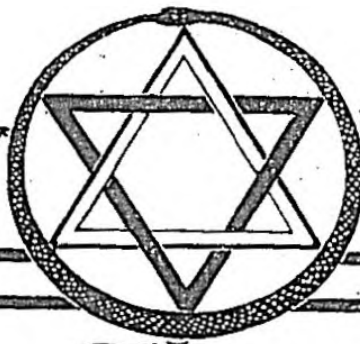




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THE TEMPLE of Humanity consists of all humans who, having awakened into a knowledge of their own divinity, have undertaken to tread the Path, and of those who devote their lives to the unselfish service of mankind.

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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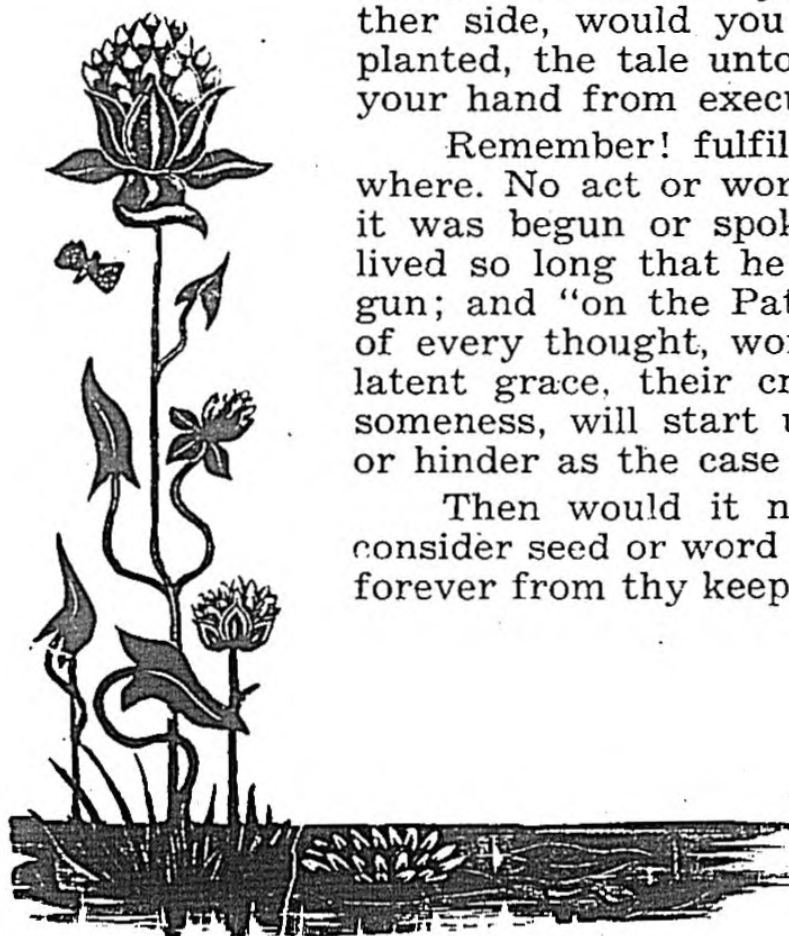
UNTO THEE A KEY

THE UNFINISHED

If you but knew the little seed you set to-day, mayhap in carelessness, in pride or subtlety, would grow on through the coming years, mature and bear its fruit for you to eat in sorrow on another day; if you but knew the tale which you commenced to tell today, the task which you began, would not be finished until all their consequences faced you in your hour of test and proved to be the drops which ran the measure of your trial over on the farther side, would you not leave the seed unplanted, the tale untold? Would you not hold your hand from execution?

Remember! fulfilment ever cometh other where. No act or word is finished on the day it was begun or spoken. No man hath ever lived so long that he completed any task begun; and "on the Path" the unfinished parts of every thought, word and deed, in all their latent grace, their crudeness or their loathsomeness, will start up unexpectedly to help or hinder as the case may be.

Then would it not be well to carefully consider seed or word or act ere it hath passed forever from thy keeping?



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ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Dear Comrades and Friends:

Greetings of deep love to you, and to all comrades everywhere who are united with us in the spirit of these sacred convention hours; and our prayers for enlightenment and peace for humanity, our greater Self, with whom we are one and inseparable in the Christ,—the larger Temple in which this Temple stands as the Lodge vehicle for the dissemination of spiritual forces for helping the world to higher levels of consciousness in this Great Messianic Cycle.

Great and wonderful is our privilege to be here again, united for a short time in the radiance of our annual gathering, and our deep gratitude and high aspirations go out to the Masters Whose blessings are over us. Let us open wide our hearts to receive the influx of the high forces which now so abundantly are pouring in and through this Center to uplift the human race nearer to its Divine Source.

Soon the 49th year in our work will draw to an end. As its keynote, symbolized in the number 49 and its digits—13 and 4—indicates, it marks an important year in the unfoldment of The Temple that brought great tests and trials, but also great blessings upon all Templars. Tests are always precipitated in an occult group like ours whose spiritual unfoldment as a center for the use of the Lodge is hastened under the guidance and direction of the Masters. Tests, though painful to the personality, are blessings in disguise, for they are the means by which the negative, separative and inhibiting tendencies and characteristics of the lower self, the personality, are challenged and brought into the open to be transmuted into the eternal principles of the Higher Self, that the group members may be welded together in unity and true brotherhood. Only so can the group become the perfect instrument which the Masters and the Christ need in Their work on the outer plane. In one of the Master's earlier instructions, the Master said to the group:

"I wish you each and all to strive for the highest that is in you, and never to be satisfied with the lower. . . . I have but one great desire, and that is that you will strive with all the power and strength of your nature to put away from you anything and

everything that conflicts with your true development in higher lines.

"I want you to strive to grow together, that I may be able to use you, when the time comes, as a Master would use His right hand; and in order to do that you must be patient with and for each other. You must work together on true lines of harmony. Never permit anything, no matter how great it seems to you, to interfere with your true relationship to each other and to me. . . .

"I told B. S., and others higher than I have told you the same, that you are entering upon a great battle and must be prepared for many a blow, many a fall. It is only by those falls, by the way you receive those blows, that your strength can be tested; and until it is tested, there is no possibility of your going further on the Path, and this you are ready to acknowledge to yourselves in the silence.

"It is my hope that each and everyone of you will stand to your colors whatever comes, and I am glad to be able to believe you will."

These loving words of the Master are spoken to every disciple who as time unfolds will be called by karmic Law into the group.

With the coming 50th year in the work will close the fifth ten-year cycle which symbolizes the unfolding of the fifth principle, the Higher Manas, in the group consciousness; and the ending of that cycle is symbolical of the winning of the inner understanding and discrimination, courage, determination, and the better control of the lower self through the Higher Mind. All that is in our natures must be lifted into the purity of this high status, into the Angel Self, that we may live in the consciousness of the Christly forces within us, in harmony and unity with one another in our service for humanity (symbolized by the number 50—5) and thereby uplift all others too. For only through the functioning of the pure Will of the Higher Self in love, compassion, truthfulness, understanding and unselfish service for all our other selves—humanity—can we become true helpers, fit channels, the hands and the feet, the head and the heart for the Avataric Forces to work through. The Light must first be within us, ere it can radiate from us for the good of others.

The great Truth of the Coming of the Avatar was given first in 1898 by the Masters of the Great White Lodge to an Inner Order of The Temple, the Order of the 36, and at the behest of the Master kept secret for a number of years in the confines of the order. In 1898 the Avatar was born on the lower astral plane. The forces of the Divine Incarnation made the descent into the material plane in the thirty years between 1898 and 1928, and are now incarnated in the aura of humanity, in "the auric sphere of a New Racial embodiment,"—the coming Sixth Race.

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

Since 1898 the Feast of Expectation, which was changed to the "Feast of Fulfillment" in 1928, has been held in The Temple in connection with this great cosmical event, "in which interactions of forces occur between the Avatar and those participating in this service, which has a profound occult bearing on the process of manifestation of the Christ."

The Christ comes to all, and belongs to all. As Red Star says, to quote from "The Coming Avatar," "The Holy Presence is ever waiting to manifest in and through all who are prepared—in whom selfishness is being transmuted to self-less-ness and in whom the closed bud of a personal idea is unfolding to the blossom of the One Eternal Universal Self."

Have we not been told also that "the same Light which enlightens the mind and soul of an Avatar illumines the mind and soul of every human being; it is but a matter of degree and preparation for the reception of that light; and to whatever extent the principles and powers which constitute the Christos, the Son of God, are developed in any human being, to that degree he has become a Christ, a Saviour?" When Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me," he meant that the Perfected Christ within Him shows the way, that is how we should live; and that through unfolding of the Christ principle within us we come to God.

The redeeming Christ, the first born Son of God, the Only Begotten,—the Great Perfected One—reincarnates among men to show the way, as we read in the "Bhagavad Gita" of Krishna, "whenever there is a decline of virtue and an insurrection of vice in the world." He then comes as the redeeming principle, "for the preservation of the just and the destruction of the wicked." Thus He is with us again—the Avatar—the same Ego which was incarnated in Jesus. And, as the Bible says, He cometh "in a cloud with power and great glory," that is, as the great outpouring of spiritual forces into the hearts and souls of humanity.

In 1911 the Great Message was given through The Temple to the world in order to prepare humanity for the coming tremendous world changes which since have been precipitated. But humanity did not listen. If it had, much of the great suffering and woe of the terrific War of Armageddon might still have been avoided, we have been told.

The Temple has never ceased to pronounce the Truth of the Divine Coming, but only now can we realize that its work has not been in vain, for the world is awakening; great longing and hope arise from the hearts of the people towards the Great

Light, the great Spiritual Leader, Who will manifest in full Power and Glory when all evil and evil tendencies will have vanished and the Way for Him is prepared in the hearts of the people, to lead us into the New Day that by cyclic Law is upon us and into which nothing that defiles or obstructs can enter.

Let us remember, each one of us can hasten or hinder the Great Coming according to how well we fulfill our sacred Charge. So let us stand together and continue in our beloved work, in conscious Oneness in the radiance of the Christ Light within, as devoted and loyal Stones in the Great Guardian Wall of The Temple, carrying on the Truth and Love of the Master wherever we are placed. The Temple door stands open for all who awaken to the essential Unity of humanity and want to take their places in the Master's work, to serve their brother man and thus helping to bring into outer manifestation the Brotherhood of Man. For those the treasures of the Wisdom of the Ages have been given into the care of The Temple. And let us not forget to recommend the little book, "The Coming Avatar," compiled from Temple Teachings; it should be in the hands of all people, for it carries the knowledge and truth in the light of which alone all present world conditions and world problems can be understood and solved.

In closing, let us listen once more to the Master's beautiful message, "The Morning Star Speaks," in which He impresses upon our souls the tremendous importance and responsibility of The Temple in the greatest all-inclusive Cause of the Masters in this Great Age, upon which the further existence and advancement of the human race depend, as He says:

"The greatest effort of the Lodge in long cycles of time is endeavoring to impress itself upon you. The Morning Star has risen over the Manger wherein was born your love for one another, man and God. The Seven Conscious Planes of Initiation, the Voice of the Great Companies, the Signs of the Heavens, the All Seeing Eye, the Enduring Heart, the Love that Never Faleth, all have been given unto you to illumine, guard, strengthen, and protect that Manger over which the Morning Star hovers to guide humanity for revelation, worship, and service to the Christ.

"Unto you has been given the Charge; within you has been placed the Trust; through you is made the possibility of carrying the Light of the New Era into the darkness of a suffering world. Do you realize your responsibility? Do you recognize your privilege? Do you feel the high hope, the fervent prayer resting in you to be true to the trust imposed in you, the trust of holding yourselves so pure, so faithful in every respect that the Image of the Heart of Christ may be mirrored within your lives so clearly that it may become the Keystone for the New Race to build upon? Unto you I the Morning Star speak. What answer give you to me for the Great World Mother?"

Ella Vogtherr

THE PATH OF THE CHRIST

In this hour of human experience there is a shadow over the world.

It is like the shadow that spreads swiftly and strangely over a city built at the foot of a volcano when the smoke from vast inner fires pours forth. Under it men and women, groups and nations, pick up whatever treasures are dearest to them and run about without sense of direction, trampling one another, snatching pitiful burdens from one another, accusing one another of causing the catastrophe. Only a few, one here and one there, do not run about or fight or clamor but stand still with the warm ashes falling upon their upturned faces and call softly, each to the other, "What is this?"

That question cannot be answered adequately in words nor even in exterior events. In those terms the answer can only be symbolically suggested. The full answer can come only through the Presence of a new dimension of force and consciousness in the hearts and minds of those able to receive it. But the answer given here is true as far as it goes, being based, point by point, upon the teachings of Those qualified to teach, the Elder Brothers of the race Who have gone ahead of the rest of us in understanding, and Who, through the ages, have held out to us the truth, to accept or to ignore.

At the very root of Their teaching is the injunction, "Man, know thyself." Exterior social science has tried to follow that injunction but, with all respect to its achievements in teaching its students altruism and impersonality, nevertheless it has failed in its main objective and can never reach that objective as long as it remains divorced from the basic truths which are at the heart of every great religion, past or present,—except one. Of that one we will speak later.

Those basic truths can be expressed in a few sentences. We live in a universe of law deriving from the Divine Unity of the principles we know as Love, Will and Wisdom. In such a universe there can be no mistakes, no miracles, no accidents. Everything in it moves and evolves under exact and unfailing laws which are the specific applications of the principle of Law, which we call Divine Will. Some of these laws are partially known to and accepted by exoteric science. All of them are capable of being known to men in general, but only when mankind has evolved further capacities for understanding. Meanwhile, man stands at a point of great crisis because he knows too much about exterior nature and too little about himself. He has forgotten what he once knew about himself and has delayed too long in re-learning it and so has created an unbalance, a condition which cannot long remain uncorrected in a universe of law.

Now, here is a strange thing, a paradox that awes the mind and stills the voice. In a universe of law there exists a creature that can break the law, a creature himself able to create and

even to create unbalances! It is only when man stands in the awful presence of his own free will; it is only when he waits breathless under the shadow he himself has loosed over his other creations; it is only when his logic and his science leave him helpless in the face of apparent destruction; it is only then that he can sometimes be made to see that he was created in the image of God. Then he is like a child that has set fire to its playhouse; he may turn then toward the essential realities of his nature, toward the voice of his Father and the arms of his Mother. And to reach them he must accept the guidance of his Elder Brothers Who have gone this way before him and Who know the way home.

They are always here, always waiting with outstretched hands for the hour when Their gifts will be accepted, having chosen that agony of service to the needs of their younger brothers and sisters in preference to the glory of the inner universe. They have no need of further human experience for They are perfected men, having encompassed within Their natures masculine and feminine, scientist, artist and saint. They have need only for the expression of the love of God into the hearts of men, of the understanding of God into the minds of men, of the will of God into the lives of men. And the greatest among them, Whose consciousness includes them all, is the One Who was first and will be last, the One we call the Christ.

It is He Who has said, "I am with you always." And that is true, for no one has ever fought his way into the depths of his own nature without finding the Christ there. But it is He also Who comes out from those depths into the exterior life of humanity when the crisis is truly desperate, when the triumphant challenge of His own opposite calls Him forth. We have an account of His last such appearance in the New Testament, and a prophecy in His own words concerning the conditions under which He would return, culminating in the words, "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel, the prophet, stand in the holy place. . . . (whoso readeth, let him understand:)"

Even if the Masters had not told us plainly that the time is here, we might know it by the exterior signs. And we will understand the condition that exists, both exterior and interior, far better if we see the story of what happened in Palestine two thousand years ago not merely as the sayings and events pertaining to the life and death of a great teacher in his day, but as a cosmic drama played upon the stage of human life from time to time, that men may know that there is truth and love and law. In all drama there is conflict and in this the one depicted is the conflict that rages at the very roots of life, far below the threshold of ordinary consciousness. It is the battle of the ages, the battle between principle and personality. Always it goes on below the surface. Sometimes it blazes out into the open and must be recognized for what it is by all who are not totally blinded by

their own self-worship. For self-worship, personality-worship, is a religion, the religion of the enemy of the Christ, the lower self of man. And it is an ancient religion. Listen to these lines from the "Stanzas of Dzyan" concerning the last cycles of Atlantis:

"They built huge cities. Of rare earths and metals they built. Out of the fires vomited, out of the white stone of the mountains and of the black stone, they cut their own images in their size and likeness, and worshipped them."

Could it be that "the abomination of desolation" seen by the prophet Daniel in his vision and referred to by Jesus was some such thing as the kind of worship just described? Or was it something a little more subtle and glamorized such as we have today? Or did the prophet see **through** the exterior semblance and event; was what he saw the embodied lower self itself, the Dweller on the Threshold? "Whoso readeth, let him understand."

In this hour of human experience there is a shadow over the world.

It is there because for too long the tables of the money changers have been set up in the courts of our temples, whether they be temples of science, art, politics or religion, and men and women sit behind the tables levying tribute on every gift and sacrifice that goes up to those altars. Their tribute is not necessarily in money. More often it is in deference to vanity and self-importance and the will to power, and to hard-set mental preconceptions as to how things are and must be. Sometimes these people are governed by that most dreadful form of self-righteousness that believes that it can despoil the helpless and the ignorant and bribe its way into heaven by offering the proceeds to God.

The shadow is there because for too long jealousy and envy, greed and treachery have crept around the seats of power. It is there because clean air and water, earth and fire, have been seized upon by the self-worshippers and made to serve their ends. It is there because this race has called it into being.

We ourselves, all of us, in this life or in other lives, have called it into being.

These things are not said to create a sense of impending doom. That exists without anything being said. These things are said in the hope that there may be more understanding. Doom for the blindly personal man there has to be. For in his shock and terror he may remember something from his past and reach out through the darkness for the hand of Christ, the hand that has been there through all the ages, down all the long sweep from the throne of God, and always will be there. For the journey of man is the path of the Christ.

To him who has kept within touch of that Hand our times should not be terrifying, even though his heart be heavy for his fellow men. He will not condemn those whose karma it is to bring down disaster on themselves and others. Neither will he

try to intervene between them and the law they have invoked. For he has known the heights and depths of human love and hate and fused them in his heart into compassion.

And if the outer temples of his faith are barred to him by the tables of the tribute-levyers, he will find his way inward to the hills of his own soul and there erect an altar to his God under the open sky. For while there are such altars in the world and sound hearts and strong reverent minds to rest upon them, so long there will still be place for the returning Son of Man to lay His head.

Elmer Hedin

SCIENCE AND ART

There is a new "operation cross roads" in the United States. The closely allied applications of science and art to the daily life of the people of this nation are in a strange and critical state wherein the whole future of these two activities of man will lead him to God or Mammon. Household words show the intimate concern of science and art with man's life today. Medicines, plastics, dyes, radios, phonographs, photography, moving pictures, and automobiles are all essential to the technicality of living and are made possible through the power of science and art.

Science has crossed the boundary of its professed realm and entered the domain of the occult. The awesomeness of atomic energy and its attendant uses, of radar, of electronics, are as a light which, held by man close to himself alone, casts deep shadows on his own whereabouts and he is lost in their darkness. Whereas if he held their light high for all to see its rays would reveal clearly his interdependence with man. Man's skill in the science of medicine has allowed him to stamp out old diseases almost as fast as he can develop new ones.

The arts are served by great armies of patrons. Countless people paint, play music, work at crafts, and pursue photography. Almost every city has its own symphony orchestra, and art galleries, and museums are essential parts of community life. Movies represent a major industry and occupation of the people. In fact the technicality of art has become so demanding that people no longer have time to get to art exhibits—nor time to listen to music at home, by radio, or in the music hall, no time to paint, no time to play music, no time to read into their imposing bookshelves. This attitude gives a new significance to the statement that all art is timeless.

There is something radically wrong with this picture and it becomes immediately and forcibly apparent when basic definitions are brought up. Science and art are activities of man. What is wrong with man is also wrong with his science and art. He has simply ignored the findings of his study in both of these fields, and allowed their technicality to become the end rather than the means. He has benefited himself instead of his brotherhood.

It is a matter of what we call Temple consciousness. "Cosmically The Temple of the People corresponds to the Temple of humanity. The Temple of the People consists of all humans who have awakened into a knowledge of their own divinity, have undertaken to tread the Path, and those who devote their lives to the unselfish service of mankind. The third object of The Temple of the People is to promote the study of science and the fundamental facts and laws upon which sciences are based, which will permit us to extend our belief and knowledge from what is known to what is unknown. The fourth object of The Temple is 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."

Slowly the masses of humanity are coming to a realisation of the immutability of the Golden Rule. Art and science must presage the coming Christ and serve His purpose. Their dedication to beauty and truth is but the hailing and enunciation of the Christ. The great leaders in science and art have in all ages been witnesses of the Christ. His principles and laws and powers operate through the heart. That is what science and art are for. Their present danger of self-destruction by violence on one hand and devitalization on the other are due to their failure to perform their mission to man from Christ. Both art and science are unrealized engines of driving force toward the realization of brotherhood, of love and respect of fellow man, of common unity on principle. The terrible danger of inversion of these forces can be easily and readily avoided. It does not need a giant of technicality. It does not need a doctor of science in each man's mind or a great modern laboratory where all may experiment. It does not require that each man paint religious pictures or write symphonic scores. It only requires that each man recognize the handiwork of Christ in his daily life. He has only to seek it to behold it.

Beauty has been defined with every noble trait of every tongue. That phrasing which fills the need of one man may not satisfy another, but the basic oneness of beauty and manifestation appeals to all men. It should not be saved for Sunday afternoons alone. Seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day, does the handiwork of Christ show forth in the impersonal perfection of beauty—mineral, plant, animal, all form, all color, all sound, move in the mathematical balance of centralization. This is the consideration that man must apply to his own will and desire, and his failure to consider it leads him to Mammon, the only alternative.

Truth is the goal of all scientific study. This study does not create the truth. It has existed as the Christ for all time. Theories and experiments bring out various facets of truth. The daily acts of man are concentrated on the search for truth. And only these daily acts in the correct application of what is known

will tear down the barriers and veils in a man's heart and bring him closer to the truth he seeks. For selfishness and mere opinion harden and distort the heart, but do not affect the truth of mathematical balance. Always does man discover greater laws and greater intelligence. The daily application of these greater laws is the saving grace. The laws of light are the laws of the Christ, whether in a tallow candle or in the latest version of an ultra short-wave tube. Their daily use leads regardlessly to but two doors, one is in the heart to the Christ, the other is in the vainglory of an Atlantean delusion.

The following story is quoted from "This Week:"

"A young man was talking to his professor about 'Operation Crossroads'. He was excited about the impending drama of atomic energy.

"The Bikini experiment," said the young man with enthusiasm, "represents the triumph of scientific achievement. With science, everything is possible. Science is supreme."

"No doubt," said the old professor. "Science is indeed wonderful. And yet, let me tell you a story:

"There were four Brahmans in India who attended the same university and remained friends after they went out into the world. One was a simple fellow, content in the performance of his temple duties. The other three, however, probed into the mysteries of life until they discovered the nature of matter and the particles that compose it. With this knowledge they could transform a human being into a beast (but not vice versa), and could make themselves vanish, to reappear in an instant thousands of miles away.

"Clearly the village in which they lived was too small to contain such vast knowledge, and they determined to travel and make known their science to the people in the cities. They debated among themselves whether to take along the simple priest, who knew no magic and could perform no miracles. Ultimately friendship prevailed. But all during their journey they bragged continually of their knowledge, and were irritated because the simple Brahman did not seem impressed.

"Let us show him," said one of the learned three. "Then he will appreciate the honor of being one of our company."

The opportunity presented itself when they came across the rotted carcass of a dead lion.

"See here," they said, "we shall make this carcass come to life."

"I should not advise it," answered their simple friend. But they ignored him.

"I can restore the framework of this beast, the skeleton and skin," said one, and he did so.

"I can restore the dead flesh," said the second Brahman, "make whole the damaged organs, the veins and nerves." He was as good as his word, and the lion's carcass needed only the breath of life.

"That I can supply," said the third.

"Do so," said the simple Brahman, "while I climb a tree."

But the third Brahman paid no heed to his words and whispered the magic incantation.

The lion stirred, rose to his feet, and seeing the Brahmans, emitted a great roar. Suddenly realizing their danger, the scientists fled, but the lion was faster. He pounced on them and slew them all three.

The fourth Brahman, in the tree, waited until the lion was sated and had departed. Then he climbed down from the tree to return to his village and resume his temple duties."

More than that no man can do. Other than that is not worth doing.

Harold Forgostein

A NORM FOR FREEDOM

According to Herbert Spencer there are three kinds of exact science: (1) the concrete sciences, such as for example sociology and biology; (2) the abstract-concrete sciences, like chemistry; (3) the abstract or pure sciences, as the mathematical group. In spite of much scientific bigotry of the day, however, there has risen a class of investigators who, while they are willing to accept the findings of earlier scientists who depended on mere reason and the five senses, are unwilling to rest there. As new elements are discovered and science comes nearer to the finer forces of nature, many statements of ancient metaphysicians and alchemists are constantly being verified.

By the evolution of a sixth sense which employs the qualities of Intuition and Coordination, the bars set by the three-dimensional-man are removed and a point of demarkation between spirit and matter is seized. This new exploration implies a science of the fourth dimension—Arcane Science—wherein the "withinness" of matter is probed.

This hierarchy of four types of Science suggests a correspondence with the four lower planes of Occultism as follows: (1) Physical life breaks down to the unit of the cell in a "concrete" study. (2) By the use of the "abstract-concrete" approach the cell breaks down into an aggregation of molecules. (3) By looking further into the molecule is found the ultimate atom which is the abstract unit and the basis for form. (4) Looking within the atom there appear fields of energy the centers of which are called "ions" which are the "sparks" of the ancients.

Beyond this only the Initiates Who have evolved the seventh or synthetic sense can bridge the gulf, or pass the point of demarkation on the upward arc into spiritual realms, to be able to make statements of absolute truth and verity. One of These, Master H., advises the aspirant in his quest for this knowledge: "I tell you to first use whatever rudiments of the sixth sense you have already evolved to seek for the keynote of that motion which binds you inseparably to conscious Deity;

that keynote is the Christos—who sounds that keynote in your soul lest you become lost in a maze of perplexing generalities from which there is no exit.”

As long as man refuses to accept the fact of the Spiritual Sun as the Source of all Light, he will continue to work in self-imposed darkness. At the Seat of Vibration, the Central Sun, the Christos begins to weave for Himself a garment of White Light and thence to build a form of the Heavenly Man, the pattern for humanity. The basis of this substance, Akasha, was the “Word” of St. John and is feebly known to science as the “noumenon of electricity.”

From time immemorial it has been taught by “Those Who Know” that the “Three fall into the four.” To state it more completely—the eternally unmanifest Godhead projects a Ray of Being as the four-fold Archetypal Man, who dwells eternally in the White City Four-Square. This prototype becomes the composite seven-fold man.

The four-fold mortal man is but a shadow of the four-fold Heavenly Man—a Monad encased in the limitations of form and intellect through which it must evolve. He is like a prisoner in a castle surrounded by a moat who longs to hear the clanging of a drawbridge to herald the chance for his escape.

In “From the Mountain Top” it is written: “Free to choose and with the power to act upon his choice, a clod becomes a man. Robbed of his power to act, a man becomes a clod. . . . In freedom lies the strength of man, if he be normal man.”

Who is “normal” man, and what is the ultimate norm for freedom? The four-fold worldly man in the person of Pontius Pilate at the trial of Jesus asked “What is truth?” as the Heavenly Type, Jesus, had already proclaimed to the world: “You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.” The search for the true liberty is the quest of the soul, and freedom is found in working with the laws of evolution and growth. The sociology that concerns itself mainly with statistics, rent, profits, markets, political theories of the balance of power and animal behavioristic psychology is like the Ram which Abraham beheld caught with his horns in the maze of the thicket. This Ram must be sacrificed that the Son of Truth on the Soul Plane may live.

Occultism is the science of the Soul which provides an engineering technic for the building of the bridge between spirit and matter. Because of the demand of cyclic law, in the year 1898, a great school was instituted on the physical plane by Seven Masters of Wisdom to teach the Arcane Science of the Fourth Degree. This work, the work of The Temple of the People, is symbolized by a sacred symbolic portrait of the Nirmanakaya Angel of Master Hilarion, the central figure in this preparatory cycle, as He stands on the tip of the wing of the Great Bird of Life as It spans the abyss. It is the specific mission of that Great Entity, as Regent of this Red Ray cycle, to prepare a way in the wilderness, the world, and to build a vehicle of

power through Temple discipleship to form a matrix for the incarnation of that long promised Redeeming Force, the Avatar, into the aura of the earth, which actually occurred in 1928.

Dr. Dower, an Agent of the Masters, gave outer specific instructions concerning one phase of this Divine Manifestation, which follows in part:

"On December 31, 1900, the Master H. imparted to the group of Temple members the fact of the entrance into the earth's sphere at that time of a Great Evolutionary Force belonging to the Green Ray that would cause great changes in and with the earth and its humanity. It is a form of the great evolutionary energy belonging to the Green Ray. . . . This is very necessary at the present time in the development of the human race. It is the connecting link between the upper and lower manasic planes and comes for the purpose of raising the Lower Manas (mind) in mankind to higher vibrations, that it may be able to accept and realize those occult truths which have been so generously poured out upon it in the last century. . . . Some of you have seen this Force symbolized as a Swan floating in Green Water. . . . it typifies the new manifestation in the New Cycle of the Green Ray."

Although the Saturnian Green Ray as ruler of the fourth plane acts as the intellectual tempter of man, it supplies the power of redemption. In one sense, it is the Son of which the more spiritual Yellow and Blue Rays are Father-Mother. Green absorbs the passional red and sends it upward.

This earth in its fourth planetary round is clad with a green garment, and the fourth tone of the scale is the keynote of nature always to be heard in the hum of a great city, in the roar of the ocean, or in the voice of the tempest.

The Hebrew word for green, "irq viridis," contains combinations of syllables which include the meanings "green grass," "water," "to sprinkle," "to found" and "to regulate space." Thus Saturn, as the Greek God Kronos, is father of the gods—or the God of measurement. Again as the God "Phtha," founder of the world in the Egyptian Mysteries, he had green flesh which on inner planes is a mantle of green light. The hieroglyphic of this divinity is a human figure which carries within his hand a four-colored sceptre, surmounted by four cornices which symbolize the function "to institute" on the planes of the four elements through the power of coordination. As "Thoth," this same entity was the creator of man, of the social state, and was the God of Science and the **Sacred Doctrine**. As a rite Thoth pours water, the celestial dew of purification, on the head of the neophyte.

These are "the latter days" of "the fiery baptism" when the energy from the fourth plane manifests to seers as "the pillar of fire" of the Hebrews, or as "the tongues of Flame" witnessed by Peter and the multitude at Pentecost. Such visions come as direct messages from God to man. This energy is often seen as intense White Light, we are taught. Light must ex-

plode on the astral plane to free the atomic souls which give substance to material light. The processes of evolution can be summed up in the words Explosion, Expansion, Unfolding. This spiritual fire does to man through intense pain and joy what physical fire does to matter: it creates, purifies, or consumes.

"Saturn has bred a fever in the vitals of the dark star,"—this earth—which erupts in fiery warfare. This cycle already marked by two terrible wars is characterized by more and more fiery engines of destruction—even to the atomic bomb. Man's continued evolution stands imperilled as the Hosts of Mammon threaten to line up for further carnage. The formula of materialistic evolution, embodied in an all-levelling totalitarian secularism, opposes the non-evolutionary creeds of a money-changers' churchianity which masks behind a "front" of individualism wherein the god of separateness and greed rules supreme.

It is man's blindness to the spiritual truths of life and particularly to the facts of the intermediate planes, that halts his progress. The redemptive changes first occur in the molecule and atom, but these changes occur more in the intermediary planes, the places of junction, than in the more stable full planes. Observation of this phenomenon can be accomplished only as a result of the union of the lower with the Higher Mind.

The mystery of all life lies in the square. The universe is a solid composed of three times four elements of Being, squared, to make the famous "one hundred forty-four thousand" of the "to be saved." This number symbolizes the total aspects of Deity which must be raised in vibration, even as the Son of Man, to become a Sun in which all is absorbed into the One. To discern the process of transmutation, it is necessary to penetrate in consciousness the interstices between cells and all forms of reality, to contact the inter-etheric substance which is God, and to use these bridges of consciousness, these intermediary junctions, to further real evolution. On the ladder of life progress (exploration into the unknown) is found in crossing the spaces between levels.

This cycle affords vast opportunity for true freedom, as indicated in the words of the Master in the 1916 Convention Message:

"The Eagle's wings are spread wide and far in its flight over the nations who are now under its surveillance. . . . A great gulf will have been crossed in the evolutionary pathway of life, and the tips of the Eagle's wings will rest on either side that gulf, forming a bridge over which millions of human beings will pass to a new life; a gulf wherein countless hindrances to spiritual development will be forever buried."

Greater than the servitude known to the meanest slave is the bondage of selfishness. Man is free to remain in the greedy state of the animal kingdom—to his doom; but he is equally free to cross on the bridge leading into the human kingdom—the rightful state of normal man in the oncoming age.

The stones of that bridge are the disciples who have become

wholly devoted to the Good of the All, forming links between the Masters and the multitudes. The way of evolution is the Path of Renunciation—Purification—for such, who find their true joy only in giving. They are pledged to remove obstacles for others and to give themselves utterly to the preparation for the birth of an intuitional humanity—the coming Sixth Race.

The Key to Freedom is expressed in the words of Master Hilarion in the Red Folio: "Between abstract and human intelligence there is an abyss which must be gulfed by the Soul standing alone and strong on the Wing of the Great Bird which covers and unites all. . . .

"The Curse of Father Kronos is all but fulfilled. . . The Serpent of Whiteness shall stand as Perpendicular Line of Power and be transformed into the Eagle of still Greater Whiteness, perched for high flight and freedom never known before and carrying in its beak abundance of fresh grasses for nourishment and nesting of the Race That Is To Be."

CHOOSE WE MUST. Grant us, O Higher Self, the power to transmute the old way of the "natural" man into the New—the truly Normal Humanity.

Cethil Mallory

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

October 9th marked the tenth anniversary of the passing of R. S., Dr. William H. Dower, second Guardian in Chief of The Temple, from the outer plane of life, when Pearl F. Dower became Agent and Guardian in Chief, having been appointed by the Master as successor in office.

The Sunday services on October 12th were held in commemoration of this event, and the song "Holy Sephira" was sung and the beautiful "Harp of Life" read, both compositions of R. S. Pearl F. Dower gave a talk, entitled, "The First Ten Years," reviewing the past ten years and the necessary adjustments to be made when a change in office occurs. The outer link must carry on in accordance with the plan and purpose of the Master for His use in world work, and keep the inner lines open for the transmission of Lodge Force so necessary for the help of humanity. The past ten years of world history are filled with profound events both destructive and constructive, and in the Great Plan man must learn to come closer to the deific forces and realize his unity with all life.

November 15th of this year The Temple celebrates the 49th anniversary of its founding as Lodge Center on the outer plane by the Master Hilarion, Regent of the Red Ray and spiritual Ruler of this present great Cycle in the evolution of humanity, in His function as the Annunciator of the Coming Avatar of this Cycle.

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