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THE EIGHTH REVELATION

Beloved Companion:

The placing of this Revelation-Lesson in your hand is an indication of your further advancement toward understanding of the Mysteries - your advancement toward initiation, toward closer infoldment and toward more complete companionship in Mayanry. May more blessings pour into your consciousness with every step. May peace and understanding attunement be thine.

MAYAN RECORDS In our last lesson we depicted, as a means of exercising your imagination and developing your ability to visualize, a scene in ancient America. You heard for the first time the voice of Moo-lu Ah-kin and his wisdom. So much of the recorded ancient history of this great race was destroyed by the Spanish invaders that only by inference drawn from what remains can we realize the great extent of ancient Mayan learning. It is only in recent years that there has been any properly-organized research in the Mayan country, and that has been limited to a few groups.

In spite of the fact that much is known, still much is unproved to the satisfaction of some of the modern archaeologists. In the course of these lessons, you will come to know truths about this ancient race that are now unknown, even by savants renowned for their learning. In the degrees for which you are now being prepared, we are mainly interested in helping you to find "your place in the Sun". To make you successful, to lift you from surrounding limitations through use of the law that Mind Materializes is our first objective. When that principle is completely transmitted to you, when you are actually demonstrating it every day in your life, then we shall impart to you the higher learning. We want you as a Mayan to be successful in your community and happy and healthy, and to aid those about you to find The Way. After you are attaining these things, we shall turn our attention to the more subtle, the psychic principles of your mind.

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HISTORY OF THE JEWEL Regarding the jewel that we depicted Axceotl giving to Itzamna, we shall trace it in subsequent lessons through a period of several thousand years, when it had passed into the hands of the Zapotec Priesthood. As we are not further concerned with it in the instructions for the first three degrees, it will no doubt interest you to learn its final fate.

The following account is of occurrences at the time of the arrival of the Spaniards (in the year 1520) and later during their occupancy. It is taken from the famous "Deities and Religious Conception of the Zapotecs" by Seller.

"As Mictlan was the holy city of the Zapotecs, so Achiotlan was the holy city of the Mixtecs where the high priest had his abode and where there was a far famed oracle which indeed King Motecuhzoma (Montezuma), king of the Aztecs, is said to have consulted when he was disturbed by the news of the landing of Cortes.

(The coming of the white men, pale faces who would conquer them, had been predicted for hundreds of years.) The chief sanctuary was situated on the highest peak of a mountain (like some of our present day astronomical observatories). Here, as Father Burgoa relates, 'There was, among other sacred things, one which they called the "Heart of the place or of the country" and which received great honour. The material was of marvelous value for it was an emerald of the size of a thick pepper pod (capsicum) upon which a small bird was engraved with the greatest skill and with the same skill a small serpent coiled ready to strike. (The Ancient Maya depicted Spirit as a bird and Wisdom as a serpent. The Ancient Egyptians, Greeks, Hebrews, Hindus and Chinese used these same symbols.) The stone was so transparent that it shone from its interior with the brightness of a candle flame. It was a very old jewel and "there is no tradition extant concerning the origin of its veneration and worship".'

It is commonly known, of course, that at least some of the Friars accompanying the Spanish invaders were zealots and fanatics. Remember the times and recall the occurrences even in our own New England some hundreds of years later in which harmless old women were burned at the stake as "witches". What those Friars could not understand was to them "Heathenism" and they sought to destroy it by honest means or otherwise. What could have happened to you with your radio and electric light and other contrivances, had you lived and possessed them in America in those days, can be imagined.

But to get on with the story of the Emerald. Its final fate is picked up here by Lewis Spence in his book "The Magic and Mysteries of Mexico". He tells how Fray Benito, a missionary placed in charge of the City of Achiotlan by the conquering Spanish, succeeded in cajoling and persuading the keepers of this temple to "let him see the stone". Says Spence - "He had the stone ground up, although a Spaniard offered three thousand ducats for it, stirred the powder in water and poured it upon the earth and trod upon it in order at the same time to destroy the 'heathen' abomination entirely and to demonstrate in sight of all the impotence of the jewel."

MAYAN IN-
VENTION OF
THE FIRST
SEISMOGRAPH

The same writer tells of another discovery of these first representatives of white man's culture. The misunderstanding of its purpose was complete. This was evidently some device that operated on the same, or at least similar, principle as the seismograph, a device that records earth shocks, such as nuclear explosions or earthquakes. Listen then, to this account from an ancient region where quakes, tremors, not far distant volcanic eruptions and occasional tidal waves occurred with considerable frequency.

The Spanish Priest, Father Burgoa, says further, writing of an oracle in the Laguna De San Dionisio near Tehuantepec, that on an island there, "was a deep and extensive cave where the Zopotecs had one of their most important and most revered idols and they called it Alma y Corazon Del Reyno because these barbarians were persuaded that this fabulous deity was Atlas upon whom the land rested and who bore it on his shoulders and when he moved his shoulders the earth was shaken with unwanted tremblings."

Did the Spaniards have their understanding of the purpose of this figurine in reverse? Should they have said that the figurine represented Atlas and that when the earth shook he moved his shoulders? The Egyptians and the Maya had

figures that moved apparently of their own volition. Not only that but figures that sang weird songs at sunrise and at sunset. Such a figure as described could easily have been made by them, and the degree of its action would indicate the intensity of the earth shocks occurring at even great distances. Have we the intelligence today to appreciate all the scientific wonders of these ancient Mayans? Much knowledge that has been considered lost will be shown to you in higher studies. It is not all lost, much is only hidden - or misunderstood.

SOME MORE By the way, consider this - how did the Maya hear about Atlas? The
FOOD FOR Titan who bore the world on his shoulders has always been considered
THOUGHT a classical myth of Europe. The only other Atlas that comes to mind
 is a range of mountains in Northwest Africa which is about the lo-
 cality that trans-Atlantic fliers use today when following the southern route in
 crossing the Atlantic. Then there is to be remembered the Atli of Scandinavian
 mythology. Also, though you may not have heard of it, there is the Mexican deity
 of water - Atl. Until you receive your next lecture-lesson, think these words
 over - and speculate. Atlas in America, Atlas in Greece, Atlas in Africa and
 Morocco, Atli in Norway, Atl in Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean and the fabled land of -

ATLANTIS -- WHERE?



Asleep, awake, by night or day,
The friends I seek are seeking me;
No wind can drive my bark astray,
Nor change the tide of destiny.

The stars come nightly to the sky,
The tidal wave unto the sea;
Nor time, nor space, nor deep, nor high,
Can keep my own away from me.

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There is a statement of the Law of Mind's working that we ask you to repeat over and over again. Never forget it. Grind it into your consciousness, impress it into every thought you think, consider it in every act you do - until you know it so thoroughly that it will be impossible to ever let its negative manifestation deliver error to you. And so, that its positive manifestation can bring you fulfillment of all your worthy desires - even unto entering into "the Kingdom of Heaven", the Law is:

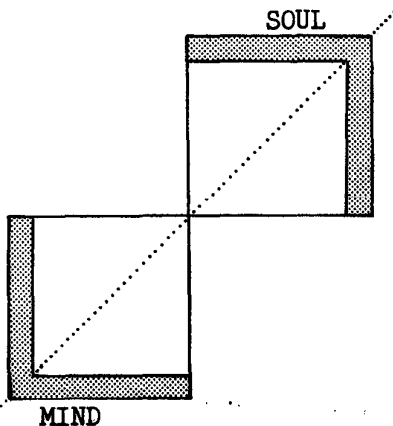
WHAT YOU EXPECT IS WHAT YOU EVENTUALLY GET.

It is of the utmost importance that you realize that Thought will materialize whatever it holds. Hold a condition in your thoughts continually, good or bad, and it eventually comes into actuality. Whether the condition thought of is Health, Happiness or Wealth, the Principle works.

I was out strolling today and saw some workmen putting up a concrete

building. Down below, a man was dumping cement out of bags into a mixing box. Then he put in a quantity of sand, after which he poured in water. Then he worked the three together. Soon it was thoroughly mixed. He now had concrete. When it set it became hard, a solid - entirely different from the cement or the sand or the water. The three mixed together and worked; became a materialized solid.

THE
INTELLECT



Again mix two invisible gases together in the right proportions and produce something tangible, visible, material. Take Hydrogen, which is invisible, and Oxygen, which is also invisible, and when they are worked together or mixed, you have water, visible and materialized.

Again, when the three invisible parts of man's being - Mind, Spirit and Soul - are worked together there results a visible, material body.

Work is merely another word for action. Thought is the action of Mind and Soul. It is represented by the diagonal line running through the joined symbols shown to the left and on which you have previously received some instruction.

KNOW THAT THIS IS SO:

When you think a thing - that thing actually exists. Not in material or visible solidity - but, nevertheless, you have created something that has Being. Thoughts are things. You must work that thing to make it appear in material, visible form in the physical world. Action in faith must be put behind it.

CREATING BY THOUGHT A musician creates a musical masterpiece. Down the street a young man invents a new radio transmitter. Across the continent a famous surgeon announces the perfection of a new technique to treat a hitherto incurable malady. The man across the way starts the erection of a new dwelling. The newspapers tell us of a new economic system to be enforced by the government. But before any of these things were perfected - before they came into actual use - they were merely thoughts - thoughts in someone's Mind.

Perhaps another person thought of the same musical masterpiece, but he did not apply action. The masterpiece in his mind was never known to the world. Thought alone is not sufficient to build a new house. You must use materials to build a material dwelling. Shaping and preparing and working must be applied to the materials. Then the thought - the plans for the house - the musical masterpiece - the radio transmitter - whatever it might be - then and then only, the thought - MATERIALIZES.

The basis of all things Man has done, or said, or brought into being - is Mind. The action of Mind, is Thought. Thought will bring the solution to any problem if thought is concentrated upon that problem to the proper degree.

But Thought is also dual in its action. There is negative as well as

positive thought. Electricity may be used to run machinery, which is useful to man, or it may be used to kill man. It all depends on the way you use it. Thought is more potent than the force we humans have named electricity. Negative thinking can be far more devastating than the comparatively minor havoc wrought by a lightning flash. And positive thinking can be infinitely more productive than all the dynamos in all the powerhouses in the world. Indeed, one single positive thought in the mind of its inventor was the seed that resulted in showing the way to create all the dynamos now on earth or that ever will be on earth.

The same principle of creative thought that invented the dynamo, the electric light, the radio, television, and a thousand and one other things useful to man also was responsible for the invention of the crossbow, the cannon, the death-dealing submarine and atomic bombs. The principle of creative thought that brought antiseptics to save life also brought forth hundreds of horrible forms of destructive gases to maim and destroy mankind. It was merely the result of different applications of the creative principle.

Nothing that I can think of is evil in itself - it is the way it is applied, the use men make of it, that determines whether it is good or bad.

A knife may be used to kill with or, in the hands of a skilled surgeon, to save life. Yet the knife of itself is neither "good" nor "evil". If you think evil thoughts - evil results will materialize. If you think good thoughts - good results will materialize. All results come from the use you make of your mind.

MIND IS Lucius Anneaus Seneca, a Roman stoic, philosopher and statesman who
MASTER lived nineteen hundred years ago, said, "The mind is the master over
 every kind of fortune; itself acts in both ways being the cause of
 its own happiness and misery".

The secret of creating by Mind Power was known in that ancient day and thousands of years before that; still, it remains a secret to most of mankind today. Even you, our Beloved Companion, have not yet grasped this truth completely. You may feel that you have received it, but until you can demonstrate it at will you have not mastered it. Its truth shall be shown in a thousand forms and ways until you, by Constancy and Devotion, become a Master of this truth.

The Mind of man is denied nothing - except what man denies himself. If he has the imagination to conceive the desire and the faith that it can be done and the will to do it - he CAN do it.





Reconstruction of one of the 7
Wonders of the Ancient World
The Colossus of Rhodes

We have read of the eminent sculptor, Gutzon Borglum, who carved mountains into gigantic statues. That task, enormous as it is, fades into insignificance beside the work of building the Colossus of Rhodes, a statue of the sun god so gigantic that it is said ships sailed between its legs, which spanned the harbor; a statue of bronze built on a tiny island in the Mediterranean Sea two hundred years before Christ was born. Imagine the furor such a structure would create if built today. Try to imagine how men of that day accomplished it without modern machinery, without modern engineering and using only the crudest of tools. They believed it could be done. They did it.

Imagine building the Mayan Pyramids, hundreds of them; some, like that at Cholulu whose peak is more than an acre in area and whose base is a million square feet, in an age when hard metals with which to work stone were unknown. These tremendous projects were conceived in Mind first. Conceived in a Mind that believed they could be done - and straightway started in doing them. Desire - Belief - Faith - Action!

Mind Materializes. But it must have the thought - the clear conception of the thing desired - before it can go to work.

YOUR MIND UNSHACKLED There is no limit to what Mind can materialize. There is often a limit to a man's imagination, however, and his faith and, sad to say, his belief. But he places the limit upon himself. Do not limit yourself. Take the shackles off your Mind. If you can create a thing in your imagination, there is a way by which it can be brought into being. There is no lack of things to create. The ancient "Wonders of the World" were only seven. Today there are thousands - and there are millions more in Universal Mind as yet undreamed by man. Yet, they are as readily available to you as they were to the architect who designed the Empire State Building or the engineer who designed the bridge across the Golden Gate. The man who designed the Queen Elizabeth, one of the finest and largest ships afloat, is only a step beyond the prehistoric savage who first hollowed out a log in which to float across a stream. The greatest Wonders of the World are still in the womb of time.

To Achieve, Attain, Accomplish or Create:

First you must conceive the desire. Desire is formed in the intellect and nurtured in Spirit. If the desire is strong, it will grow like a fertile seed in good soil. Mind Materializes. The first thing you know, that which you held in your mind is created in the image in which you desired it. The secret of all human power for accomplishing success, for getting riches, for keeping health and attaining happiness is in first thinking powerful, successful thoughts of wealth and abundance and thinking those thoughts in full realization of the unlimited supply that exists in Universal Mind. Be sure that you understand and know, that All things exist in Mind first and that Mind is not limited by the restrictions of this physical world.

"And the earth
was without form
and void;
And darkness was
upon the face
of the deep.
And the Spirit of God moved
Upon the face of the waters."
Genesis 1:2.

"The Spirit of God..." is Mind.
"And the Spirit of God moved..." is Mind, in Action.
"Upon the face of the waters." Waters, represents
the Etherial Universal SUBSTANCE of which ALL things
are made.

Mind, in Action upon Substance, Creates.
Mind + Action + Faith = Materialization.

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Then dream lofty dreams, my Beloved Companion...seek the moods of the poets and music makers...think with wise men...sense the quick darting thoughts of your mind as it seeks, ever seeks, action...As you dream, so shall you become. The kingdom of Heaven is Within You...Mind Materializes!

Think that you are incapable of a task - and you are incapable, as I demonstrated to you in your fifth Lesson (Second Demonstration Exercise).

Think that you are ill and you become ill. Think that you are daily growing better and better and you do become better.

You can only accomplish what you believe you can. You can only do what you believe you can. You can only be what you believe you can be. You can only have what you believe you can. It all depends on what you think and how you think.

Faith is the substance. Your mind shapes substance as it shapes faith.

"What is substance, really?" do you ask? Go to the Second Revelation and read of it again. How can one describe understandably, in words limited to physical expression, something that is invisible, intangible and not limited to any physical limitation? Substance is Ethereal and, like Mind, Universal. It is everywhere; all things physical are composed of it. Your hat, your body, your house, your world, your universe, are composed of it. They are visible; yet the substance of which they are composed is invisible. I can best answer that question, perhaps, by giving here the statement of material science as told in an

article in the New York Herald-Tribune for March 11, 1926. I have a number of more recent clippings on the subject, but I feel this expresses it best.

MATERIAL "We used to believe that the universe was composed of an unknown number of different kinds of matter, one kind for each chemical element.
SCIENCE The discovery of a new element had all the interest of the unexpected.
SAYS It might turn out to be anything, to have an imaginable set of properties.

"That romantic prospect no longer exists. We know now that instead of many ultimate kinds of matter there are only two kinds. Both of these are really kinds of electricity. One is negative electricity, being in fact, the tiny particle called the electron, familiar to radio fans as one of the particles, vast swarms of which operate radio vacuum tubes. The other kind of electricity is positive electricity. Its ultimate particles are called protons. From these protons and electrons all of the chemical elements are built up. Iron and lead and oxygen and gold and all the others differ from one another merely in the number and arrangement of the electrons and protons which they contain. That is the modern idea of the nature of matter. Matter is really nothing but electricity."

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you always --

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Beloved Companion:

Herewith is the second of the trinity of pass-words of the 3rd Degree. And herewith it is bestowed upon you.

It is:



Decipher it and memorize.

It represents the second of three Mayan principles.

It ranks equally with the first word as do the two equal sides of a perfect triangle \wedge .

It is transmitted to you in faith that you will always express this toward our Order and its interests.

It is transmitted to you in faith that you will always express this toward the betterment of all Companions on The Path.

It is transmitted to you in faith that you will always express this in your pursuit of further Mayan Wisdom.

It is transmitted to you because you have demonstrated it - you have passed the second test.

It is transmitted to you as a seed is planted - nurture it that it may grow in your Character.

It is given to you in faith that you will preserve it from profane ears, keep it from the sight of profane eyes and speak it not except on proper occasions; yet, you will give unto others the blessings of the superior knowledge which you as a Mayan receive by employing your learning to the benefit of those about you who are worthy to receive.

We transmit  to you.

We request  from you.

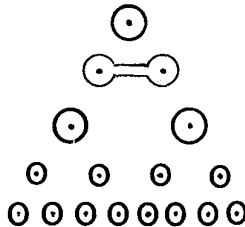
In fraternal Companionship,

THE MAYANS.

Study Note: --



As you will note the second Mayan pass-word contains eight letters. In olden Greece, the Pythagoreans esteemed eight as the first cube, being formed by the multiplication of $2 \times 2 \times 2$. Two is, of course, the number of duality. It signified in the time of Pythagoras, as today, Companionship, friendship, devotion, also prudence, counsel and justice. Also, as the cube or reduplication of the first even number, it was made to refer to the law of nature expressed in duality, affinities and extremes.



Pyramid of the Cellular Family Tree. The Cells multiply by separating into two cells, ad infinitum.

Jesus rose on the eighth day, that is, the day after the seventh. It also represents the division of cells by splitting the single protoplasmic cell \odot into two distinct bodies $\omin�$ and each body's continued division $\odot \odot$ always by twos. Through this symbol we receive a numerical emblem for the resurrection of Jesus. In certain Arkite Rites of ancient Masonry it refers to Noah as eight persons were saved in the Ark. The Maya indicated 8 as :| or :.. or sometimes as :::: . To a Mayan it also represents resurrection as one who is about "to be born again". Your initiation signifies rebirth in the image of your desire.

Members of The Mayan Order who are, or have been, students of Oriental philosophy will recall the teachings of The Noble Eight-Fold Path. All of its principles are summed up in the eight letters of this Mayan pass-word. They will also recall that the chief deity of the oldest Hindu philosophy was Maya. Yet no modern philosopher seems to have recognized this, possibly due to the fact that few Oriental students have had an opportunity to study Mayan wisdom. You will have revealed to you in later lessons the source of the ancient wisdoms of all races and how they spread over the face of the earth.

EXERCISE NUMBER EIGHT

Repeat Exercise Number Seven as given in the Seventh Revelation, nightly, but substitute the second pass-word, which you have just received, for the first pass-word.

The following subjects are included in your next Revelation-Lesson: The Time Is At Hand; Spirit and Man; The Nature of Your Being; The Nature of Your World; The Nature of Your Brain; The Nature of Your Perception; A Parable by Moo-lu Ah-kin.