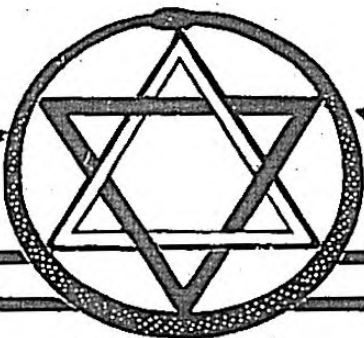




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THE TEMPLE of Humanity consists of all humans who, having awakened into a knowledge of their own divinity, have undertaken to tread the Path, and of those who devote their lives to the unselfish service of mankind.

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

CHRISTMAS

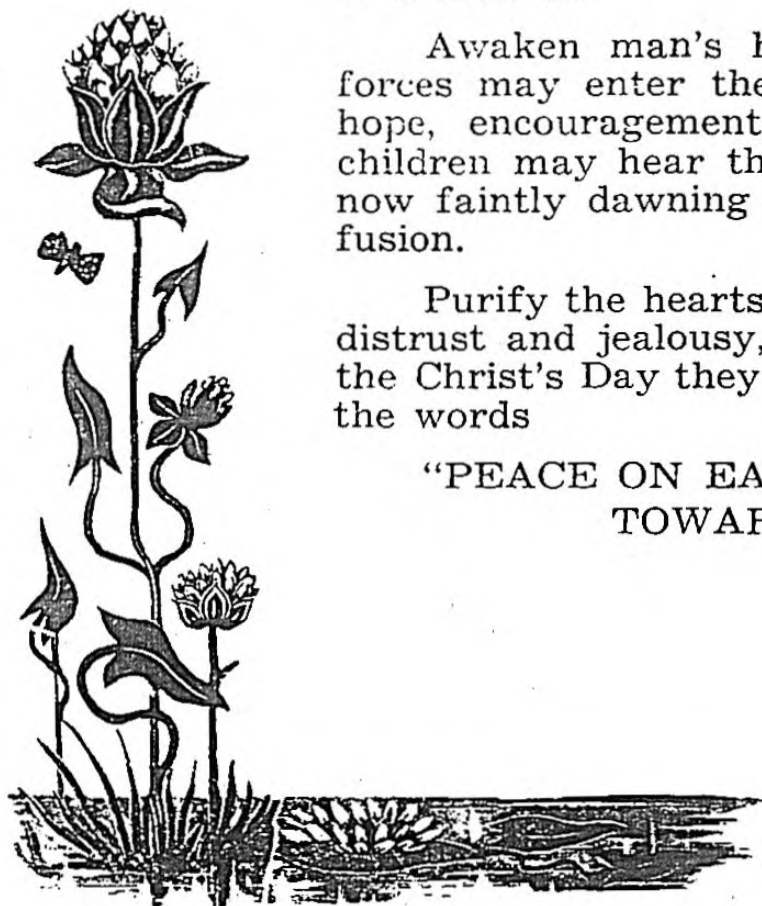
Thou, O Son of God, the Christ Child, Who radiatest Light from Thy throne—

Thou, O builder of worlds, Who sendest forth that inner energy of love and compassion that man may find his way back to Thee through the maze and entanglement of his lower creations:

Awaken man's heart that Thy Christly forces may enter the dark places and bring hope, encouragement, and peace; that Thy children may hear the song of the New Day now faintly dawning amidst the world's confusion.

Purify the hearts filled with hatred, envy, distrust and jealousy, so that at this hour of the Christ's Day they may hear, feel and heed the words

"PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL
TOWARD MEN!"



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EDITORIAL MIRROR

Amid life's complex problems, misunderstandings, dis-unity and confusion—as man goes rushing about hither and yon—there comes at this season of the year an interlude, a pause to reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas.

Many centuries ago Christ spoke to the world bringing a great message that men love one another so that peace on earth and good will toward man would prevail over the earth.

Today the Christ speaks bringing a great message of universal import; a message of love and comfort to a world divided and distressed; a message of hope and courage to the despairing and soul-hungry.

Hearken to the Christ's Great Message and carry it to all lands and peoples. For as Love abides in man's heart so will peace, understanding and universal brotherhood bring the world closer together in harmony and unity. Love unites, binds, cements and unifies the scattered selves of humanity into one harmonious whole.

Ponder well at this time upon the Radiance and the Glory of the Christ's Love and His Great Message to and for all peoples.

P. F. D.

IN HIS PRESENCE

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

Let all who feel and believe the truth of the advent of a Redeeming Cosmic Force repeat the above daily, constantly, to help build a matrix—heart center—through which the Christ Force will externalize in qualities of living power for the good of all humanity.

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.

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

TO THE STUDENT OF OCCULTISM

"Raise the self by the Self; suffer not the Self to be lowered, for Self is the friend of self, and in like manner, self is its own enemy. Self is the friend of the man who is self-conquered; so, self, like a foe, hath enmity to him who is not self-conquered."—Bhagavad-Gita.

To him who would penetrate and know the Mysteries of life and death, unselfish service is the first gate. In the Temple of the Mysteries of old—of Greece, Eleusis and Samothrace, or the greater Mysteries of Egypt, each candidate was required to devote a certain number of years of his or her life to serving others: the world, or the state, as their qualifications permitted, before they were fit to begin the study of Nature's inner forces, and to know and realize their relations thereto.

In these modern days, the Watchers of the Central Flame, having permitted a slight knowledge of the Mysteries to percolate through the selfish slag of desires that surrounds the world, thousands catching a momentary glimpse or reflection of the glory and power possible of attainment have rushed forward to "enter in." Not more than one in a thousand have thought of, or passed through the first gate. The many, ignoring that gate, have found naught but a void beyond—a void of darkness and negation. Or if, perhaps, with indomitable will and purpose, a very few have persisted in the attempt to break through the second portal or protecting wall that saves them from themselves, the strong reactionary lower forces aroused in their auras soon cause confusion to reign within, with more and more dissatisfaction, until, beaten back upon themselves, they disappointedly exclaim, "there is nothing in it," "it is a delusion!"

And withal, the way is so simple that only the child-heart can understand and follow. The great divine and natural forces of life, love, wisdom and knowledge, are pressing upon the consciousness of everyone who may read these lines, are beating ceaselessly against the strings of human nature, ever striving to evoke a consciousness of the eternal verities within the heart. And the birth of that consciousness is delayed year after year, age after age, because of the shadows that we pursue, and of the duties at hand that we do not do in looking for others afar off, that may never be ours to do.

The great Doors of the Lodge of Life are never closed — but you must lose your personal life, to find it immortalized within those Doors. You must give up a part of yourself to gain any spiritual power. Then you are that power. And the thing that you give up must not be something that you do not want—something that you can give up with a glad yielding. It must be something that is a part of your very life—your heart's blood, mayhap, in sacrificial service for others, without hope of reward—a dedication of every act to the Supreme Self. Then as the atoms of the personal self are gradually replaced by the

atoms of the spiritual self, the great fact dawns that the glorious power is yours, to draw out the huge iron bolt of personal desire that has kept doubly locked the great gates of negation in the wall of impenetrable Silence that differentiates the colors and planes, that divides the body from the soul, time from the timeless, and man from God.

The personal desires must die, that the spiritual self may be born. This resurrection of life from death is going on incessantly in all the kingdoms of nature. It is the divine drama being eternally played in the theatre of the evolution of matter, force and consciousness. The Higher Self is always raising the lower from the tomb of matter into which it has been plunged by the two thieves of personal ambition who would steal by force the "Word"—the holy creative and constructive energy inhering in every atom of matter. The Higher Self, symbolized by the Master, is present at every such resurrection of the spiritual self in matter. Henceforth that matter has different qualities and powers. It is a spiritualized temple and a fit abode for the Holy Presence. This is a literal as well as a symbolic truth—and is well illustrated by the changes effected in the body of Jesus after his supreme initiation on the cross of matter. There is no other way.

It behooves the true student of life and its mysteries to look well that he does not grow one-sided in his development. True occultism demands that all of the planes be correlated. And the material is as important as any other. If occultism does not help one to live to better purpose, and if it cannot help the world practically, it is a delusion and a snare.

The great underlying principles of truth on which the universe is built—with the study and understanding of which the student of occultism is concerned—must be applied concretely, not only in the life of the student, but in the world conditions around him, as circumstances and opportunity permit. The middle line of balance between the planes—between the spiritual and material—must be found. From this middle point, one can draw from spiritual or material forces at will, and apply these forces with power and purpose in building and molding corresponding balanced conditions in the world. It is true that there are some who, reacting from matter, and having "hitched their wagon to a star" of purely spiritual attainment, will not be satisfied until they become saturated with some degree of that force—when they gladly and naturally swing back to the material again, satisfied to combine and interlace the powers and truths of both planes in a balanced harmony of feeling and action—with a resultant and corresponding benefit to themselves and the world at large.

W. H. D.

Clean hands, a pure heart and boundless charity are the first requisites of a would-be occultist.

Hilarion.

SAVIOURS OF THE WORLD

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 such Saviour has heralded the beginning of one age, a minor cycle of the major cycle; that is, the finger of God has, as it were, drawn a smaller circle within a large circle, and evolved a new order of life upon it. When the great cycle is closed, the Ego which has built up the bodily expressions of individual Saviours, will pass on to take up a higher mission, perhaps upon some other planet, and its labor will fall upon the Ego which comes next in development, and who will begin to build up the vehicles — personalities — for its incarnations with the first minor of the major cycle. The incarnating Ego of the Saviour of any one major cycle is the Great Initiator, "the Watcher on the Threshold," for that cycle.

Only as man can understand all that is involved in the words, "a group soul," can he understand just what Jesus was and is. The reflection of the sun which you see in a pool of water is not the real sun, yet it partakes of certain qualities and characteristics active in that sun. In illustration: If the sun were able to fix all its reflections permanently and endow them with mind, the vibrations in continuous action between the sun and those reflections might gradually evolve a group soul; the sun being the central figure, there would be a continual interaction of forces and principles as time passed, and the sun and its reflections become one inseparable entity on a higher plane. The personality of Jesus was correspondingly a reflection of the Father — the spiritual Sun — and there obtained that perfect interaction of forces and principles between them, which made them one, in deed and in truth, as has also been the case with preceding Saviours.

If perfect understanding of this important truth has come to us, it is no longer difficult to appreciate the righteousness of the demands made upon us as to reverence, service and implicit obedience to the commands of Jesus. We make a tremendous mistake when we try to relegate Jesus to some inferior position, and set up an abstraction in the place he formerly held. We often hear the expression, "There is as much of the Christ in me as there was in Jesus," but this is not true. There may be as much of that divine principle in such a one potentially, but there is not *in actu*.

To whatever extent the principles and powers which constitute the Christos, the Son of God, are developed in any human being, to that extent he has become a Christ, a Saviour, and is worthy of like love and reverence. But we must not forget the fact of the mathematical perfection of the action of all natural law, and if one is not by divine right in some given position in the cosmic scale of all manifested life, the forces and principles

which are preeminently active in that position or state cannot act upon the personal self as potently as they can in the one person who has reached that karmic position, and consequently cannot be as worthy of the love, service and reverence of those who are in lower positions karmically on the same scale. It would not be a question of potential worthiness in such an instance, but of actual worthiness; not a question of ability or lack of ability to function the cosmic forces and principles pertaining to such position; the position itself is the first consideration.

God cannot, as it were, burst into the bloom of humanity at one bound. Leaf by leaf, petal by petal, the divine bud generated by law is opening. The Master Jesus was one of the petals, which one aspect of cosmic law in conjunction with individual effort has broken loose from the restraint imposed by another phase of the same law, in advance of the other close-bound petals of the bud, and by that single act has made possible the opening of the rest of the petals; for as long as the first petal remained bound, the bud could not open perfectly. If any other petal should force its way open before the first had opened, the symmetry and beauty of the bud would be lost, and the final result would be a monstrosity instead of a perfect flower.

The average idea of the great sacrifice as associated with Jesus is based upon wrong premises; it clings about the surrender of the physical body, which is but one feature of that sacrifice. The breaking forth of that first petal — the separation from the Father — the heart-breaking cry, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me!" indicates the positive aspect of that great sacrifice, as the words, "It is finished," indicate the negative aspect of the same, and we must not lose sight of the fact that the rendering of this great sacrifice was no more requisite for the final perfecting of Jesus than it is for the perfecting of every disciple of the Christos—the Universal Lodge of Life.

The morning stars sing together at the birth of a soul, as the evening stars weep at its death; but this is only evidenced on the interior planes. The birth of a soul on the material plane is, as it were, its death on the spiritual (its temporary obscuration); but it is well that all earth should rejoice in commemoration of such an event, for in such rejoicing, the soul that is passing from death to life finds much of its compensation for the sorrows through which it has passed, and those who rejoice find the strength in their rejoicing that will enable them to endure the inevitable suffering which follows upon the final renunciation.

The stones of the sacrificial altar, and the fagots for the fire are found and laid in rejoicing; the sacrificial victim is bound and dies in sorrow, but the fire which kindles the fagots and consumes the sacrifice is the annealing force which combines altar, fagots and victim, and raises the result, the spiritual giant, to the throne of power, where neither joy nor pain

has dominion over it — where service, and service alone is its life. And it is then, and then alone, that the soul of man finds out the purpose of life, and the realization of its own divinity. Only then that "Death is swallowed up in Victory," and that Law is fulfilled in perfect love.

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

From "The Universal Christ and the New Humanity."

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE

August 3 to 7, 1947

(Conclusion of Report)

WEDNESDAY

The noonday Healing Service was conducted by Patricia Mallory.

At 7:30 p. m. the younger children of The Temple group gave a jolly entertainment in Hiawatha Lodge under the direction of Lottie Ferguson, assisted by Louise Lentz.

There was a humorous skit, "My bike and I," by Roland Mallory and Robert Shumway. Two little songs were sung by the Mallory twins, Cecilia and Diana; and the Cluck Cluck song by Colin Carlberg and Patty Lou and Susan Lentz. Gloria Shumway recited "My Shadow" by Robert Louis Stevenson, and Sheila Varian and Mona Lee Schussman each played some solo numbers on the piano. There were also the "Halcyon hill billies" on horseback—Pattie Lou Lentz and Joyce Stenquist—who sang, "You are my Sunshine," and "Home on the Range." And a Chalk Talk by Harold Forgostein concluded the program, every number of which was very much enjoyed. At the close, ice cream and cookies were served.

THURSDAY

The noonday Healing Service in the Temple was led by Herman Volz.

The Temple Convention reached a beautiful culmination in the all-day picnic under the spreading oak trees of the County Park. There were good things to eat from the picnic baskets and everyone had a most satisfactory and restful time. The children enjoyed the creek and the adults enjoyed watching them and visiting with one another.

In the evening those who so desired reconvened at Hiawatha Lodge for a little dancing.

SOCIAL SCIENCE AND THE ESSENTIALS OF LIFE

There is great need of right leadership in the world today —by leaders of men who understand the essentials of life, who understand the necessity of correlating the outer world of effects with the inner world of causes. Without that understanding, man lives in vain and ends in complete darkness, never receiving the great message that life holds for him.

Man cannot live by bread alone. He must combine the outer with the inner life or he misses the light from within which gives meaning to daily living.

It is all-important to a nation to have a president or king or other leader who understands Divine Law, for through him it may be possible for all the people to understand that there are certain principles which must be adhered to, and especially the principle of basic Unity in the Brotherhood of Man, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Fortunately, it happens by Law at intervals that Great Souls come to Earth to help a humanity that has become almost completely lost in darkness through its ignorant breaking of the Law. Such a cycle is at hand now. The Avatar, the first-born among men, has come again to complete a great mission, to lift humanity out of the darkness of ignorance, greed and selfishness.

One cannot help people if they do not want to be helped. But we are told that there will soon be a great cry for spiritual truth. Suffering and want will bring the people to ask for inner guidance. The Temple was founded at the opening of this cycle to hold the spiritual treasure in readiness for that need and, as one of the officers said in her recent address, its treasury is filled to overflowing. And true social science is part of the treasure. It has the function of outwardly expressing inner relationships between men and between "man and God and nature." We have reason to believe that these true relationships have been quite fully expressed on certain other planets to the great blessing of those who inhabit them.

But if a great spiritual treasure is unused, men become debtors to life, starved for nourishment of soul, frozen for lack of warmth from within. Why should that be when all the great treasure is here for the taking? It is all so simple from the viewpoint of the teachings of the Great White Lodge. But it is so hard from the viewpoint of those who see only buying and selling and profit-making. What profit can there be in living other than what a man may do in soul-development?

When man has developed to where he can understand and apply true social science, bring about right relationships, everyone will be amazed at the abundance of all good things for everyone. There will be no need for strife and war and the periodic ruin of civilizations. These are caused by man's losing sight of the real purpose of his existence, which is to become centered within, living for the inner realities and outwardly expressing them. Thus, day by day, he will combine in balance

his spiritual and material life.

In the Temple paper entitled, "The Cross and Crown of the New Humanity," the point is brought out as follows:

"We are one and inseparable in essence. No one can live at the expense of another without creating an unbalanced condition which always ends in pain and suffering. This is the primary cause of the present unsatisfactory state of modern life, social, ethical, political and philosophical, and unless remedied the disease will grow worse and worse, until finally, like a huge cancer, the whole will become a mass of putrifying matter and will end in great cataclysms, upheavals of governments, nations and the very earth itself."

In conclusion, I will read these lines from "From the Mountain Top":

"My son, why callest thou on me for succor, why plead for Wisdom's gifts, while all unrecognized, forgotten or neglected, lie all the gifts bestowed on thee in answer to thy calls of long past days?

"To rid thy conscience of thy debtor's load, thou claimest inalienable right to all the Universe holds of good, and base thy claim upon thy kinship with the source of thy frail life.

"But Life is Law and Law gives naught for naught.

"He is a thief who takes from Life all that he may and then refuses payment of the debt in kind."

Herman Volz

TEMPLE PHILOSOPHY AND WORLD PROBLEMS

Temple Teachings abound with prophecies, visions, and warnings, many hundred in number, concerning the various phases and interludes of Armageddon and the present transitional era. Upheavals both man-made and nature-produced (the latter are also man-made in the final analysis), as well as within and between nations, are all covered in the prognosticative messages and passages referred to. A typical one, given Templars nearly a half century ago in the instruction entitled "Prophecy," refers to "the final meeting of the colossal antagonists of the present cycle."

This "meeting" is still going on, as practically everybody would agree. The character and identity of the "antagonists" are also understood generally, but the forces back of the latter are not cognized so well, if at all, by people at large unless they be strongly intuitive and able to do some clear thinking, uninfluenced by emotions and prejudices.

Many are the smokescreens thrown over the faces of people, including disciples, in order to cloud the vision and confuse the issue. The world-old subject of extremes is still very much extant. The opposing forces delight in getting us to commit ourselves one way or another, like the proverbial monkey who drew the chestnuts out of the fire, so that they may have something on us.

"World problems" is simply another name for race karma, and blind is he who fails to see the thread of continuity spun by the wheel of cause and effect running down through the ages to date as well as into the future.

Temple Teachings also make plain the fact that the War of Armageddon, even in its historical aspect, is primarily a religious war, despite, paradoxically, the materialism of the age. This is easily understood from an impartial survey of the deeper moral issues behind the economic and political, the domestic and international line-ups and outbreaks the world over through the past half century to date.

Hence the paramount importance of the United Nations (Organization), which is a necessary prelude to the advent of the coming Avatar, the new Saviour whose presence is in fact already here.

The following from the Master's 1946 Convention Message reiterates in essence what was said at the beginning of this paper in reference to the Avatar:

"Some have caught the Message of the Divine Incarnation; a great many realize that important events have happened in the aura of the world; but few in comparison are conscious interiorly of Its Real Import and Cosmic Mission."

That more and more people may become thus conscious interiorly through the awakening of their own divinity is the import and mission of The Temple at Halcyon.

Bernard Lentz

TEMPLE BUILDERS DEPARTMENT

Report on the Temple Builders Meeting, August 12, 1947

During the last ten years the afternoon services in The Temple on the Sunday following the Convention have been dedicated to the special annual meeting of the Temple Builders—the children of the Temple Group—and it may be considered as a beautiful symbol of growth and youth in The Temple to have the youngest generation thus start the new year in the Temple work.

At 3 p.m., the children assembled in The Temple which was beautifully adorned for the occasion with pink amaryllis lilies. A large congregation attended, with the Guardian in Chief and Outer Guard in the chancel. The children, in their light blue capes and white collars, were seated in a large oval in front of the chancel around the little Temple Builders altar.

The meeting was opened with a precessional on the organ by Ebba Whitney, and the Builders hymn, "Build The Temple," sung by all in unison. Robert Shumway lighted the altar candle, and a silence was held to invoke the blessings of the Master. The hymn, "Shine on my Heart," followed, after which two of the littlest Builders took the offering, which was dedicated through the Words of Thanksgiving, recited by all in unison.

John and David Mallory, accompanied on the piano by An-

na Courtland, then played two violin duets, "Hungarian Dance" and "Hail, the Conqueror," and the children's choir, under the direction of Louise Lentz, sang the hymn, "Here in Thy Temple, Lord, We Pray," after which the very little ones followed with the song, "Jesus, Friend of Little Children." Sheila Varian played a piano solo, and Carolyn Forgostein sang Flamore's song, "The Golden Tone."

The three eldest of the Builders present, Eleanor Shumway and John and David Mallory, each read an interesting Temple Builders instruction, and Roland Mallory recited one of the Temple Builders poems, "May this Temple which we see our beloved teacher be." Anna Courtland then played on the piano "Minuet" from "Sonata" by Mozart, after which the teachers of the Builders, Ella Vogtherr and Patricia Mallory, gave excerpts from messages and instructions of the Master in which He emphasized the importance of both the right religious training of the child from earliest youth on, and the great importance of the Builders work now and in the future, as a start in right education of the human race.

Then the Temple Builders prayers were recited, and the whole congregation joined in the Builders meditation to send forces of Light and Peace into the world. The meeting, which was filled with the pure child heart force and is always one of the loveliest meetings of the convention week, was closed with the Builders hymn, "Father, Mother, Brother, Sister," the Consecration Hymn, and blessings extended by the Outer Guard.

Blavatsky Department

This department will be confined to the teachings of H. P. Blavatsky. In it will be published, so far as possible, the views expressed by H. P. B. on any given subject. Our readers are requested to send in any questions on any subject which they wish to have elucidated, and we will endeavor to search through the writings of H. P. B. and publish her teachings on such subjects.

From "THE OCEAN OF THEOSOPHY"

by W. Q. Judge

Theosophy is that ocean of knowledge which spreads from shore to shore of the evolution of sentient beings; unfathomable in its deepest parts, it gives the greatest minds their fullest scope, yet, shallow enough at its shores, it will not overwhelm the understanding of a child. It is wisdom about God for those who believe that He is all things and in all, and wisdom about nature for the man who accepts the statement found in the Christian Bible that God cannot be measured or discovered, and that darkness is around his pavilion. Although it contains by derivation the name God and thus may seem at first sight to embrace religion alone, it does not neglect science, for it is the science of sciences and therefore has been called the wisdom religion. For no science is complete which leaves out any department of nature, whether visible or invisible; and that religion

which, depending solely on an assumed revelation, turns away from things and the laws which govern them, is nothing but a delusion, a foe to progress, an obstacle in the way of man's advancement toward happiness. Embracing both the scientific and the religious, Theosophy is a scientific religion and a religious science.

It is not a belief or dogma formulated or invented by man, but is a knowledge of the laws which govern the evolution of the physical, astral, psychical, and intellectual constituents of nature and of man. The religion of the day is but a series of dogmas man-made and with no scientific foundation for promulgated ethics; while our science as yet ignores the unseen; and failing to admit the existence of a complete set of inner faculties of perception in man, it is cut off from the immense and real field of experience which lies within the visible and tangible worlds. But Theosophy knows that the whole is constituted of the visible and the invisible, and perceiving outer things and objects to be but transitory it grasps the facts of nature, both without and within. It is therefore complete in itself and sees no unsolvable mystery anywhere; it throws the word coincidence out of its vocabulary and hails the reign of law in everything and every circumstance.

That man possesses an immortal soul is the common belief of humanity; to this Theosophy adds that he is a soul; and further that all nature is sentient, that the vast array of objects and men are not mere collections of atoms fortuitously thrown together and thus without law evolving law, but down to the smallest atom all is soul and spirit ever evolving under the rule of law which is inherent in the whole. And just as the ancients taught, so does Theosophy; that the course of evolution is the drama of the soul and that nature exists for no other purpose than the soul's experience. The Theosophist agrees with Prof. Huxley* in the assertion that there must be beings in the universe whose intelligence is as much beyond ours as ours exceeds that of the black beetle, and who take an active part in the government of the natural order of things. Pushing further on by the light of the confidence had in his teachers, the Theosophist adds that such intelligences were once human, and came like all of us from other and previous worlds, where as varied experience had been gained as is possible on this one. We are therefore not appearing for the first time when we come upon this planet, but have pursued a long, an immeasurable course of activity and intelligent perception on other systems of globes, some of which were destroyed ages before the solar system condensed. This immense reach of the evolutionary system means, then, that this planet on which we now are is the result of the activity and the evolution of some other one that died long ago, leaving its energy to be used in the bringing into existence of the earth, and that the inhabitants of the latter in their turn

*Essays on Some Controverted Questions. London, 1891.

came from some older world to proceed here with the destined work in matter. And the brighter planets, such as Venus, are the habitation of still more progressed entities, once as low as ourselves, but now raised up to a pitch of glory incomprehensible for our intellects.

The most intelligent being in the universe, man, has never, then, been without a friend, but has a line of elder brothers who continually watch over the progress of the less progressed, preserve the knowledge gained through aeons of trial and experience, and continually seek for opportunities of drawing the developing intelligence of the race on this or other globes to consider the great truths concerning the destiny of the soul. These elder brothers also keep the knowledge they have gained of the laws of nature in all departments, and are ready when cyclic law permits to use it for the benefit of mankind. They have always existed as a body, all knowing each other, no matter in what part of the world they may be, and all working for the race in many different ways. In some periods they are well known to the people and move among ordinary men whenever the social organization, the virtue, and the development of the nations permit it. For if they were to come out openly and be heard of everywhere, they would be worshipped as gods by some and hunted as devils by others. In those periods when they do come out some of their number are rulers of men, some teachers, a few great philosophers, while others remain still unknown except to the most advanced of the body.

It would be subversive of the ends they have in view were they to make themselves public in the present civilization, which is based almost wholly on money, fame, glory, and personality. For this age, as one of them has already said, "is an age of transition," when every system of thought, science, religion, government, and society is changing, and men's minds are only preparing for an alteration into that state which will permit the race to advance to the point suitable for these elder brothers to introduce their actual presence to our sight. They may be truly called the bearers of the torch of truth across the ages; they investigate all things and beings; they know what man is in his inner-most nature and what his powers and destiny, his state before birth and the states into which he goes after the death of his body; they have stood by the cradle of nations and seen the vast achievements of the ancients, watched sadly the decay of those who had no power to resist the cyclic law of rise and fall; and while cataclysms seemed to show a universal destruction of art, architecture, religion, and philosophy, they have preserved the records of it all in places secure from the ravages of either men or time; they have made minute observations; through trained psychics among their own order, into the unseen realms of nature and of mind, recorded the observations and preserved the record; they have mastered the mysteries of sound and color through which alone the elemental beings behind the veil of matter can be communicated

with, and thus can tell why the rain falls and what it falls for, whether the earth is hollow or not, what makes the wind to blow and light to shine, and greater feat than all—one which implies a knowledge of the very foundations of nature—they know what the ultimate divisions of time are and what are the meaning and the times of the cycles.

(To be continued)

IN MEMORIAM

Another member of the old Temple Guard, Mrs. Marie de Abad, passed at the age of 79 to inner realms November 6th and was laid to rest in the East Lawn cemetery in Sacramento.

She had been a member of The Temple for 35 years, a true, loyal and faithful warrior unto the end. She kept in touch with the Center throughout her many years as a Templar. In sickness and distress, The Temple was uppermost in her heart, and she continually re-affirmed her love and devotion to it and never failed to support the work spiritually and materially.

She has earned her well deserved release from her frail and ailing body, and has entered the Great Company of comrades on inner planes now working in the realm of Causes.

We shall always carry her memory in the love of our hearts.

IN MEMORIAM

On November 26, at the age of 85, our dear brother Edward Christian Twistman, after an illness of several months, passed from this plane to inner realms. He was laid to rest in the Halcyon cemetery.

Edward Twistman was a Temple member for 28 years. He was born in Denmark. At the age of 15 he went to sea, and during the 1880's served in the United States Navy. His travels led him to many regions throughout the world, and he spent two years in Tahiti, which to him was the most beautiful. In 1925 he came to Halcyon to establish his home.

His was a true spiritual nature, strong, unassuming, kind, and serene, and all loved him for his gentle ways. He loved life, and beyond all he loved The Temple and Halcyon with deep devotion. To live at the Center meant the fulfillment of his longings, and he expressed this in the closing of his life's story written in the late 1930's:

"Then came an intense longing, I wanted to go back to Halcyon. I felt a guiding hand that led me on. I am exceedingly grateful to that guiding hand for this happy ending of a very stormy life. It seems that I have come out of a dream, a deep dream that once seemed real; but, because of that dream, life has become real. I have seen the Truth. I dream no more. . . . My ship is not only anchored, but it is moored two anchors at the bow and two at the stern, never more to drift."

Now he has entered the inner harbor of Light, our dear Brother, and our deep heart love is with him.

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

Since we last reported, the following talks were given during the Sunday services in the Temple: July 13, Cethil Mallory, "One True Centralization;" July 20, Joyce Hedin, "The Gong Strikes;" July 27, Patricia Mallory, "In Preparation for Convention;" August 17, Bernard Lentz, "Temple Philosophy and World Problems;" August 24, Harold Forgostein, "Our Daily Bread." August 31, a symposium on "Loyalty" was given, in which the Guardian in Chief and members gave short speeches on the subject. September 14, Herman Volz, "The Purpose of Life;" September 21, Carolyn Forgostein, "The Inner Sight;" September 28, Martha Schussman, "The Radiant Center." On October 12, Guardian in Chief Pearl F. Dower, "The First Ten Years." October 19, Cethil Mallory, "The Interior Direct Line." October 25, Roberta Shumway, "A Golden Ray of Hope." November 9, Bernard Lentz, "Temple Readings." November 16, on the occasion of the 49th Anniversary of the Founding of The Temple, another symposium, "What does The Temple mean to me?" Several interesting talks were given. In this meeting, the Guardian in Chief officially appointed Herman Volz Temple Scribe, to succeed Ernest Harrison who passed away November 19, 1946. November 23, Isabella Tarbox spoke on "Inner Values." November 30, Joyce Hedin, "The Child Heart."

January 19 marks the 99th anniversary of the birth of the first Guardian in Chief, Blue Star, Mrs. Francia A. LaDue, Lodge Agent and Co-Founder together with Red Star, Dr. Wm. H. Dower, under the direction of the Master Hilarion, Ruler of the present evolutionary cycle in humanity.

TEMPLE LITERATURE

We call attention to the Temple Books, Correspondence Courses, and Pamphlets advertised inside the cover of the ARTISAN. "From the Mountain Top" is a revelation of light, shining through Messages from Inner Spheres of transcendent truth and beauty. "The Coming Avatar" tells the truth about the great age in which we live; it should be in the hands of all people. The Yellow and Red Folios contain Messages from Masters of the Great White Lodge given to The Temple and, through The Temple, to humanity, 1926-1929.

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LET US REMEMBER

That The Temple is our Real Home.

That the Great Master said, "Love ye one another."

That all doubts spring from the lower nature.

That we cannot love God, Whom we have not seen,
if we hate our brother, whom we have seen.

That he who thinketh and speaketh good of others
stands in the Shine of the Lodge of Life.

That we should be tolerant in things uncertain, liberal
in things doubtful, and in all things charitable.

That where much light is, the shadows also are stronger.

Go forward with faith and lo, the serried ranks of the Hosts of Light shall encompass you, and together ye shall win in the battle of the ages. The Christ shall lead thee—He who holdeth the hearts of men in His keeping, and will not let them go—**THINE OWN TRUE SELF**, the Warrior of Light.

THE MESSAGE

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



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