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AN EXPERIENCE ALL MAYANS PASS THROUGH

"There's no sense in going further --it's the edge of cultivation;

- So they said and I believed it ---Broke my land and sowed my Crops, built my barns and strung my
- fences in the little border Station tucked away below the foothills where the trails run out and stop.

The Sixteenth Revelation

"Till a voice as bad as Conscience, rang Interminable changes, On one everlasting Whisper day and night repeated --- so: <u>SOMETHING HIDDEN. GO AND FIND IT. GO</u> <u>AND LOOK BEHIND THE RANGES --</u> <u>SOMETHING LOST BEHIND THE RANGES, LOST</u> <u>AND WAITING FOR YOU - GO</u>!"

The above is an excerpt from Kipling's wonderful poem, "Explorer". All Members of The Mayan Order are Explorers. For some, the explorations lie in the deserted malarial swamps of Yucatan, amid the dead cities of the greatest race to walk this earth. For some, the explorations lie in the highlands of Mexico and Guatemala, of Central America and Peru. For some, the explorations are in the Atlas Mountains of Africa, the deserts of old Egypt, the unknown reaches of Tibet. Others explore old libraries and secret tracts and ancient manuscripts.

To a few, the explorations occur in company with the living keepers of ancient secrets in the hidden places. For all Members of our Order, the explorations lead into realms of thought and mastery, not found elsewhere, of life's principles. Explorers All -- The Mayans -- different from other members of the human family. They have felt a mystic urge since their earliest rememberance; felt the call of an inner power they possessed, longing for release and understanding.

No Mayan, touched with this genius, this Power, is content to remain where he is, to stop with this present yearning; he must go on --learn more --- EXPLORE.



Beloved Companion:



Again we transmit to you our love and healing thoughts in

This lecture will be devoted to bringing to your consciousness some of the frailties of men: frailties that often are not recognized even by the <u>one</u> who possesses them; frailties that destroy men; frailties that have stood in the way of progress since the world began. By recognizing them you can master them whether you find them within yourself or within others, for to attain mastery in life, they must be overcome.

There are two broad classifications into which most people fall. One is the type of person who must have encouragement each step of the way in order to accomplish his goal. The other, is the type who, when he sees victory in sight, loses interest.

Both are subject to periods of doubt --- doubt of themselves -- doubt of the worthwhileness of their goal --- doubt of their ability to attain. In all churches, in all creeds, appear these moments of "backsliding". In all endeavors in the physical world you have known people who could have amounted to something if they had just persevered.

Most "backsliders" are those who fear to try, to keep trying to try again. Some are afraid of ridicule if they fail and do not attempt. What they have failed to grasp is that we learn most by failing <u>providing</u> we keep on trying.

A few "backsliders" are those really and truly brilliant folk who, impatient of their less gifted brethren, skim over things of the present, keeping their eyes on some distant goal until they tire of the very sight of it, noble though that aspect may be.

What they have failed to learn is that each new goal attained opens up new vistas, new goals far greater in scope that cannot be glimpsed until the first objective is obtained. They miss most of the joys of the rich banquet before them in their haste toward a goal from which they turn away before they reach it.

Have you ever climbed a mountain? You start in the valley. Hemmed in on all sides, you cannot see beyond your own present horizon. The heights which surround you are glorious so you are more inclined to think of them than what lies beyond them. And undoubtedly that is the correct attitude to have <u>at the start</u>. You select the peak which you intend to scale. In the group with you are some who hang back, feeling that <u>they</u> are incapable of such a climb. If they believe they cannot, then truly they <u>are</u> incapable. But no matter how difficult the climb may appear to be, to the man of will there will open a way.

Your party of mountain climbers starts out. Those whose Faith is not strong must be encouraged to make the effort to overcome. As each new obstacle appears, some of these people, after they mave mastered a few of the difficulties, gain a Faith in themselves which carries them to the top. Others must be encouraged to try and try again. When they reach the top they usually keep their Faith and no longer doubt their own abilities.

But in every part of mountain-climbers there is always at least one who is not so much interested in reaching the top as he is in proving that he can. When he approaches his goal and has proven his ability to complete his climb to the peak, he loses interest; he may even turn back without completing his climb. He returns to the valley. He may, on occasions in the future, climb again but while he keeps his eyes on the goal, his mind is behind him in the valley.

For him new vistas hold no thrills --- not for him is the glory of greater accomplishments --- not for him are the honors of discovery and exploration ---he is content to tell himself and anyone willing to listen to him: "I can --- if I want to." And most likely he will end his days boasting how easily he climbed the mountain, not realizing that his very boasts are confessions of his wasted opportunities.

BEYOND He, who could have climbed the highest mountains above these peaks, is con-THE tent to drop back to the dark valley and spend his days as an empty brag-RANGE gart. For from every mountaintop is a new view of the world and what it

contains, a new vision, a new plane of existence with higher peaks, invisible before in the valley but now approachable and, through the experience one has gained, climbable.

Realms you never dreamed existed open before you when you persist in the climb because you were willing to try and keep on trying, because you persevered.

"No man, having put his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God", said our Great Companion according to Luke 9:62.

PERIODICITY Periods of rest, periods of thinking on what is known or periods of IS A METHOD seeming inactivity are sometimes confused with backsliding. Recog-OF LIFE nize the difference so that you will not let one melt into the other.

<u>Periodicity is a method of life</u> . . . Man cannot grow constantly; he must have times to pause while he makes his growth solid, while he fills in the position gained. But unless you recognize this fact, you are in danger of failing to continue your growth, your progress. Unless you are really consolidating your position in these periods, unless you are actually filling in the empty spaces around your new experiences, YOU ARE BACKSLIDING.

NOTHING IN NATURE STANDS STILL - EVERYTHING EITHER PROGRESSES OR RETRO-GRESSES. IT EITHER GROWS GREATER AND STRONGER OR IT WITHERS.

ALL GROWTH The tree in winter does not grow new limbs nor put forth leaves. It IS RHYTHMIC observes a cycle of seeming inactivity. But an examination of the

growth rings of that tree reveals that during this cycle it has solidified part of the previous circles of growth. The hardest, strongest part of each growth ring of the tree is the part that is made solid during the winter of each year, each cycle in its life.

The most active man enters into sleep once a day. There is no uninterrupted force among living things. Even the energies coming from cosmic space are vibrational and observe cycles.

Common sense, therefore, would indicate that we must adjust ourselves to this law and not fret under it.

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"It is important", says Dr. Frank Crane, "that mothers should realize this periodicity. Occasionally the child seems to slump, to forget all its morals and manners and revert to savagery. Then is not the time to despair and ask what is the use and cry out that all one's efforts have come to naught. It is the time to wait, to be patient until the spell is over and the pendulum swings back. He will recover. All goodness as it proceeds must have little lapses of badness and success must have little vacations of failure.

"The teacher in her schoolroom, the business man in his office, the artist and author in their creative work, the workman at whatever task must feel the ebb and flow of efficiency for all power has its tides.

"Among the healthiest, there are days when they do not feel up to the mark; all optimists have now and then a dash of pessimism and even criminals have their hours of good resolve.

"And in a wider way, the whole earth lumbers forward, now going on and now seeming to stand still or go back but every generation of man sees mankind nearer to perfection.

"Science never recedes permanently. Things learned can never be unlearned. And Law and Righteousness never retreat."

EBBIn the same way, even civilizations appear and disappear like thoseANDof the early races who dwelt in Gondwanaland, Lemuria, the TibetanFLOWhighlands and Atlantis. The ebb and flow of humanity is again illus-
trated in the vanished civilizations of Egypt, Africa and our own

America. Who, among those who have studied the remains of the cities of the Cliffdwellers and the Mound-builders of North America, the fortified cities of South America, the breathtaking, magnificently beautiful metropolises of Ancient Mexico and Central America, is not convinced of this ebb and flow?

A cycle of Enlightenment is always followed by a cycle of Supremacy of the Physical. A certain degree of mental development is attained by a race; then comes a period when physical manifestation overwhelms science. When this occurs, science withdraws, knowledge is sequestered among a few and enlightenment gradually dims its brightly burning light. For a while brutality reigns until it spends its strength. The people then gradually turn again to the light and, seeking the path, take up the climb toward the summit.

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BOOKS The story told in the Books of Moses is the story of every race. It OF has been repeated hundreds of times by the races of mankind. MOSES

The Tibetans, who as the root-race of the Chinese claim a <u>recorded</u> history dating back 10,000 years, once were the world's most enlightened people. Advancing in the arts and sciences as a peace-loving, civilized, forgiving people, they moved into a civilization beyond that of their brutal neighbors. These envious barbarians, by raid and sack, by pillaging and warfare, by fire and sword, overwhelmed their advanced brethern and started a Cycle of the Supremacy of the Physical. It is the story of Cain and Abel.

The conquering barbarians obtained partial knowledge of the science of the conquered. Truly is it said: "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing." For the conquerors, noting the wise use of opium for the alleviation of pain, used it unwisely, thus delaying their own cycle of mental development which they would otherwise have obtained. Seeing the use of gunpowder for cracking stones in construction work, the barbarians used it to kill their fellow-men.

Each race of man has had its day on this earth. The Yellow Man, the Black Man, the Red Man, the Brown Man and the White Man have each, in turn, dominated. At this particular moment the White Race seems to be on top. But the time is coming when these cycles must repeat. This story, however, will be told to you later by the famous Dr. Alexis Carrell, a great scientist, mystic and thinker who was best known for his successful experiment, many years ago, in which he kept the severed heart of a chicken "alive" and growing for more than 20 years. Dr. Carrell clearly shows what will cause the downfall of the White Race.

The military preparations and invasions of the Japanese armies that culminated in the attack on Pearl Harbor were actually nothing but steps in progress of the Yellow Race to again enter its mental cycle. The Tanaka Memorial, blueprint for Japanese military action, specifically stated that physical supremecy was necessary first and that world conquest was the only way of obtaining this ultimate objective.

NEGATIVE AND These cycles, which we liken to tides, are really vibrations, pulses, POSITIVE the manifestations of the two <u>forces</u>: the Negative and the Positive. FORCES

Both Negative and Positive <u>are</u> forces. We are accustomed to accept what our science of today tells us: that what is Negative is a sort of nothingness, a sort of void or vacuum. Be assured that those things which are labeled Negative correctly are as much a force as are those things which are labeled Positive.

The important point is that both Negative and Positive states are <u>active</u>. There is a tide of supremacy for both. There is a pulse in which first one and then the other plays its part. This applies to <u>all</u> of nature, no matter whether it is the expansion <u>and</u> contraction of the Universe, the tremendous swings through heaven of the Sun and Planets, the ecliptic path of the earth through space, the earthquake cycles, the time of the tides of the oceans, the seasons of the year, the life span of animate things, the beating of your heart, the frequencies of light or electricity, the movements and the paths of electrons and protons within atoms; all follow definite cycles. All are <u>active</u> . . . progressing <u>or</u> retrogressing . . . yet ever active. THERE IS NO STANDING STILL IN NATURE.

SOLIDIFIED In the heart of an atom, science has discovered "a something" which ENERGY it has named a <u>neutron</u> and which <u>seems</u> to be neither Positive, Negative, nor Active. But, my Companion philosophers, please note that

word. "seems".

The body of one who has just experienced the change called death <u>seems</u> inactive, too. Nothing seems more terribly still than the body of a friend who has just passed from this plane of life. Yet that body is not inactive. A million actions and processes are going on within it, preparing it for disintegration. The house that departed friend lived in is going back to its earthly components while the friend, himself, has passed into a greater realm of action.

That which science has named "Cosmic Rays" shall one day be proven to be almost identical with what has been labeled "electrons" and "protons". That which has been labeled "neutrons" shall some day be found to be the product of these two in process of manifesting from the "spiritual" into the physical world. For all physical stuff is "solidified energy".



"To each is given a bag of tools, A shapeless mass and a book of rules, And each must make, ere life has flown, A stumbling block or a stepping stone."

My beloved Companion who has progressed in Mayan teachings to this point, study this lesson well. If you belong to either of the classifications described, master your weakness. The fact that you have progressed this far means that you have proven your inherent abilities. When the effects of cyclic actions touch you, be sure that you do not permit the period of consolidating or solidifying your knowledge to pass into inactivity. All of us must either gain or grow less, advance or retrogress, scale the mountains or go back down into the valleys.

YOU HAVE WITHIN YOU THE POWER TO DO WONDERFUL AND GREAT THINGS. YOU, IN YOUR MOST THOUGHTFUL MOMENTS DURING YOUR ENTIRE LIFE, HAVE ALWAYS FELT SOMETHING URGING YOU ON TO AN UNKNOWN "SOMETHING HIDDEN." THERE IS A VOICE DEEP WITHIN YOU, CALLED BY SOME THE VOICE OF CONSCIENCE, WHICH IS ACTUALLY THE VOICE OF YOUR <u>REAL</u> SELF, URGING YOU -- GO ON -- AND ON -- AND ON AND THUS FULFILL YOUR DESTINY.

My Beloved Companion - Explore!

May God's Blessing Ever Be With Thee,

THE MAYANS.

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As a member of the Third Degree in Mayanry, you are invited to bring in others as Members of our Order. Talk with your friends about the great work that is being done by The Mayans. Tell them about the inspiring teachings which all Members of The Order receive. If they are advanced to the stage in life where they feel ready to accept the higher learning have them fill in this blank with their name and address. You are to sign it also, as sponsor. Mail it to the San Antonio Headquarters Office with the remittance of \$10.00 (\$5.50 for the Enrollment Fee and \$4.50 for the first month's dues). It will be duly presented for voting and admittance at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Your recommendation, as attested by your signature, will be sufficient but if you wish, you may accompany this application with a confidential letter, stating your opinion of the applicant.

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Address:_____

Signature of Proposing Member:____

Page 1. Exoteric Reading

The Balance Of This Lecture-Lesson is to be Considered an

Exoteric Revelation

If you have a friend or an acquaintance who needs encouragement, read this Exoteric Reading to him or make a copy of it and present him with it. Often, encouragement given at the right time will make all the difference between success and failure. Dr. Crane has made this reading applicable to the business man, the housewife, the student -- to people in all walks of life. It is followed by Biblical Quotations for use when doubts assail or Faith wavers. If you have never tried to aid your fellow-man before in this manner, you will be surprised to find how readily he will accept it and how he will appreciate your efforts. Remember that even in the most "hard-boiled" person is a bit of shining goodness. Awaken that goodness, appeal to that goodness and you will show him the way to win.

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"In all motion," as Herbert Spencer shows in a singularly beautiful chapter of his 'First Principles', "there is a rhythm. The wind comes in gusts, waters move in waves, the seasons rotate, night and day alternate, the lungs expand and contract, the blood circulates in beats, we wake and sleep and so on. It is the same with life's more intangible forces. Passion rises and falls, reforms advance in periods, fashions come and go and business teeters from prosperity to panic. It would save us all a great deal of alarm if we bore this law in mind.

"History is full of quitters. They furnish some of the most spectacular characters upon the world stage.

"It is an illustrious role-call: Elijah, Jonah, Pilate, Romola, Charles V, Hamlet -- and how about you?

"Some of these quit only temporarily and took hold again. With the others the quitting was fatal.

"Running away and giving up was never a noble business.

"At one time men imagined the ills of the world might be cured by deserting the world. They retired into caves and walled retreats. They gave mankind up as a hopeless lot and devoted themselves to getting themselves plucked as brands from the burning."

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The Mayans do not practice that brand of religion. They have their sanctuaries, their places of study and their times to study but what they learn, they teach to mankind for mankind's immortal benefit. Mayans are not "holier than thou" religionists. They are a great band of worthy students of the principles of nature, regular people, desiring to do good to all and to spread wisdom throughout the world. All Mayans will help you to the limit of your willingness to heed and to accept but they will not bother you with learning that <u>you</u> are unwilling to hear or unable to grasp. Page 2. Exoteric Reading

In Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress', Christian was pictured as fleeing his city and family, his fingers in his ears, bound for heaven.

The world has gotten over this foolishness. The church now sends missionaries into the world. Social reformers go and live in the slums. Those systems indicate a healthier idea.

That is the Mayan idea.

"The question whether the world's progress will be furthered best by our activity or by our desertion need not be discussed. Humanity will doubtless continue to advance whether or not you or I assist. Destiny has its own long plans and if one man will not play the part it assigns him, another will be found who will do quite as well.

"The only question is, not what will happen to the universe but what will happen to me if I refuse to work. As Mordecai said to Esther when she hesitated to intercede with the king for her people, so it might be said to you or me: 'If thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, doubtless deliverance shall arise from another place but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed'.

"The point is that one's fullest enjoyment of life is only found in fighting courageously in that small corner of the battlefield where he has been stationed. No man ever found worthy was content by running away.

"To quit implies moral weakness.

"Sensitiveness is not to be coddled but to be overcome.

"Go on, forget your wounds, never mind the bruises upon your soul, despise the danger, drop regret, brush aside premonitions, do your work and you will get a quality of joy the deserter cannot know.

"They say the sharks will shy off from a man if he keeps splashing about. The fear-birds will not settle upon a soul in vigorous movement.

"The noblest drop of consolation that can cheer one's last hour is to say, whether he has won or lost:

"'I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT'".

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Page 3. Exoteric Reading

Readings From The Bible

And the Apostles said unto the Lord, "Increase our Faith".

--- Luke 17:5

A nd immediately Jesus stretched forth His hand and caught him and said unto him, "O thou of little Faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" --- Matthew 14:31

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f any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not and it <u>shall be given him</u>. But let him ask in Faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

---- James 1;5-8

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ow faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through Faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. But without Faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

--- Hebrews 11: 1-3, 6

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A nother parable spake He unto them: "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of leaven, which a woman took, and hid in <u>three</u> measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."

--- Matthew 13: 33

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But Jesus turned Him about and when He saw her, He said: "Daughter, be of good comfort; thy Faith hath made thee whole." ... Then He touched He their eyes, saying: "According to your faith be it unto you."

---Matthew 9: 22 and 29

ven so, Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone ... But wilt thou know, 0 vain man, that Faith without works is dead? —— James 2; 17 and 20

And the last words of Paul to Timothy:

have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept Faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.

-II Timothy 4: 7, 8