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THE TEMPLE

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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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UNTO THEE A KEY

THE SPEECH OF CHRIST

He who would tell thee that the Christ doth speak to him in words, deceives himself and thee.

Not so doth speak the Christ.

By deeds of Love and Justice the Christ must utter thought if He would speak to man while man is man. By deeds must give the key the Morning Star sounds forth to constellations bright—the Hosts of Heaven who sing the Cosmic Symphonies age after age.

Words are impotent to express or voice the thoughts of God; and only man, of all created things, hath scorned the thoughts expressed in deeds and in their stead has chosen sound of his own voice in speech to satisfy his soul.





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EDITORIAL MIRROR

All sincere occult students are searching for spiritual knowledge and its practical application—the correlation of the inner and outer planes of Life.

In studying the hidden truths one finds great similarity in the origin of life in its esoteric and exoteric form, which shows a definite plan beginning with the Great Spirit of all life. It shows how all thoughts and ideas, wherever sent forth, were motivated by the same inspiration, and that all mankind was fostered under the same divine protection—under the same Wings of the Great Bird of Life.

There are many testings to block one's progress, and many hours of discouragement owing to the operation of the Law of action and reaction, that is, the results of one's own actions, whether good, bad or indifferent. Sometime, somewhere the Great Light will shine through, and all the efforts and experiences will have been more than worth-while, as the interaction between the two poles will have worked out one's destiny, and natural law cannot be diverted from striking a balance in exact justice.

In order to build in the higher qualities, one has to rise above the seemingly unsurmountable obstacles.

There is one attribute which is necessary and very important in the development of occult living and growth, and that is the attribute of GRATITUDE. The force generated by gratitude stands for true accomplishment. It is a force of great occult significance and is closely associated with the Law of Supply and Demand, as are all the higher qualities in the occult scale of attainment.

When a demand is made the Law of supply must be fulfilled by the action of Divine Will, and the results will be in accordance with the sincerity of the gratitude expressed and appreciation shown. Without this outpouring of the force of gratitude for life's blessings the act of Will cannot be completed; it is stopped on its way to attainment by the Great Law which has been thwarted in its action through ingratitude. This is the cause for many unfulfilled desires in human life.

A grateful soul unconsciously vibrates the higher forces and

brings into action the laws that fulfill his unselfish desires in whatever lines of constructive endeavor he may function.

Many factors enter into this important force of Gratitude. No help from God or man, no answer from on high to a prayer, no service rendered in the Spirit of true brotherhood, should be received without deep gratitude in one's heart to the bestower of any act of kindness. Where there is love in one's heart, there is gratitude; where there is a sense of justice there is also a sense of gratitude for helpfulness and courtesies extended to one's fellow men. The disciple must be truly grateful to the Lodge of Masters, and to the devoted and loyal comrades in this sphere of action, if true growth is to be accomplished.

This attribute of thankfulness must become a permanent part in the lives of all occult students, to strike a higher note in the grand scale of true Harmony, and to be ever obedient to the Divine Will.

In the last analysis there is but One Will active in the whole Universe—the Will of God—and when man realizes this fundamental law he will also know that any digression from fulfilling the higher qualities through ingratitude will delay his coming into his divine inheritance. The human will must become identified with the Divine Will for spiritual development and understanding.

P. F. D.

CONCERNING A LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Forty-six years ago The Temple of The People was founded, proclaiming the coming of the long prophesied Avatar and the imminence of a great struggle in the human race out of which would issue far-reaching changes in the social and spiritual status of man. On the dark side of these changes were due to come "the worst wars that ever devastated the earth" in the course of which whole races and nations would be wiped out, and physical changes would take place in the earth itself.

But on the other side of the shield, the bright side, would come one of the greatest Lights of Divine Love, Truth, Wisdom and Power that ever shone into the heart and soul of man, sent for his protection and redemption—if he will—and affording him the highest opportunity for spiritual understanding and righteous advancement that has occurred on this dark star for hundreds of thousands of years. This The Temple has proclaimed without ceasing during its near a half century of work.

And with these proclamations has gone out a true, straight and highly illuminative body of moral and spiritual instructions that covers the entire field of human endeavor, pronouncing 'a religion that is scientific.' And these instructions are not something new written down to capitalize on the evils of the hour and

exploit a nostrum for their cure. They are the restated knowledge of the Gods, that Theos Sophia that has been taught by all the great teachers and saviours of humanity throughout the ages to nations and races since man began being taught by word of mouth. They are pure Truth from the Archives of the race, immortal, steady and sure, as anyone may discover to his enduring good who is willing to read them with thoughtful consideration. Armed thus The Temple has sought to carry an awakening message to the masses and a beacon on high for every soul who earnestly tries to know and understand.

At the beginning of The Temple work the Master, in alluding to the work of the Lodge for humanity in this great cycle, said, "It is only the few, here and there one, that are holding the balances now, but we are making the effort of our long line of incarnations to change these conditions, and we have a great hope that it may be done . . . The new John the Baptist has been sent forth. If the people will hear and obey it is not too late; but if they turn away, if they will not obey, there is nothing that can save them."

In behind the physical lines of this world struggle rages the actual war in which the gage of battle is the souls of men. This war could not be averted, but it would have been won without the present horrible cost to the Soul of man had the messengers and the message of the Lodge been heard and heeded, but they have not.

In the midst of this struggle The Temple holds place; and forecasts of events producing changes in all lines of human action have been repeatedly made by The Temple. One of these is dealt with in the following article which includes a communication from the Master, referring to the former League of Nations, indicating how the evolution of man impels the formation of such a league at some time, and stating that if the effort then being made failed another would be made by the Lodge "within a comparatively short time." The world is now on the eve of this second great effort to form and hold a federation of the nations of the world for the good of man. Whether it will succeed or not depends entirely on the power in devotion to ideals, righteous love of truth, enduring altruism and true brotherhood exerted by those who see the Day that has to come if the human race is to go on up the path to its Eternal Goal.

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Following is the article referred to above. It is an address by Dr. W. H. Dower given at the Temple Convention in 1919 and reprinted from the Temple Artisan.

Dear Temple Comrades:

At the beginning of the Temple work in 1898 we received this message and advice from the Master: "You have been called to a great feast; do not condemn the appointments of the table."

The substance of that feast is the spiritual teachings and forces that the Masters have poured out upon us, and the "appointments of the table" are the vehicles and methods through which the forces come to each Temple member. This includes the methods of the Temple work, its management, the plans and personal ideas of the Heads of the work as they direct things from their angle of Many there are who enter the ranks who inner and outer vision. at once begin to criticise and exclaim: "why do things this way or that way, do them some other way—my way, for instance." And with this force, they condemn the appointments of the Temple, and spoil or materialize the spiritual feast set before them by the Masters of Love and Wisdom. On the other hand those who accept the "appointments of the table" are regaled by a divine feast of love and reason enriching greatly their inner nature, correlating thereby more closely with the Divinity within.

The spiritual forces of the higher realms are seeking more and more incarnation in and through material vehicles. As they succeed, the world will be raised to a higher level, so that eventually the world as we know it will come to an end. We shall have a new world, a new order and a new humanity. This New Humanity will call for a World State embracing all the nations of the earth in closest ties of Universal Peace and Brotherhood.

At the present time, however, the world is in a state of acute inflammation as a result of the great world war. Everything is abnormal or seems abnormal. Nothing is seen in right perspective The fever of unrest is upon the peoples of the or proportions. earth and this must continue until time has healed the wounds and the economic and political equilibrium is established again on what should be a higher and more natural order of things. other words the world is temporarily unbalanced. We can all help the world to regain its balance by keeping balanced ourselves, not vibrating on the extremes. Establish the White Cross of Balance in ourselves and let its radiations go out to all people and we shall help the world immensely to regain true equilibration. The Temple should be a Centre for this equilibration and this depends upon its units observing the above requirement. If we vibrate on the extremes we miss the Middle Path which is the Path of the Christ-who has the power to draw on the forces of either extreme at will but is not caught in the grip of that extreme -entrapped as it were. Also, let us remember when the world is in perfect Balance then can the Christos—the White Light of Unity, appear and do its work among the children of man.

All forces point to the fact that this is a Messianic age and that conditions are preparing for the advent of a Redeeming Force or Entity that will rule the earth in accordance with Divine Law and Will. But first the Old Order must pass away, and the na-

tions of the earth must have passed the point where another great world war is possible. Our spiritual evolution is stayed as a race until that is accomplished, which means that a Family or League of Nations is the next necessary step in our collective evolution.

Diversity must become Unity following the law of evolution of the clan into the tribe and the tribe into the principality or state and the State into the Nation, and the next step is binding the Nations of the planet into the World State and the eventual establishment of the Universal Republic. I will now read a communication from the Master on the ideal of a League of Nations, as it is fitting that The Temple in times of uncertainty or doubt be able to transmit to its members and the world a strong and clear ray of constructive light that will enable all to see their way clearly and have something to hold to based on fundamental verity:

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

I have been asked to give an expression of the attitude of the Masters of Wisdom on the proposed League of Nations. In order to do so I must first call your attention to the fact that every movement made for the unifying of the differentiated races of this planet has originally sprung from some spiritual impulse set in action by the Initiates of the Great White Lodge, but the final success of any such movement must depend upon the loyalty and devotion to purpose of the races most vitally concerned.

In order to utilize the power of that spiritual impulse while such a movement or plan is in a formative state, the Masters of Wisdom must have an organic body on the physical plane under their direction wherein they can create and establish necessary lines of influence. They must have a body of Neophytes which will act as a fulcrum within which they can place the lever of their power in order to break down the barriers which the Black Lodge is continually building between peoples and races.

The ideal form for the establishing of a Brotherhood of Nations has hung in the Etheric Universe for ages and has even been objectified on other planets. It is the intuitive perception of some aspect of this form by one or more strong characters which has led to every organized attempt to unite mankind for the establishment of a spiritual, social or political purpose. It has been the abortion of many such efforts by the Initiates of the Black Lodge that has served to make this planet the hell it has become for countless numbers of human beings.

The deplorable conditions existent here today are primarily due to the apostasy, the betrayal, the criminal neglect of the foresworn disciples of religious organizations and recreant neophytes of the Lodge who have consciously or unconsciously become, as it were, points of contact for the use of more powerful entities in

destroying or crippling the efforts of those who are striving to build true to form every organized center for the breaking down of barriers which have arisen between man and man, nation and nation; and again today as of yore it will depend largely upon our success in building and sustaining the before-said organic center or fulcrum and so establishing the necessary lines of influence within that center as to how far we can help the Masters in objectifying the etherial form previously mentioned, in the present effort of mankind to create a brotherhood of nations.

No form of organization can have a permanent existence without a spiritual base. We cannot leave God out of a form we are striving to build and make that form live, and it will be your fault, my fault and the fault of all men who recognize their responsibility if the center, the fulcrum, is not established and maintained for the use of the Masters of Wisdom in the present great emergency.

Whether you are a neophyte of the Temple, a member of the Catholic church, the Masonic fraternity, a Buddhist or a member of any other organization whose basic tenet is a belief in God, your first duty is to combine as effectively as possible with others of the same mind within the body of which you are an integral part in order to strengthen the lines which unite you and whereby you in company with the Masters can help to bring into objective form the before-mentioned divine plan of a brotherhood of nations and make of it a body, a center wherein the White Lodge can generate sufficient power to tear out every antagonistic element that manifests within it, and that can build strong and true all lines leading to and from that objective form as time passes and the cyclic law affords opportunity for so doing.

If the representatives of the nations now engaged in building a form can catch and hold the spiritual forces we set free for that purpose, much advance will be made. If they are not able to do so that form will be gradually dismembered and will be built anew within a comparatively short time.

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From this it may be seen that the League of Nations which will lead naturally to a Brotherhood of Nations has been a plan of the Masters of Wisdom from time immemorial. All their work in and for humanity eventuates in the practical realization of this great Ideal. . . .

In view of events that have occurred during the past year affecting the life of the world, it is fitting to quote here from my report of last year bearing on certain Temple prophecies.

"The fulfillment of these prophecies will bring about inevitably a condition of Universal Peace through a League of Nations to enforce such Peace, and thus establish the first concrete step in the formation of a practical Brotherhood of Man on earth. For it should be self evident that before we can have a condition of Universal Brotherhood we must first have a condition of permanent Universal Peace. . . and the Master has said all would come to pass as 'it was written on the inner Light.' . . .

Observe the decentralizing forces now rampant on the earth. This results from the breaking of old forms but this decentralization is in itself contrary to natural law and but the evidence of a reaction from the other extreme. Therefore The Temple, which is based on the Hierarchical lines of the Great Lodge and holds the central point of Lodge work for this cycle, calls attention to this Law of Centralization. If the world is to be brought out of chaos this Law of Centralization must be upheld whether in the national, international, economic, or social field of life. Centralization must of course be fundamentally based on TRUTH and MORAL RIGHT. From the Central Sun-the Master of all Masters-the White Light, which includes all light, to the sun of a solar system, the nucleus of a cell, the heart or brain of a body, there must always be the Central Point of radiation of substance. force or consciousness. This is immutable eternal law manifesting in all realms of consciousness and life.

We must remember that the Universal Temple includes all humanity, so there are many Temple members who are not affiliated on the outer plane. Through all who are attuned the Great Lidge forces pass for helping humanity to a higher level whether one be conscious of the force passing or not.

W. H. D.,

August, 1919.

FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP THE WORKSHOP

"Come apart with me, thou child of my begetting. Come apart from all the noisy crowd. Come from under the weight of man's infirmities and sins. Come away from the path of the flood of women's tears, the pressure of helpless children's cries, those cries which beat unceasingly upon the ears of tender souls.

"Come thou with me into the cleft of yonder rock; lie down and rest, and I will show thee wondrous things which thou mayest bring to pass on earth, if so thou wilt." Thus spake the Christ.

Behold the city of a thousand hills—a city white and glorious; and in the midst thereof see thou the poor in spirit, the lame, the halt, the blind, the castaways of all the earths the cyclic sweep of Time hath gathered up. And over all the mighty throng, like outspread wings above a nest, see thou the Peace of God, the Glory shining from His face and sweeping o'er and o'er each worn and battered form, until that form is lost within the Glory to appear again like unto God.

Then see thou One in simple majesty of form who says unto the throng about Him: "Listen, children of my soul! Lo! have suffered, labored, danced and played these many years on earth, whence ye are now released. While under glamour of the Jinns ye have believed that ye were laboring hard and sore bestead; but now with me get ye unto your work-the work of Gods and Angels.

"The glory and the peace that ye have won with me must be transferred to earth and we must do the mighty work. Breathe deep and fill your hearts, and, by the strands of Love we weave. thereof, descend to earth swiftly. Silently seek out the rich, the powerful, the great, the sorely tempted, blind and halt and lame of soul who know not yet how poor they are, and, throwing off our breastplates, set free the streams of Love and Peace and Glory within our hearts, for sore indeed is now their need.

'The earth will change. There will be no more sea. Heaven will be brought to earth, the twain be merged in one, and then at last Love will be justified, its Will be done when we have loosed

the chains which bind the souls of men.

'All this will I show thee when thou comest apart with Me, for know ye now that Heaven is the Workshop of the Gods, and earth the playground of the Jinns.

"Man must make his Heaven if he would dwell therein, and he can only make it as he worketh day by day with Me, apart from all, yet One with All." Thus spake the Christ.

THE PLACE OF POWER

Temple Teachings. Open Series. Lesson No. 118

In these days, referred to by the ancient seers as "the latter rain," there is an outpouring of spiritual force that is drenching the souls of the illuminated with light, arousing the consideration of even the selfish man to a sense of the spiritual basis of life, and invoking a response from what may be termed the heart side of humanity, as never before in the history of mankind in the present age.

It is the force of the Christos, the Love force, the reconstructing, upbuilding, Universal fiery force sent forth from the Heart of God-the Holy Ghost, which always precedes the advent of a great Avatar, in order to prepare the people of the earth for This tremendous force operates in different His coming. different individuals, according to their the attributes to function it arouses, ability То desires it incites to action. some it comes gather the people together to protest against call to wrong: to others, as the voice of one "crying in the wilderness"

bidding them "seek out the poor, the lame, the blind" of body and of soul. To still others it comes as the power of the Great Physician, bringing them out of servitude to pain. To the few who catch the low wisper, "seek ye within," which comes from the point in the center of the circle of its gravitational motion. and who obey, it comes as an incentive to superhuman endeavor to find what is sought; and upon such as these the force finally centers and spends itself, for upon these will rest the power of its transmission to other races in other ages. The others may forget in the stress of trial and tribulation which must surely come upon the world from the awakening of the nether pole of this same force, as the nether pole of every force and form of energy, however spiritual or material, must awaken when the opposite pole of the same has spent its power; but not "the few" to whom I now address myself, for only these can find the seed of the truths I speak, however simply I word my message.

There is a spiritual basis for every atom of matter, and only the spiritual man, the pure minded, the self-sacrificing, worldembracing man can unite his conscious selfhood with the spiritual basis of that matter, and in the marriage so completed bring forth the fruit of that union—creative power, reconstructive, revealing

power.

You watch the growth of plant, of man, of crystal; you see constant changes taking place—disintegration of mass, molecule by molecule. You watch the new life spring from the apparently dead seed or root, and the great mystery awakens awe in you. You cannot perceive what is so evident to the great Seer, the marriage of the spiritual basis of that seed or root with the Universal Spirit which surrounds and interpenetrates it, the reunion of the separated life with the Universal Life, the contact of individual love with Cosmic Love, the overshadowing of the separated ray of light by the great spiritual Sun of Light; you can only perceive the results of the processes, unless you, too, are one of the Seers I mention—"one of the few."

If you are not one of these you may behold the marvels of what is termed spiritual or mental healing, you may perceive apparently miraculous exhibitions of psychic phenomena, the mysteries of hypnotism, mesmerism and of physical science, and accept the general interpretation of the same, but you will not be able to perceive the basic reality of all these seeming mysteries until you, too, have reached the stage of seership; and, my children, you never can reach that stage while you cling to a single material thing or creature, and will not let go your hold.

The circumference of the circle cannot touch the point in the center. It must break, and be absorbed, atom by atom, ere it can see into the depths which that point indicates, those depths where dwells in perfect selfless unity the basic source of Desire, Will, Resolution, and Devotion—Spiritual Love, which moves to action

the constructive powers latent in mind, the powers which may build an atom, a man, a world according to its divine prototype.

Like not only seeks, but it finds like. Only Love can find Love.

I cannot tell you, no one can tell you how to produce Love in yourself. I can give you a method of preparation for its advent, but the average man or even disciple will think it too difficult—yet he will use similar methods for obtaining far less results.

He will sacrifice himself and those who love him, will surrender food, clothes, and even life itself in a search for some material thing. He will undergo training to prove his physical superiority that is more severe on his physical body than the methods I refer to could possibly be.

He will force his individual mentality until the brain reels, his nerve force is exhausted, and he sinks into a senile decrepit wreck, to carry out some plan for what he deems a great undertaking, while half the same effort rightly directed would have given him the body of a Hercules, the brain of a Jove, and the long life of a Methuselah.

The same efforts, the same sacrifices, incited by the motive of awakening a response in his own soul to the spiritual Love which is always clamoring for admission and union, would have given him infinitely more than his present mentality can conceive.

Exactly as the constructive forces of nature build material forms by expansion and accretion, so are the creative and constructive forces themselves formed. As the cells of the blood stream die and are replaced by others and greater numbers of the latter by the action of the laws of physics, so the minutiae of the constructive forces are diminished and increased by the action of higher laws on the spiritual bases of their minutiae. From the dead form springs the new life over and over again in all fields of life.

From the dead and dying cells of your bodies may arise the new, the living cells, by means of the accretions of the minutiae of the constructive forces, making new blood, new tissue, new bodies, if you have made that divine marriage between the Love in your own soul and the Universal Love which surrounds and interpenetrates that soul.

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THE CIRCUIT OF THE SOUL

Temple Teachings. Open Series. Lesson No. 117.

Do you understand in the least how closely you are related to and connected with the Universal Lodge centers throughout all worlds and spaces, when once the divine, the Higher Self, has commenced to manifest in your soul?

Each such center has as definite a connection with every hu-

man soul as have the wireless electric outfits of great steamships on the ocean with similar outfits on the high places of the earth. Your inability to realize this fact fully is due to the paralyzing of the stations or centers in your own bodies and souls by long neglected or ignored opportunities, or by viciously crippling them with evil thought and action. Though it is no longer possible for you consciously and deliberately to send forth your message direct to all those greater centers, there are many which catch your feeble messages, your aspirations and desires, and answer them, and yet you do not understand.

Sometimes you think those answers are but fluctuations of your own mentality. Sometimes you crush them down and out of your consciousness because they bid you do that which you do not desire. At other times you stop and wonder how it is that some totally unfamiliar thought or word impinges upon your consciousness, and you strive to locate the cause.

The whole human race is bound together by a network of sound and light waves, and the thoughts and words of each person are impinging upon the mentality and psychic centers of others with tremendous power and activity; but it is only the fully developed occultist who can consciously direct the messages borne by these waves wheresoever he will, for only he has reawakened the once atrophied centers of brain and body which are requisite to accomplish this. Yet any normal person can do this if he is willing to spend the time and effort, and will put himself entirely under the guidance of one who is truly able to instruct him in this great and universal science.

Unfortunately for many sincere seekers, there is an ever increasing class of pseudo occultists who claim the power to so instruct man, and only succeed in making mental and physical wrecks of their victims.

The very first necessity for securing reliable and efficient instruction is such a purification of mind and body as but few among the races of earth are willing to submit to in this day and age. Of one thing you may rest assured, that the man or woman who tells you that he or she individually has the power to develop those long atrophied centers in you is invariably deceiving you, for not so will come your instructor to you, even if you prove yourself worthy.

Your own Higher Self will make known the means and method and the teacher when you are ready, for that Higher Self is in constant communication with the Higher Self in others, and only It is able to perceive the definite line, the circuit upon which your individual intelligence is located, and make the connection between you and others on that same line, who may karmically become your instructors.

That line or circuit is the Group Soul of which you are a part; and such communication as I have referred to is only possi-

ble in this age, and with the present human race, with the companion souls on that one circuit; but there are enough of those souls to communicate with to satisfy the mind of the average man, especially until after he has gone over that circuit.

In other ages, and with other races, the circuit will be widened; for there are groups of group souls, among which a wider intelligence, vaster experiences, more God-like powers obtain than can be realized by experience with a single such soul, and the evolution of man will place him in such relations with those grand centers in some future age as will enable him to partake of their knowledge and power.

The possibilities of man'are limitless. Then, will you to whom I speak be content to sit down in idleness, or spend your time in trivial pursuit, in gossip, or in reckless dissipations, and let your opportunities pass because they bring you some measure of sacrifice or pain, some effort, some endurance? Or will you be so careless of the warnings, the pleadings, of your present teachers as to risk such opportunities at the instance of some self-aggrandizing, self-advertised charlatan and deceiver? You may be enabled to choose wisely if you will. The choice is yours, but you must learn to choose by sacrifice. The currents set in motion by your thoughts must be strong and pure and able to pass over obstructions as the light flashes from one pole to another, or a condition will arise which corresponds to the short circuiting of an electric current; and so long as obstruction is possible by selfish or impure desire so long will you fail to make the requisite conscious connection between your mind and that of others who are at the higher centers of your circuit.

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TEMPLE BUILDERS DEPARTMENT THE MASTERS, Lesson No. 82

Part I

The Masters are the Heart Forces of Life. They are the Love that helps all living things rise into something higher and better than known before.

They are the warmth of the sun, the light of the stars, the quiet of the night, the richness of the earth, the strength of the stone, the beauty of the flower, the joy of the bird, the life of the insect, the innocence of the child, the wisdom of man, the power of the angels, and the glory of God.

They are in all nature throughout the entire universe of earths, seas, stars and suns. Wherever Love is, there are the Masters, and by love alone can they be known.

The body of Love, the body of the Masters is whatever expresses Love from one to another. The body of flower-beauty is the delicately colored petals, the stamens, pistil, and calyx. The sun-warmth has a body of burning gases. Child-innocence is embodied in flesh and nerves, muscles and blood. The body of angel power is like unto that of a child, only clearer, more sensitive and finer, of a more starry or astral substance, such as the stars are made of.

These and all other forms of love are the Masters, each in its own right place, giving the best it has and waiting to be lifted higher, ever higher into larger and holier love. The stone that does its work well shall be raised into life like the shellfish. The flower that blooms in perfection shall be free and gay as the butterfly. The Earth that swings true in its orbit shall become a brilliant sun of light in the heavens. The child who grows into manhood or womanhood, who does the best that it knows, who keeps fast hold of its innocence through all-things, shall become an angel of whiteness. The angels who refuse joy for themselves that they may be of more service to the earth children shall in time become the greatest of Masters.

Every child who has seen the unselfish, protecting love in its father's or mother's face has caught a glimpse of the Master. Any child who has felt the affection of the animal has seen the Master in another form. When children dream of the angels a Master is appearing before them through one of his messengers. The child who has dreamed of the angels will sometime stand face to face with the Masters in still holier form and hear their charge to seek for them in their own homes, among their playmates, and those who are orphaned and homeless. The child who can find the Master among those who are forlorn and unhappy will never ask again who and where are the Masters. It will have seen for itself and know that the Masters are Love and Love only. The Masters are Teacher-Friends who have learned many things about life, who can do many things that we cannot and who are using their knowledge to help others. The man who knows all there is to be known about carpentering is a carpenter-master. Others may know many things about carpentering and do fine work in the trade, but he alone who has gained full knowledge is named the master-carpenter.

Wherever love is, remember, there are the Masters. It would seem from the thoughts on the carpenter as if wherever knowledge is, there would the Masters be. This is correct if we bear in mind that all true knowledge must first come through love, and that it is by love alone that we finally learn to know all things.

No one is a Master just because he has knowledge, or because he says he is a Master, or because he has been in the presence of Masters. The wisest person that lives would not be a Master if there were no love in his heart. It is only by love in the heart, and by no other way, that anyone becomes a Master. There are Masters of Wisdom and Knowledge, of Science, of Art, and of Music; of home, of play and of labor, and all have love in their hearts, and this is what makes them Masters. When the love of the heart becomes great enough even death has no more terrors. The heart has then learned how to control both the body and the inner or astral senses. There are no mysteries any longer. Death becomes only a change, like the laying off of one garment to put on another; or like going from country to country, and viewing the changing scenery. The heart love has brought knowledge and power gained because of the desire to help others to stand on the higher levels.

(To be continued)

IN MEMORIAM

Another beloved Temple Brother has made the great transition: On April 8th Lawrence M. Monfort of Fair Oaks, California, passed from this plane.

Mr. Monfort was formerly a journalist and newspaper man and later in the employ of the Government. He and Mrs. Monfort joined The Temple in 1936 and later became Inner Order members. Our Brother was a true Templar, unselfish, kind, devoted, with high aspirations, supporting the Temple Cause both spiritually and materially. He loved The Temple and never missed an opportunity to visit the Temple Center, even if only for a few hours, so as to contact Halcyon and be strengthened and uplifted by the spiritual forces of The Temple. A sincere student of the occult, he was deeply concerned with the Karma of suffering humanity, and his ideal and aims were to become a true and real helper in the Cause of the Master for the human race.

Speed to you, our dear Brother, on the Path of Light. Our love goes with you to the place where the Great Father Heart of us all has called you.

THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL TEMPLE CONVENTION

at Halcyon will begin Sunday, August 6, and last through Thursday, August 10, 1944. The usual preliminary social gathering in Hiawatha Lodge will be held on Saturday evening, August 5.

We ask our Comrades and Friends who cannot be with us in person during the Convention days to join us in spirit, thus to share with us interiorly in the high Lodge forces which at this time are being sent into this Center and through it into the world at large for the help, comfort, and upliftment of humanity in these hours of greatest need of the human race.

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

The following services were held during the months of April and May in The Temple of The People at Halcyon: On each first Sunday, April 2 and May 7, the Feast of Fulfillment and the Devotional Service. On Easter Sunday, April 9, at 10:30 a.m., the Temple children—the Builders—held their Easter Services. At 3 p.m., the Feast of Fulfillment was

celebrated, followed by the Temple Choral Service.

During the Sunday afternoon services on April 16, Cethil Mallory spoke on "First Things First," on April 23, Elmer Hedin, on "Hierarchy." April 30, Cethil Mallory, owing to the absence of the Outer Guard, read some of the Master's Messages. The Inner Order meeting on May 9 was dedicated in commemoration to White Lotus Day, May 10, which marks the Anniversary of the Passing of Helena P. Blavatsky. May 14, Harold Forgostein spoke on "Art." May 21, Cethil Mallory, on "The Great Deep" May 23, a paper by the Guardian-in-Chief, entitled "The Hierarchical Line" was read by the Temple Treasurer.

THE HELPING HAND

Do not forget the Helping Hand fund. You know what it means to support and sustain any work these days. The expenses of printing the Artisan and maintaining the work are not covered by the dues. The Helping Hand Department must raise the additional means. You will therefore respond according to the behast of your inner voice and outer circumstances that the Law of Supply and Demand may be fulfilled between the center and the circumference.

Let us quote "Self Responsibility" by B. S.:

"While we are thinking of the wealth of instructions we have been given and the countless evidences we have had of the protection and help of the Masters through all the past years, do we earnestly ask ourselves 'what have we given in return?' Do we sufficiently realize that there is a Divine Law of reciprocity which demands that for all we receive we must render an equivalent, otherwise the law will set up an account against us which we will have to pay some day with accumulated interest?"

All Helping Hand communications, contributions and dues should be

sent to The Temple of The People direct.

HEALING MEDITATIONS AT THE TEMPLE CENTER

Through healing meditations and devotional meetings for years past, a powerful center of high spiritual forces has been created in the Blue Star Memorial Temple at Halcyon. We hold healing meditations daily at high noon (12 M., P. W. T.), sending out healing vibrations into the world, for the good of humanity. All who are interested may tune in at this hour to receive the healing forces and help a distressed world. Humanity never has been in greater need of spiritual assistance than now. Let us bear in mind that all the forces of Light are at our command if we sincerely ask for them for the good of all.

THE NEW STAR

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

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

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