the Place of Peace, the neutral center, where renunciation lilies fill the cosmos with their essence of purity, fragrance and beauty.

P. F. D.

THE UNFORGIVABLE SIN

There is but one unforgivable sin. It is treachery to another human being, or to a righteous cause. There is but one virtue that can take a chela over all the obstacles the whole of the Black Lodge may lay in his pathway, and that is faithfulness.

Far better would it be that any one of you should go astray, as far as any line of physical straying could take you in your journey through life, than to fail in that one respect toward those to whom you had plighted the word of your soul.



THE TURN OF THE ROAD

There is no road but has its turning. Do not forget. Ofttimes the turn leads into smooth, straight running. And when perchance it leads but into another curve there should be no reason for discouragement. A greater blessing may even lie therein. A curve may be used to encompass an obstacle which cannot otherwise be removed or overcome, or it may be to ease the way to the top in a difficult climb.

Impatience to arrive, resentment of conditions of the way cause loss of strength and ability to walk in safety. Brave determination with serenity of mind is always accompanied with power and success.

There are always resting spots, however limited and brief, to be found by those who keep keen watch. Behold, in these places I myself wait to offer you the steaming dish, nourishment for soul and body to sustain you for continuation of the journey. Fruit of the vine, refreshment of spirit itself I also extend to you. Yours is the privilege to partake. I can but offer.

This and more I have assured you before. Forgetfulness means lack of faith or cowardice. Fatigue must come, but passes. Doubt grows like a creeping vine, matting, entangling itself around sturdier objects until they become enmeshed thereby, lose their natural form, gradually become devitalized and useless.

Search past words of mine, if you will, and you may find my signature. Otherwise must you drift along, unless within your souls some inner chord responds in recognition clear and strong enough to lead you through to the end.

The weakling drops in march. The valiant bears the colors high unto death, accepting weariness, danger, all that goes with battle in defense and protection of his cause, as privilege bestowed upon him by the Commander in Chief.

There is but one slogan for the soldier who enters the Army of the Lodge, and that slogan is "ONWARD UNTO VICTORY, THOUGH VICTORY BE DEATH."



THE LORDS OF KARMA

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In one sense the Lords of Karma are the administrators of Divine Justice—the Supreme power of the Universe, the Lord God Omnipotent—the first reflection of the Absolute—the creator of motion, therefore the creator of cyclic action upon which all law is dependent.

The Lords of Karma—high spiritual entities—guide and direct the action of every form of force and energy set free by gods,

angels or men. The Higher Self of man is his own judge and executioner, but the Higher Self can only apply the effects of a given cause to the personal self after the Lords of Karma have reversed the stream of energy set free by that personal self as a result of any act that is contrary to law, for Divine Law cannot be broken with impunity. Disobedience to a Divine Law may obstruct the action of that law temporarily, but cannot do so permanently. Cyclic action will ultimately bring about conditions comparable to those which existed at the time the law was broken. The Karmic results of the disobedience may have been worked out in the meantime, leaving, as it were, opportunity for final adjustment and a clear field at the close of the cycle.

Man is so bound by familiar terms of expression, he is greatly handicapped in his efforts to understand super-physical phenomena when they are presented in unfamiliar terms, and there are but few terms in the English language by means of which certain forms of energy may be designated, or their action on the physical plane described; for instance, the forms or degrees of energy which are generated by different sounds and motions and which so far as may be observed by the senses have no exterior effects. Every spoken word or sound, as well as every act of man, tends to free a definite form of energy which must take a clearly defined course according to the guidance of the Lords of Karma.


If you throw a stone into a pool of water, thus setting the water in motion, you have released some form or degree of energy; the waves of water will move outward until they reach the verge of the pool, where they will receive the impetus to return to their starting point. But action will not cease with that one round, the waves will complete many rounds before the initial force is exhausted, and the number of rounds will depend largely upon the size and weight of the stone cast into the water. So it is the size and weight of the stone, the original cause or motive of the act, which is cast into the Ocean of universal Life that determines how many times the waves—the effects of that cause—will return to the one responsible for the act, or how many incarnations will be affected as a result of that act.

There are three grand divisions of the Lords of Karma, and very many times three minor divisions. As there is continuous interpenetration and correlation between different grades of force and substance, there is correspondingly continuous interchange, synchronous vibration, between all degrees and orders of the Lords of Karma and with the Higher Selves of all humanity; consequently there is no possibility of a miscarriage of Divine Justice as a finality. For instance, a man may commit a murder as a result of a carefully considered plot and from an utterly selfish motive, thus throwing a very weighty stone—a great evil—into his individual pool of life and setting free a powerful stream of energy. Instead of allowing that stream of energy, weighted with evil as a

result of the action of will and motive, to run its course and injuriously affect countless others, the Karmic Lords may turn that stream of energy back on its course to the Auric sphere of the one who sent it forth. The energy so returned is utilized by the Higher Self in working out the effects of that original cause upon the lower or personal self; and, as the cause was so powerful for evil in itself, it may take the personal ego many incarnations to work out all the effects of that one cause; i. e., the waves of the individual pool would return again and again to the point—the cause—where that heavily weighted stone was cast into the pool.

It is a mistake to believe that the one who commits murder on the physical plane in one life must be killed in another life by his victim in order to satisfy the Karmic Law. Such another act of disobedience to Divine Law could not satisfy Divine Justice. Divine Law always acts for the ultimate benefit of humanity, even when its decrees bring sorrow and loss upon the units of a race or a nation. Evil can never be overcome by evil on any plane of existence. The Higher Self has other ways of utilizing the return wave—the stream of energy turned back by the Karmic Lords, in such an instance as I have mentioned. In the eyes of the average man the punishment meted out to the murderer by the Higher Self might not seem commensurate to the crime, but if he were able to see far enough into the future to behold the final result of the decrees of Karmic Law upon the incarnating ego of the murderer, he would be satisfied with the administration of Divine Justice.

I have taken one of the worst of crimes to illustrate my point; but the breaking of any Divine Law will bring results in perfect accord with Divine Justice, and all such universal laws are founded on universal principles. Those principles are the very foundation stones of the universe, and are therefore irrevocable and unalterable. So far as man-made laws are identical with Divine Laws they are just; but when they vary in the least they are mutable and cannot always stand the test of life.

H—

From "From The Mountain Top"

LOVE IS GOD

If the lips now sealed by the Angel of Death might unclose and permit the spirit now hovering near to speak in earthly tones, it would say,—“Behold, I that was dead am alive forevermore. The Gates of Hell are closed behind me, and I have entered into mine inheritance. Wherefore do you weep for me?”

“There is no death, my beloved, nothing but life, life, life, everywhere and forever.

“What matters it that ye lay down my body, a wornout shell, an empty chrysalis, that so my flight be not impeded? For I go

to the place prepared for me, radiant with joy, full of that peace that passeth understanding. Be patient with me yet awhile that I leave thee in loneliness, and let not the delusion of space blind thee to the truth that thou art with me, though thou knowest it not,—for nothing can separate souls bound by Love. They are entwined by the force of that Love with bonds far stronger than those of earth,—for Love is God. 'Blessed are ye that mourn, for ye shall be comforted.' 'Lift up your gates, and the King of Glory shall come in'—those gates of the body which close the portals of the soul before all weary eyes, eyes that will not unclose for the King of Glory to enter until their lids are raised by the power of intuition, or beaten down by the Angel of Death. 'Show me a dead thing,' said a sage, 'and I will destroy the whole doctrine of immortality.' Is this a vain boast, or a promise of eternal joy?"



THE AVATAR

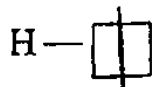
As so many erroneous ideas about the Coming Avatar have been given out, especially from certain movements along advanced lines of thought, we are continuing reprints of articles from the Temple publication, "The Coming Avatar." It was through The Temple that the Lodge of Masters first gave out the truth of the Coming Avatar at this cycle.

This announcement was, in the words of Master Hilarion, The Annunciator, "The first scientific statement" made of that world event. As such it was based on the action of the exact cyclic and cosmic Law that governs the evolution of man. It foretold the far-reaching world changes that would occur in all fields of endeavor, following the descent of the forces of that great Entity into the outer planes of life.

We call the attention of readers to the June-July and October-November issues of the Artisan for more on this subject. Following is the Announcement made public not long after the founding of The Temple as the occult body of the Avatar.

THE MESSAGE

"Hearken, ye children of the New Dispensation! The time is near at hand when He who is to come will reappear among men for the Unification of the races of the earth. Open your eyes that you may see! Open your ears that you may hear! And open your hearts that the Son of Man may have a place to lay His head, lest He pass you by and ye know Him not."



Because of the revolutionizing effect of this descent of the forces of the Avatar into the lives and hearts of men, precipitating the evil, and ordering, organizing and illuminating the good and the true, these words are—for him who has the Heart to read between the lines—as vital and full of power to stir the soul today as when uttered. They are as true as if now uttered for the first time. They are as certain as is the dawn of a great New Day whose banner is even now flying in the Light of the Risen Star over the smoke of battlefields. They are Living Words, and proclaim the Son of God come again to dwell among men.

DIVINE STATUS OF AN AVATAR

The student of occultism who has accepted the teachings of the Masters of Wisdom anent the illusory character and the impermanence of all matter on the physical plane, and the reality and endurance of the three higher of the seven states of manifested life, namely, Atma, Buddhi, and Manas, is prepared to accept the statement that the Christos, or Buddhi, "the first born Son of God," is in fact a state of energy, although far beyond the investigation or even the imagination of man in his present state of existence. It is taught that this state of energy is actually Spiritual Light, the original Source of all Light, and that it is reflected within the mentality of man and also in that of every living creature in varying degrees. Therefore every man is a potential Christ.

The brighter the illumination of mind resulting from the reflected light of the Christos, the more rapidly does the mentality of the normal human being absorb or assimilate and generate that energy and approach the state of evolution which makes possible his admission to one of the highest orders of manifested life, the Avatara Order, in which he is prepared for open avowal of his mission in the world. A fully prepared Avatar has gained full power over physical life and death and over all matter which constitutes form in the lower orders of life. He has passed through myriads of lives in these lower orders, as well as through many of the higher orders of Adeptship ere he reaches the Buddhistic state, from which he enters perfection—wherein he becomes an individual Christ, a Saviour of the race to which he belongs by evolutionary right.

At the beginning of every great age in the earlier stages of a Manvantara the Avatar karmically connected with the units of a previously great race reincarnates in the body of a child, grows to maturity, and eventually proclaims his mission as teacher, therefore Saviour, of all those who may accept him.

When the Ego of an Avatar has reached and possibly passed into the Buddhistic order of life, it may not be necessary for it to reincarnate in the body of a child on earth or on any other planet of this solar system. It has evolved a form similar to that which

the disciples of Jesus saw at the time of his transfiguration—a glorified body, sometimes termed a Nirmanakaya Robe, which is visible only through the interior sense of sight in the case of physical man. The Nirmanakaya Body of a great Buddha would be like unto a sun in brightness to the psychic sense of the observer; and, if in the course of the evolution of the race a change in vibration had occurred which had unsealed the interior vision of the units of that race, they might envision the Buddha or Christ as clearly as they might now behold an Avatar in a physical body, were one upon the earth.

From "Teachings of the Temple."

ANALOGY, BIOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL

In the Bhagavad-Gita we read that Krishna, a symbol of any Avataric manifestation, reincarnates among men "whenever there is a decline of virtue and an insurrection of vice in the world," and that this manifestation is for the purpose of "the preservation of the just and the destruction of the wicked." In other words, it is the saving or redeeming principle that comes into manifestation whenever conditions have arrived at that stage of disintegration and chaos that would subvert the Divine Plan, if long continued.

We find analogies for this fundamental truth in alchemy, in chemistry, in biology, and in the history of all the old races of the earth. In alchemy the "Elixir of Life," or "Alcahest," is generated when certain grades of matter have reached a prepared stage of decomposition, fermentation or dissociation of essential elements, thus liberating the spirit of light within. This might be crudely referred to as the ferment or yeast of life. In chemistry it is a condition of nascence, when atoms are torn apart and new combinations formed. Great forces are liberated at that particular moment. In biology the process is represented when certain cells or elements are grouped so that an entirely new entity comes into manifestation with vital powers and consciousness not existing before.

In races we find this manifestation taking place when the racial consciousness has reached a low ebb of morality. Then a redeeming force appears in the form of a teacher or spiritual leader representing the Avataric Principle, according to the degree required by that particular race. Thus we have Krishna, Buddha, Confucius, and others of the East; Quetzalcoatl of the Aztecs and Incas; Hiawatha of the Indians, and Christ coming to the whole world through Jesus the Nazarene. All of these strove to unify discordant elements in the races in which they worked, or in the whole world, and to give a higher impulse to human thought and consciousness.

When the world reaches a stage of disintegration or chaos, it is an indication that it is ready for this great phenomenon to occur;

for as with the atoms in the chemical reaction, a stage of nascence is imminent, and this is the beginning of a new birth, a new combination and liberation of inner forces of light, life, electricity and, in terms of the human, of higher love and Divine Light. All of these symbolize and actually represent a manifestation of Avataric Force which in the Sanscrit sense means a descent of God into or through matter.

In the year 1898 the Masters of Wisdom imparted to those in charge of the Temple work knowledge of a great event that had occurred on inner planes, namely, the descent of the Christ or Avatar from the higher plane to the lower astral by a process corresponding to that of birth. Growth and development would occur on that plane analogous to the outer plane, and this Great One would be clothed, so to speak, with forces and powers. Within thirty years of the time mentioned a full manifestation would occur, and as time went on from the date referred to (1898) humanity would feel more and more the impingement of this Avataric Consciousness.

Since 1898 a special service known to Templars of the inner degrees has been held in connection with this cosmical event, and interactions of force occur between the Avatar and those participating in this service, which has a profound occult bearing on the process of manifestation of "the Perfected Man and Master."

No one can or may know the exact moment, hour, month, or method of the Divine Coming. That is one of the great mysteries. It is a profound spiritual rule that the Great One always manifests in the most unexpected manner and will not be heralded by the blare of trumpets nor by any prearranged newspaper publicity. In other words, He will be known by His force, His power, and by what He says and does.

W. H. D.

A GUARDIAN WALL

"I have scarcely ceased telling you during the last decade that your right to the protection and help of the White Lodge, and, what is of much more importance, the possibility of preparing as it were for the coming central figure of a new humanity, rests upon implicit obedience to the laws laid down, and not upon the action of any personality.

We can easily displace one or a dozen disciples from positions which have been usurped or misused; but we cannot form the Guardian Wall for that Great Center, the coming Avatar, without the suitable, steadfast, coherent stones (disciples) with which to build it; and without that Wall no such Center can maintain individual form for any length of time on the physical plane."

From "Teachings of the Temple."

H. —

IN HIS PRESENCE

"I will endeavor to realize the presence of the Avatar as a living Power in my life."

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

It was in 1898 that the Temple, in an Inner Order, known as the Order of the 36, gave out the great Message that the Avatar had been born on the astral plane and within a specified time would descend to this outer plane—not, however, by process of ordinary birth, but by a process of condensation of this astral body now developing on an inner plane; and that as this development went on humanity generally would feel, more and more, the presence and nearness of the Coming Christly Power.

In consequence all that would transpire in the world would be preparatory to that Great Event, in all fields of human activity, religious, scientific, political and economic.

The heavens themselves proclaim this to be the Messianic cycle. The stars are singing it, the hearts of humanity are attuning to it. The old order is passing away and the New Order of the Ages is upon us. Look with the inner eye and harken with the inner ear, and the signs and sounds that herald the rosy dawn as a new day for humanity will be apparent.

Yet it is folly and vanity for anyone to predict just how this Christly Entity will appear and in what guise, whether it be with transcendent power or transcendent humility—or as an invisible, yet life-giving Sun (Son), warming and changing the Heart of the world in the twinkling of an eye. Those who **know** say that the Christ ever comes in the most **unexpected way**, yes, even as "**the thief in the night.**"

Keep clean your heart and mind, and the earnest endeavor to **realize His Presence daily** will assuredly help in the recognition of the Christ glimpsed in the bloom of a flower, the soft glow of the stars, the shine of kindly acts in daily life, or the spirit of Love impelling all humanity to ideals of truest Brotherhood.

W. H. D.

THE CHRIST WITHIN ALL

The Holy Presence is ever waiting to manifest in and through all who are prepared—in whom selfishness is being transmuted to self-less-ness and in whom the closed bud of a personal idea is unfolding to the blossom of the One Eternal Universal Self.

While in Messianic cycles the Christos may manifest through one sensitive opening in the great iron wall that surrounds humanity and shuts out that humanity from the shine of its Inner Higher Self—yet the great fact remains that the Christ is always **with** and **in** us

—though we know it not—and though we look afar for that which is ever at hand.

Assuredly, until we are able to recognize the Christ within ourselves **and in one another**, we shall never be able to recognize Him where He will manifest in fullest power through some particular embodiment, at some particular time. We would be more apt to reject Him because we had not learned the lesson of the Christly "signs"—the lessons which the Heart alone can teach.

Get out of the personal ruts. Smash the hard crystallized thought-forms in the mind which have become a creed as to how this one or that one, or the Masters and the Gods, should conduct themselves in **your** view. Rather, ask yourself if you are conducting **yourself** in accord with love and brotherhood, instead of hate and disunity.

If we, as students of the Higher Life, allow ourselves to become attached to any **mortal plan** concerning ourselves or others, the Lords of Karma and spiritual evolution will assuredly break us to pieces on that point.

For the great and Eternal Truth is—that **Humanity is One** on a higher plane, and on the lower planes of human life the karmic lines and bonds forged, made and broken through ages past must be adjusted and readjusted while we learn the basic lesson of our Unity with the **All**—with all our other selves—as we help to bear the burden of the Great-World-Mother in service and love.

W. H. D.

OCCULTISM FOR BEGINNERS

Second Series, No. XXVI

FUNCTIONS OF THE GREEN RAY

Green is the complementary color to red. Both are kamic colors; that is, they have to do with the Desire principle on the plane of manifestation. Green is animated by the desire of intelligence, or intelligent self-consciousness, whereas red is the desire of love emotion. Both colors are closely associated in function, yet each has a distinct field of operation.

Green as the fundamental color of outer nature performs such an important function that it is well to touch on its mythology as well as etymology, showing how the older races regarded this color.

"The Hebrew name of green is 'irq, viridis,' which also signifies verdure, green grass. This word comes from the roots 'ire,' to found, to regulate; and of 'rq' space, the firmament. Thus the name Green designates the beginning of time, the creation of the world, the birth of everything that exists. This is the meaning given to green in the work on symbolic colors, and which is constantly given to it on the Egyptian monuments.

"The God, Phtha, founder of the world, had green flesh. (On

inner planes this means a body of green light.) Phtha, says Champollion, is the active creating spirit, the divine intelligence, who undertook in the beginning the accomplishment of the universe, in all truth, and with supreme art. His flesh is always painted green. This divinity holds in its hand a sceptre, surmounted by four cornices which in the hieroglyphic writing is the symbol of co-ordination, and the root signifies to institute. This sceptre is painted of the four colors attributed to the four elements—the red denoting fire; blue, air; green, water; and the brown-yellow, or russet, sand or earth.

"Green was attributed to water, because, in Egyptian cosmogony, water was the primitive agent of creation. The word 'ire,' root of the name of green, signifies to place the foundation, and to sprinkle.

"From the signification of green arising from its name, and its attribution to the god-creator of the world, it is easy to make its application to other divinities. Thus the God Tore, or Thra, the world personified, is represented sitting in the ark floating on the green waters of cosmogony.

"The God Lunus, the moon, whose flesh is green, is also represented sitting in a bark, or bari, floating on green waters. The God Lunus was doubtless a cosmographic divinity, since he appears with the emblem of Phtha, the sceptre of co-ordination in his hand. The Hebrew name of the moon, 'irhe,' is formed of one of the roots of green, 'ire,' which signifies to found, to regulate, to institute. The same root, 'ire,' signifies also to instruct, to sprinkle. Thoth, the god-creator of man, founder of the social state, the god of science, of the sacred doctrine, has his flesh painted green on the monuments copied in Champollion's Egyptian Pantheon. Thoth pours over the head of the neophyte the waters of purification, symbol of the celestial dew.

"Netphe, mother of the gods, lady of heaven, as she is called, in the legend of that divinity, is often represented in the midst of the tree Persea, pouring the divine beverage over souls; her flesh is also green."

On December 31, 1900, the Master H. imparted to the inner group of Temple members the fact of the entrance into the earth's sphere, at that time, of a great Evolutionary Force belonging to the Green Ray, which would cause great changes in and with the earth and its humanity. He said, in substance, regarding this Force: It is what you would term a Master in one sense, what others would term a God in another sense. It is a form of the great evolutionary energy belonging to the Green Ray. This is very necessary at the present time in the development of the human race. It is a connecting link between the upper and lower Manasic planes, and comes for the purpose of raising the lower Manas in mankind to higher vibrations, that men may be able to accept and realize those occult truths which have been so generously poured out upon

humanity in the last century. It has been doing the same work for the planet Saturn. This same Entity worked with the Earth 35,000 years ago. It requires 5000 years to do the necessary work for each planet; then it passes to the next in order, and so around until it is time for it to return, as is now the case with the earth. As soon as it contacts the outer layer of the earth's atmosphere, it at once awakens a new or more rapid vibration in the central sphere of the earth, the stationary energy of which is negative to its positive. This Force is now (1900) imminent; it has not as yet completed all connections. Some of you have seen this Force symbolized as a swan floating in green water. The swan in green water typifies the new manifestation in the new cycle, the Green Ray.

This subject will be continued in the next lesson.

W. H. D.

TEMPLE BUILDERS DEPARTMENT, Lesson No. 2

THE TEMPLES OF NATURE

Early one morning, as the sun was sending its first rays of light over the great ocean, a large wave tossed a grain of sand upon the shore. All day the waves continued to roll and each wave brought with it more sand to lay beside the first grain. When evening came a mound of sand was lying on the beach. Months and years passed—the waves continued to roll and bring the sands with them. Years and centuries have gone, and the waves are still rolling, the sand is still being washed up on the shore, until today great hills of sand are lying where once were only a few grains. Miles back from the shore the earth is covered with sand blown there from the sand-hills along the shore. As these great hills are built from tiny grains of sand, so all great works in life are built from little things.

Far out in this same great ocean a tiny coral insect was living. It held within its body a substance like lime. The insect longed to do something that the whole world might enjoy. All about it were the great waters. The coral insect gave into their keeping the strength, the lime, that lay within its body, then left the tiny body, and passed on to greater life, where it could do greater work.

Myriads of other coral insects have laid down their gift of lime beside that of the first one. Today large islands or reefs can be found in the ocean. The date palm grows upon them. Large passing vessels stop, and men gather the fruit, and while they gather, they study the branch-like, brain-like, fan-like, feather-like coral. They enjoy its beautiful tints and colors. They study the lessons that it teaches, and they leave, better, stronger, and more eager to help others and make their own lives more beautiful.

A little girl was lying on the sand with her mother, in front of their house. It was the same sand that had been washed in by the ocean. The house was back of one of the largest sand-hills. The hill protected them from the cold winds of the ocean.

As the mother and child lay on the sand, the mother told of how, long years ago, many wise and learned people lived on the shore where they were now lying. A great city was standing where the fields were now stretched before them.

The people had not done like the coral. They had not given all their strength to help all others, and the city had been taken from them, and the people scattered about like the sand. Some people say now that the sand-hills about them represent the desires of the ancient people who are coming back to their old home, eager to help in rebuilding the city they had lost. Some people also say that the city will be built again, more beautiful than ever before; that these sands will be used in building it; and that all the people who are here now will help in the work.

The mother and child talked together a long time. The little girl wondered how the new city would look. Her mother told her that it must have in its centre a Temple of Truth, if the city would stand, and that all the people must help in the building of it, first by being true in all they would do, and by each one placing a stone in the mighty building.

Then the child planned how she could do most good for all, and wondered how the Temple would look.

The stars came out one by one. Silence fell upon the two, until the child jumped to her feet in glad delight and exclaimed to her mother, "The stars are Temples." "Yes," the mother said, "they show us the glory and love of God. They give us a peep into Heaven. They tell us to be good that we may be temples too. The ocean is a temple. It washes this sand on the shore for us, and only yesterday it threw at my feet a piece of the beautiful coral men value so highly." "O Mother! you too are a Temple of God," the child said lovingly. "You give your life in helping others." "Yes," the mother said, "we all are temples, and we all are Temple Builders."

Then the mother told the child that she had indeed seen the Temple, and that she knew her daughter would be a Builder of it. "Some Temples," the mother said, "are dark. The coal mines are of this kind. They have great strength and warmth within them, but they must be touched with a spark of light or heat before they can give out their warmth to others. Many people are dark temples. They keep their strength and helpfulness for themselves, and move among their companions like a useless piece of stone. But maybe a happy child, or a severe sorrow, touches their hearts, and they go about doing good for others. Then it is that the Temple shines like the diamond and the sun. The sun gives forth its beams and makes all things grow with its light and heat. So when we let the light of our good deeds shine we not only glorify these temples of ours, but we help in building all other temples." The mother also said that the builders shall meet much tribulation, but that their sorrow shall wash their robes, and that 'They shall be before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in His Temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.'

'They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more . . .'

'For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them

and shall lead them unto living fountains of water; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

(Reprint.)

Jane W. Dower

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

During the months of December and January the following services and lectures were held in The Temple: On the first Sundays of the months the Feast of Fulfillment was celebrated, followed by the Devotional Service. December 13, in the Sunday service, Elmer Hedin spoke on "Voices of the New Cycle." December 20, at 11 a. m., the Temple Builders held their Christmas meeting in the Temple. The afternoon service was dedicated to Christmas carols. On Christmas Day, the Feast of Fulfillment was celebrated. December 27, Roberta Shumway spoke on "Light on the Path." On New Year's Day, a Temple reception was held in Hiawatha Lodge. January 10, Fred Whitney spoke on "A Lodge Center." January 17, Duncan Ferguson spoke on "Bread of the World." In this meeting, as well as in the Inner Order meeting on January 19, the birthday anniversary of Blue Star, First Guardian-in-Chief of The Temple, was commemorated. January 24, Cethil Mallory lectured on "Keeping Step with the Cycles." January 31, Isabella Tarbox spoke on "Whatever Things are True."

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