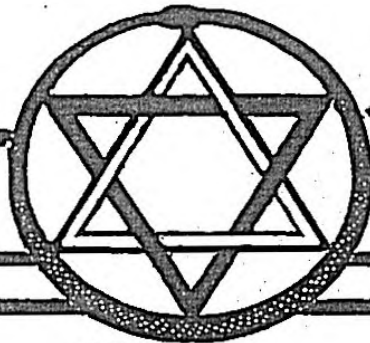




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COSMICALLY The Temple of the People corresponds to the Temple of Humanity.

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

SPECIFICALLY The Temple of the People is one of the bodies or vehicles for the manifestation of the Avatar or Christos for the New Dispensation, the dawn of the New Civilization for the races of the earth. It was founded in New York State in the second cycle of the Great Lodge movement in November, 1898, by three Masters assisted by others for the laying of the mental, physical, and spiritual foundations of the coming Sixth Race.

THE OBJECTS of the Temple are:

First: To formulate the truths of religion as the fundamental factor in the evolution of the human race. And this does not mean the formulation of a creed.

Second: To set forth a philosophy of life that is in accord with natural and divine law.

Third: To promote the study of the sciences and the fundamental facts and laws upon which the sciences are based which will permit us to extend our belief and knowledge from what is known to the unknown.

Fourth: To promote the study and practice of Art on fundamental lines, showing that Art is in reality the application of knowledge to human good and welfare, and that the Christos can speak to humanity through Art as well as through any other fundamental line of manifestation.

Fifth: The promotion of a knowledge of true social science based on immutable law, showing the relationship between man and man, and man and God and nature. When these relationships are understood we will instinctively formulate and follow the law of true brotherhood.

RELIGION, SCIENCE, AND ECONOMICS, these are the foundation stones of The Temple. There can be no true religion without its scientific basis, and there can be no right economic system not based on a science that is religious and a religion that is scientific.

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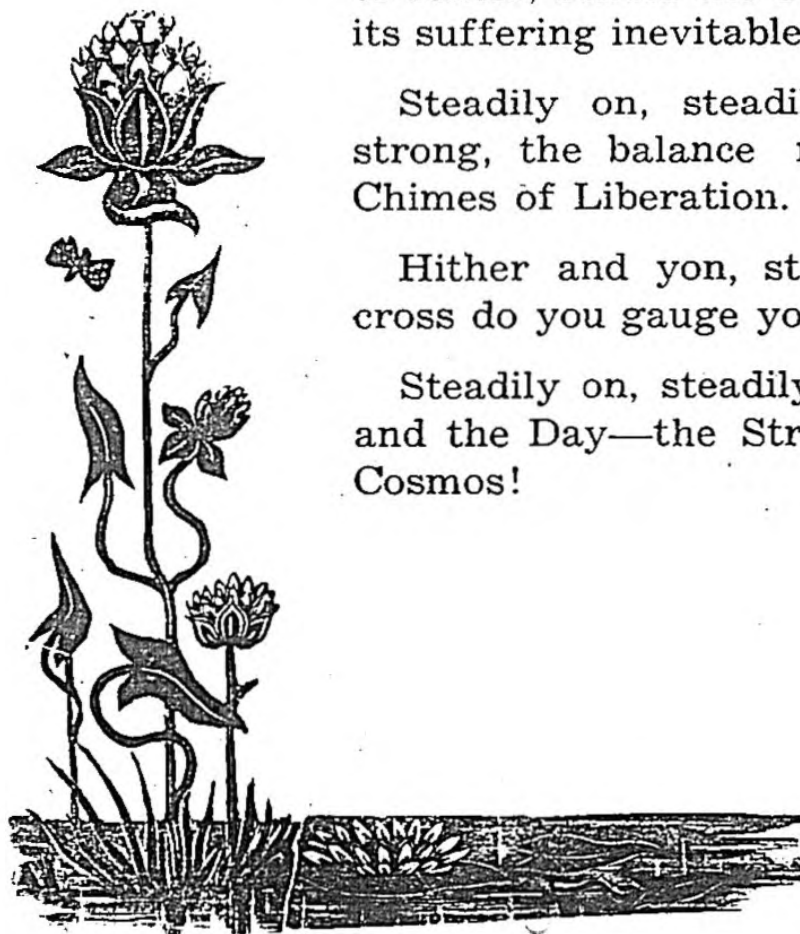
Hither and yon, hither and yon, flit the forces of sentient life. Steadily on, steadily on, flows the stream of the Eternal. The point of their crossing—the Hour Mark of Law.

Hither and yon, hither and yon, the arm out of center, behold the Cross of the Crucifix with its suffering inevitable.

Steadily on, steadily on, the center held strong, the balance made true, sound the Chimes of Liberation.

Hither and yon, steadily on! From which cross do you gauge your acts?

Steadily on, steadily on! Hear ye the Hour and the Day—the Stroke of the Timepiece of Cosmos!



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EDITORIAL MIRROR

During the past fifty years, The Temple, since its inception by the Master Hilarion in 1898, has never ceased to call the attention of humanity to the great importance of the cycle which began in 1898, through which the human race has been passing ever since, and in which it must continue for a long time to come. Through all the long years, with the exception of a few who understood and heeded, humanity did not listen to these warnings.

In dedication to the 26th anniversary of the passing of Blue Star, beloved first Guardian-in-Chief of The Temple, from 1898 to 1922, excerpts from one of her writings—her address to the Temple Convention of 1910—are reprinted below. They are as vital and applicable today in regard to conditions prevailing in the world as they were when first given.

"No greater curse rests upon the earth today than the growing demand for personal freedom from all restraining influences, all moral law and order. No words of mine can begin to outline the inevitable results of the same, for with the reaction that will come as surely as day follows night a greater slavery will follow, the signs of which are even now showing.

"All the forces of the White Lodge are directed toward the development of unity. This is evident in national, in religious, in business affairs. We are one entity, and everything that works for division works for incarnate evil. If, as is generally accepted, the great fight of man is with his lower nature, his lower desires and attributes, if he must kill out selfishness, inhumanity, cruelty, etc., in order to gain higher attributes, how is it possible for him to kill them if, in order to gain what he believes is freedom, he must ride rough-shod over all the finer qualities of his nature; for in nine cases out of ten the liberty demanded is simply license to carry out selfish desire at any cost.

"I do not wish to put myself on record as advocating servile submission to any wrong conditions, nor do I wish to condone offenses of any character for the sake of peace. I believe as much harm can be done in this way as in any other. But I am advocating active, positive effort to remedy wrong conditions in the right way. The only way by which wrong conditions can be remedied is by personal sacrifice of selfish instincts for the good of the whole, right education, and obedience to law and order. Every other way makes wrong conditions much worse.

"No humanitarian movement was ever started that did not

bring exactly the same kind of accusations, the same personal limitations, the same problems, that all preceding ones had suffered from, and those movements which have lasted and done any good in the world have been formed of great-hearted men and women whose love was great enough, charity boundless enough, patience divine enough, to permit them to hold together as a unit in spite of all the obstructive tactics of some and the destructive forces of others."

SYMPOSIUM on WHITE LOTUS DAY

A symposium in honor of the memory of Helena Petrovna Blavatsky was held in The Temple of the People in the Sunday afternoon service on May 9, the day following White Lotus Day—the anniversary of the passing of H.P.B. from the outer plane.

The following are several of the talks given by Temple members on this occasion:

WHITE LOTUS DAY

Every true Soul greets White Lotus Day with gratitude to Helena P. Blavatsky for what she stood for and accomplished on her part as Agent and collaborator with those Masters of the Great White Lodge whose monumental task it was to bring anew to incarnate man those Teachings of the Lodge that are the Immortal treasures of the Human Race. And these Teachings are not only scrolls of Occult knowledge with which the intellects of the world may be enriched; rather, they are given for the benefit of humanity on broad inter-racial lines, spiritually, socially and ethically. Their mission and the means for carrying on the work of spreading the Teachings and other vital points in connection with the work are, as one instance, set forth succinctly by H.P.B. in her several messages to the Theosophists of America.

The first one was given in 1888 and is addressed "To William Q. Judge, General Secretary of the American Section of the Theosophical Society," and as "My Dearest Brother and Co-Founder of the Theosophical Society." I quote from these messages as follows, and they speak for themselves.

"Since the Society was founded, a distinct change has come over the spirit of the age. Those who gave us commission to found the Society foresaw this, now rapidly growing, wave of transcendental influence following that other wave of mere phenomenalism. Even the journals of Spiritualism are gradually eliminating the phenomena and wonders, to replace them with philosophy. The Theosophical Society led the van of this movement; but, although Theosophical ideas have entered into every development or form which awakening spirituality has assumed, yet Theosophy pure and simple has still a severe battle to fight for recognition

"On the day when Theosophy will have accomplished its most holy and most important mission—namely, to unite firmly a body of men of all nations in brotherly love and bent on a pure altruistic work, not on a labor with selfish motives—on that day only will Theosophy become higher than any nominal brotherhood of man. This will be a wonder and a miracle truly, for the realization of which Humanity has been vainly waiting for the last eighteen centuries, and which every association has hitherto failed to accomplish

"According as people are prepared to receive it, so will new Theosophical teachings be given. But no more will be given than the world, on its present level of spirituality, can profit by. It depends on the spread of Theosophy—the assimilation of what has been already given—how much more will be revealed and how soon.

"It must be remembered that the Society was not founded as a nursery for forcing a supply of Occultists—as a factory for the manufactory of Adepts. It was intended to stem the current of materialism, and also that of spiritualistic phenomenalism and the worship of the Dead. It had to guide the spiritual awakening that has now begun, and not to pander to psychic cravings which are but another form of materialism. For by 'materialism' is meant not only an anti-philosophical negation of pure spirit, and, even more, materialism in conduct and action—brutality, hypocrisy, and, above all, selfishness, but also the fruits of a disbelief in all but material things, a disbelief which has increased enormously during the last century, and which has led many, after a denial of all existence other than that in matter, into a blind belief in the materialization of Spirit.

"The tendency of modern civilization is a reaction towards animalism, towards a development of those qualities which conduce to the success in life of man as an animal in the struggle for animal existence. Theosophy seeks to develop the human nature in man in addition to the animal, and at the sacrifice of the superfluous animality which modern life and materialistic teachings have developed to a degree which is abnormal for the human being at this stage of his progress.

"Men cannot all be Occultists, but they can all be Theosophists. Many who have never heard of the Society are Theosophists without knowing it themselves; for the essence of Theosophy is the perfect harmonizing of the divine with the human in man, the adjustment of his god-like qualities and aspirations, and their sway over the terrestrial or animal passions in him. Kindness, absence of every ill feeling or selfishness, charity, good-will to all beings, and perfect justice to others as to one's self, are its chief features. He who teaches Theosophy preaches the gospel of good-will; and the converse of this is true also,—he who preaches the gospel of good-will, teaches Theosophy. . . .

"But whether I be in England or in India a large part of my

heart and much of my hope for Theosophy lie with you in the United States, where the Theosophical Society was founded, and of which country I myself am proud of being a citizen. . . ."

"But you in America. Your Karma as a nation has brought Theosophy home to you. The life of the Soul, the psychic side of nature, is open to many of you. The life of altruism is not so much a high ideal as a matter of practice. Naturally, then, Theosophy finds a home in many hearts and minds, and strikes a resounding harmony as soon as it reaches the ears of those who are ready to listen. There, then, is part of your work: to lift high the torch of Liberty of the Soul of Truth that all may see it and benefit by its light. Therefore it is that the Ethics of Theosophy are even more necessary to mankind than the scientific aspects of the psychic facts of nature and man."

F. W.

H. P. B., THE WORLD MOTHER

Today being Mother's Day, it is fitting and right to pay tribute to the Great Mother of our era, offering in that tribute our deepest gratitude and veneration for her noble work and calling. Helena P. Blavatsky, more commonly known as H.P.B., opened wide the portals of the ancient Wisdom Religion to the eyes of the western world and won thereby the eternal gratitude of millions of seekers of Truth. There is an old occult saying with which most students of life are familiar, "when the pupil is ready, the Teacher will appear." Undoubtedly this was the astonishing fact in regard to the western world, for the cycle had opened for the advent of this Great Teacher who has transmitted and made it possible for mankind in general to once again become familiar with the old but ever new "Wisdom of the Gods."

She has struck at the root of bigotry and courageously brought out into the open every step of thievery of man's rightful heritage which has been so long usurped by dogmas and superstitions and suppressions of Truth under the guise of Religion.

The great majority of mankind have been surprisingly ignorant of the ways and means and maneuvers of the Powers of darkness and evil in the immense warfare waged for the souls of men. H.P.B. has left no stone unturned for the better comprehension and clarification of this ever present evil which has held sway over the minds of man throughout long, long ages of time.

Best of all, she has opened the vision to the long forgotten Soul Knowledge of the Great White Brotherhood of Light, whose mouthpiece and transmitter of ancient truths she so humbly acknowledged herself to be, in Their Divine mission to guide humanity to the heights upon which They stand.

So much more can be said of the tremendous benefits to mankind through the life work of this noble teacher, that can better be said through our hearts in giving tribute to and offering our deepest gratitude, and endeavoring to follow as far as lies in our power her example in giving ourselves to the Work and Cause she so courageously started and inaugurated.

So on this Mother's Day, which is fittingly close to White Lotus Day—the anniversary of H.P.B.'s passing—we salute in the deepest reverence the beautiful World Mother, H. P. B.

E. W.

H. P. B.

One can hardly think of Occultism and Theosophy without thinking of H. P. B., for she was the foundation pillar of the Great White Lodge on the outer plane to make Theosophy known to the Western World. When she came the occult side of nature had not yet been approached by the scientists of our modern civilization, and she had the mission to stem the tide of materialism in the world.

H. P. B. founded the Theosophical Society in the United States, and the line of Lodge work runs through her, the old Esoteric Section of the T. S., and William Quan Judge, and is now active in The Temple of the People.

Through her many grand writings, particularly "The Secret Doctrine" and "Isis Unveiled," H. P. B. brought back to man the eternal truth that he has his rightful place in the universe. About the origin of the two first volumes of "The Secret Doctrine," she said in the foreword to the first volume that "the teachings, however fragmentary and incomplete, contained in these volumes, do not belong to the Hindu, the Zoroastrian, the Chaldean, or the Egyptian religion, nor to Buddhism, Islam, Judaism or Christianity exclusively. The Secret Doctrine is the essence of all of these. Sprung from it in their origins, the various religious schemes are now made to merge back into their original element, out of which every mystery and dogma has grown, developed, and become materialized."

In "The Voice of the Silence" and "Practical Occultism" she gave teachings for the soul development and redemption of man. "The 'God' in us—that is to say, the Spirit of Love and Truth, Justice and Wisdom, Goodness and Power," she says in "some practical suggestions for daily life" in "Practical Occultism," "should be our daily true and permanent Love, our only reliance in everything, our only Faith, which, standing firm as a rock, can forever be trusted; our only Hope, which will never fail us if all other things perish; and the only object which we must seek to obtain, by our Patience waiting contentedly until our evil Karma has been exhausted and the divine Redeemer will reveal to us His presence within our soul."

H. P. B. did not live to a great age, though she was revived

from death in serious illness several times through one of the Masters, and her personal life was a continuous struggle against adverse forces.

It may be well to mention at this time, that the same Initiates who gave H. P. B. access to the Book of Dzyan, on the Stanzas of which Volumes I and II of The Secret Doctrine—"Cosmogogenesis" and "Anthropogenesis"—are based, have unsealed more Stanzas of the Book of Dzyan through The Temple of the People, which, when the Commentaries on these additional Stanzas are completed, will constitute the real Volume III—"Theogenesis"—of The Secret Doctrine.

On this White Lotus Day, the anniversary of the Passing of our great Teacher, H. P. B., the love and gratitude of our hearts arise more than ever in her memory for the great work she has done for humanity.

H. V.

THE LION-HEARTED ONE

It is something for Templars to realize that they are here in the Temple today, in Halcyon or at some other point on the surface of the earth, because of the life work, sacrifice, suffering, and endurance of that great soul, Helena Petrovna Blavatsky. It is something for Theosophists as a whole to realize that, whatever their affiliation or even if they be free lances, they owe their knowledge and philosophy to H. P. B.

The Master Hilarion has expressed himself in no uncertain terms on the status of the movement, and the Masters Morya and Koot Hoomi have said the same thing in effect, namely, that "all Theosophists are Templars, whether or not they have yet awakened to that reality," and that organic union can only be achieved again "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 . . . Every effort made by you to reassemble those fragments . . . is of vital importance." (Master H.'s 1913 and 1920 Convention Messages.) The Master Morya, who sent H. P. B. on her mission to the western world, said, concerning many Theosophists after the passing of Blavatsky and Judge, "They have asked for Truth; they are not able to recognize Truth when it appears; they have asked for me; they have been given H—, who is my Master" (from an Interview with Master M.).

Many have wondered what H. P. B. would say, how she would express herself today, concerning her own native land and world problems. There is little to wonder about if we remember the ideas, teachings, and prophecies concerning politics and sociology clearly and emphatically set forth throughout her books and correspondence. She was a champion of democracy, but contemptuous of capitalism and autocracy. At the same

time she warned of the then approaching "squaring of accounts between the nations," of another "terreur" to strike Europe, and of the abyss facing western civilization unless it found the means to alter itself radically.

The primary means given it—the forces and teachings poured forth for its help and guidance through the decades of Lodge effort since 1875—have been largely spurned or misused, according to the Master Hilarion's 1938 Convention Message. In the religious and philosophical field this has meant the break-up of the Theosophical movement; in the world of politics, such phenomena as American rejection of the League of Nations, then, decades later, rejection of the New Deal, each of these backward moves being maneuvered by a powerful reactionary minority entrenched in high places.

H. P. B. declared in an interview that she knew of the Lodge plans for the Temple formation while she was still on the physical plane in London, England. This is hinted at in articles that appeared in *Lucifer* magazine from time to time.

One such warned of a crisis that the approaching great confluence of cycles (1897-9) would bring about in the affairs of the T. S.

Another one was undoubtedly the result of trips through the United States and California. It is a known fact that H. P. B. made a trip from San Francisco to Los Angeles, partly by stage and partly on horseback, in which she passed through San Luis Obispo County, over the old Camino Real. Just how close she came to what was a half century later to be Halcyon is not hard to guess, for, if not on the spot itself, she must have passed through Arroyo Grande, a mile and a half away, where a hotel named "Camino Real" is still standing, though at present occupied by a furniture store. The building itself is a relatively modern brick one but is interesting as denoting the course of an old Spanish road through this part of the country. The article referred to and written years later in England is as follows: "... But if the voice of the MYSTERIES has become silent for many ages in the West, if Eleusis, Memphis, Antium, Delphi, and Cresa have long ago been made the tombs of a Science once as colossal in the West as it is yet in the East, there are successors now being prepared for them. We are in 1887 and the nineteenth century is close to its death. The twentieth century has strange developments in store for humanity, and may even be the last of its name." (from "The Esoteric Character of the Gospels").

It is fitting here to quote H. P. B. on discipleship: "A clean Life. An open Mind. A pure Heart. An eager Intellect. An unveiled spiritual Perception. A Brotherliness for All. A readiness to give and receive Advice and Instruction. A courageous Endurance of personal injustice. A brave declaration of Principles. A valiant Defence of those who are unjustly attacked.

And a constant Eye to the Ideals of Human Progression and Perfection which the Sacred Science depicts. These are the golden stairs up the steps of which the Learner may climb to the TEMPLE OF DIVINE WISDOM."

One of the messages received from H. P. B. through the Temple Agency and entitled "What She Thinks of Them" is the following: "A wonderfully prolific association might be organized from the small beginning I was instrumental in launching under the name of 'The Theosophical Society,' i. e., of supplying windmills for raising water in the arid portions of this country. All that would be needed in the case of the average old theosophist is to set him aloft on a pole. The wind would do the rest. Many of them have never stopped whirling since they were first set in motion, so the chances are good for their continuing the same rate of speed unto the end.

"The benighted 'heathen' have stupidly failed to comprehend to what possible use could be put such conglomerations, which were neither 'fish, flesh, nor fowl,' but with the great problem of irrigation confronting the country, they may be stirred to active consideration of the material they now have on hand."

B. H. L.

THE GUIDING STAR OF H. P. BLAVATSKY

The future of man's spiritual evolution critically rests upon the events having occurred in the last quarter of the 19th century. Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, as the chosen vehicle and first Agent of the Masters of the White Lodge for a dawning cycle, became Father-Mother of the Theosophical Movement. Single-handed (on the outer planes of life) she heroically attacked alike the mighty citadels of materialistic science and entrenched churchianity to pave the way for a full restoration of the inner meanings of religion to the Western World.

"For as the lightning cometh forth from the East, and is seen even in the West, so shall be the presence of the Son of Man." Of this later translated passage from St. Matthew she spoke freely. The "coming" of the older version means "the presence" of the Christos in a regenerated world, and not the coming in a carnal body. For the true esoteric Saviour is no man, but the divine principle in every heart. "The 'Son of Man' is no child of the bond-woman—flesh, but verily of the free-woman—Spirit, the child of man's own deeds and the fruit of his own spiritual labour."

In the 1918 Convention Message addressed to The Temple of the People, the Master Hilarion says of her work and esoteric place: "Notwithstanding the sincere efforts of the devotees of Scientific Research and the partial success they have met in many fields, it was not until a certain number of the Initiates of the White Lodge formed the nucleus of an organization

which was fated to reach into every nation of the world and carry the Truths of the Wisdom Religion—a truly scientific religion—to those who were capable of receiving them, that the glyphs and symbols, indicative of the finer forces of nature, once of common knowledge, were resurrected and given the world again. Helena P. Blavatsky was the chosen instrument of the Initiates, and the Ego thus incarnated was the Keystone of the Arch of that nucleus of which I have spoken. It was primarily through the efforts of that one entity that it was made possible for Science to corroborate its findings along the line of evolution, to the truly religious mind.”

It is significant that as Torch Bearer, Warrior and Iconoclast she was born under the Royal Sign of Leo—which, to one of her evolutionary status, gave great masculine power, strength of will and courage to endure in every adversity—through dire poverty, prolonged illness and martyrdom. Her untimely death in 1891 was caused largely not only by the persecutions of churchly and scientific dogmatists who labeled her “fakir,” “charlatan” and “adventuress,” etc., but also by betrayal from within the ranks of her most trusted supporters—some of whom succumbed to the Judas power of personal ambition and disobedience. Truly was she called by the Masters “The Lion Hearted!”

Because of her great devotion to the Trust the Master H. gratefully acknowledged in the Temple Convention Message of 1925: “The fundamental inner truths that we unsealed fifty years ago through our Messenger stayed the tides of materialism that were sweeping the earth at that time . . . unsealing inner truths to the end that the heart and mind of this humanity might be prepared for a Great Event soon to occur.”

H. P. B. was deeply concerned with this impending “Event”. In *Lucifer* for Jan. 15, 1888, she writes of the planet “Venus—Lucifer” shining so resplendently that it has been mistaken for that still rarer visitor, “The Star of Bethlehem,” and then she continues with “this, too, is at hand and surely something of the Chrestos Spirit must be born upon earth under such conditions.”

In “The Esoteric Character of the Gospels,” page 3, she again refers to this Divine Event. In the article “The Signs of the Times,” of which subject she speaks so emphatically, she mentions the revolutionary changes in the spiritual and psychic development to come to the race in the twentieth century and states: “Theosophists—at any rate, some of them—who understand the hidden meaning of the universally expected Avatars, Messiahs, Sosioshes, and Christs—know that it is no ‘end of the world’ but ‘the consummation of the age,’ i.e., the close of a cycle, which is now fast approaching.” She then continues in an analysis of the Esoteric Cycles to culminate in 1898 and the years immediately to follow.

The scientific correlation to the Presence of the Avatar—the Redeeming Cosmic Force and Saviour of this racial period—has been made by the Master. He stated that the tiny planet Eros, rediscovered by astronomers in 1898 very close to the Sun (and very interior), is “the Star of Bethlehem,” the one astronomically present to the outer consciousness of man at the birth of an Avatar. In the same year, from the remnants of the membership of the Esoteric Section of the T. S., who had remained quietly and obediently awaiting the word of the Masters, the nucleus of The Temple of the People was formed and the organic vehicle for the Avatāric Manifestation—a transmitting Heart Center—established, thus securing a continuous channel of the work of the Lodge.

In the thirteenth degree of Cancer, there is a great fixed star in the heavens, Sirius, the faithful Dog Star, sometimes called the Custodian. In the Lodge scheme of things it must be much more than coincidence that the fourth round of this earth, according to The Secret Doctrine, came into being through this degree of the Mother Sign, and that H. P. B., Custodian of the Mysteries, was born with this same rising position; also that The Temple was formed under the middle degrees of this Sign.

Are not, like the One which she mentions in “The Voice of the Silence,” H. P. B.’s own guiding Star and life on the Path?

“Alas! when once thou hast become like the fixed star in highest heaven, that bright celestial orb must shine from out the spatial depths for all, save for itself; give light to all, but take from none.”

C. M.

GLIMPSES OF A LODGE AGENT

The major exterior events of H. P. B.’s life and work are pretty well known to everyone with Theosophical interests. On the other hand, the nature and significance of her life and work on all planes in its totality could be stated only by a Master and understood, if so stated, only by another Master. That is simply a fact which is true of all of us in some degree; it certainly is not personal praise or glorification. This is said with emphasis because that part of H. P. B. which was a Lodge Agent may just possibly be on hand today and it is not hard to imagine the contempt and scorn that would glint in her eye at any personal eulogizing, contempt and scorn both for the words themselves and for the motive behind them.

Which in itself clearly cuts the line between an Agent of the Lodge on the level of such Agency and any kind of personality functioning, just as it cuts the line between Lodge Agency and ordinary religious leadership. The personal religious leader says, “So and so is a great soul; he (or she) thinks I am wonderful.” The Lodge Agent in H. P. B. saw through that kind

of petty vanity as an X-ray sees through flesh and called it "flapdoodle." If she were physically alive now, she would perhaps adopt the more pithy terminology of the day and say simply, "Nuts!"

But let her speak for herself on such matters.

"Most assuredly it is not I who do it all, but my Ego, the highest principle which lives in me. And even this with the help of my Guru and teacher who helps me in everything. If I happen to forget something I have just to address him, or another of the same kind, in my thought, and what I have forgotten rises before my eyes."

And again, "I know that I have, all my faults notwithstanding. Master's protection over me, and if I have it, the reason for it is simply this, for 35 years and more, ever since in 1851 I saw any Master personally and bodily for the first time, I have never once denied or even doubted Him, not even in thought. . . . I felt sure that Master would not permit that I should perish, that He would always appear at the eleventh hour—and so He did. . . . Therefore I do His work and bidding. Unswerving devotion to Him who embodies the duty traced for me and belief in the wisdom—collectively, of that grand, mysterious, yet actual Brotherhood of holy men—is my only merit."

And once again, referring to the Esoteric Section: "There is no room for despotism or ruling in it; no money to pay or make; no glory for me. . . . I can only show the way to those whose eyes are open to the truth, whose souls are full of altruism, charity, and love for the whole creation, and who think of themselves last. The blind will never profit by these teachings. . . . And I would rather starve in the gutter than take one penny for my teaching the sacred truths."

And finally these four sentences contained in a letter to Judge, sentences containing a whole world of meaning. "Yes, there are 'two persons' in me. But what of that? So there are two in you; only mine is conscious and responsible—and yours is not. So you are happier than I am."

In those few words is contained the splendor and the tragedy of being a Lodge Agent, the full and conscious sharing in the Master's "cross of human woe and crown of spiritual joy." And each one who hears or reads them will understand what he understands.

A few have understood. As a case in point I quote the following from a letter written in 1889. The writer says, "This battle does not seem like the real one. That will come when, for purposes of testing the staying force of her supporters and the influence on them of theosophy, H. P. B. will seem to give herself away."

E. L. H.

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 (Conclusion)

And if Theosophy—the teaching of this Great Lodge—is as said, both scientific and religious, then from the ethical side we have still more proof. A mighty Triad acting on and through ethics is that composed of Buddha, Confucius, and Jesus. The first, a Hindu, founds a religion which today embraces many more people than Christianity, teaching centuries before Jesus the ethics which he taught and which had been given out even centuries before Buddha. Jesus coming to reform his people repeats these ancient ethics, and Confucius does the same thing for ancient and honorable China.

The Theosophist says that all these great names represent members of the one single brotherhood, who all have a single doctrine. And the extraordinary characters who now and again appear in western civilization, such as St. Germain, Jacob Boehme, Cagliostro, Paracelsus, Mesmer, Count St. Martin, and Madame H. P. Blavatsky, are agents for the doing of the work of the Great Lodge at the proper time. It is true they are generally reviled and classed as imposters—though no one can find out why they are, when they generally confer benefits and lay down propositions or make discoveries of great value to science after they have died. But Jesus himself would be called an imposter today if He appeared in some Fifth avenue theatrical church rebuking the professed Christians. Paracelsus was the originator of valuable methods and treatments in medicine now universally used. Mesmer taught hypnotism under another name. Madame Blavatsky brought once more to the attention of the West the most important system, long known to the Lodge, respecting man, his nature and destiny. But all are alike called imposters by a people who have no original philosophy of their own and whose mendicant and criminal classes exceed in misery and in number those of any civilization on the earth.

It will not be unusual for nearly all occidental readers to wonder how men could possibly know so much and have such power over the operations of natural law as I have ascribed to the Initiates, now so commonly spoken of as the Mahatmas. In India, China, and other Oriental lands no wonder would arise on these heads, because there, although everything of a material civilization is just now in a backward state, they have never lost a belief in the inner nature of man and in the power he may exercise if he will. Consequently, living examples of such pow-

ers and capacities have not been absent from those people. But in the West a materialistic civilization having arisen through a denial of the soul life and nature consequent upon a reaction from illogical dogmatism, there has not been any investigation of these subjects and, until lately, the general public has not believed in the possibility of anyone save a supposed God having such power.

A Mahatma endowed with power over space, time, mind, and matter, is a possibility just because he is a perfected man. Every human being has the germ of all the powers attributed to these great Initiates, the difference lying solely in the fact that we have in general not developed what we possess the germ of, while the Mahatma has gone through the training and experience which have caused all the unseen human powers to develop in him, and conferred gifts that look god-like to his struggling brother below. Telepathy, mind-reading, and hypnotism, all long ago known to Theosophy, show the existence in the human subject of planes of consciousness, functions, and faculties hitherto undreamed of. Mind-reading and the influencing of the mind of the hypnotized subject at a distance prove the existence of a mind which is not wholly dependent upon a brain, and that a medium exists through which the influencing thought may be sent. It is under this law that the Initiates can communicate with each other at no matter what distance. Its rationale, not yet admitted by the schools of the hypnotizers, is, that if the two minds vibrate or change into the same state they will think alike; or, in other words, the one who is to hear at a distance receives the impression sent by the other. In the same way with all other powers, no matter how extraordinary. They are all natural, although now unusual, just as great musical ability is natural though not usual or common. If an Initiate can make a solid object move without contact, it is because he understands the two laws of attraction and repulsion of which "gravitation" is but the name for one; if he is able to precipitate out of the viewless air the carbon which we know is in it, forming the carbon into sentences upon the paper, it is through his knowledge of the occult higher chemistry, and the use of a trained and powerful image-making faculty which every man possesses; if he reads your thoughts with ease, that results from the use of the inner and only real powers of sight, which require no retina to see the fine-pictured web which the vibrating brain of man weaves about him. All that the Mahatma may do is natural to the perfected man; but if those powers are not at once revealed to us it is because the race is as yet selfish altogether and still living for the present and the transitory.

I repeat then, that though the true doctrine disappears for a time from among men it is bound to reappear, because first, it is impacted in the imperishable center of man's nature; and secondly, the Lodge forever preserves it, not only in actual ob-

jective records, but also in the intelligent and fully self-conscious men who, having successfully overpassed the many periods of evolution which preceded the one we are now involved in, cannot lose the precious possessions they have acquired. And because the elder brothers are the highest product of evolution, through whom alone, in cooperation with the whole human family, the further regular and workmanlike prosecution of the plans of the Great Architect of the Universe could be carried on, I have thought it well to advert to them and their Universal Lodge before going to other parts of the subject.

IN MEMORIAM

The Death Angel has called two of our Temple comrades from the plane of outer activities to inner realms of life.

On March 15, our sister Lillian W. Beed, at the age of 76, passed away in Eureka, California. Her body was cremated and the ashes were entombed in San Diego, where she had lived and worked for long years.

Mrs. Beed was born in Sweden and came to the United States at the age of 8. She joined The Temple in 1940. Through her whole life she was a devoted, unselfish server in the Cause of humanity. During World War I she was active in Red Cross work; and through World War II she had charge of volunteer women workers at Camp Callan. She loved The Temple and Halcyon, and endeared herself during her several visits to the Center.

On May 15, Mrs. Ida T. Townsend, since 1931 a resident of Halcyon, died in a San Luis Obispo hospital where she had been during the last weeks of her life, after a prolonged serious illness which she bore very courageously.

Mrs. Townsend was 81 years old and the widow of our brother William Townsend. She joined The Temple in 1929 and was an inner order member. For several years she helped with the music during the noonday healing meditations in The Temple. Her body was laid to rest in the Halcyon cemetery.

May Infinite Love and Wisdom guide and enfold our dear sisters on their way along the true Path of Life on inner planes.

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

During the month of May the following talks were given in the Sunday services: May 9, a symposium was held in honor of White Lotus Day—the anniversary of the Passing of H. P. Blavatsky from the outer plane. The speeches delivered on that occasion are printed in this Artisan number. May 16, Bernard Lentz spoke on "The Qualities." May 23, Wenonah Varian's talk was on "My Father's House is a House of Prayer." May 30, Carolyn Forgostein spoke on "The Peace that passeth Understanding."

July 20 marks the 26th anniversary of the Passing of Blue Star, Francia A. La Due, Co-founder and First Guardian in Chief of The Temple of the People under the direction of the Master. Under the Editorial Mirror, excerpts from her address to the Convention of 1910 are reprinted in her memory, which are as vital and appropriate to present world conditions as they were when given.

The Forty-ninth Annual Temple Convention

at Halcyon will begin Sunday, August 1, and continue through Thursday, August 5, with a preliminary social gathering in Hiawatha Lodge on Saturday evening, July 31. In view of the coming 50th anniversary of the founding of The Temple—November 15, 1948—this forty-ninth Convention will be of great importance, both interiorly and outwardly in helping humanity in this time of great crisis.

On Sunday the noonday Healing Meditation will be held in The Temple at 12 M, and the opening meeting of the Convention, at 3 p.m.

We trust that all Templars and friends who are able will attend the Convention in person; and we ask members at a distance who cannot be with us personally to be attuned in heart and spirit with the comrades assembled at the Center, especially during the meetings on Sunday, to partake of the high spiritual forces which flow through the Aura of The Temple into the world for the help and upliftment of humanity.

Let us remember that this is the season of the year when "The Great White Lodge in Convention assembled" weighs and evaluates the deeds and Karma of the human race, its losses, its failures, and its gains, and out of a Cup of pure Gold pours into the suffering souls of humanity the forces of courage, brotherhood and true accomplishment. We stand at the gateways of great decisions to be made by the human race for its preservation and further advancement, empowered from inner realms by the Forces of the Avatar.

IN HIS PRESENCE

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

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