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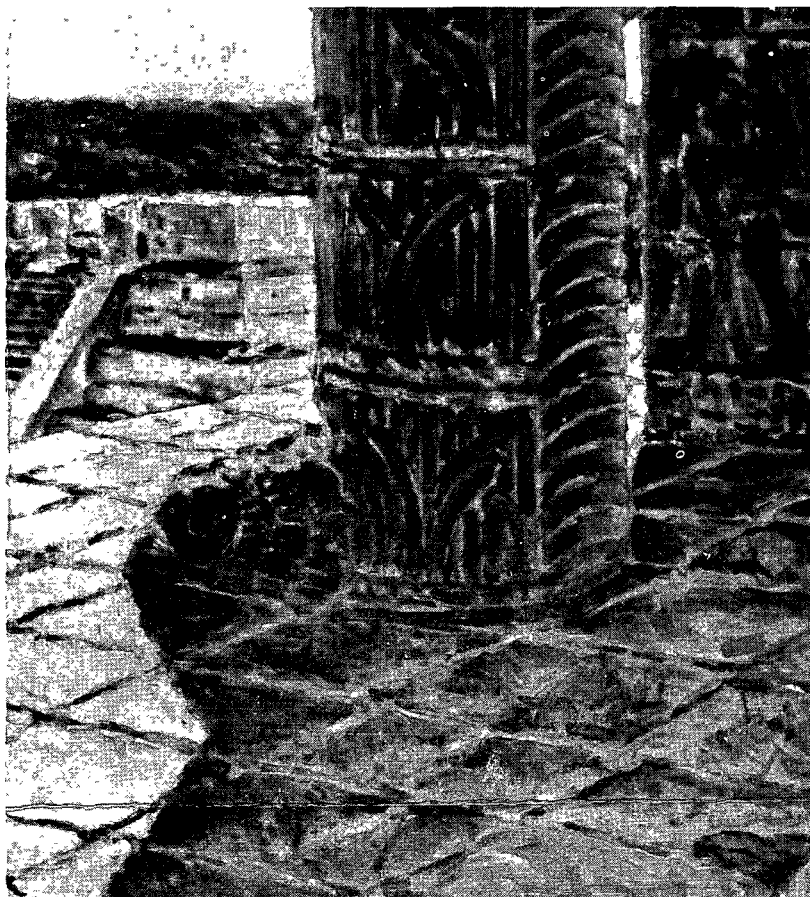
This is Number One of the TEMPLE LECTURES.
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SEVEN KEYS TO MASTERY

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Beloved Companion, Let us Proceed!



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Monograph One of a New Series which begins with a Meditation and Dedication, Leading to the Actual Entree into Studies for Mastery and possible, eventual Mastery in the Degrees of our Beloved Order.

As before, in Special Courses, there are SEVEN complete Deliveries of Wisdom in the Temple Lectures. The High Course for Centurions begins with a Dedication, — and a Meditation, for you to use at this Season. It is Part of a Preparation for Someday Master Mayans.

Bless You,



Rose Dawn, Supreme Leader

Beloved Centurion; Companion of the Blessed Modern Mayan Order; May you be Greatly Blessed and Life-Long Inspired by this First Lesson of a New Series of wise Mayan Monographs. And thrice Blessed by This Series of Higher Studies, Leading toward your Personal Attainment of the title "Master", and that you will be Blest with Even Higher Degrees of Wisdom and Power.

Most Solemnly, we entreat you to read thoughtfully this Lecture; not avidly, not hurriedly, but wisely and with thought for every paragraph and word. Seek to go beyond each thought that is engrossed herein, - seek to find the wisdom only these keys unlock. It is an IMPORTANT step in your development, and as best we can judge, you are amply prepared so that you may receive most richly through your discovery in YOUR mind, that which these opened portals now help make available to you.

I love The Mayan Order. Most of my life has been gladly devoted to it's advancement. If my life were to be extended as long as Solomon's, I would wish to devote it to the advancement of our Great Order; I hope you are of the same devotion.

Thus, I call your attention to the fact that this series begins with a Meditation. It is in reality a solemn Dedication. A dedication of yourself, if you would continue onward and upward to eventual MASTERY.

The Constant Upward Path of Mayanry is a path of study, of climbing, of reaching new heights. In this series we find ourselves allegorically studying within the portals of a Temple of Kukulcan, atop a pyramid at Chi-chen-Itza. The temple still stands as you see it here in the great painting by Viggo Handschun Hansen. Mayans who travel to the Maya Land on vacations can actually sit on this floor and study again this TEMPLE LECTURE Series at the very spot pictured.

The Constant Upward Path (C.U.P.) of Mayanry, is a path of Giving. Many of you remember the nationwide observance of (C.U.P.) in one minute of Prayer at noon each day, observed by many cities during World War Two. Many of you helped bring your home towns and cities into this daily service. Yes, Mayanry is a service, a GIVING, never asking, "What do I get?" Knowing full well that One Gives to Receive, and Receives in order to Give.

Advancing Mayans also know that as they progress upward, lessons do not come as frequently as in the days of your early and primary studies. Progressed Mayans find so much in their lessons and IN THEIR SELF-TRAINING AND DISCIPLINES RESULTING from their lessons, they could not well use lessons as frequently as in the beginning of their Mayan Path. New habits take time to form. The disciplines in this lesson alone could not be accomplished by some people in a full life-time.

Yet, Mayan Lessons never press upon you. They are not permitted to even demand more than you can accomplish. They are not so shallow that anyone can merely read them once, quickly, and say that he has absorbed all that is in them and is ready for more. One who tries to do that misses the riches in them. Like the African farmer who could hardly make a decent crop because of so many stones on his land, - he quit it, and went elsewhere to find a better farm. He found a poorer farm elsewhere, and a whole new struggle; - then years later he wandered back to his old African farm. He hardly recognized it, where his farm had been was now the great Kimberley Diamond Field, - producers of most of the world's diamonds. The stones he had complained about were DIAMONDS.

The Diamonds of The Mayans, and the Mayan Gold are that which our directions helps you discover in your own mind and thoughts.

It is probably true in the World of Commerce that a sharp eye should be kept to see that you get all that you pay for. Perhaps a little more if one can. But that is not so here, in this Mayan College. You need only use well what you get to have it MULTIPLY, MIRACULOUSLY, IN YOUR VERY HANDS!

What is unappreciatively measured here, will never prosper for you. It is only what is appreciated that will bless you. That which you thankfully receive, and Bless with your own Blessings will SURELY and with CERTAINTY, BLESS YOU Richly in Return. It will also, if blest by your Thoughts, your Study and your Love and Appreciation, overflow to your neighbors and bless them through you, and like a seed sown in a good field, through them, Multiply again, and in many ways come back to Bless You. In things of the Spirit and the Mind you must also give in order to receive, but by Appreciation alone will what you receive Multiply. Receive all you can get, but Appreciate it with Thought, Action and Deed, if you would be satisfied. Let us even consider a "commercial" aspect of The Law of Giving and Receiving.

A certain man who possessed many millions of dollars once built a home designed by the world's greatest architect, and furnished it with furnishings from palaces of the world. The best landscape artists outdid themselves making the surrounding estate beautiful.

He should have been a superlatively happy man. But was he? No, unfortunately he was not. Being a man of business, he considered THE COST of everything. Instead of ENJOYING the blessings of beauty, richness and harmony, he measured "the cost", brick by brick, and ton by ton, and he became more and more unhappy.

To get your money's worth of anything, you must stop measuring it unappreciatively in dollars; and measure it ENTIRELY by what it does for your Soul, your love of Harmony and Wisdom and Beauty for your Spirit. These are values rarer than diamonds, and worth to your Immortal Self far, FAR MORE!

Beloved Centurion and Worthy Companion, let us now Accept and Absorb this new Series of Seven; let us herewith Solemnly Dedicate ourselves and Go Forward in the following:

DEDICATION AND MEDITATION

I am now preparing to enter on a new adventure of the spirit. I am looking in, on and up as I take my bearings and plan my journey. I am relying on the guidance and help of God, and I know that whatever goal I reach will be in keeping with His plan. I undertake this quest that I may more fully do His will.

1. MASTERY

We do not here use the word Mastery in any sense of egoism or aggression. We are not thinking of mastering the world or even other people. For that, and other reasons, we will most often use lower case "m" for spelling out the word

"Mastery". A Master is not a self-aggrandizer. But to remind our faithful Centurions that we do mean a great deal when we use the word, in this Monograph at least, we will now and then use the capital "M". We are thinking of the mastery of life, and we realize to attain that one must master himself. We are also thinking of Mayan Members who are to become Masters.

We are undertaking to bring our lives spiritually to the advancement our generation has reached materially. We propose to make our ethics match our science, our faith match our wealth, and what we do in the things of the spirit match what we have done in discovery and invention.

In our time the hand has outdone the soul, and the mind has outrun the heart. We must even these things up. We have masters of everything else, and we must develop a similar number of masters of life.

Let us say that you have chosen the quest for mastery as your journey up the years. That quest is the following of a gleam. You are to undertake to keep the charge of the wondrous Merlin:

"Not of the sunlight,
Not of the moonlight,
Not of the starlight.
O, young mariner,
Down to the haven
Call your companions.
Launch your vessel,
And crowd your canvas;
and e'er it vanishes
Over the margin,
After it, Follow it.
Follow the gleam."

The achievement of Mastery is not something that can be accomplished merely by good resolutions. Many people have even stopped making them, because they have found how much easier they are to make than to keep.

That is because resolving does not reach deep enough. It bears no fruit because it has no root. Good water does not come from ill-kept cisterns, nor one kind of fruit from another kind of tree. Starting on The Way to Mastery is not just planning to do a few things differently. It is living a new life, and that can be done only by a new person. A better way of living requires better motivation. It does not come from without but from within.

Resolutions are too likely to concern superficial and relatively unimportant matters. Their maker has in mind a detail here and there, and not a whole new pattern of life. A program like this does not call merely for a few minor improvements, but for complete overhauling and renovation.

Too often people make resolutions to contribute to their own self-advantage. There is nothing about that to do much for the soul. What the seeker for Mastery is after is a character, personality, and set of habits based on an inner life attuned to the Eternal. That is not a job of patching and mending, but of building from the foundation up. Life is like a clock. When it is out of order we must adjust the works, not merely reset the hands.

While every lap of a race is important, it is more likely to be won if a good start is made. We are not now considering the long run and brilliant finish so necessary to victory, but the start without which they would not be possible. The builder begins by putting his tools in condition. The Candidate for Mastery must begin with his life set in order, and he must have no shallow concept of what this means.

It is proper then that among the keys to mastery we shall consider, the first should be prayer. That, is the great Miracle Power! The Great Personal Power available to your Daily Usage! The renovation of one's life will not accomplish itself. None of us is capable of accomplishing the transformation entirely under our own power and by our own wisdom. Those in whom it has been accomplished have been those who wanted it done and ASKED for it. Pray, then, for mastery and for the WISDOM and the WILL to attain it. Think of this by the Key Symbol "W.W." This symbol inverted becomes "M.M." Wisdom and Will lead to Mayan Mastery.

2. THE FORMS OF PRAYER

Most of us, when we think of prayer, think of petitioning God for favors we desire and the satisfaction of our needs. As time has gone on and we have analyzed it better we have seen that certain elements need to be added to it. One is the element of adoration or worship which is really merely appreciation. It is selfish to do nothing but ask for things. Another is the expression of gratitude for favors already shown us. A child fares better in it's requests if it does not forget the thanks. Appreciation and Gratitude are twins. Another is the element of submission. God certainly knows better what we need than we do, and "Thy will be done" safeguards many a mistaken request. But whatever forms of prayer we learn, God's children will always take their desires to the Mercy Seat to talk over with Him.

We discover, however, that we do a great deal of praying when our voices make no sound and our lips do not even move. This mental praying may take no formal pattern at all. It is the cry of the heart like the call of an infant in the night, and like the infant's call the cry is heard and the need considered.

A certain man who for several months had been very much occupied with a special enterprise for the service and good of others than himself, remarked: "In one way I never did so little praying in my life as during the last few months but in another way I never did so much. I have had little time for formal postures and word patterns; but I have talked much to God as I have gone about my work. Otherwise, I could not have succeeded."

He was a man who knew the way of prayer so well that his heart and mind prayed even when his voice and knees could not join in. One can engage in this form of prayer anytime and anywhere. It is good for the unusual situation and for the course of one's daily life and experience.

There is a still less evident form of prayer which is nevertheless real and potent. It is referred to in a familiar hymn beginning, "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed." The person who carries in his heart a deep and honest wish for some good thing is praying for it, even though he may not realize the fact. If you will look about you will find instances of people who have had these long-standing unuttered prayers granted in wonderful ways. The writer

knows a man who deeply and silently desired a certain thing, but was so sure he could not have it that he did not venture to ask for it. After ten years, a telegram came one day and to his utter surprise offered it to him. He had really been praying for it all the time, though he did not know it. And God had not overlooked his soul's sincere desire.

Extremely valuable are the prayers you write out yourself, and after they are written exactly as you wish them, they are "photographed" in your mind, and repeated often in your mind's pattern of them.

Some disapprove the written or printed prayer, such as found in a ritual or a prayer book. There appears to be no justification for this. Both the written and the spontaneous prayer have their times and places. There are situations in which the heart fashions an extemporaneous utterance more adequate at the moment than anything that could be read from a page. But there are other times when there are written prayers that cover the case, perhaps even better than most people could do for themselves.

This is especially true in the case of universal interests and needs, such for instance as those covered in The Lord's Prayer. It is designed to apply to the needs of all people at all times, and it has been used for centuries all over Christendom. When we use it, as we so love to do and so often do, we are depending on a "printed prayer" that did not originate in our own thoughts. Then why object to the many others that are so well conceived as to meet many of our prayer needs?

The idea that a written prayer is of little or no value is, then, a mistaken one. What is the difference who fashions the words if they express the true needs and desires of our lives. Probably one should not rely on book prayers altogether, but they do have their place in a prayer program. For one thing, they are not lost with the passing of the moment. They are in form that they may be kept, and remembered for other high moments of other days of prayer.

Every good thought that passes through the mind leaves it's mark, and every earnest and honest plea going out into the silences changes things forever. Choose and develop your forms of prayer as you will, BUT PRAY. Keep up the habit, and put your whole self into it. The rest will take care of itself.

3. PRAYER AND FAITH

Every great force must have it's dynamic element. In the case of prayer it is that dynamic something called FAITH. It is a thing hard to define or describe, but it is the MIGHTIEST power a human being can possess and use. It is a force that REMOVES the limitations of time, and enables one to move in the IMMENSURABLE FOREVERS. It removes the limitations of space, and enables one to extend himself ANYWHERE without going there. It removes the limitations of sense, and enables one to see where eyes cannot reach and hear what to the ear is only silence. It removes the LIMITATIONS of human insufficiency, and enables one to do things BEYOND the reach of his natural powers. It is to prayer what the current is to the electric appliance- namely, the power.

An especially fine description of faith and it's results is to be found in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, often called the "Faith Chapter". If you are not familiar with it you should give it a prompt and thoughtful reading. If you are familiar with it you would do well to read it again, and look for MEANINGS not yet discovered. The picture it presents is not overdrawn, and there is no reason at all why some of it may not be equalled in YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE. It will at least suggest why faithless prayer fails, and what it will do to one's prayer life to add the faith element.

The Master of Galilee said that if one has faith even so much as a grain of mustard seed, he can tell a mountain to be moved to another place and it will be done. We have all seen a certain kind of faith moving mountains with bulldozers, power shovels, and trucks. But that is not what The Master meant. He really meant that even a little faith; - real, unadulterated, and concentrated, is strong enough to move a mountain.

Undoubtedly, that could be done where the divine will approved and a mountain really needed to be moved. Ordinarily it is not done because it is not important that it should be. But every generation has seen faith move greater things than mountains when it needed to be done, and when someone put the lever of faith-charged prayer, under the evil, obstacle, or problem.

The Master gave some telling examples of how to apply faith in praying. For instance, when someone came with a plea, He inquired whether the supplicant believed He was able to do the thing asked. Only if the answer was honestly positive would such a plea be granted. If your prayer is to be effective you must believe that God has the power to do what you ask. This seems a simple thing, but it makes a great deal of difference. Be sure you have the necessary faith when you pray. It should be easy, for the God who has already done such wonderful things can certainly do other wonderful things.

There is an instance in which the Master cleared up another phase of the question of how to pray in faith. He said that if ONE will pray BELIEVING that he already HAS a blessing, that blessing shall be his. This is a little more difficult to understand, or even to accept. To believe that one has a thing, or that a condition exists when there is no "visible, physical evidence" of it is more than some will even attempt. To the sense-bound person it seems impossible. How can one believe what is not true? But it IS true, and we will now try together, my Beloved Companion, to see how and why.

Perhaps the thing desired, which must always be something that is good, right, and in accordance with the divine will, is not yet manifested on the physical plane. But when you go to prayer about it, you SET UP the PATTERN of IT, on the SPIRITUAL plane. Your faithfulness in prayer tends to strengthen and add to that pattern and finally to bring it to visible realization. According to your faith, it BECOMES.

The pattern of your soul's sincere desire DOES EXIST, though for the present unseen. Through YOUR OWN powers AND other forces, the Infinite is building it's visible form, like concrete in a mould. In time it WILL be completed. Whether quickly or gradually, the well conceived POSSIBLE is so operated upon by divine law and power that IT BECOMES ACTUAL before your eyes.

The coming into existence of that pattern is an act of faith. Your prayer

HAD to be charged, like a motor, with this creative and transforming power. What a wonderful process prayer is, and what a potent force it can be in realizing the ideal of the mastery of life through harmony with the divine thought and purpose!

4. THE PRAYER LIFE OF JESUS

**** Jesus, Master of masters, was not immune from the necessity of building and maintaining His mastery through constant prayer. Since He stands supreme as a master we may expect to find Him supreme in His prayer life. Then THAT is the best place to go to learn about prayer.

So positive was the force of this marvelous Personality that an AURA of influence shone about Him, and some transforming virtue radiated from him. Like a bar to a magnet it was attracted to those in need of His help, and He could immediately tell when it had gone forth from Him to someone in need.

Personality is activated by some inner force operating like a dynamo or a battery. That is true for EACH of us, but some fail to realize it and to KEEP this inner power at it's BEST.

A man bought a new motor car. It was the first he had ever owned, and he did not know much about it. He knew that when he turned on the ignition and pressed the starter pedal the engine went into action, but he did not know the POWER depended on a SPARK and that means to ignite it - namely a battery - MUST be maintained.

He operated the car for weeks. Then it grew listless, weakened, and at last would not start at all. He did not know what the mechanic meant when he said the battery was run down and the water was low. He had not even known he had a battery, but from that time on he kept his source of power in condition and kept it functioning.

Some people are the same way about the battery that activates their personal powers. They do not understand WHY they should be so weak and negative, and WHY THEIR PRAYERS FAIL. They do not understand that LIFE TOO operates on a battery, and that PRAYER is the great battery charger.

It was not so with Jesus. Even in boyhood He was building the spiritual force of His life, and He kept charging the battery ALL HIS LIFE by constant and intensive prayer. It was one of His CHIEF KEYS TO MASTERY, just as it has been for so many others, and MUST BE for each of US. This was part of His secret - if it can be called a secret - He prayed much, He prayed intensely, and He prayed RIGHTLY.

We have only to read those masterful biographies of Jesus ^{called} the Gospels to see how TRUE all this was. He was not obtrusive about prayer, but He was persistent. We find Him often pausing to make little prayers about the things He did or the conditions He met. We hear Him lifting His voice in GRATITUDE for things small and great, (if ANYTHING in God's economy IS small).

We find Him faithfully GIVING THANKS for the material provisions of life. Once there was a great crowd around Him, with only a few fish and loaves of bread to feed the people. But He gave thanks for WHAT THERE WAS, and to the amazement

of the centuries it became ENOUGH to feed the throng with MORE left over than there had been to start with. Many people have learned from this the valuable lesson that the best way to get more and better is to be thankful for what we have.

The prayer life of Jesus was SO important and successful that we find people asking Him to teach them to pray. He could not do that individually because personal needs for prayer are as many and varied as there are people. (That is another reason why your personal, written prayer is urged by The Mayans). But He did give us a short master prayer for the things all people need every day, and the world treasures The Lord's Prayer as a priceless jewel.

But His prayer life was vastly greater than that one petition Hour after hour He was alone in prayer. The shadows of morning and evening found Him alone on a housetop or on the slopes of Olivet CHARGING HIS SOUL WITH POWER by communion with Heaven. All that He was, went into His praying.

No one should fail to be familiar with His great intercessory prayer in the Seventeenth Chapter of John. In it we hear Him praying FOR US, and in the prayer we discover what He wanted for His people. He was in the garden waiting for the betrayer and the soldiers to come for Him. He had fought His battle and made peace with His fate. But His last free thought was to PRAY FOR US.

The rest of His prayer life we hear from the cross. It was there that he PRAYED FOR THOSE WHO WERE CRUCIFYING HIM, even as He had bidden others to pray for those who persecuted them and despitefully used them. From Him, then, learn to pray as a Master would.

5. IN CONCLUSION

Remember that the purpose of prayer is NOT to sway and determine the perfect will of God, but to DISCOVER it and bring our wills into harmony with it. A good man of the yesterdays prayed, "Lord, I am not willing, but I am willing to be made willing."

We often ask for things that are not wise, and are later grateful that our momentary wishes were overruled. Think often of the way Jesus had of saying, "Thy will be done." Try to pray for the things God wants you to have. Somewhere up this road of harmony with His will, lies the mastery you seek, the fullest development of the divine image within you.

Make your praying adequate. Just asking to be given the gratification of a FEW SUPERFICIAL WISHES, like a child begging for toys, does NOT represent mature or sufficient idea of prayer.

See things in the large. Do not be like a beggar asking for a coin. Be conscious of God's GREAT purpose and of YOUR part and PLACE in the currents and movements sweeping on to the goal of history. Predicate your prayer program on the GREAT things, and YOU WILL have YOUR SHARE of the RESULTS.

Do not be selfish in your praying. PRAY MUCH FOR OTHERS. Pray for the people you see every day according to their needs, perhaps a crippled man, a spastic youth, a neglected child, a tired woman, a person with a troubled face. Pray for the worst cases you can find. Pray for your enemies if you have them, and

watch them become your friends. It is AMAZING how prayer, though no one but YOU knows about it, can knock chips off of shoulders.

Do not be a person who prays ONLY in emergencies, and does not remember the Throne of Grace when everything seems to be going well. Consider a verse that once went the rounds:

"When on the brink of trouble, not before,
God and the doctor we all adore.
The danger past, the wrong requited,
God is forgot, the doctor slighted."

Make your prayers simple. Read the prayers of Jesus again, and notice how plain and straightforward they are. Their simplicity helps to give them their MAJESTY. You are a child talking over your affairs with your Father. Remember that a child comes in SIMPLE faith.

Establish rapport with God. Think how unsatisfactory and ineffective you find human conversations when there is any clash of feeling, and how opposite everything is when all the participants are sympathetic and understanding. When you can feel your ONENESS WITH GOD you may know that your prayer IS GOING THROUGH and not being flattened down and devitalized by something in the way.

Have a prayer PROGRAM. List the things YOU WANT TO SEE ACCOMPLISHED AND BELIEVE SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED. As each one works out, check it off the list, and put a new one in it's place. This will enable you literally to pray without ceasing. If you are WISE and FAITHFUL YOU can make YOUR life a GREAT POWER in this WAY.

Talk about your prayer habits only when asked, and then do it humbly and ONLY to those who have a right to know. Too much "talk" about things, especially things we intend to do in the future, tends to weaken the plan and rob us of our enthusiasm and effectiveness in bringing them to pass. "People" will express doubt about it, and weaken our own faith in spite of ourselves.

Commit your life and ALL the interests you hold dear to God when you rise in the morning and retire at night. We have been told if we will do this faithfully He will GIVE US the DESIRE of our HEARTS. That is a way to keep our lives hid within the encircling camp of His protecting angels.

Pray for mankind, and as a PART of mankind YOU will have your share in the blessing. Pray for the SOULS of OTHERS, and TRUST that OTHERS WILL PRAY FOR YOURS. Ponder much on Tennyson's lines:

"Pray for my soul. More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are men more than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?"

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, clear for my soul a way of prayer to Thy throne of grace. Teach me how to travel that road with confidence and faith. Help me to plead my cause and that of others in love and trust. Show me Thy power to will and to do. Above all, I pray thee, guide me to the mastery of my SPIRIT, my WILL and my LIFE; and HELP me to use that MASTERY to be MORE AND MORE LIKE THEE. AMEN.

Bless You; may the Lord Bless You Always and find you forever in the Tried and True, and Trusted Higher Ranks of our Growing Beloved Mayan Order.

Verily,

Your Class Instructor.

Herewith you are considered Embarked upon and Dedicated to the words of the Meditation beginning this Lecture, and forward beyond the Seven Lessons of this new Series. Practice these things that are set forth herein. More, much more is prepared for you.

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