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THE TWENTIETH REVELATION FOR MAYAN LECTORS OF THE THIRD DEGREE

"MIND BUILDS THE UNIVERSE - MIND GOVERNS ALL -
JUSTICE SHALL PREVAIL"



Beloved Companion:

We Salute You in \triangle and say, "Here is Wisdom - Partake."

Recently we listened to a group of archaeologists discussing a Mayan carving they had uncovered.

"It is obviously a depiction of some god of theirs administering punishment to a captive king and giving a reward to another", said one of the learned gentlemen. "No", said another in the group, "he is not a god but a builder, a great architect. Notice the structures in the background and the partially completed pyramid. Furthermore, the other figures in the carving are not in a worshipful attitude. As the architect of this job, he is merely shown in the act of rebuking one workman and paying a bonus to another. It is just another marvelously artistic carving but has no important meaning."

Should I have told them that the pictograph carving really represented a King, a great invisible King whose name is "Mind"? Should I have told them that the root-word of our modern word "mind" is Ma-yin?

Should I have pointed out that in ancient days Ma-yin meant Mind or God and that Ma-yind was that which man thought out or, as we say today, "imagined"? From this, too, comes the word Indian or "man in God's image".

Had I told them this, they would have asked my authority for the statement. I could only have told them, "so I have been told." I doubt that they would accept any authority except that found in books. How much more difficult my task would have been to convince them that the carving really gave the following message to those who could read its symbology.

"Mind is King. Mind Builds the Universe.
Mind Governs All. Justice Shall Prevail.
Every act of every person is an act of Mind.
Even thoughts are actions; unborn, perhaps,
Yet actions. And all actions produce reactions
Exactly according to the Nature of the action.
A good deed brings forth the reaction of reward.
A wrong deed brings forth punishment.
All is Infinite Reflection.
MIND IS KING. MIND GOVERNS ALL.
JUSTICE SHALL PREVAIL . . .

Later in this Revelation we deal in detail with the message of this carving. For the moment, this Mayan Teaching can be explained in essence by a quote from Emerson:

"MIND BUILDS THE UNIVERSE."

With this lesson, too, we enter into one of the most fascinating phases of Mayan occult philosophy - that of universal ethics or the Law of Karma.

Our ancient Companions on the Eternal Way, the Wise Men of the ancient Mayans, were fully initiated into the supreme mysteries of life and death. They received these truths from ancient days and preserved them in symbol and allegory through incalculable ages.

We, their modern descendants, are therefore the inheritors of a wisdom so true that modern learning cannot dispute it, so ancient that its roots lie deep within the mystical races and civilizations of prehistoric America and Atlantis. We have, in the sense of spiritual manhood, every reason to be proud that we are students of the oldest occult society known to man, that of the ancient Maya with our North American Section known as "The Mayan Order".

A knowledge of the eternal and universal law of justice is of value to all Mayans. It will be a source of spiritual and material consolation and benefit. It will preserve you through periods of adversity, sickness and of struggle. It will increase your powers of expansion and financial gain during cycles of prosperity. It will endow you with that true Mayan philosophical calm and understanding that heretofore has been obtainable only by the few.

Jesus had that calm and understanding. He taught the doctrine which is now presented to you. These were the words of the Anointed One:

"As Ye sow so shall Ye reap."

Gautama Buddha, that incredibly Wise One, emphasized this same profound yet simple truth.

IN ALL AGES MEMBERS OF THE MAYAN ORDER, WORLD TEACHERS,
OCCULTISTS, PHILOSOPHERS AND SCIENTISTS HAVE STRESSED
THE TRUTHS WHICH YOU ARE NOW ABOUT TO RECEIVE.



THE LAW OF UNIVERSAL JUSTICE What is this Law of Universal Justice? In modern times, occultists have adopted the Aryan term, Karma. This is to simplify the inner and spiritual value of the word "justice" and preserve it from becoming just another catchword of this materialistic age.

Now if we turn to Webster's dictionary we find that Karma is supposedly derived from the Sanskrit root-word "kri" and means to act or work. Often in ancient Aryan philosophy it was used to signify religious devotion, piety, duty or religion. Before going further, let us fully define the term.

Basically, Karma means action or activity. Everything you do, even lifting your arm, is action or Karma. If undirected by real concentration of the mind,

which as a Mayan you realize is the King Power behind action, such activity is of little consequence. Karma can also be termed the various activities of everyday life. And so we resolve it into a law of action. If everything you do is Karma, you can see that there are many shades of meaning to the word.

Now if Karma is action, it is also the law behind action or the spirit of action. What, then, is action? Defining a simple act of life may seem strange to you. Yet if several people were asked individually to define "action" there would probably be several different definitions. "Motion" would likely be offered most often. Definitions appear in these lessons to make certain that we all have the same idea in mind.

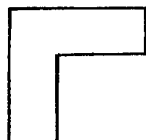
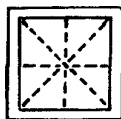
The English word "action" is derived from the Latin actio and the French agere which means "to do". A good dictionary will give many different shades of meaning which will go to show the intricacy of the true meanings of words. Webster's dictionary defines action: "The function or operation of that which acts; the doing of something; the affecting of an alteration by means of force or some natural power or virtue; exercise of activity by an agent."

Read the above definition several times, thoughtfully.



HOW THE MAYAN SYMBOL OF BEING ILLUSTRATES KARMIC ACTION

The Evolution of Right Actions to the Microcosm and the Macrocosm.

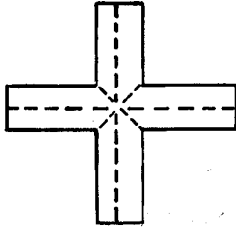


The Square, or Right Angle or Symbol of Right Action. Ancient Symbol of Mayanry and Free-Masonry. "He is on the Square", means he is good and right. Shows the ancient kinship of Mayanry and Masonry.

We find that the word "action" which is the basic meaning of Karma, is a word of complex meaning. It takes into consideration the entire sweep of the thought or impulse in a person's mind from the VERY ORIGIN to the ULTIMATE EFFECT of the IMPULSE IN ACTION in the material universe.

In this way the thought of God, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, can be traced from the first impulse to the stirring in the universal ether or pre-cosmic matter until it blossoms forth as a material universe.

Remember that thought always precedes action. The great mistake most people make is that they associate themselves with the result rather than with the true cause. Nevertheless, the result is linked with the cause, though it is a subtle relationship.



4 Right Angles as a Cross: Symbolizes the Four Gospels, The Four Corners of the Earth, etc.

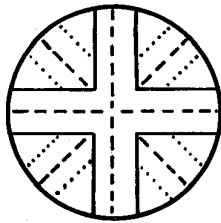
People who think miserly, self-centered, or angry thoughts, invariably find that, in time, these affect their personal natures.

One cannot hold ANY trend of thought and not be affected by it in a physical or personal sense.

This is why you careful students, who have demonstrated your mental and spiritual abilities, are now presented with the one great key to proper action and the laws of the inevitable results of thought on matter.

Remember you, in a minor way, like God, are a Creator. YOU can create your own personal universe and make of it a heaven, or a hell.

IT DEPENDS ON YOU.



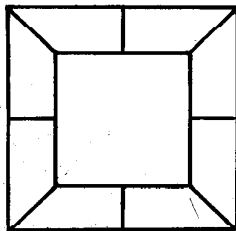
The Cross in Motion Becomes a Circle.

There are many different shades of meaning for the word "action". It may be used to signify physical growth, change, motion, progression, along intellectual lines, the automatic functions of the body and mind, - especially the subconscious mind.

It can be used as a legal term or an expression of religious devotion. It can take on a thousand different meanings in art, religion, military affairs, ordinary life and business.

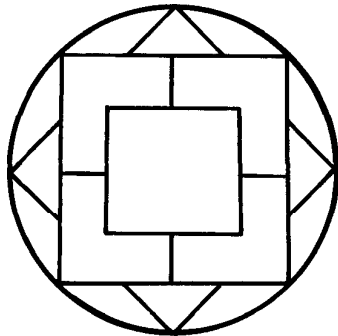
To get back to the word Karma. We have defined its fundamental meaning. But what of its inner or more subtle meanings?

Using the word in its Mayan or occult sense we get the scientific term for cause and effect of the law of ethical causation, retribution, merit and demerit and lastly the fruit - the ultimate effect of all this activity or Karma: Character. Therefore you will agree that the term, Karma, is one of many meanings.



Four Right Angles: Four Square, Perfection of Being.

Throughout the world we find these ancient truths, sometimes looked upon in one way by one generation or religion and in another way by other



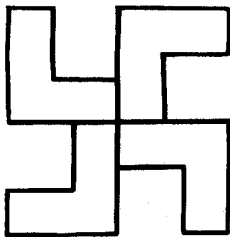
Four Square Right Angles
In Motion Become a Circle

generations, races and religions. Some regard this eternal law as FATE or NEMESIS and some merely as a law that governs life. One takes too materialistic an attitude; the other an attitude that is too indifferent.

Karma or eternal justice cannot be escaped or ignored in this life, any more than you can escape breathing. It is, therefore, best that you study the idea and when fully acquainted with it, USE IT FOR THE BETTERMENT AND PROGRESS OF YOUR PERSONAL LIFE.

It is the key that can open the doors of a better and fuller life. IS NOT TURNING THE KEY WORTH THE EFFORT?

In studying the philosophical conception of Karmic law the idea of "fate" should be put out of mind. The Mayan conception of life admits no fatalistic theory that destiny cannot be controlled.

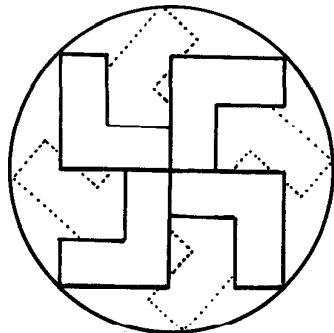


Four Right Angles as a
Swastika.

"Fatalism" has overwhelming effects upon people. You have no doubt heard many people say, "Oh, it's just Fate. There's nothing I can do about it."

Of course, their children may be going hungry. Or someone might have lost a job. But, instead of facing the situation and DOING SOMETHING about it, as any worthy Mayan would, these people will shrug their shoulders, sit back and say, "Oh, it's just fate."

So, when you hear that much overworked saying, know that it is being used as an EXCUSE for laziness and lack of desire to better one's physical and mental condition.



The Swastika in Motion Be-
comes the Circle or "Cycle"

Tendencies toward fatalism may arise from the unfathomable past of the ego's evolution. Whatever the causes, FATALISM MUST BE DISCARDED FOR THE SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL GOOD OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

Thus it is that we find such physical conditions as blindness, deformity of body, persistent ill-health or the many other ills that flesh is heir to. YET, OVER ALL THESE EFFECTS THE SOVEREIGN WILL OF MAN HOLDS CONTROL.

EVERY THOUGHT, EVERY ACTION, EVERY DEED,
RETURNS UPON ITSELF BUT RETAINS ITS
NATURE, PLUS ITS MOMENTUM.

This is the one great secret of religion and the purpose of the Golden Gospel, or The Golden Rule. That is, that we only get what we deserve, never more, never less. Sometimes, because of the inefficient way we think or act, the result is long in coming or vague when it does come. However, this only affirms the thesis.

Read the foregoing material several times. At first true understanding of the content may be difficult to grasp. Perhaps more understanding or further instruction may be needed before the beauty of its Truth may be revealed to you.

Has it ever occurred to you that without a universal, immutable law of Justice, the universe would be an anarchy?

Have you ever looked out on a clear night toward the Equator, looking southward, and watched the majestic sweep of the stars, the Milky Way, the planets and the Moon?

Have you ever wondered how it is that through all the uncountable ages of cosmic evolution, universal manifestation and life, these starry orbs have continued on their way with almost divine calm?

Have you wondered why your heart beats with rhythmic certainty to the day of your death? Why life follows the immutable law of rise and fall throughout the countless seasons until the end of time?

Questions - Questions - Questions. Questions that could be multiplied indefinitely. As the inheritors of the mighty wisdom of the ancient Mayans we now have a key to the profoundest mysteries of life. This is the doctrine of Karma, the Law of Immutable Justice. Without THIS KEY THAT IS NOW YOURS, no answer could be given.

When we realize that Karma is primarily ACTION and the RESULT OF ACTION and secondarily CHARACTER, we have one of the most important keys that Mayan Occultism can furnish for real success in life.

THROUGH STUDY OF THIS IMPORTANT SCIENTIFIC FACT, YOU
WILL REALIZE THAT PROPER, BENEFICIAL ACTION, SERVICE
TO YOUR FELLOWS AND TO THE COMPANIONS OF THE MAYAN
ORDER WILL RESULT IN EFFECTS THAT NO ONE CAN TAKE
FROM YOU.

You will therefore come out of the hideous struggle of modern life into that peace which Jesus said was beyond understanding. You will know that right will always beget right and that wrong will invariably give birth to wrong.

Thereby, you will, in time, rise above man-made laws and become a citizen

of the universe. For, as a true Mayan, you will require no man-made laws to ensure that you do right because proper action will be second-nature to you and main-spring of your personal success.

This is the true meaning, in the philosophical sense, of the term "anarchy", though the word is not used that way today. Prince Kropotkin, the great Russian philosopher and Philosophical Anarchist of the last century, emphasized this point of view.

THERE COMES A TIME IN THE LIFE OF THE MAYAN
OCCULTIST WHEN THERE IS NO NECESSITY FOR MAN-
MADE LAWS. FOR THE INDIVIDUAL BECOMES A LAW
UNTO HIMSELF.

That is, by association with the constructive side of Nature the student works for the betterment of humanity. And so, in the process, he betters his own condition. Yet, this is not "anarchy" or "absence of law" but rather Karma, the impersonal, creative and divine LAW of the Universe, the voice of GOD in the world, the way or manner that Divine Thought and Justice are manifest. Selfish people who violate this Golden Gospel or Karmic Law have none but themselves to blame, for God is not unjust but kind and merciful, giving only what one deserves.



Beloved Companion, you who have progressed thus far in these illuminating lessons of ancient Mayan truth, can you not see that your personality is but the Karmic result of all your thoughts and actions up to this point of your life? Can you not see that your thoughts build personal tendencies that result eventually in the modification of your character?

It is a fundamental law of Mayan philosophy that THOUGHTS ARE THINGS. If you realize this profound truth you will also come to that spiritual understanding:

YOU ARE YOUR OWN JUDGE AND THE EXECUTOR OF YOUR OWN JUDGMENT.



The study of personal psychology will bring you to this understanding that character is the mainspring of action and that your individual inclinations, your thoughts and tendencies determine the tenor of your life.

Remember that the personality is the crystallization of all your previous thoughts and actions as far back as you can remember. Even then it was created out of subconscious tendencies that were present when you were born. To prove this statement, let us consider that profound truth uttered by Jesus:

"THOSE WHO TAKE THE SWORD PERISH BY THE SWORD."

What did He mean? Simply what is explained above: THAT THE GENERAL TREND OF ONE'S CHARACTER WILL BRING INEVITABLE RESULTS.

Let us further analyze the statement of the Nazarene. People who adopt the sword as the general signicator of their profession are not necessarily soldiers. They may be murderers, adventurers, pioneers, iron-workers, people who must risk personal injury in their work - ANY PERSON WHO DARES THE DICTATES OF DESTINY.

Therefore, if you work with sharp-edged tools you have the ever-present threat of bodily injury before you. If you become a dictator, the symbolical "sword of Damocles" will continue to hang precariously over your head. As an orator, you must accept the orator's Karma which has its own peculiar conditions.

"The sword" is then as much a symbol of the pioneer or the progressive individual as it is of the destroyer, murderer or soldier. One must accept the risk of his work or Karma. Perhaps there never has been a president of these United States who has come out of office without some scar, without paying the price. Yet, we can always find people desirous of filling that important office!

(Are you thinking as you read, Beloved Companion? Are you looking for the underlying truths, the simple bases of this Lecture-Lesson? Are you figuring out how to apply these principles to your DAILY LIVING? The truths are lying before you. USE THEM!)

The manner of one's success or lack of success depends upon his or her character which, in turn, is the modification of all that person has ever thought or done in life. When you realize that every act has a thought for its root, you will understand one of the principle methods by which Karma works. Thus you come up against the one most primal and important law of the Universe - the merciful and just power of God.

*"My brother! each man's life
The outcome of his former living is;
The bygone wrongs bring forth sorrow and woes,
The bygone right breeds bliss . . .
This is the doctrine of Karma."
---(The Light of Asia by Sir Edward Arnold)*

Students unfamiliar with this ancient conception of Universal Justice may ask whether this is "punishment". Remember, Karma is not fate which is a fixed and rigid destiny that cannot be escaped. IT IS THE LAW BY WHICH EVERY HUMAN SOUL ADMINISTRATES ITS OWN JUSTICE.

There is a beautiful quotation from the writings of the profound occultist "M.C." that reads:

*"The soul of man is immortal and its future is
the future of a thing whose growth and splendor have
no limit.*

*"The principle which gives life dwells in us and
without us, is undying and eternally beneficent, is
not heard or seen or smelled but is perceived by the
man who desires preception.*

"Each man is his own absolute law-giver; the decreer of his life, his reward, his punishment."

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Madame Blavatsky, one of the great occultists of the last century, was fully versed in the awesome teachings of ancient man. She wrote that Karma is "physically, action; Metaphysically, the LAW OF RETRIBUTION, the law of Cause and Effect or Ethical Causation.

"It is Nemesis only in the sense of bad Karma. It is the eleventh Nidana in the concatenation of causes and effects in orthodox Buddhism. Yet it is the power that controls all things, the resultant of moral action, the metaphysical Samskara. It controls the moral effect of an act committed for the attainment of something to gratify a personal desire.

"There is the Karma of merit and the Karma of demerit. Karma neither punishes nor rewards; it is simply the one Universal Law which guides unerringly and blindly all other laws productive of certain effects along the grooves of their respective causations.

"When Buddhism teaches that 'Karma is the moral Kernel (of any being) which survives death and continues in transmigration (reincarnation)', it means:

THERE REMAINS NOUGHT AFTER EACH PERSONALITY BUT THE CAUSES PRODUCED BY IT. THESE CAUSES ARE UNDYING. THEY CANNOT BE ELIMINATED FROM THE UNIVERSE UNTIL REPLACED BY THEIR LEGITIMATE EFFECTS AND WIPED OUT BY THEM."

From a thousand available sources - science, philosophy, occultism, Bibles of every people on the face of the globe - evidence can be deduced to show the importance that man has attached to this profound yet simple truth. The ancient Mayans' belief in the INEVITABILITY OF LAW AND ORDER IN THE UNIVERSE created an extremely orderly and law-abiding civilization that lasted through uncountable centuries.

We have, by now, reached the understanding that Karma is the doctrine of rigid and absolute justice or balance which brings about the inflexible result of cause and effect. Or, as Paul wrote:

"BRETHREN, DO NOT BE DECEIVED: GOD IS NOT MOCKED: FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP."

Here we have a natural law that works apparently in the very fibers of our being, beginning its activity with our birth and ceasing only at death until the cycle begins once again.

Look around you. You will see many different people. Some are in the full bloom of physical and mental vigor. Others are sickly, diseased, ignorant, stupid, deformed, blind, poor - illustrations all of negative thinkers. Some unlearned people consider that this is due to the will or grace of God. No greater libel could ever be ascribed to a God of Love.

God did not create the ugly distorted things that curse human life when man departs from the straight path. These distortions are the creations arising from the free will or choice of man, for man has free will. But never confuse free will with lack of law or order. A man may choose to take the life of another, but he can never escape the PENALTY even though he may escape MAN-MADE laws.

To illustrate how Karma works in the inner psychological depths of the human soul, consider the character of a miser. He does not seek power or luxury through the accumulation of money. He does not want to do good work with it. The miser accumulates money because he has an instinctive acquisitive tendency that will not be denied. He hoards gold for the mere sake of owning it.

As the years pass by, his character becomes more and more warped, ugly and distorted. He loses what friends he might have had. He earns the contempt of normal people. The keynote of his life becomes SELF. Never does he know the joy of service to others, love or happiness. His soul has been SHORT-CIRCUITED. Where a garden might have been, is a desert. This is also another example of the thesis that those who take up the "sword" perish by the sword, for the miser dies without the love of his fellows, despised by man.

Remember, Beloved Companion, that, like science, Karmic Law is non-personal, non-moral and indifferent to either good or evil. Hence it is absolutely just and incapable of error. YOU are its agent. YOU carry out its laws. YOU bring YOURSELF WHAT YOU DESERVE.

Think what possibilities this universal law has. It is the key to permanent success and lasting happiness. Once you have realized that right begets right and wrong begets wrong, then and only then do you begin to travel along the Royal Mayan Highway of Life. You have reached this unique position, otherwise you would not be studying this Revelation. Thus the Law of Give and You Shall Receive is now demonstrated to you as a scientific fact of Nature.



Do you want Success? Happiness? Love? Joy? Friends? Money? Power? Prestige?
YOU KNOW NOW WHAT TO DO!

- . No sacrifice you ever make will be lost.
- . Nothing you ever give away is lost.
- . No kind deed for a fellow Companion is ever washed from the Book of Life.
- . All your sacrifices, kind deeds, wholesome thoughts, struggles, sincere efforts are MARKED ON THE MERIT SIDE OF YOUR BOOK OF LIFE BY THE WISE ONE WITHIN - that One whom The Mayan Order teaches is the real self.
- . BUT REMEMBER: All thoughts of DOUBT, NEGATIVE EXPRESSIONS, HARMFUL OR LAZY TRENDS, SELFISH INCLINATIONS, STAND AS A SELF-MADE EVIL TO YOUR PROGRESS.

Karma, then, is rooted IN YOU, for YOU are responsible TO YOURSELF and will inevitably find IN YOURSELF merit or demerit, reward or punishment, joy or sorrow. The great Mayan fundamental is that MAN IS HIS OWN SAVIOUR AND HIS OWN DESTROYER. Thus, Mayanry lifts you, Beloved Companion, out of ordinary life to the level of Spiritual Adulthood and SO YOU COME OF AGE, ~~X~~ .

Jesus said: "THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS WITHIN YOU." Now you can see what He meant. Profit through it! ! !



In the ancient Hindu "Vishnu Purana" we read: "The mind of man is the cause both of his bondage and his liberation. Its attachment to objects of sense is the reason of his bondage and its separation from objects of sense is the means of his Freedom." The reason for this is that MIND is the vehicle of the rational soul or the human being, the human soul. Thus the polarization of mind determines the trend of its power. Mind can be likened to the fish that live in the ocean. Often they are caught in the fisherman's net and, separated from their natural element, they perish.

So with the mind. As long as it follows the natural Karmic laws that determine its being and ensure its proper functioning it is safe. Through negative thinking, it becomes caught in the net of worry, fear, or lust; it loses its freedom.

This is one of the interpretations of the twelfth Zodiacal sign, Pisces. Pisces is a highly mystical sign that symbolizes the great world teachers. It rules over the twelfth house of the heavens and the earth. This is the house of Karmic debts - THE DEBTS OF DESTINY - debts the soul is heir to and must work out during this life.

It also shows limitations or bondage. The symbol of Pisces is two fish swimming in opposite directions. One swims upstream toward the source of all GOOD and the other swims downstream, away from all GOOD. And so man has a choice between "good" and "evil" or the positive and constructive or the negative and destructive sides of life.

This first study of Karma will now be summed up in a few words:

IF WE DESIRE GOOD FOR OURSELVES WE MUST NEVER HESITATE TO
DO GOOD FOR OTHERS. IF WE SEEK THE FAVOR OF UNIVERSAL LIFE WE
MUST ALLY OURSELVES WITH IT. WE MUST WORK WITH ITS TRUTHS AND ITS
J U S T I C E WITH ALL OUR HEART, MIND, SOUL AND S T R E N G T H ! ! !

Thus we have in our hands the ABC of the Mayan Doctrine of Joy and Hope. In it we find Love and Truth, Peace and Rest. The Doctrine will bring us true self-reliance as we know that there is Divine Power WITHIN to give strength to our purpose and endow our actions with Wisdom. We know that the Universe will never cheat us but bring back the bread we have cast upon the water. With each step we gain added strength, for life is growth.

We now know that we are free agents and that our every effort is gradually constructing our Pyramid of Life. As long as we continue on the MAYAN WAY OF LIFE

NO STONE IN OUR STRUCTURE CAN FALL, NO EFFORT BE LOST, NO THOUGHT WASTED for ALL these are subtle contributions to our Joy and Happiness, Success and Attainment.

Karma is The WAY, the Path to the Pyramid. Over the Pyramid shines the Sun of Truth and its bright rays lead us to the Supreme Attainment.



Beloved Companion, be encouraged and inspired. You have come this far and now the Vision Splendid is opening before you

CONTINUE -- **M**ASTER . . **A**LL . . **Y**OUR . . **A**BILITIES . . **N**OW

We salute You as a Mayan Lector of the Third Degree in Learning and in Understanding; give thy Mayan Message to the World about you.

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THE MAYAN ORDER
