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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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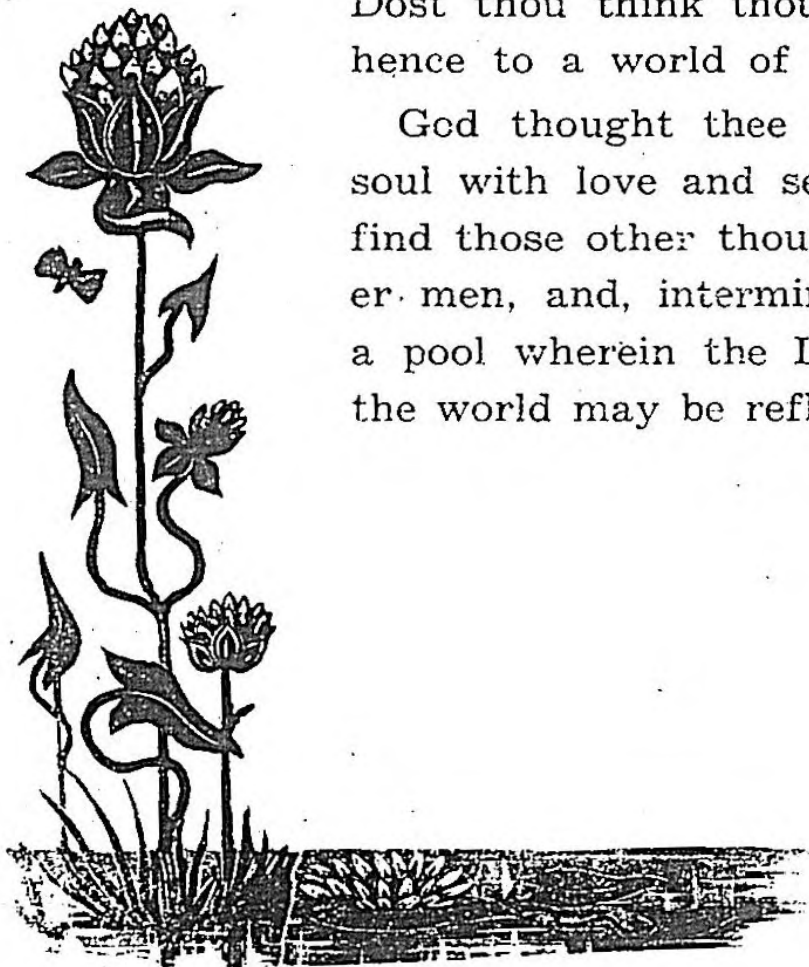
## GOD'S THOUGHT

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Ah, little one—God's latest thought! Ah, soul reborn on earth from infinite domains! Dost thou think thou camest hence thyself; hence to a world of woe?

God thought thee into being, winged thy soul with love and sent thee on the way to find those other thoughts of His—thy brother-men, and, intermingling with them, form a pool wherein the Light which lightens all the world may be reflected.

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## EDITORIAL MIRROR

On November 15, The Temple of The People was 46 years old. It was the 46th anniversary of the Temple organization, which came into existence on this plane November 15, 1898, in Hiawatha Hall, Syracuse, New York.

Under the direction of that Great Soul Master Hilarion, and with the aid of six other Masters, all representatives of higher degrees of the Great White Lodge, Inner Order Initiations were held in Hiawatha Hall, and after the ceremony was finished Master C. gave the Charge:

“Warriors of Light, Warriors of Truth, I salute you in the name of the Great White Brotherhood. Go forth to battle with the Powers of Darkness, armed with the Sword of the Spirit of God, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Helmet of Eternal Truth. See to it, then, that no stain rest on that armor, no rust on that sword, that ye may become one with us on that Great Day, ‘Be With Us.’” He then blessed them all, which blessing was held in great reverence.

Master Hilarion’s cycle had arrived and, as Regent of the Red Ray, it was time to take up his work again. Mrs. La Due, known as Blue Star, and Dr. W. H. Dower, known as Red Star, were chosen by the Master as Co-Agents to take up and carry out the Temple work on this outer plane. These two through past ages had won the Karmic right to do this particular work for The Temple, under the direction and guidance of Master Hilarion Who has continued to guide it throughout the years.

On that same date, November 15, there occurred the closing of a 5000 year cycle composed of many lesser cycles, and at this time also a Great Soul composed of many other souls entered Nirvana. So with the closing of one great cycle and the opening of another, all mankind and nature took a step forward and upward, resulting in profound world changes.

From the occult diaries of Blue Star and Red Star we find that the Master contacted them previous to the forming of The Temple in various ways—through inner channels, by mail and in person. In October 1898 he came to Mrs. La Due in person, explained the work to her and awaited her decision to take it up. He said to her in part: “There has come a war cry from the inner spheres, and it behooves each soldier in the ranks of humanity to gird himself for the battle that has been prophesied for ages, the war between the forces of Good and

Evil. It means the overthrow of conditions all over the world . . . There is a certain part in this work that you alone can do. Each has his own, for that matter, and no one else can do another's part, but all your singular life has prepared you for this special task . . . I cannot compel you to do it; it must be a free-will offering, and it means sacrifice every step of the way. But remember you are neither the first nor the last to live a martyr's life or die a martyr's death . . .

There is one close to you who will supply the needed polarized vitality. You are more to each other than you know. Eternal is the tie that binds you to each other and to me. Remember, it is the Christ work that your life is directed to and it is above what any personality can do. Be true to that work, hold fast to that which I have given you. You cannot fail, for we are back of you and we are bound to carry this work through."

Mrs. LaDue sent for Dr. Dower and told him Master H. had been there in person to explain the Temple work to her and awaited her decision to take up the work. That evening Dr. Dower received a letter from the Master saying in part:

"Dear Brother, I could not leave town until Blue Star had given me her decision, for a particular reason. She thought little of what I said to her of martyrdom, but it has already commenced for her and will continue to the end . . .

There will be no display of occult phenomena in this movement. When the work is done those who have done their duty, been faithful to their highest instincts and to us, can perform their own phenomena at their discretion, for they will have reached a plane that ordinary human relations could not have brought them to for ages. I have said repeatedly that the outer work is B.S.'s, yours, and humanity's. The Power, Force, and Direction will come from us through the one we have prepared.

You are a true Warrior and have worsted many an enemy in the last few days, and 'the spurs of the Knights of the Holy Grail' will be yours one day, perhaps not as far off as you think."

The night before the Initiation Master said, "I have need to impress upon your minds very strongly the importance of the service which will take place on holy ground tomorrow evening (November 15). You cannot enter upon that service with too much preparation. It is the holiest hour of your series of lives. I want you all to try to realize how sacred, holy and great a privilege you are having. I cannot show you now all that it means, for it means so much more than human tongue could utter. Keep your minds firmly fixed on the Christ. Try to realize what it should be, and what true Brotherhood means. It is not empty words, but every letter pregnant with eternal truth . . . The very effort we are making to blast the powers

of darkness will bring them forth in all the venom and hate it is possible to conceive, and they will try to hurt in every way those who are trying to change these conditions. But with clean hands and a pure heart we can do all things. If we accomplish what we are trying to do we will bring about that condition of pure blessedness of the Golden Age."

The Temple work began according to the plans and directions given to B.S. With the opening of this New Cycle, another great force was released in 1899—a most important mission which was to announce the Coming of the Avatar and to help prepare the hearts and minds of the people for that great event. This great Cosmical Event occurred near the first of August, 1899, on the Astral plane. The Master said it would revolutionize the world. The Christ Child was born—a Divine Incarnation taking place from the Godhead. This Great Cosmical event marked the inauguration of a "New Temple on Earth," a New Dispensation.

Blue Star and Red Star were instructed by the Master a few days before the great event to hold the Feast of Expectation, and about a week later the Feast was inaugurated and has been held every first Sunday of the month since that time. When the fulfillment of the thirtieth year came, it was then called the Feast of Fulfillment. All who have the privilege of partaking of this sacred Feast feel the high forces transmitted for "the help and comfort of all the races of the earth."

A few years after The Temple was organized the Group was directed to move its headquarters to California, to a particular zone on the Pacific Coast—a fiery zone which enables one to receive higher vibrations, and on June 1, 1903, the headquarters were moved to Halcyon, California, to carry on the work there. "The Temple rises in the East and sets its foundations in the Golden West." From then on and up to the present time all official work has been centralized at this point, and in this Center high spiritual forces of the Masters of the White Brotherhood have continued to function and their vibrations have gone into all the world.

The first years on the West Coast were indeed pioneering days, and Eternal Vigilance was the watchword in order to keep the Temple Home intact, while the opposing forces were continually trying to disrupt the work. In spite of the early struggles and hardships, the loyal and devoted ones held together and kept the lines intact according to the plans and purposes of the Master.

The group has been told that they had been together many times in the past ages, sometimes in one race, and very often in one family; and whatever the relationship, there was a close association. Such strong ties make it very necessary to hold together now and work for the common good in order to per-

petuate the Lodge work started so long ago, as well as for the individual development necessary to go forward with the evolutionary laws of progress.

After the passing of Blue Star, the first Guardian-in-Chief, the Blue Star Memorial Temple, a unique and symbolic structure where all the religious and devotional meetings are held, was built in 1924. In 1927 Hiawatha Lodge west of the Temple was built for recreational purposes, lectures, and other outer activities.

Forty-six years of going forward is a record, a monument of strength gathering throughout the years and exemplifying the Lodge power. As each has taken his place in the Temple ranks, doing his part to hold, maintain and perpetuate the high ideals of The Temple, so has he added to its high status as well as to his own inner development. With faith in the great Mission, love of the Cause, sincere purpose, willing hearts and hands, the work has been built in on a firm foundation. While many fell by the wayside unable to understand, endure, hold and have faith in the greater view until such time as their inner eyes were opened, the interior soil was nourished by the faithful few because of their love, devotion, loyalty and obedience in carrying out the laws of centralization and discipleship. After a point is reached through years of experience, the great thing is to hold it; to continue to keep the work going along the high constructive lines of endeavor at this Center where the overshadowing Christ may enter and send forth His Message to the world. Such a Center requires peace, quiet, harmony, true aspiration, concentration and unified endeavor; a place where there must be love and trust in each other, and where all work for the common purpose of uplifting the world nearer to the Christ.

For the Christ's work in the past cycles and the present cycle "many are called, few are chosen" to carry on God's Eternal Plan—the Pathway that leads to the Highest in Spiritual Attainment.

P.F.D.

### THE STAIN ON THE WORLD-SOUL

The Golden Principle of the Brotherhood of Man, the unity of all human lives, is now flashing its light far and wide and arousing mankind from the narcotic sleep of selfishness in which it has slumbered, dead to the best part of itself, for so many ages. The stain on the great World-Soul caused by man's unbrotherliness, and "man's inhumanity to man," can only be washed away by humanity's recognizing and acting in accordance with the great truth that Brotherhood is the basic law of life, and that each individual unit of that humanity can only truly begin to live when it willingly and unselfishly yields up

its best life and force for the sake of the whole, thereby not only raising the whole, but, by an inexorable law of compensation, advancing its own evolution at the same time. When the great truth has dawned more clearly on the mind of man that all life is one vast connected existence, from the mightiest star to the tiniest atom; that we are linked with other entities on all sides, above and below; and that no one can rise or fall without advancing or retarding the evolution of the whole in exact ratio, then, and then only, will man begin to appreciate the fearful responsibilities that life has thrust upon him, as well as the boundless possibilities to which he may attain if true to himself and the Great Law.

Some day—and that day may not be so far distant as is supposed—these laws will be understood, and then the tangled skein of existence will be straightened out. The divine order that obtains in heaven, in the inner spheres of life, will have its literal counterpart on earth. The strings of man's human nature will become attuned to the harp of Universal Love and Justice; his heart thrill responsive to the vibrations of the great nature-anthem of a True Brotherhood of Souls on earth, to which the great Cosmical Brotherhood of world-lives, moving in majestic numbers in boundless space, may echo back in helpful waves of light and love the full refrain, "On earth as in heaven—Peace—Good Will to Men."

W.H.D.

### LOYALTY

Speak the word soft and low; let the vibrations of each letter of the word sink into the depths of your consciousness. What mental pictures you will find gathering upon the mirror of your soul! Countless precious lives yielded in sacrifice for Christ's sake on the fiery altars raised to the black demons of human selfishness by the disloyal. Pictures of friends, families, homes laid on the Holy altars of sacrifice, for Truth's sake, by those who could see naught but a long, lonely path stretching far, far out into a hopeless future; a path which their footsore feet must tread ere they could catch a glimpse of their promised reward.

Pictures of gibbets, scaffolds, the rack, fiery furnaces and the torture chamber; and acres upon acres of unmarked graves—the sepulchres of those who once trod the earth you are treading today, with heads uplifted to the heavens in the hope of the visible descent of the Holy Spirit; with hearts attuned to the keynote struck by God when He called His people at the break of a new day . . .

Broken-hearted but yet faithful mothers, wives, sisters, sinking into poverty and evil rather than betray a recreant father, husband or brother to the wild beasts of human law.



Loyalty! Is it surprising that the word falls heavy on our hearts, yet rises in power and volume to immeasurable heights when it reaches the ears of our souls?

When you think of that vast concourse of souls, to any one of which the word loyal may be fittingly applied, is it surprising that the word stands for all that is courageous, noble, great, when used as a prefix in designating man or woman? In view of all that this word pictures to our inner sight, can we wonder that we shrink appalled from the vicinity of one whom the words "disloyal," "traitor," rightly indicate? Ah, no! for "Loyal" is graven on the banner that covers multitudes of redeemed. It is graven on the foundation stones of a universe. The suns and stars flash it forth in glorious light as they move in their orbits, true to the hand that flung them into space.

Think you that any human being ever won and wore the honor of its bestowal, by a single act? Not so. It is woven as threads are woven in cloth of gold, into the essential fabric of the garment of the soul; and when that fabric is complete the soul need never ask itself a question as to whether it be right or wrong, when action is to be taken in any event, for "It knows." It could not be false to Itself.

The dark places of the earth, the depths of the Eighth Sphere, are fit habitations for the traitor, the disloyal.

The mental and moral effluvia which rises from the dead soul, the soul murdered by disloyalty, permits no one to be long deceived as to the nature of its simulacrum—the body—no matter how fair the body, how subtle the mind, to which that dead soul is attached.

If you cannot be true to the principles you have chosen to guide your lives, if you cannot be true to father or mother, wife or husband, nation or home, how can you be true to your own soul? How can you be true to your God—to your Higher Self?

If you find within yourself a lack of power to be loyal to all the duties that you have undertaken, begin now to spin the golden threads that you will need for that Christly fabric I have mentioned, by being true in little things; true to your obligations to your comrades; true to the trust placed in you, when you are left unwatched to sweep a floor or plow a field. The threads will broaden and strengthen and multiply, and one day you will all unexpectedly find there are enough to weave the fabric for the garment of the soul.

You cannot be true to yourself and false to your friend at the same time; the singing bird and the snake cannot live together in one field.

You cannot be true to God and false to your neighbor, for God and your neighbor are one.

"Truth" does indeed "lie at the bottom of a well," and you must look long and steadily if you would find it to star a diadem 'gainst your crowning. But falsehood ever lies close at hand, spreading a net for unwary feet, and, like all easy things, all illusions, murderous at its base.

Loyalty is the first-born Son of Truth; disloyalty the bastard offspring of falsehood.



## HIS LINE HAS GONE OUT

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Only by means of the "line of God," the straight, true line, can be constructed the outline of a perfect form and that form be made permanent.

Every physical form or material object was originally built on the perfect pattern form existing on etheric planes. To whatever degree man has cultivated the attributes of God within himself, to that degree can he reconstruct any corresponding line that has been broken down or distorted in the outline of a physical body or an organ of a physical body; and unless such lines can be reconstructed on the perfect lines of the pattern form, it matters not what appearances or sensation may promise, a diseased organ or body cannot be perfectly and permanently made whole. The fact that mathematical and geometrical laws could be applicable in any sense to the healing of a diseased organ would not occur to the average man, yet an Initiate of the White Lodge would apply those laws, to whatever degree was necessary, in the healing of a diseased organ, providing Karmic Law permitted him to undertake such healing at all.

The perfect pattern, the first reflection of a form, is indestructible. It is this form of which we find a record in Genesis. God made man in His own image. It is the outline of the body of the soul. But the second reflection of that form existing on one of the lower mental planes is subject to change, and as the physical body is a more dense reflection of the mental pattern, the lines, curves and angles of the physical form must follow the lines, curves and angles of the mental pattern.

As only a Master could intelligently visualize the outlines of the perfect pattern and also perceive similar outlines of the mental pattern, only such a one could be absolutely sure of the position and condition of the broken down or distorted portion of an outline, and so feel assured he was not working further injury to the organ in attempting the reconstruction of that portion of the outline.

Even as the White Magician would have the power to reconstruct such lines, so the Black Magician would have not only the power to build, but would more often use that power temporarily to break down or distort those lines, thus bringing about conditions which would make possible the development of disease germs within the physical organ which corresponds to and which is in fact the basic material form of that organ. But as all evil is impermanent and illusory, he would not have power to render such conditions permanent. There must inevitably come a time in one incarnation or another when the true pattern would reflect a perfect pattern again on the mental plane. The effects of the evil would have been counteracted.


The power to change or distort what were once perfect lines exists to a less degree in every human ego, but without deliberate intent and power of will such changes are very fluctuating, and especially in so far as their effect on others is concerned; but they may last indefinitely or during the life-cycle of the personality, if destructive thought forces are turned in such a direction to any great degree.

You have all doubtless met many persons who had what is commonly termed "a true eye," that is, persons who had the power of perfectly visioning or marking a straight line, or of estimating the degree of curve or angle of any visible form at a casual glance. Without knowing it such persons may have something more than "a true eye." Metaphysically speaking, they possess the "measuring rod of God." That rod is one aspect of the attribute of Truth. God cannot be false in any respect, and the nearer man approaches Godliness, that is, develops the attributes of God, the truer he will be in all respects. However a man may be true to some one ideal or principle and false to another. He may have developed perfect vision, physical and mental and even spiritual vision, and therefore be able to perceive the true intuitively, whether it be a perfectly proportioned geometrical figure or a true concept of a mental problem, and still be utterly false in all the common relations of life. Therefore he would have developed only one aspect of the attribute of Truth.

Every aspect of the attribute of Truth is developed in the God-man, the Master of high degree. Therefore, the "measuring rod of God" is his to use at will. He knows that every line, curve or angle of the various organs and divisions of the human body is built by exact measurements, and he knows the units of such measurements. If a certain part of the outline of an organ is displaced or distorted, he would know exactly the number of units of bone or tissue substance he must change to bring that part of the outline back to its original state of perfection. And it is right here that a miracle may occur, so far as a miracle is possible, for no possible exterior means

could change that outline back exactly to its original form. The Initiate must unite the constituent elements of those units, must actually create the substance he uses to reform or replace the broken outline and must do this on the plane of the second reflection and therefore by means of Kriyashakti and mental power.

If an extraneous object enters an organ of a physical body through all the layers of cuticle and embeds itself in the flesh, the outline is indented or changed, however minute the wound thus made may be. Nothing in the line of surgery or other extraneous means can render that outline exactly perfect again. Wherever the cuticle is scarified the outline is broken or distorted, and a similar outline in the mental or astral body bears the same semblance. If the latter can be changed back to the original perfect outline the corresponding physical outline will regain its former appearance. Consequently, it is on that mental or astral counterpart that the said Master must perform his operation if a diseased organ is to be perfectly healed without leaving any exterior sign of the process. The ability to perform such a seeming miracle is due first to his development of the power of will, secondarily to his knowledge of the constituents of the substance we are agreed to call mind stuff, and thirdly to his knowledge of higher mathematics and geometry, and this gives one a clue to the Masters' insistence on the importance of these sciences.

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### LEST WE FORGET

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If it were for the best interests of humanity at its present stage of development to be able to predict all future events, the knowledge which would enable men to do so would have been more emphatically forced upon them. But while such knowledge has always been possible of attainment, it was only so to those who had developed the interior senses to a marked degree and who comprehended the vastness of existent relations between all states and planes of life, and could therefore draw the right conclusions from even slight data, and compute the length of corresponding periods of time, according to the magnitude of the event or divine purpose. The possibility of such attainment lies back of the desire for the same, even in primitive man.

Man always attains what he most desires, if such desire be based upon a principle of life, and therefore he has conquered the unorganized, unrestrained, heterogeneous, lawless elements sometimes posited by those who are not yet able to see the

unity of the basic principles which underlie all interior and exterior phenomena, and therefore he recognizes the impossibility of any lasting restriction as regards knowledge of any phase of such phenomena.

As well strive to separate the currents of the ocean from the water of the same, and insist that the water moved by one current may not contact the water moved by another, as to separate one man—a drop of the universal ocean—from another, or from any phase, state or condition of matter, force and consciousness. The divine current which moves the combined drops can move those drops (humanity) only according to irrevocable laws, and if any of those drops are too light or too heavy (too advanced or too ignorant) to be borne by one current, they are taken up and carried on by another greater or lesser current. But in the course of time every drop of the cosmic ocean will touch every shore and every other drop, and, according to the impression made by the contact (the stored up memory) will one drop recognize any other drop or shore, and profit by such recognition.

The language of symbolism, the science of the stars, the lines engraved on forehead and hand by life's experiences, all these are marks of recognition, points of contact which rightly interpreted indicate past, present and future events, as surely as the rising of the sun indicates the beginning of a new day.

If all these facts can be understood and accepted, the majesty, purpose and power of Cosmic symbolism . . . may be seen, and that great phenomenon of life be dignified and raised to its true position in the minds of men, instead of, as now, being relegated to the shades of superstition and made a by-word and epithet of contempt by some, and used for the deception and beguilement of their fellowmen by others.

While the vibrations raised by the Initiates through the repetition of ancient prophecies and messages of warning or encouragement for the future have resulted in sending a stream of similar prophetic utterances throughout the world, the ignorance of vitally important central fundamental points upon which, like the spokes of a wheel to the hub, all other aspects or delineations of such prophecies or messages depend, renders such utterances of little or no importance.

By the loss of mental and physical force expended in fear or contempt man weakens his power to meet events prophesied, or to reach the point of development beforementioned, where he can rightly understand, interpret and prepare to deal with coming events.

You have been told at different times that discouragement, illness, bereavement, loss of confidence in yourselves and others, suicidal tendencies, and despair, are often brought on by continued exposes of unwise or unworthy teachers; and above

all by the unnatural thirst for material gold, which crushes out all human feeling and leaves only a grim harvest of abnormality, hidden by a mask of supposed virtue and self-importance. All these sad effects of ignorance separate you from each other, and from the Higher Self, and life becomes a terror and, so far as you can see, the gift of a fiendish, instead of a beneficent power. Yet all this you must face and conquer, and you have now to decide whether you will do it alone, or with those who have conquered and stand ready to aid you if you will make the necessary conditions.

Enough of the statements I have made have been already fulfilled to assure you that others will be fulfilled. Less and less security for invested or hoarded means will be found. More and more disruption will occur and methods of quick slaughter be found. Wave upon wave of crime will arise as a result of the frenzy aroused by the above-mentioned discouragements. And if man refuses to make way for the manifestation of his own divinity, to whom or what will he turn in his hour of greatest need?

It is not because of my need of you that I urge you to stand firm and steady on any one of the Temple steps you have reached, but that you may have the combined support of all the forces that constitute that step, in whatever Karma may have in store for you personally. Build a center, a fulcrum in your own inner self, where the Love of the Great White Lodge may rest; and Fear, the greatest of all stultifying, unsettling forces in the universe, will have no more dominion over you.

If you could fully understand and believe the vital truth in every statement of prophecy I have made to you; if you could accept the fact that every phase of the so-called new thought, the later scientific discoveries and results of inventive genius for the good of man, were either the results of advantage taken of the knowledge given out by the command of the Great White Lodge, first through the Initiate H.P.B. (Madame Blavatsky), secondly by W.Q.J. (Wm. Q. Judge); and thirdly through The Temple; or were the perversion of such knowledge by the self-interested, to the injury of mankind, you would be better able to appreciate the depth and importance of seemingly simple directions and the necessity for fully learning the alphabet of occult science, as given in the Temple Teachings, and so to guard yourselves against the danger you must ultimately meet when you begin to use the letters of that alphabet to form the words and interpret the same; in other words, to apply the wisdom and knowledge you have gained to the solution of the material problems which will confront you.

## THE HERESY OF SEPARATENESS

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It is a well known fact among chemists that upon the release of a single nascent atom from the other constituent atoms of any compound, by means of chemical action, the released atom seeks with newly aroused energy to unite itself with any other freed atom within its sphere of movement. But it is not so well known that the newly realized power which impels it to this action is derived from the shock which the other atoms of the compound sustained from the hammering they received at the time the atom was freed. The propelling power which launched it into space was drawn from the common reservoir, the reserve force which the combination of atoms possessed; therefore the latter was more or less temporarily crippled by the loss of force. But the loss sustained by the combination was little compared to the loss which the freed atom must sustain if it cannot immediately unite itself with other freed atoms; for, as in the case of all other users of suddenly acquired power, the velocity and intensity of its action soon cause exhaustion and devitalization, and the strength of the freed atom dwindles to nothing in short order. . . .

Even disintegration is only a factor in integration. It is the negative pole to a positive force. If the main body dies from the loss sustained by the emission of an expulsive force and a new coalition is formed of the freed atoms, the Karmic action which ensues as a result of such necessity will invariably bring a similar catastrophe upon the new body within a comparatively short time, for Karma works incessantly to preserve the integrity of the whole, to draw to a common center the fragments expelled from the center at the beginning of a great world period.


If you were working in harmony with that law every effort of your lives would go towards the building of any Lodge Center with which you were identified. Instead of flying off at a tangent at any blow struck against that center, you would gather every bit of energy in your auric body for the purpose of tightening your grip upon it. If there was an expulsion of disintegrating force within its ranks, you would change it or make it harmless. It is absurd to say that any body or coalition is too strong to conquer by your single efforts. Patience and determination will overcome evil or weakness; and by the exercise of the same you must eventually succeed, or be proved in the wrong by the forces you yourselves have evoked. In the latter case, if your motive has been pure, your real purpose has been served, which was the defense of your brethren and their best good.

If you desire life, health, happiness, success in spiritual

aspiration, take this communication and use it as a bugle call. Get into line, evoke your higher principles, take your place by the side of your Commander and work for the good of the organization. If you let the enemy pound your body (The Temple) to fragments, or vitally injure its usefulness, you may be sure you will suffer defeat, not within, but without its ranks, and a worse defeat than ever before, because your original purpose was higher than the purpose of the enemy—the expelled atom before mentioned. It is the original motive of each atom which furnishes the concentration and integration of the atoms of the organic body. The expulsion of the atom is without individual self-conscious motive; it is due to the mass-motive of self protection, and is therefore of a lower order of power; and it is for this reason that the body can be shocked by the expulsion of an atom.

If its composite mass had arrived at the point of self-conscious individuality, the explosion which always causes an expulsion would occur within the atom expelled alone, and on the confines of the mass, where it could not injure the mass as a whole.

Gird up your loins and work for the individualizing of The Temple as you would work for self-consciousness as an individual.

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### HIDDEN FORCES

Neither this present world war nor the one before it was actually instigated by the causes, or based in the things, or even aimed at the ends they so patently seem to be. Although every worthy thing man has and is on the face of the earth—including his own lives—is tragically involved in these titanic struggles, still they are not, in the last analysis, wars of opposing systems of government, or for mastery in trade, industry, business or empire. These are all outer evidences of something deeper, their real causes being lodged in the urge of a powerful composite desire, the Desire of the physico-mental man. Out of this Desire man creates the kind of a world he wants; and that world is ruled by such elements as intolerance, selfishness, greed, the right to plunder, lust for power, and the dominant, tho too often unadmitted, tenet that might is right.

This, to be sure, is not to say that there is nothing higher than these factors at work amongst socially minded men, or that Desire itself is wrong or evil. Basically it is the motive power that draws man into the plane of matter for his own experience, growth and final transmutation. But it stands that instead of this Desire being the means to higher ends in



the cosmic chain of evolution it has been used by man for, lo, these many ages as an end within itself, and man has pushed its forces to devastating extremes in all directions. He has not only lived a life of "inhumanity to man;" but, vested as he is with powers to exercise vast control over the lives that constitute nature's materials and energies, he has prostituted these to his own perverted ends until they have become the infuriated agents of nature's part of man's retributive Karma. Small protection will he find in days to come from earth, sky, land or sea.

Indeed, if "Man refuses to make way for the manifestation of his own divinity, to whom or what will he turn in his hour of greatest need?" He is now in that hour, and, if he would pass through it, he must waken his own Soul, for it alone can discover and know the Word of the Wisdom, the Immortal Truth that "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap," and live by it! In the very nature of the Armageddon—this vast cycle of wars and destruction—there is no room for anyone to stand in half way between the destroyers on one hand and the Redeemer on the other. "He who is not for me is against Me" rings forth strong and clear. There is no escape from the combat between the forces and principles that constitute the Divine Man in nation or individual and those that constitute the mortal self. And the real and final battlefields of this strife are in the hearts and lives of all men.

As the Master said at the beginning of the Temple work: "When all is told you can see that it is the World Soul that is on trial today. Its integrity, its right to continued expression as a distinct entity must be proven; and every human being hinders or helps according to his individual integrity, his power of holding his own base, once having accepted the responsibility and committed himself to the given purpose."

Between man and man, man and God, and man and nature the war is to be waged until the torrid fury of hate, lust, sin and destruction is burned away, and a new World, a new Heart and a new Mind come to rule the earth.

From the teachings put forth by The Temple along these lines we quote from the Master's Message to the Convention of 1918, as follows:

"Side by side, as it were, the constructive and destructive forces of this age are setting in action their etheric doubles—higher orders of elementals—and every human being is compelled, whether he will or nay, to become a vehicle for the introduction and dissemination of the influences of the elemental forces set free by one or the other of those orders. There is no question of choice as to place on either line, neither is there a neutral point upon which a stand may be made by the indifferent. The character, the ideals, the will and desires of

each individual soul will be the determining factors in the placing of each soul on one side or the other. As the executors of the evolutionary laws carry out the edicts of the ruling powers, just so the executors of the same law decide corresponding points on other lines for the organizations previously referred to.

The men and women who are under the dominion of, and who therefore are serving the destructive forces which are striking at the very root of all civilization today, will perform like services for the same powers within the organizations to which they belong, in their families, and in all their social relations. Only by a definite act of will, whereby they have placed themselves, their all, in the field of constructive service, can they escape the slavery of the negative powers of nature preeminently active in the present era.

The drifter, the constant doubter, the deceiver, will have no power of choice; his desires will not be pure enough and strong enough to arouse his Spiritual Will to definite action. In such instances the personality must inevitably fall into the current set free by the agents of the destructive forces in this era of disintegration. The Souls of men are in the furnace; they are being tried as they have not been tried in many centuries, and the Law will set each individual on one side or the other of the stream of universal progress. Every enlightened soul must face itself up in the silence and endeavor to learn its real purpose, its standing, its objective point; and also to learn whether that point lies in the field of constructive or destructive work, if desirous of taking the next upward step on the ladder of Spiritual Wisdom.

Bear well in mind, the constructive and destructive forces of manifested life are spiritual entities of tremendous power, and the higher grades of elemental beings previously referred to are emanations from the said entities. They are primarily active on the Etheric plane and secondarily active in the elementals of the lower Astral plane. They are not mere abstractions—nameless, formless, consciousnessless figments of the human brain. Every conscious act instigated by Will and Mind is brought to fulfillment by their action.

Notwithstanding the sincere efforts of the devotees of Scientific Research and the partial success they have met in many fields, it was not until a certain number of the Initiates of the White Lodge formed the nucleus of an organization which was fated to reach into every nation of the world and carry the Truths of the Wisdom Religion—a truly scientific religion—to those who were capable of receiving them, that the glyphs and symbols, indicative of the finer forces of nature, once of common knowledge, were resurrected and given to the world again. Helena P. Blavatsky was the chosen instrument of the

Initiates, and the Ego thus incarnated was the Keystone of that nucleus of which I have spoken. It was primarily through the efforts of that one entity that it was made possible for Science to corroborate its findings along the line of evolution to the truly religious mind; yet within the cycle of twenty-five short years many of the members of the organization subsequently formed have drifted away, in spirit if not in word, from the fundamentals of the instructions given by that brave soul, and have taken up and exploited those features of philosophy against which they were most earnestly warned, and they have taken them up at the instigation of selfish seekers for place and power.

The Slogan of the nucleus formed was "Universal Brotherhood," the Unification of all Peoples. The instructions imparted proved beyond a shadow of doubt to the unbiased mind that Brotherhood is a fact in nature as well as in spirit. When that fact is ignored by the introduction of creeds and forms, and partial truths worse than fallacious in their effects, thus leading to segregation of numbers, recrimination and sore disappointment, the primal effort of the Masters of the White Brotherhood is in jeopardy.

When the solemn obligations taken by the students of life are repudiated or ignored, such students have fallen under the lure of the destructive forces, and it is the duty of every true Templar to try to BRING THEM BACK to their starting point as far as it is humanly possible. Refuse to permit any personal equation to distract your minds from the one all-important requisite for inter-racial international development on true lines—constructive lines."

W.

## VOTING BY PRAYER

(Delivered at the Temple Convention, 1944)

These past weeks the eyes of the world have been privileged to examine three conventions taking place in the United States. Two of these have indeed presented a spectacle of hope and despair which has occupied the political emotions and intelligence of the nation's voters to an extent that needs no further attention. The third convention is quite different; it is still under way, and without doubt varies inversely with the other two combined in both the attention attracted and influence expended. Beyond the use of title words the first two hold little in common with the third.

The declaration of the will of the people, however violated and misrepresented, is of critical importance for the times we now live in. The ability to go on with what the occultist calls

the New Age, or the delay of Lodge efforts by perversion of the rights of man and God, are in reality the issues now before the world. It is assuredly the third Convention—the Convention of Prayer—which has raised the definition of issues above party politics, and includes not only the citizens of this country but those of all nations, for all peoples are voting now a “ballot,” the outcome of which will shackle or ennoble ourselves in all the world as we face tomorrow’s dawn.

That each contending side claims to have God on his side is nothing new. It is significant that they do make such a claim. It is significant because it is inevitable. In the last analysis the issue is not a declaration of God on our side but of ourselves on the side of God. Slowly and surely out of the furor of the day have arisen greed, selfishness and inhumanity on one side and the Golden Rule on the other. The militant justice of the latter needs no political boundaries for the time being.

We as a race of humanity are approaching a point wherein to receive a new impulse for growth, and allegiance to one side or the other is compelled; a point in time and space, and therefore consciousness, wherein the tremendous age-old motion of the masses of humanity can at last be altered by the action of the individuals composing it—a positive act which will come from the will to pray.

The manner of declaration, of course, is as varied in outer form as are its users. We have, on one hand, the conscious effort of coordination, a new note in our country’s history, represented by the speech of the leader of this nation setting forth a day of prayer for 130 million people of many, many religions.

The appeal to integrity of high ideals to defeat the diabolic efforts toward their destruction was made with a force of selflessness and sacrifice and service of proportions only made possible by the present day vastness of things and their corresponding speed, an appeal to recognize within ourselves a dwelling power which alone can make certain the total of good for which we are fighting. The instinctive effort of prayer on the other hand has taken a great variety of forms and expressions: The man facing invasion, waiting for the first shot and shell, who grimly observed, “Well, if it must be this way, let’s get it over,” or the jesting of the man waiting next to him who asked, “Is this trip really necessary?” Or the sixty seconds for Uncle Sam when the bomber squad risks everything at tremendous odds to report later if possible, “Mission accomplished.” That such instinctive feelings are shared on both sides is undeniable as it is Karmic. The association with the White Lodge or against it is just as undeniable and inexorable. Behind the correctly construed or terribly misunderstood ob-

jective and attainment rests motive. The importance of declaring allegiance to God is basic as breathing, and the conscious deliberate act of willing such allegiance is of unrecognized significance to the evolution of each individual no matter how he says it.

It is very much like marking a ballot. Words are fire. They do not need the dress of the church to be a prayer. The effectual fervence pronounced from the heart sets a new note of rhythm and vibration for the individual who has spoken. A new world will spring into the consciousness of the speaker. Another beginning is with the Word. It seems devoid of religion only because we do not associate the pure power of all motion and energy with the Christos. The extent of influence in the field wherein the power is released, be it a man's soul, a cultivated field, or the parts of an electric motor, is exact and defined—the work of Christ.

The energy released cannot be simply blotted out by neglect. A blight in the field or a short in the motor or trifling or breaking or denying of vows and pledges and admissions of truth in man results in loss, pain and suffering, but not in destruction of energy. The law of supply and demand is engendered by use. It is the energy of doubt and fear and materialism which prevents the recognition of the answer to the prayer but not the actual and unfailing answer itself. Since the goal is conscious atonement, the energy invoked from Christ, from the Lodge of Masters, would be augmented greatly beyond its first momentum by the return wave of recognition and, of all things, Gratitude.

The decision to join with the side of God is better phrased in the realization that we are, after all, simply lesser parts of God but containing a flame that is one with all fire and born of the Central Flame of God. The unrecognized search for God has passed beyond all previous physical limitations. Men are located in every corner of the Earth's surface; and, in the remotest outposts of uninhabited lands or in the congested areas of over-population, the realization of atonement with God is beginning to dawn—in the realization of the impossibility of isolation and the corresponding fallacy in its attempted justification.

The time for marking this soul ballot is pressing upon us. The speed of the day, the swift train of major events, can only prove that such grave issues as we now face have had their beginnings far in the past and come to the point of critical balance today. Its cyclic turn will pass, its direction will be altered, by the way in which we use the long awaited opportunity. For today we are given that opportunity for actually changing the destiny of our affairs, given as a result of long,

long lifetimes of darkness and anguish or light and hope—of prayer springing from both forms of energy.

The question of that searching mystery, "Where is God?" is asked in the Mountain Top message of that title: "Where shall I find God? If I search the Heavens and the earth and the waters under the earth shall I find Him?" And the answer follows: "No! But if thou wilt search the depths of thine own heart, all thou findest there of Love; of Beauty, of Unselfishness—all that thou knowest of Peace and Joy will open the path to God, and show thee the hidden places wherein thou wilt find all thou canst know and understand." Love, Beauty, Unselfishness, Peace, and Joy—these are not formalized mysteries and unobtainable formulas reserved for the over-privileged. These are sunlight and air and water, the earth, the smile, a cup of water, a prayer. So simple is the answer to the protesting men; and truly is the answer recognized when the unrest of a lifetime ends, in a flash of awareness, an involuntary cry to God.

The ballot must be marked. Those who will vote in negation need no urgent direction to that end. It is with the remainder of the World that the balance rests—to declare in a positive willing prayer from the heart for that right to vote and abide. With the recognition, desire, and declaration of allegiance and unity with God will come the power of attraction in the hearts of mankind, the power to attract by the laws of balance the Great Leader who alone can lead us out of the mocking pain of self sufficiency. The effort of the opposition will avail less and less and the concern of God's children will be for greater good.

The fire of speech is marking the course of men's lives all over the World for ages to come. This simple act is the right of everyone. It requires no seen listener. Nor can any man stifle that invocation in another. The requisites for marking the ballot are given to every man. The bewildered cry, the feeble flame that burns within the breast of the beginner, are still parts of the eternal light that radiates from such a heart of prayer as that of Blue Star:

"Almighty God, Father-Mother of all that lives, in deep thanksgiving for all the mercies Thou hast shown mankind through aeons past we venture to plead for help in these our hours of supreme trial.

"Lighten the darkness of our ignorance, and bring us to knowledge of our duty toward those other fragments of Thyself who are now swiftly passing o'er the bridge which separates the fields of death from the fields of Life Immortal—those other souls who with ourselves have plunged the earth in sorrow past all telling.

"Help us willingly to bear our part of the crucifixion of the

Christ and not to shrink from the Gethsemane which awaits the penitent.

"Help us, O God, to strive to open wide the Gates to Devachan for those now thronging its threshold that so they may pass unscathed to realms of peace. Help us to keep clear the path by which they may return to us, if such be Thy will, all the wiser, stronger, purer for their bath of fire.

"Weak and helpless though we seem to be in the face of the colossal issues before the whole human race, yet have we faith to believe that because of our relationship to Thee Thou canst use us to Thy Glory and our eternal good.

"Truly are we Thine, O Father-Mother of Mankind! To Thee be praise and honor evermore."

Harold Forgostein.

## OCCULTISM FOR BEGINNERS

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#### FUNCTIONS OF THE ORANGE RAY

Occultly, Orange corresponds to Prana, the vital principle. Its metal is gold. Prana is an individualized aspect of Atma—the synthesis of Color, Sound, Form, and Number. The metal gold is a transformed, that is, a de-graded aspect of Prana. Prana emanates in purity from the Sun Center and is attracted to all vital organic centers, giving them life. Thus Prana is an all-pervading ocean of life force, penetrating everywhere. Acted upon by transforming elemental forces and centers, it is materialized in the earth's aura into metallic gold. Gold may be de-materialized back to Prana.

In human principles the astral body is the vehicle of Prana, the Orange Ray. In the outer world, oxygen is the carrier of Prana, inbreathed into the body through the lung centers and reaching all parts of the body through the medium of the blood stream. The minute particle of iron in each blood corpuscle absorbs oxygen with its load of Prana, and carries it to every cell in the body cosmos. This iron of the cell is the Red principle—the Ropic or Form principle—which thus uses the absorbed Prana to recreate and rebuild the form constantly, keeping it in manifestation. Hence the fundamental importance of the Orange Ray function in perpetuating life in form.

The color orange is composed of red and yellow. Red and Yellow are the Father-Mother of Orange. Red is the Form principle, and Yellow is the Buddhic or sixth sense principle, opening into Universal or Cosmic Consciousness, being one member of the Trinity composing the Higher Self. Thus in Prana the Orange Ray, born of Red and Yellow, would work to create and preserve form, as well as to let the light of the Higher Self into that form through the avenue of the Yellow Ray.

In the brain the site of the Orange Ray is the medulla oblongata, situated at the very top of the spinal cord. In the part of the body above the waist line its home is the heart and lungs. Below the waist line its center is the solar plexus and creative centers.

The primal function, then, of the Orange Ray is to create, build and preserve forms of life. It is Prana or life force that is most intensely concentrated in the seed of man, animal or plant life. In plant life, note the glory of the blossom in very excess of life force. This excess of life is concentrated in the blossom, as it is the matrix wherein the seed develops and draws into itself this abundant Prana in the blossom and finally encapsules this life essence in the form of the seed. The rich blush of intensive life in both the color and form of the blossom becomes concentrated in the seed, and the spark of life itself.

All seminal essence is the purest and most intensely concentrated Life. It is a dynamic essence awaiting only the right conditions to create form and indraw spiritual light through the relations of the Red and Yellow Rays composing the Orange Ray of Life.

W. H. D.

## TEMPLE BUILDERS DEPARTMENT

### The Masters. Lesson No. 83. Part II.

Here is the place to be careful and to say over and over again, only where Love is can the Masters be, and by Love alone can we know them. Power always wants to become selfish, and unless it walks arm in arm with love it will make dark all the Master Light, and be like night of thick blackness falling upon the earth in daytime. When power becomes selfish it is like first standing on the highest round of a ladder whose top reaches to the skies, and then falling to the lowest round that rests within the greatest earth depths.

This sometimes happens to very high Masters. The love of their hearts becomes darkened through selfishness. They become hardened in feeling like stone, cold and senseless to love, and must begin all over again. They must do whatever they can to bring the light into the lower life forms and so reach once more the high places of love that were lost in selfishness.

No one can take the love of the heart from us but ourselves. It is gained through toil and suffering and therefore belongs to us. It can only be lost by our own heart changing from love for others to love for ourselves. This can be done so easily, even by those who have stood on the last round of the ladder of love, that we must watch constantly not to make a misstep and fall through some selfish action or thought.

There are so many kinds of Masters it would be impossible to mention them all. It would be a great mistake to think that



they must always be seen by the outer eyes in order to know them, or that they must have some outer form in order to really live.

The Masters who can be seen only by the love of the heart, who are heard and felt also by that love only, are more apt to be greater Masters, more filled with wisdom and tenderness than those who come into our physical presence and who take us by the hand in greeting. The Masters whom we meet through the heart are finer and more spiritual. They have greater work to do with a larger number of worlds and people, and so work through their inner senses, through their souls and spiritual bodies; and we have to be more spiritual, more unselfish and loving to know them.

Jesus was such a Master and there are others also. We can not say much about them except that they hold us close in their hearts, and work for us as they would work for themselves, and plead with us tenderly to help them in all their efforts to help others.

Let us not forget these pleadings, and let us first of all give our love to them, and to all the Masters of the Great White Lodge, as they are sometimes called. Let us listen to the call to service that lies nearest to us and be quick to answer it.

Wherever Love is, there are the Masters, and we shall know them by loving. To learn to truly love one another, children, and to help one another, is the whole secret of the Lodge and the Masters.

You have seen pictures of Masters, and have wondered and asked many questions about them. Do not think too much about the pictures, but about the love that you find in them. A picture is only a picture no matter how beautiful it may be, but the love that it gives to you is always real, no matter how it may have been drawn.

The Lodge and the Masters are the whole great universe. There is nothing that is not in the Lodge, for it is the Spirit of all things. There is no Master so great or so lowly but we may become like him.

Wherever Love is, there are the Masters. Let Love glow in our hearts and we, too, shall know them and be with them.  
—Reprint.

## TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

Since we last reported, the following services and lectures were held in the Temple: On the first Sunday of each month the Feast of Fulfillment, followed by the Devotional Service. On the second and fourth Sundays, at 10:30 a.m., the Temple Builders held their regular meetings. In the Sunday service, June 11, Elmer Hedin spoke on "Personality and the Group." June 18, Kenneth Schussman on "Which Way the Roads Go."

June 25, Jane R. Thompson, "Modes of Concentration." July 9, Fred Whitney, "Atlantis Again?" July 16, Joyce Hedin, "Blessed Are The Meek." July 23, Cethyl Mallory, "Living Waters." August 20, Carolyn Forgostein, "Centralization." August 27, Patricia Mallory, "Temple Principles not Personalities." September 10, Roberta Shumway, "Hierarchical Lines." September 17, Elmer Hedin, "Faith in Action." September 24, Wenonah Varian, "Discipleship." October 8, Carolyn Forgostein, "Light of the World." In this Sunday service the anniversary of the passing of the second Guardian in Chief, Dr. William H. Dower, "Red Star," was commemorated. In dedication to Red Star one of his articles, "The Stain on the World-Soul," is reprinted in this number of the Artisan. October 15, Cethyl Mallory spoke on "The Eight-fold Tree of Justice." October 22, Joyce Hedin, "The Bridge." October 29, Roberta Shumway, "True Humility." November 12, the Guardian-in-Chief Mrs. Pearl F. Dower spoke on "The Forty-sixth Anniversary of the Founding of The Temple." November 19, Harold Forgostein's paper was titled, "National Art Week." November 26, Herman Volz spoke on "Temple Essentials."

### 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 behest 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?"

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