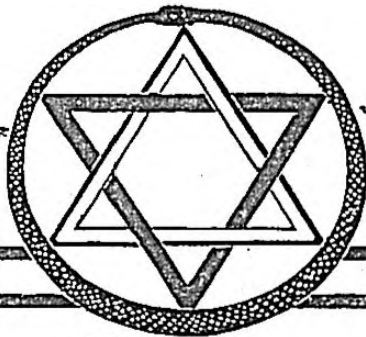




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THE TEMPLE of Humanity consists of all humans who, having awakened into a knowledge of their own divinity, have undertaken to tread the Path, and of those who devote their lives to the unselfish service of mankind.

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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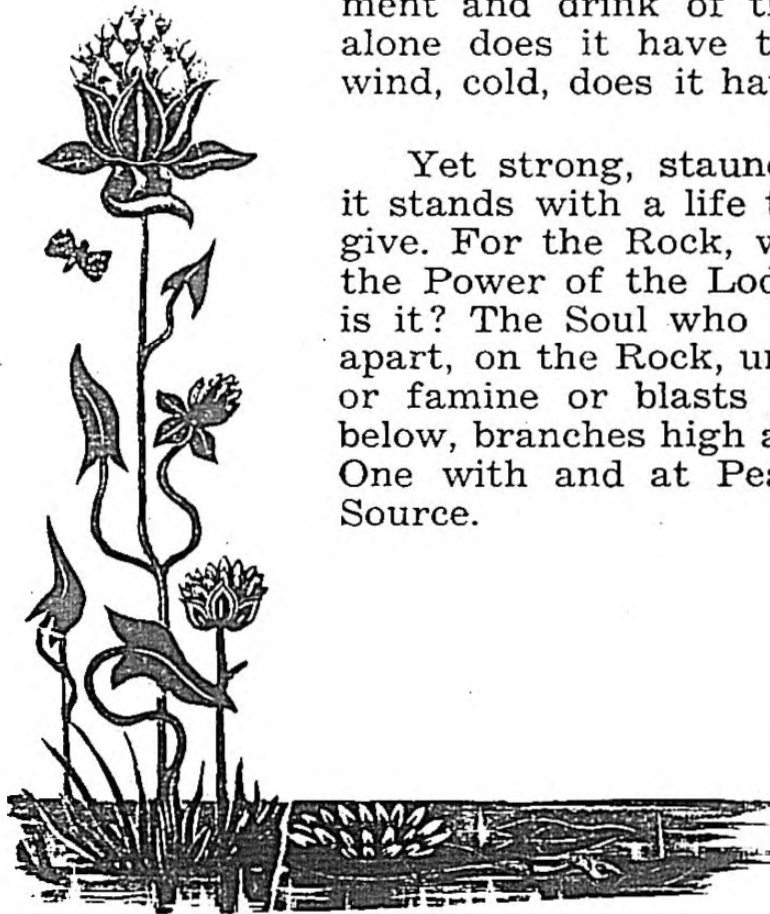
HE WHO OVERCOMETH

From solid rock springs the Lone Tree, strong, staunch, straight, from pyramidal rock of vast proportion not made by man but by ages and ages of God in His Time.

Barrenness and dryness are the nourishment and drink of the Lone Tree. Hardness alone does it have to break through. Heat, wind, cold, does it have to contend with.

Yet strong, staunch, brave, true, straight it stands with a life that the Rock alone can give. For the Rock, what is it? The Rock of the Power of the Lodge. And the Tree, what is it? The Soul who can stand alone, secure, apart, on the Rock, unmindful of wind or rain or famine or blasts whatsoever; roots deep below, branches high above, undisturbed, heart One with and at Peace with its Maker, its Source.

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EDITORIAL MIRROR

"Out of the Darkness shineth the Light of the Glorified Triple Star into the hearts of Humanity, raising the pulse of the Cosmic Heart and driving the shadows into the blackness of the Great Abyss."

These "Words of Force" have been repeated in The Temple by its members since the founding of the Temple work in 1898, and they are more pregnant with meaning and power now than ever, as the New Order of the Ages appears.

The old order of things is the "darkness"; and with the precipitations of the evil karma of the world, thus clarifying the mental and moral atmosphere of humanity, a New Light in consciousness brilliantly appears—the Light of the New Order.

The Glorified Triple Star is the Triune Force of Deific Love seeking to ensoul humanity—to find a vehicle of expression through human hearts and lives. And the sound forms or names of the Triple Star are many and are yet all the same. The Triple Star is the three Masters for one thing—They Who preside over all the Building Forces.

It is also the Trinity of religion—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is Substance, Force and Consciousness in dynamic terms; it is the three lettered mystic syllable A-U-M—symbol of the Ineffable Word, and it is many other things. Yet in all things it is Love—the Triple Star of Love—Love Creative, Love Conserving and Love Regenerating. It is Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva—Creator, Preserver and Regenerator. It is the Three in One Higher Self—the Creator seeking ever to ensoul His creatures with Himself.

And the Heart is the Transformer to receive and to modify this deific force to human uses; and when so used the pulse of the Cosmic Heart is raised because man is one with the life of all Nature, and when all Nature is raised to higher vibration, which includes human nature, the shadows (falsities) are driven into the blackness (the absorption) of the Great Negation (the Great Abyss). In the absolute purity of this blackness even the shadows disappear—cease to exist—for there can be no shadows where there is not even a flicker of light, as there can be no falsehood where there is not even a flicker of truth. So, out of the world darkness the Light of the Glorified Triple Star is shining, and it needs to shine, for there are countless shadows to be dispelled in all fields of human activity and consciousness.

W.H.D.

The "countless shadows" in the human calendar of Life must be dispelled and transmuted; and for a unified world all nations must be united in bonds of international understanding and agreement impelled by the highest ideals, which must be "justly stabilized to collectively oppose war" and settle all their differences by an International Court. Such is the United Nations today.

May the GREAT UNIFIER — Spirit of Universal Harmony, Love and Wisdom — overshadow all its proceedings, and may the LIGHT of the TRIPLE STAR unite mankind in closer bonds of UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD.

P. F. D.

THE MIRRORED FACE

Search where thou mayest, in the cosmic heights or in the depths, for the God of thy longing, thou wilt never behold His face until it hath been first pictured in thine inmost heart.

When once thou hast beheld that face ever after thou wilt see it mirrored in dewdrop, star, and sun, on the wings of a gnat, and in the eyes of thy fellow men.

However brutal or distorted, however pure or beautiful these forms and faces seem to other men, thou wilt only see the face of God therein when thou hast fixed that mirrored face within thine heart.

If thou couldst see the face of God reflected in the eyes of woman whom men have tempted by lust couldst thou turn away from her in scorn? If thou couldst hear the voice of God in the plea uttered by the twisted lips of thief, of murderer, or wastrel couldst thou harshly sentence him to death or prison?

Couldst thou trample ruthlessly the wayside flower if thou couldst sense the breath of God wafted to thee in its perfume, or thoughtlessly bring down a bird if thou couldst see God's pleasure in its flight?

I say thee nay, for thou wouldst know His measuring line was laid against the garment Life was weaving for thy wearing in the time to come.



TRUE BROTHERHOOD From "Teachings of The Temple."

From the vantage ground gained in battling with like conditions to those among which you find yourselves in this dark age, I come to speak with you, and to plead with you to listen, to understand and obey, not what I may direct, but what I, in conjunction with the I of and in your own souls, whisper in unspeakable, yearning love.

Brotherhood has become a term of reproach to some—a byword bandied about from lip to lip with a careless jest, by others, through man's inability to discern the fundamental truth

expressed by the word in all its purity and holiness.

As a pearl when dropped into mire and filth still retains its intrinsic worth, and only requires cleaning to bring out its beautiful spiritual lustre, so the word Brotherhood may once more be made to shed the light of its splendor on a world torn apart by strife and dissension, and all unbrotherliness; and thou, my child, (whichever one thou art), hast thine own part to perform in this great work.

That Brotherhood means literally all that is implied by the words, "do unto others as you would that they should do unto you," is beyond controversy; and no one of you is so situated as to be unable to keep this law; for it is a universal law, and whoever violates it brings upon himself or herself the karmic action of the law. Furthermore, it is the law upon which rests all possibility of farther advance on evolutionary lines; for, if you cannot give to your Brother or Sister the love, the helping hand, the encouraging word or deed which you do now, or will some other time desire for yourself, how can you give to the great Master, to whom you are pledged—the Master who is one with that Brother or Sister as with you—the unselfish love that alone can hold you on the Path you have chosen? This is no matter of sentiment as is so frequently imagined, but, as before intimated, it is the law upon which your real life here and hereafter rests. To the violation of this law may be attributed every evil ever manifested; and again the stars are predicting the overthrow of great continents, because of man's disobedience to this law.

Open your eyes, my children, and see how man's inhumanity—unbrotherliness—is loading with chains, binding and sacrificing to his own selfish desires and passions, those other fragments of divinity—struggling along the same weary way he also is treading—at his side, within sound of his voice, under the very eaves of the palace which shelters him . . .

Every loving word or act of ours to a Brother is rewarded ten-fold; for on the plane of true Being, Good alone is all-powerful; evil sinks into insignificance. . . .

My children, throw off the yoke that has so long burdened your shoulders, stand erect, and say with those who love you, I am "my Brother's keeper"; my Brother's wrongs are my wrongs; my Sister's burdens are my burdens. What matters it if your words find no echo in the hearts of those about you?

"Of all the rich, the powerful of earth, the monarch on his throne, the holder of thousands of slaves, of land, of mines and golden store untold, none are so rich, so measurelessly rich in all that constitutes true wealth, as he who knows and loves his fellow man so well the treasure chest of God's great love hath opened to him."

Given 1901

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE TO THE CONVENTION OF THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE, 1920

I give you warm greetings, my sons and daughters of long past ages, and neophytes of The Temple, today!

To my sorrow I must say it, it is one of the saddest days of the Iron Age. Its sadness is due to the wilful casting aside or misuse of many of the great opportunities life has so generously offered mankind for combining the essentials of both spiritual and material life whenever and wherever it was possible, and bringing to bear the forces so aroused for solving the heavy world problems of today.

The ruling spirit of unrest and disruption has seized upon the masses of mankind who, as a result of their contact with the ambition, selfishness, and arrogance of men in high places, have been driven into a state of desperation from which there can be but one of two eventualities. While this is all deplorable from the material side of life, it is still more so from the spiritual and religious side. The essentials of spiritual progress are first of all humility, unselfishness, and compassion; and if these attributes in one class of humanity are smothered by the inhumanity of another class who are in positions of authority, there can be but little spiritual advance for either class.

If this evil spirit of disruption enters a body which has been previously formed by the White Brotherhood for the purpose of recombining the units of a group soul who have been scattered to the four corners of the earth, and they can be gathered into the body where they karmically belong, thus making the body powerful enough to resist the antagonistic forces directed against it, it can overcome that spirit of disruption. In the process the body as a whole will have gained a long step up the ladder of spiritual and material development. This may be done in one instance if the scattered Theosophists over the world could be gathered into The Temple of the People, where they actually belong by karmic right, however unconscious of that fact they now are.

One of the most deplorable features of the present era is the neglect of religious and philosophical training of children by many parents. Such neglect is often due to ignorance of the fact that the first seven years of a child's life is the period when the most intensive growth takes place in the substance of certain brain centers which are more impressionable by the influences of high spiritual entities than at any other period of physical life.

In the passing of a soul from spiritual and higher astral planes to the physical plane by means of rebirth, that soul brings back memories of its previous existence upon those interior planes as well as of the intermediate states. These memories are impressed upon the brain of the reincarnating soul and are revived in vision or in concentration somewhat as mental

pictures. It is also during these periods between incarnations that the soul has fixed within its aura the impressions of experiences lived through during previous earth lives, and many of the statements made by children which are believed by older people to be false or exaggerated are actually related to events occurring in previous incarnations. Such impressions fade away from the mind as the years pass, if they are not frequently revived and so kept permanently alive by right training during the first seven-year cycle of physical life, that is, until the connections between soul and body have been permanently established. Nothing in the line of modern education on general lines can make up for the loss sustained as a result of the neglect of such training by the parents of a younger generation.

It is to you and others who, like you, have had the advantages given by the Masters of Compassion during the last half century that the world in general will have to look for the turning of the present tide of irreligion and of unbelief in the actual existence of Deity and also of the permanence of a spiritual hierarchy,—a host of arch angels—whatever be the names bestowed by man upon its units. If the higher ideals of brotherhood as taught by the Masters are destroyed by the selfishness of the parents, and their materialistic concepts are allowed to filter into the minds of young children as a result of indifference or of contempt for religion when either subject is commonly discussed in their hearing, those first impressions are lost or covered up, and it is upon the retention of those impressions that is formed the substratum of future belief in the reality of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. It is upon some measure of realization of brotherhood as a fact in nature and in man that a well informed man is led to combine his interests for religious as well as material purposes with others having the same ideals and purposes, thereby proving the reality of such relationship.

The splitting apart of the original body, formed by H. P. Blavatsky under direction of the Masters, opened the way for the present work of the spirit of disruption—the spiritual director of the black brotherhood—and the fragments of that body are scattered far and wide. Every effort made by you to re-assemble those fragments, and especially to combine the units of the younger generation in the present day who have been born of the original members of that body and who have been drawn together in other secondary organizations, is of vital importance. Many of the deep truths of the Wisdom Religion as previously taught have been lost or prostituted. The selfish business and other material interests are quick to respond to the call for combination; but the real interests of the soul have been largely served by the forces of disruption in the present era, and the consequence is there is no religious combination today strong enough by itself to carry the day when a great issue between righteousness and unrighteousness is at stake. The

original body of highly trained students have allowed their children to drift into innumerable factions and to absorb many false ideas of life.

A tremendous work is before those who recognize the dangers which threaten the world. But on the other hand, the opportunities for the gaining of reward far in excess of these dangers were never so great as now. When the religious instincts of a race or a nation are smothered there is no hope of social or political equalization, the very heart center of a people is thereby inhibited and this is what threatens every nation of the world today. It is not so much the forms or sects of religion that are at stake, but the divine spark in the heart of each individual, the spark which springs from the spiritual fire of the God-head and which only the will of man can smother in that heart.

Keep that spark alive, my children, whatever may come to you, for that is your salvation though the heavens fall and the earth melt away.

In loving remembrance,

Your Father,
HILARION.

ONLY ONE WILL

Temple Teachings, Open Series, Lesson No. 144

At first thought you may feel inclined to refuse to accept the dogmatic statement that there is no such quality or attribute as the human will. But if the unity of all life is something more than a theory or a hypothetical concept to you it is possible you will accept that statement and apply it in your search for foundation stones upon which to rest your structure of unified life.

There is but one will. It would be impossible for two or more wills to exist or manifest in a universe of law and order; one Will would invariably clash with the other by virtue of the very nature of the attribute of Will. Will is direction, first of all. The universe, as well as every manifested atom of the same, moves in circular or rather in spiral lines to accomplish the "cycle of necessity." Any line of life may end or begin, comparatively speaking, in a straight direction, but it soon curves, and the curve necessitates a circuitous route thereafter. The degree of the arc of the circle depends upon the directing power of Will and the degree of force put forth by the specific action of the Desire principle behind the Will.

The equilibrium of a universe could not be maintained if a secondary and therefore a negative, an opposing Will could interfere with the direction of the mass as given by the primal impulse. The same power which precipitated and directed a line of force must determine the time, place and degree of curve. "Thus far and no farther," said the divine Creator in determining the course of the waters of the universe, and the same Creator declared, "My line has gone forth over all the earth"—note, MY line, not the line of any other entity. When the limit

of a line of life is reached, the same directing force which sent it forth must carry it back to its starting point plus the value of the experience gained on its travels. The experience has determined the degree of curve for the next life line—the next incarnation of the Ego.

So much for the philosophy of my statement that there is but one Will. The Will which moves the atom of self-development is the same Will which moves—directs—the man. Man of himself cannot create the will to move a hand or draw a breath; but because of his fundamental unity with Deity, he may direct and so may use the divine creative Will of Deity, to whatever degree he has cultivated the channel of that Will in himself and discovered and fallen in line with the primal purpose of Deity. Wherever he fails in any undertaking that failure is due to the degree of difference or distance between his lower—his material—self and his Ego, for the Ego is the Deity in him, "unity in diversity." Therefore his success will be according to the extent of his recognition of Deity, and his submission to the directing power which is curving the straight line of his life in order to bring back the auric sphere of energy—the envelope of the Ego—to its original starting point, that it may be sent out with increased power for a wider sweep—a greater life, in other words, a more useful life.

When the recognition of the above mentioned facts comes to man and he realizes that he is using the very essence of Deity to accomplish every act of will, no matter how insignificant the act may seem to be at the moment, if he is a normal human being the magnitude, the divine beauty and holiness of his mission on earth will fill him with awe and fix his purpose to work with instead of against the law of his being. His acts are performed as a result of higher motives; a set purpose dominates him; his relationship to every living thing is established; and life furnishes far wider ideals for him to work toward than those previously encountered and partially or wholly realized. His previous egotistic concepts of his individual importance will gradually disappear as his consciousness of the importance of every phase of life becomes more vivid. It will no longer be I but WE in rehearsing deeds with which he has been concerned.

The greater the opposition offered by nature or man to a divinely inspired purpose, the stronger and more repeated will be his efforts toward accomplishment of the purpose, consequently, the more invincible his power of Will. In other words, the wider will be the channel through which the deific Will may flow. The words "Thy Will be done" do not mean to invite cowardly submission to circumstances and conditions. They should voice the cry of the Soul for perception of the nature of divine Will and for strength to use that Will aright. Disuse of function results in disintegration and death in all fields of life, and no exception is made in the case of the operation of Will. But consciously to use that divine energy of Will in an

effort to thwart divine law, or to crush, maim or destroy another soul or body for the sake of carrying out some selfish purpose, is the unforgivable sin—unforgivable because the inevitable reaction caused by the negative aspect of the power which has built his vehicle will destroy the vehicle through which it operates.

Strive with your whole heart, with mind emptied of every previously absorbed idea, for the realization of all I have tried to impart to you. Realize that self-responsibility really means responsibility in varying degrees for every thing and person you contact, and that you can no more avoid that responsibility and live truly than you can live on the physical plane without breath. With the awakening of self-responsibility comes the widening of the channel of Divine Will and the power to use the stream.

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THE SIXTH RACE

Frequent references to the humanity of the sixth race occur in the Theosophical literature of the present day, and in some instances the writers fail to state whether reference is made to the sixth root race or the sixth sub-race of the present fifth root race.

There is such a vast difference in terms of time and in the nature and qualities of the humanity of each great age that it is thought best to give a short resume of the teachings of the ancients as given by the Masters of Wisdom.

According to those teachings (see Secret Doctrine) there are seven root races of manifested life during each manvantara—a great age—a period of 432,000,000 solar years. There are seven sub-races in each root race and innumerable lesser tribal and family races in each sub-race, as there are seven great ages and seven grand divisions of each great age, and innumerable lesser cycles of that time, within a single manvantara.

It is believed by some students of eastern teachers that there are sixth race people living now upon the earth. The Master Hilarion has stated that the progenitors of the sixth race are being born at the present time, but he was referring to the progenitors of the sixth sub-race of the fifth root race, not to the sixth root race; and there is a wide difference between a progenitor of a race and a fully developed racial being when changes in organic structure must take place. When one considers the vast periods of time which must pass during the life of even a sub-race and the pralaya which follows, to say nothing of the periods which elapse during the life of a root race, it is unthinkable that a fully developed sixth race individual could exist on the earth at the present time and as the earth is now constituted.

The Masters have said that both Europe and America will

have disappeared from the surface of the earth before the humanity of the first sub-race of the sixth root race will have been born. A new continent, or rather a renewed continent will emerge from the ocean's depths,—a new Garden of Eden for the home of the new race, as has been the case before the birth of each preceding root race.

The present human race possesses but five active sense organs. The sixth sub-race will possess six fully developed sense organs and the seventh sub-race will possess a synthetic sense organ which will combine the qualities of the six sense organs together with the qualities of the seventh. The present atrophied pineal gland will be more active in the sixth sub-race and will be the organ through which the Kundalini force will function.

There are noticeable changes taking place in many of the children of the present time. It is the belief of many who have noted these changes that they are indications of the development of the sixth sense organ, but I am doubtful of this, as there seems to be no physiological evidence of renewed activity in the sixth organ of sense, the pineal gland. Such changes as are occurring in the children and in some older people appear to be extensions of the present powers of sight and hearing, as they are more of the nature of clairvoyance and clairaudience, which are qualities developing in the humanity of the last races of the fifth sub-race and will be at the command of all people in the sixth sub-race. The regained activity of the pineal gland—the rudiments of the third eye—and use of the Kundalini force will open the way for the development of the Kriyashakti force, a psycho-physiological force or sense which is of tremendous psycho-mental power over matter of lower vibratory rates. This means power over all forms of material life, human, animal and vegetable, on the physical plane, as well as over the action of the psychic senses.

It is impossible for the imagination of man as he is constituted at present to form an idea of the form and nature of a fully developed seventh race human body. The Kriyashakti force will function in the seventh race by means of the Spiritual Will. This high creative power functions primarily through an androgyne,—a being in whom the masculine and feminine principles are combined. The seventh race will be a race of such androgynes according to our teachings.

Profane science has discovered that the pituitary bodies control the growth of the physical body. As these glands are now largely atrophied, it is reasonable to believe that when perfectly active in an earlier race their action controlled the growth of the giants whose skeletons have been discovered in different sections of the earth. These giants are referred to in Biblical history as forming one of the early races. The Secret Doctrine also refers to this race of giants of an early age.

This seems to indicate that the seventh race will also be a race of giants, as has been predicted. History will repeat

itself again, if this proves true. Medical science has proven that a deficiency of the substance of the pituitary body—one of the ductless glands in close proximity to the pineal gland—is responsible for the dwarfing of the body in numerous instances, and its action would seem to have been responsible for the short stature of even certain races at present.

According to occult science it is said that the teachings relating to the seven root races and forty-nine sub-races which come into manifestation during a manvantara apply only to life on the earth. Life on other planets may manifest under entirely different laws.

B. S.

FROM THE UNITED NATIONS TO A WORLD STATE

The wave of agitation in favor of a world government is by no means passed or in vain.

In fact, the reason such agitation exists and continues is, apart from the dire menace of atomic warfare, that there is already a world government, though as yet in its embryonic stages.

The United Nations and before it the League of Nations have been likened to the American Colonies after their liberation from England, to the German Confederation up to the unification of Germany by Bismarck, and to similar instances. When federation, in other words, centralization and unification, took the place of confederation or loosely assembled, mutually jealous, distrustful, and conflicting states, the whole course of history was altered.

This is what thinking people the world over are demanding. The conferences of west coast colleges and universities as well as the petition gotten up in Cleveland, Ohio, are actually the voice of many million the world over seeking the same objective.

This means a single World Government, or Super-state as some writers have called it, a federation of sovereign states sacrificing a definite measure of their national sovereignties in order to achieve world peace and unity, thereby insuring their own self-preservation individually and collectively, as against the present set-up of the United Nations which is nothing more as yet than a mere confederation. The latter, however, contains the basis for and possibility of expansion into such a federalized world government provided that its component members are able and determined to set the machinery in motion to achieve this end.

The obstacles are too well known to need expanding anew. "The colossal antagonists of the present cycle," as a Temple prophecy calls them, are already long in a death struggle with each other. Thus paired off are capitalism versus communism; religious orthodoxy, pseudo-occultism, atheism, agnosticism, and materialism, each fighting one or more of the others; and many more too numerous to mention.

Truly has the present transitional era—the War of Armageddon—been called in Temple Teachings “a religious war,” for the simple reason that the gauge of the cosmic battle even on the earth plane is the souls of men, with consequent spiritual, religious, and moral conflicts, never-ending and of all kinds and sorts.

The most hopeless lot would seem to be that of the middle-of-the-road class and philosophy, since they are the naturally mortal enemies of all extremist systems and philosophies, and their fate would sometimes appear sealed in view of the frequently overwhelming odds against them. But this is only in the seeming, for the power of the middle-of-the-road is that of the Christos, whose power is limitless, while extremes—fanaticism—in time destroys itself, for its power is of the earth, finite, and temporary.

Objection is often brought forward in regard to the hordes of uneducated fanatical millions still living in primitive or less highly developed societies and easily swayed by false prophets and demagogues. But under a centralized set-up, with due provision for heterogeneous cultures, even such conditions could be met and overcome if properly handled. In fact, such races are already a part of the United Nations. And who can say that primitive peoples have a worse record than so-called civilized ones in mass murder and destruction? This reminds one of the bellicose Arab tribesman in Palestine photographed holding a rifle in one hand and with the other tenderly holding a Jewish infant that had been captured in a raid on a Jewish town and was later returned unharmed to its parents by the so-called “inferior” Arabs.

Palestine, India, the atomic energy, and the Marshall Plan are plans and problems, among others, that the nations are going to have to either work out or fight out. One thing is certain: peace will never be achieved either by appeasement or by isolation. There may be more than one undesired prelude to the World State. It seems difficult to envisage international stability unless conflicting currents are harmonized or transmuted. Wrong systems of government and society are but manifestations of a humanity which is as yet strongly influenced by wrong systems of philosophy and obsolete habits of thinking.

As long as democracy is made to appear synonymous with capitalism and rugged individualism, its enemies will have much good ammunition for argument against it. And as long as socialism and communism are interpreted under the aegis of totalitarianism, instead of in their truer spiritual and at the same time practical, more balanced aspects as exemplified by Buddha, Christ, and other great Teachers, as well as by such empires as the Egyptian and Incan ones at the height of their glory, another large portion of the human race will continue to be the victims of power-drunk deceivers and false prophets.

The two global wars already made into history with their countless horrors and untold suffering still enduring could have been averted, we have been told, if the Theosophical Movement had not gone on the rocks. Its guiding spirit, however, has been neither lost nor indrawn but continues under the name of The Temple. Back of The Temple, besides H. P. B., Judge, and the Initiates in special charge, is the Avatar—the Master C., formerly incarnated as Jesus, Buddha, Krishna, etc.—whose slogan is Unity. When the next great expansion effort is made by the Lodge, humanity as a whole may be more thoroughly chastened and prepared to greet the new Messenger and Savior, who is in fact already here though working behind the scenes, so to speak.

Many people still regard discussions and meetings anent vital problems such as that of a World State as so many sessions of windbags and visionaries, but in this they are very much mistaken. Not for nothing did Metternich cause the Carlsbad Decrees to be promulgated after the downfall of Napoleon. Their purpose was to suppress the freedom of speech and writing of German university students and professors, whose liberal ideas he had good cause to fear and hate. And if the intelligentsia has such a tremendous power in the leavening of thought, how much more so does a small but highly trained occult group doing its main work in silence and secrecy.

B. H. L.

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 (Continued)

But, asks the busy man of the nineteenth century who reads the newspapers and believes in "modern progress," if these elder brothers are all you claim them to be, why have they left no mark on history nor gathered men around them? Their own reply, published some time ago by Mr. A. P. Sinnett, is better than any I could write:

"We will first discuss, if you please, the one relating to the presumed failure of the 'Fraternity' to leave any mark upon the history of the world. They ought, you think, to have been able, with their extraordinary advantages, to have gathered into their schools a considerable portion of the more enlightened minds of every race. How do you know they have made no such mark? Are you acquainted with their efforts, successes, and failures? Have you any dock upon which to arraign them? How could your world collect proofs of the doings of men

who have sedulously kept closed every possible door of approach by which the inquisitive could spy upon them? The precise condition of their success was that they should never be supervised or obstructed. What they have done they know; all that those outside their circle could perceive was the results, the causes of which were masked from view. To account for these results, many have in different ages invented theories of the interposition of gods, special providences, fates, the benign or hostile influences of the stars. There never was a time within or before the so-called historical period when our predecessors were not moulding events and 'making history,' the facts of which were subsequently and invariably distorted by historians to suit contemporary prejudices. Are you quite sure that the visible heroic figures in the successive dramas were not often but their puppets? We never pretended to be able to draw nations in the mass to this or that crisis in spite of the general drift of the world's cosmic relations. The cycles must run their rounds. Periods of mental and moral light and darkness succeed each other as day does night. The major and minor yugas must be accomplished according to the established order of things. And we, borne along the mighty tide, can only modify and direct some of its minor currents."*

It is under cyclic law, during a dark period in the history of mind, that the true philosophy disappears for a time, but the same law causes it to reappear as surely as the sun rises and the human mind is present to see it. But some works can only be performed by the Master, while other works require the assistance of the companions. It is the Master's work to preserve the true philosophy, but the help of the companions is needed to rediscover and promulgate it. Once more the elder brothers have indicated where the truth—Theosophy—could be found, and the companions all over the world are engaged in bringing it forth for wider currency and propagation.

The Elder Brothers of Humanity are men who were perfected in former periods of evolution. These periods of manifestation are unknown to modern evolutionists so far as their number are concerned, though long ago understood by not only the older Hindus, but also by those great minds and men who instituted and carried on the first pure and undebased form of the Mysteries of Greece. The periods, when out of the Great Unknown there come forth the visible universes, are eternal in their coming and going, alternating with equal periods of silence and rest again in the Unknown. The object of these mighty waves is the production of perfect man, the evolution of soul, and they always witness the increase of the number of Elder Brothers; the life of the least of men pictures them in day and night, waking and sleeping, birth and death, "for these two, light and dark, day and night, are the world's eternal ways."**

*The Occult World. London, 1881.

**Bhagavad-Gita; Chapter VIII.

In every age and complete national history these men of power and compassion are given different designations. They have been called Initiates, Adepts, Magi, Hierophants, Kings of the East, Wise Men, Brothers, and what not. But in the Sanscrit language there is a word which, being applied to them, at once thoroughly identifies them with humanity. It is Mahatma. This is composed of Maha, great, and Atma, soul; so it means great soul, and as all men are souls the distinction of the Mahatma lies in greatness. The term Mahatma has come into wide use through the Theosophical Society, as Mme. H.P. Blavatsky constantly referred to them as her Masters who gave her the knowledge she possessed. They were at first known only as the Brothers, but afterwards, when many Hindus flocked to the Theosophical movement, the name Mahatma was brought into use, inasmuch as it has behind it an immense body of Indian tradition and literature. At different times unscrupulous enemies of the Theosophical Society have said that even this name had been invented and that such beings are not known of among the Indians or in their literature. But these assertions are made only to discredit if possible a philosophical movement that threatens to completely upset prevailing erroneous theological dogmas. For all through Hindu literature Mahatmas are often spoken of, and in parts of the north of that country the term is common. In the very old poem, the Bhagavad-Gita, revered by all Hindu sects and admitted by the western critics to be noble as well as beautiful, there is a verse reading, "Such a Mahatma is difficult to find."*

(To be concluded)

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

On December 7, the Feast of Fulfillment, followed by the Devotional Service, was celebrated. In the Sunday Service, December 14, the Outer Guard Fred Whitney spoke on "Temple Principles." December 21, at 10:30 a. m., the Temple Builders held their Christmas celebration in The Temple. The afternoon service was dedicated to Christmas carols sung by the Temple choir. On Christmas Day, the Feast of Fulfillment was held. December 28, Patricia Mallory spoke on "Unto Thee I have given a Key."

On New Year's Day a reception was held in the old Sanatorium. January 4, the Feast of Fulfillment and Devotional Service were held. January 11, Herman Volz spoke on "Science and Occultism." January 18, a symposium was held in commemoration of Blue Star's 99th birthday anniversary. Many beautiful talks were given by those older members who knew her and worked with and under Blue Star. January 25, Kenneth Schussman spoke on "The Temple of Humanity."

*Bhagavad-Gita, Chapter VII.

February 1, again the Feast of Fulfillment and Devotional Service were held. February 8, Bernard Lentz's paper was entitled, "From the United Nations to a World State." February 15, Elmer Hedin's, "The Little Ones." February 22, Carolyn Forgostein spoke on "Obedience." In observance of "Brotherhood Week," on February 29, a symposium on Brotherhood was given.

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