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The Temple of The Tigers

This Mayan Temple takes its name from the decorations around the top moldings which show the wild American "lions" called by the Spanish, "Tigers."

This structure surmounted the walls at one end of the Great Ball Court at Chichen Itza. Five ball fields in this one Mayan city indicates how popular the Ball Game was in ancient America.

Like everything they did, the Maya had a religious significance in the ancient ball game. The Ball Court was I shaped, the ball large and solid rubber. Two rings suspended vertically midway in the courts were the object of the ball passes. Hands or feet could not be used on the ball, nor bats nor other instruments. Yet the ball must be made to pass through the rings by opposing teams.

This is another of the paintings by Viggo Hansen, who was commissioned by the Danish Government to paint these Mayan Temples still standing in Central America.

REALIZING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
OR
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW WORLD LIFE

MAYAN REVELATION

101

MONOGRAPH TWO

of a Series of Seven

DEALING WITH

COSMIC LAW

INTERPRETED BY THE MODERN MAYAN ORDER

THE LAW OF EXTENSION

*which is the Second Law of Life, and which
Embarks You Into Your Second Century of Life
Study Along the Ancient and Modern Mayan Via Real*

Beloved, Trusted Companion and Centurion on The Mayan Way

This is a great day for both you and your beloved Order. It enters you in our records as a Centurion of the Mayan Way. It culminates for us at Headquarters many months'-long series of rites and ceremonies affecting all the Members in All the Degrees, as well as yourself.

With the 100th Revelation you had bestowed upon you the honored title of "Mayan Centurion". This title, which you have earned so commendably, abounds in meaning. It attests to your advancement in our wonderful Order. And it also attests to the fact that you have persevered in your quest for advancement. You can justly take pride in the knowledge that you have been loyal to yourself and to your Order.

With this Manuscript you begin the "Second Century" in Mayanry. It is our hope that in and by your second century studies we will be privileged to help you reap an ever-increasing harvest of life's riches.

The series of lessons on which you are now embarking was especially chosen for this stage of your development. And Monograph Two of this series "The Law of Extension" is particularly appropriate. Extension means growth, and to grow in knowledge and perception, to seek harmony with the higher laws of life, is our objective as we proceed with our study.

Grow or Die.

Every realm or order of life has the problem of extending itself. All persons, including you, and all things, must Grow or Die. Every realm or order of life has the problem, - you must grow, - you must extend yourself. The leaders of every order of life want its realm, its order to cover the earth, partly because they are ambitious and partly because it is easier that way to carry out its principles. When a plant or animal organism stops growing it begins to die. The same is true of any person or organization. Heads of governments know this, and are therefore always trying to find ways to enlarge their dominions.

The trouble is that government heads usually use means that are questionable and uncertain. Force, conquest, and aggression are their customary methods of pushing out their boundaries. We need only to look at the history of the past to see that this can be carried only to a certain extent, and then the whole structure breaks down and the system becomes one of the melancholy memories of mankind. National leaders seem never to learn that a better way must be found.

The Founders of the Kingdom discovered it, and proclaimed it as the law of growth for the new world life. It too must grow, for it is essentially a world order. It represents the highest good of man, and therefore must be available to all. Because of the slowness of people to understand it and its principles of development, it has gone forward too slowly; but its development is sure. In spite of setbacks, hindrances, and discouragements, we see it steadily winning its way. (So it is, beloved, with you, at this stage in your Greater Development.)

The Law of Kingdom Growth.

That is because its conquest of the world is going on all the time. Its borders enlarge as more people come to understand it and what to do to promote it. It is a bloodless conquest, using no force, no material equipment, and no intrigue. It is accomplished wholly by the influence in the world of good people. That influence is its only weapon, and the increase of the number of people who exert it is the Kingdom's only program of extension.

What really is a good man or woman? That is a question that always comes up. The Master indicates here and elsewhere what He considers goodness in a person. It is clear to all who have given anything like mature thought to the matter that goodness is a positive quality. The good person not only abstains from wrong, but he also does good. His life is not only blameless, but it is also fruitful of good works.

We have a symbol of this in the radiation which we find in Nature. Certain elements especially radiate light or energy. If a loud speaker is attached to a lead box containing even a very small piece of radium, the particles it radiates from itself sound like a machine gun as they bombard the inside of the box. Yet the particles given off are so small that it would take that little piece of substance many thousands of years to radiate itself away.

A really good life gives off a radiation of goodness, helpfulness, and inspiration. That force goes out into the life of the world and changes things for the better. Its effects can be seen long miles away and long years after it was given

off. When a sick woman touched Jesus and was healed He said He had felt power go out from Him. In some such way power goes forth from any truly good life, and it heals, and restores, and helps wherever it goes. Yet the store never wastes away. It is rather INCREASED by the process.

Dearly Beloved, know this surely: Abstinence from evil is only preparation for doing good. It is the clearing of the ground, NOT the planting of the seeds. It is the removal of the rubbish, not the building of the structure. A truly good life goes on from preparation to ACTION. Such a life is the most potent force that CAN be released into the world - and the most redemptive. Its power is a growing one because it is self-propagating. It increases by arithmetical progression.

The Master sets forth this opportunity and responsibility under two great figures. Those who have found the Kingdom life and have the responsibility of building it into the new world order by demonstration and INFLUENCE are pictured first as "the salt of the earth", and second as "the light of the world". The one is a symbol of preservation, and the other is a symbol of RENEWAL and INCREASE.

The Salt of the Earth.

Good people are the salt of the earth, the Master, our Great Companion, said, but if the salt of the earth loses its preserving power, how is the earth going to be saved?

We have all seen salt used to preserve meat, and know what would happen to meat if it were not salted or if some equivalent preservative were not used. That gives us the suggestion of what the world life tends to become without the influence on it of people whose lives are such that they can rightly be called the salt of the earth. If the Sermon on the Mount had been delivered here today instead of in Galilee nineteen hundred years ago, the Teacher might have used the symbol of artificial refrigeration.

Look at Rome, Babylon, and the rest of the great civilizations of yesterday. They are ruins in the memory of man for the reason that when the forces of decay set to work there were not enough good people to constitute a preservative. The salt of the earth was not available in sufficient quantity.

The Kingdom of Heaven is a growth, a development; but there can be no development until and unless the processes of breakdown - the destructive forces - have been arrested. That takes more and more people whose lives have upon society the effect salt has on perishable food.

It is amazing how much power in that direction a few truly good lives can exert. When divine judgment was threatening the degenerate city of Sodom, and Abraham was pleading for it, he was told that it would not be destroyed if as many as ten really good people could be found there. Ten people who were the salt of the earth could have saved a whole city if they had been there, but they were not. (Do you begin to perceive WHY there must be constant testing before higher matters can be revealed?)

That is why we have taken sal, the Latin word for salt, and built it into our

modern word salvation, which means the process of being saved. Salvation is not a vague formula of words, but a definite process of being preserved from decadence and breakdown. It means the exerting of saving forces on something that is in danger of being lost.

The germs of decay are everywhere present in material substances and would destroy everything in Nature if they were not kept under control by the use of preservatives. In the same way the forces of degeneration exist in the world, and they bring men and nations to destruction UNLESS the influence of good people neutralize their power. We have to have some influence to turn people away from abnormal desires and destructive practices. That influence is Kingdom-minded people. No other force is strong enough to do it. That makes EACH OF US NECESSARY TO THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD LIFE.

You have noticed how quickly and powerfully some relatively unimportant influences spread. One day about forty years ago the Prince of Wales appeared on the London streets wearing a green hat. Then as fast as green hats could be made, the men all over England and America were wearing them. You could go to any town, village, or hamlet anywhere, and on the streets the men's hats would be green. All that had come about in one summer's time.

Fashions in dress, popular songs, slang phrases, and social customs take hold on the life of the people seemingly in a day. Just start a style or a tune and if it catches on it will be all over the country in a little while. It catches on if it is well-done, attractive, or just different.

Why is all this so? Because the fads of the day are indulged in with enthusiasm. Enthusiastic people start them and other enthusiastic people take them up. Now, why should the better life not be made a fashion? It can be made attractive. It can be well-done. It certainly is different. A REALLY better grade of living, thinking, and talking should be a most challenging interest to the public mind, and it surely would be if enough ability, eagerness, and joy were put into it. True Kingdom living would make any personality SURPASSINGLY attractive.

A good many years ago a young law student was walking the streets of a university town in the darkness of the night. His thoughts were dark too, for he was facing an important decision and was strongly tempted to decide the wrong way and run the risk of compromising his character and filling his life with regrets. As he walked the streets with this tempest going on in his brain he looked up at the big dome on one of the churches, and saw there an electrically lighted cross. This decided him to make the right decision. He later became an eminent member of the law faculty there, and still later a famous judge known on both sides of the world.

That cross would not have been there had it not been for a humble man then in his grave. He had wanted the sign of the cross in the sky over the town and had paid for it and established an endowment for its upkeep. What it did for the law student it probably did for many others. Such a little grain of salt is sometimes enough to provide the needed preservative.

Our country is now in a critical stage of its existence. It is riding shoals that many other great nations of the past have failed safely to get over. Indeed, the world life itself seems to be at a critical point. All kinds of remedies for its

problems are being applied, but the only one that will really save the situation is the influence of good people. That is likely to be the determining factor in the history of our day.

Good people make good homes and good communities, and only in such homes and communities is young life safe. Since this young life will soon control and direct the affairs of the world, probably the most effective thing that could be done would be to pray and work for good homes and good neighborhoods. The first step toward that is to live individual lives that will be like preserving salt in a world where wealth accumulates and men decay.

The forces of decadence have gone so far that in some quarters goodness is almost in disrepute. That is because we have not enough of it in the right quality. Too many have discredited it with great claims and small performance. High grade living will command respect anywhere. Perfection really means genuineness, and that is the quality of living it takes to keep back world decay. It is the salt that has not lost its saving power. No national or international program can take the place of it. There is NO substitute.

The symbolic meaning of the Garden of Eden story is that curiosity leads us to be careless in plucking the fruit of the tree of knowledge. We acquire some knowledge that is good, and some that is dangerous and if we stopped there, we would better have been left untouched. So long as people will keep learning how to do what is bad for the race, the antidote will be people who live rightly, graciously, intelligently, and helpfully. The new world MUST be built by men of good will,
PEOPLE WHO ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH.

The Light of the World.

The second figure under which the Master, our Great Companion, says the new world life must grow, is that of light. We are told that the citizens of the Kingdom, the people who have found the truth and are living by it, are the light of the world.

This figure goes considerably further than that of the saving salt. Salt saves things as they are, but light does more. It illuminates, and it energizes. Let us think of it first as an illuminating power.

The writer of this lesson was a member of a group that once became lost in the inky blackness of a very dark night. Starting home across the fields from a rural gathering, we found that we could see nothing at all; and our eyes did not accustom themselves to the condition. After awhile we lost our sense of direction, and realized that we were utterly lost.

Knowing that in such a situation to keep moving would only lose us more hopelessly, we stopped and waited for the moon to rise or the clouds to pass from between us and the stars. Neither happened. All progress STOPS in the dark.

Suddenly we saw a little light, and it was moving. We shouted, and it started moving directly toward us. It was a man with a lantern, and he was coming to share his light with us, so we could find our way out onto the main road. One lantern did not give a great deal of light, but it gave all that was NECESSARY to us just then. What a welcome light it was!

The Mayan Kingdom at its prime was a wondrous place. The Mayan Kingdom today is recovering its place, and growing fast. The children of the Kingdom are people with lanterns. Any one of them may feel that he carries only a small light, but a small light is often ENOUGH to make a very GREAT difference to someone. One star was enough to guide the wise men to Bethlehem. The single star of one illuminated and illuminating life is sometimes enough to make a very important difference in the world.

The illuminating influence of a good life may take any one of several forms. It may be given out in the form of teaching, counsel, help, or just the silent effect on people of the kind of life THEY THEMSELVES would LIKE to have the strength and courage to live. (Please read this again, and decide.)

One may have thought of such a life, but his idea of it was not clearly enough defined before for him to do anything with it. Another may have thought of it, but was held back by the fear that it was impossible of realization. Still another may not have thought of it at all. The person whose life radiates light may furnish just what one or ALL of them need. He may cause something within them to say: "That is it. That is what I have been vaguely dreaming of all these years, but never knew quite how to express. Now I think I KNOW."

The person who can arouse such thoughts in people's minds never knows how many lifts he gives as he goes about the rounds of daily living, but they are many and they are important. We sometimes meet people the effect of whose presence is such that we feel that we are better for having been near them even for a little while. Consciously or unconsciously, they are functioning as the light of the world.

The Kingdom life must be expressed. One need not go around talking about it, except as the question arises or as it needs to be explained or defended. The great need is that it be EXPRESSED in life and action. That is what the world needs to see, wants to see, and will believe when it does see. Never lose an opportunity to do or say something that has the RADIANCE of the Kingdom spirit in it. Let your ways be a constant reminder and demonstration that it is the right life and not the wrong one that is really normal and happy.

It is said that a little girl in the slum section of a city came to school one morning in a dirty dress, and with her hands and face unwashed and her hair uncombed. It happened that the teacher had brought a white lily to school that morning and had put it in a bud vase on her desk. The child took her seat, and as she looked toward the teacher she saw the flower in the vase. After sitting and looking at it a full minute she rose and left the room. In less than an hour she was back with her face and hands clean, her hair combed, and wearing a clean dress. No one had said anything. No one needed to. The teacher had merely used a flower to throw a beam into one dark place.

There is another story of a mother who went to visit her son who was in college. She was shocked to find the walls of his room covered with pictures that were in doubtful taste, but she said nothing. While downtown she bought the most attractive picture of the Christ she could find, and the next time he was out she put it up on one of the few vacant spaces on his wall. Then she went out on some errands. When she returned all the questionable pictures had been removed. "They just didn't seem to fit in with that one", the boy explained, and no more was said. That was another way of letting a little of the light of the world shine into a dark place.

A wise woman had contributed something to that growing light that shines more and more unto the perfect day.

Energizing Light.

Light not only illuminates, but it also carries ENERGY. Practically all our light on this planet comes from the sun, and it is said that all the energy manifested on the earth is brought to us in that light. If you have ever turned over a board lying on the ground and seen the twisted, dwarfed, colorless plants trying to live and grow there in the darkness you must know what happens to any physical organism that tries to get along without its daily share of the energy imparted by light.

In another discourse the Master, our Great Companion, likened the Kingdom of Heaven to a seed which, planted in the ground, grew into a great tree. The seeded field is soon green with growing grain because the seeds had life in them. But the symbol of energy-giving light is even more fundamental than that of the unfolding seed life, for life itself could not go on and seeds could not develop without the energizing effect of the light of the sun.

Sunlight strained through the green chlorophyll in the leaves of plants feeds the plants and enables them to grow by changing the mineral elements in their sap into organic, digestible carbohydrate form. Thus, the inert dirt becomes the living food which nourishes plant and animal life. Through light, then, God takes the dust of the ground and breathes into it the breath of active, growing life. This is said to be the most amazing thing in all Nature. It is one of the many wonderful miracles taking place around us every day.

The difference between physical health and vigor and a weakened, debilitated bodily condition is more often than not in the presence or absence in the system of mysterious substances called vitamins, a word meaning life substance. There is a list of weaknesses and ills against which each helps to fortify the body.

At least one of these, Vitamin D. is definitely and distinctly a sunshine vitamin. One whose body is lacking in it is given some form of cod liver oil, but the fish from which it comes are taken in the sunny season. Other vitamins come from various sources, probably all of which are more or less influenced by light. For instance, Vitamin C, the anti-scurvy vitamin, is found in abundance in fruit and vegetable juices, and with the development of fruits and vegetables light has much to do.

When the Master of the Mayan Companions says that Kingdom-minded people are the light of the world he therefore implies that they are to vitaminize or vitalize the world life. The human race oftentimes gets spiritually debilitated. The souls of men grow weak and flabby, morale sags, and strength of purpose runs low.

"We hope, we resolve, we aspire, we trust,
When the morning calls to life and light;
But our hearts grow weary, and e'er the night
Our lives are trailing the sordid dust.

"We hope, we resolve, we aspire, we pray;

And we think that we mount the air on wings,
Beyond the recall of earthly things;
But our feet still cling to the heavy clay."

People to whom this has happened need revitalizing. Generations to which it has happened or is happening need a RENEWAL of life and strength. The world life to which it is happening needs vitamins, the vitamins of wisdom and spiritual energy that radiate from the lives of those whose resolution and spiritual courage have made them fit to be called the light of the world.

→ The writer is sitting now within sight of a potted plant by a window through which the sunshine falls. For months this plant was downstairs where all its light had to come through a double skylight in the roof. It had light but no sunshine. There it lived and grew a little, but it never bloomed. When it was brought upstairs and placed where the direct sunshine could fall on it the plant promptly put out buds and was soon in bloom. It had been FRUSTRATED and HINDERED from making its contribution of loveliness to the world, and the only reason was the lack of some energizing power in the sunshine.

Many human lives are like that. They live and do well enough in a limited sort of way, but they fail to spring forth in any unusual beauty and helpfulness because not enough of the light of the world has reached them. If they could only be exposed more often and more directly to vitalized and vitalizing lives many of them might begin to respond with new loveliness and power. Where are those vitalized lives to come from? They MUST come from the children of the Kingdom themselves, whose souls have been exposed to the great Source of spiritual life and charged with it as a battery is charged for USE. For Use! Use what you HAVE, for it is Very Great!

Whenever you light a fire in your grate and sit enjoying the cheery blaze you are looking at a miracle. You see light and feel warmth because the processes of combustion are releasing sunbeams that were stored in the coal or wood LONG ago. The light of the sun still exerts power long after it is apparently spent. Nature has conserved it. Vitality is NEVER lost. (Remember that always.)

IT IS THE SAME WITH THE LIGHT OF A LIFE. Its power and radiance are stored and passed on from one to another through the years, perhaps FOREVER. As Longfellow says in one of his poems, the light of a star may be so long reaching the earth that it would shine on long after the star itself had ceased to be; and thus also the life of a good man continues to radiate long after he himself has ceased from his labors.

Lights Are Made to be Seen.
(This Means YOU!)

The Master of Christianity, and The Mayans, speaks of the tragedy of hiding a light under a cover so its glow can serve no purpose. He says that lights are made to set where they can furnish radiance to ALL who are near. Incidentally too they sometimes reach those who are not so near, like Shakespeare's candle that shone so far, like a good deed in a naughty world. Incidentally too, the light that shines the farthest shines the brightest nearest home. (Please reread, and note this last sentence.)

The Master of Christianity, and the Mayans, reminds that when those who are

the light of the world let their lights shine, people who see them will catch the challenge and glorify God in their own lives. The truest way to glorify Him is to live the kind of life that RADIATES the glow of the vitality of the Kingdom life.

This, then, is the way the Kingdom of Christianity, and the Mayan Order of Thinking, is to grow. It spreads like the grass grows, or the flowers bloom, or the sunshine radiates across the fields, carrying beauty, peace, and joy. The Kingdom life is a kind of CONTAGION of good, and so people who HAVE it MUST live it well enough that OTHERS will catch it. Some such people we always have, and their influence is ALWAYS going out; but we can NEVER HAVE TOO MANY, for the world is LARGE and its NEED is DESPERATE.

YOU! Has YOUR light gone out, or is it burning low, or has it never been lighted? WAIT AT THE CENSER OF TRUTH till you can perceive its flame, then light YOUR candle there. It may SEEM small and dim NOW, but it may some day be one of the BRIGHTEST OF THEM ALL. You will not NEED to call people's attention to it then. IF IT IS BURNING THEY WILL SEE ITS LIGHT. JUST TEND IT WELL AND LET IT SHINE.

Let it SHINE!

May the Great Spirit of the World, and of the Mayans, Bless Thee Forevermore, Oh Mighty Centurion of the Mayans.

Amen, Verilly;

Your Class Instructor
in the Second Century