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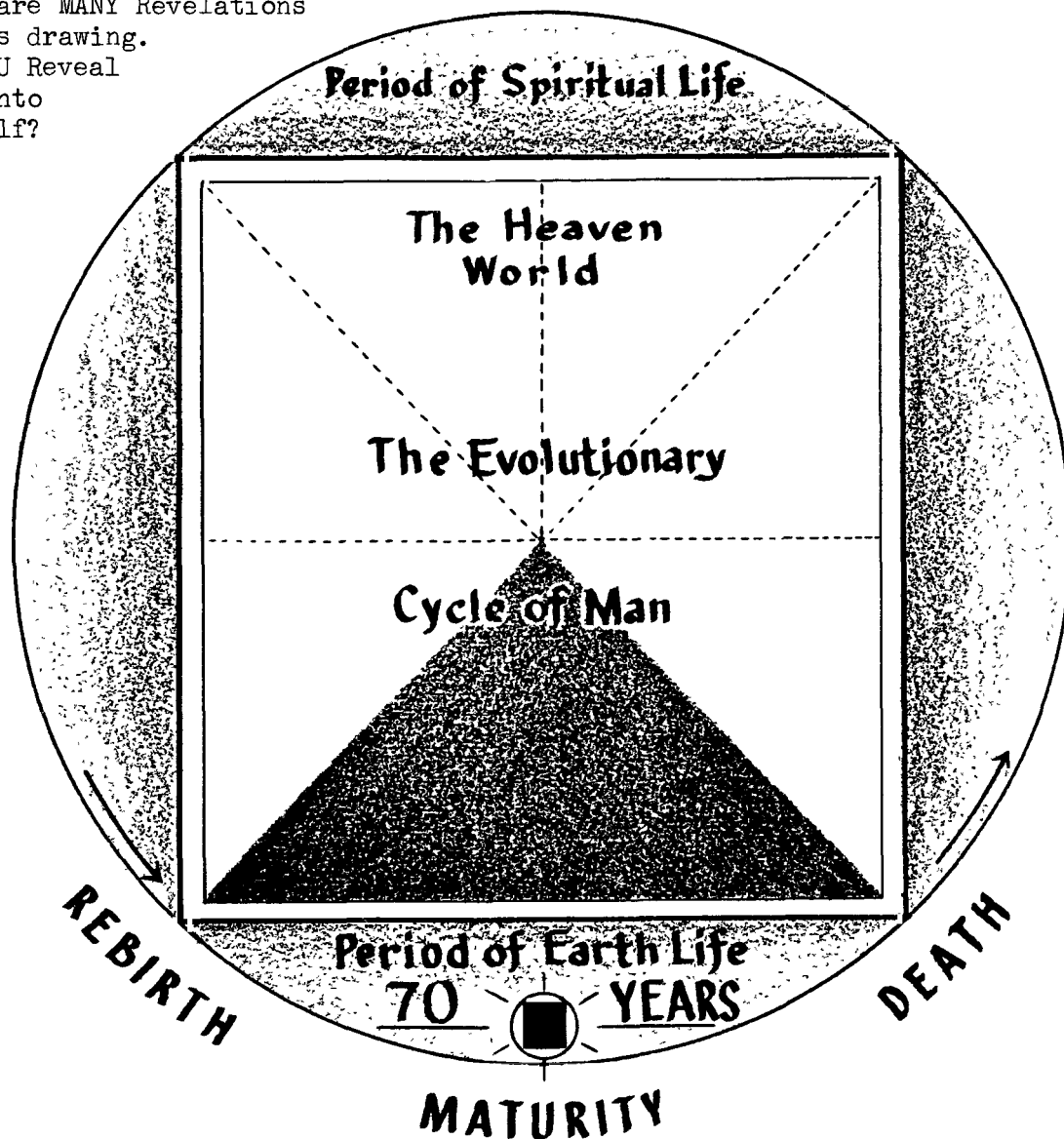
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There are MANY Revelations  
in this drawing.  
Can YOU Reveal  
them unto  
yourself?



In the above illustration, we see but a glimpse of the great cyclic scheme. "Wheels within wheels", and cycles within cycles. From the large circle encompassing all, to the tiny circle traversing its area at the base of the drawing, all are but reflections of the One Law. Man, by countless acts in his many lives, creates the larger life of his greater Being.

His span of earth-life is but three score and ten, extending from Consciousness to Death. Death yes, but not destruction; for death is but a section of the cycle. From death he journeys to Creation, and from Creation to Desire, and from Desire to Consciousness and then the cycle over again. But with each evolution his greater Being comes more and more into his own existence. He grows. All this is repeated - infinitely and without end. All this is true, from the tiniest cell unto God. For the tiniest cell is part of God.

GOD IS ALL. ALL IS GOD.

THE ANCIENT MAYAN LAW  
OF  
REWARD AND PUNISHMENT, ACTION AND REACTION

**B**eloved Companion:

Greetings, Beloved, in  $\triangle$   $\times$  .

In this lesson we take up still another phase of the great law that has long been called "Karma". At first examination it might seem that the quotation given below would not apply to those who have advanced to this degree; even if it be known among us, it is not widely known among our brothers in the outer-world. Let us then be sure that we do understand it so that we may instruct others. Let us study the old laws that are now so little known. Let us gain deeper understanding ourselves. Let us listen in for a moment to the words of a philosopher who, teaching Mayan beliefs nearly sixteen hundred years ago, said:

"Bewail not thy fate, it is self-chosen."

-- Gaius Marius Victorinus.



Gaius Marius Victorinus was a Roman grammarian and a disciple of the famed Neo-Platonic School to which most of the brilliant intellects of the ancient world owed allegiance.

He entered the Christian faith in the 4th century A.D. when the Platonic philosophers were subjected to unmerciful persecution by the powers that existed in that day. Through him and many others the new faith received much of the high wisdom for which the Neo-Platonic School was noted.

This Platonic philosopher became Bishop of Pettau and was the teacher of Jerome. And so he exercised a profound influence on the inner teachings of Christianity. In his wise view of human life, we find the sum-total of the ancient Mayan Law of Universal and Supreme Justice.



Those of you who understand the privilege of initiation into the deeper mysteries of the Mayans have perhaps come to realize that the present earth life is but one incident in the vast experience of the human Soul. We have come to realize that there exists a deep wisdom which wells up from within through the deep silences of the Soul.

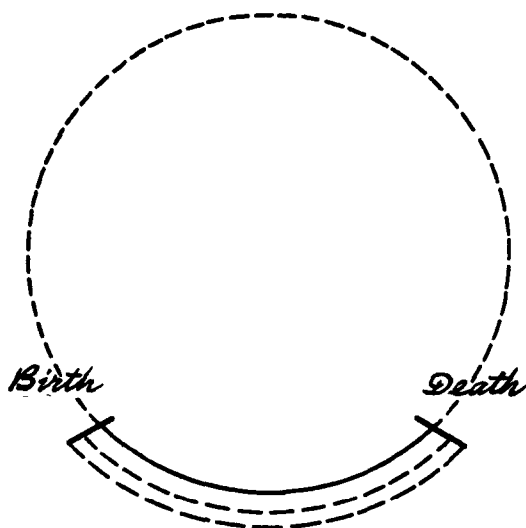
Those to whom this rare experience has been given fully agree with the teachings of the wise old Roman philosopher. In the sentence quoted we find the meaning and purpose of the doctrine of Karma.

Fate is not an unhappy caprice of God but is rather, as Victorinus taught, SELF-CHOSEN. One may ask how FATE can be self-chosen when there exists no apparent

evidence that present conditions have prior causes.

The best analogies we can give are those to be found in Nature. We find that all manifested life exists upon a cyclic basis; that there exists a period of manifestation, then a rest, followed by another period of manifestation.

The word "cycle" is derived from the ancient Sanskrit word, "Kalpa", and the Greek word "Kuhlos". "Kuhlos" means a ring, a circle, or a turning and refers to the period of time in which a certain impulse or activity is in power.



Let us imagine a vast ring or circle with the lower arc heavily drawn and the remainder of the circle lightly drawn.

The heavily drawn arc of the circle refers to the period of human earth life which stretches from birth to death. The remainder of the circle is not apparent.

Now, a mathematician, when given a portion or arc of any given circle, can work out the remainder. Physical Earth-Life represents but a very small portion of the cycle or ring of spiritual existence.

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THE ONLY PERFECT SYMBOL FOR THAT WHICH IS WITHOUT BEGINNING OR END IS THE CIRCLE. There can be no eternity save that which is without beginning or end. The only scientific manner in which to present or teach this truth is in line with cyclic law or the successive return of the human Soul to physical birth or earth life.

You will agree that to postulate eternity as beginning at birth and continuing without end through aeons of time is to state an absurdity.

To be ETERNAL the Soul can have neither beginning nor end.

The possibilities of such a philosophical truth may be confusing at first to those not versed in Mayan philosophy. Yet, the truth we are now studying is an ancient and honorable fundamental of Mayan Occultism which has been taught by all religions and believed by countless millions in all ages of the world's history.

In our studies of Karmic Law we have learned that Universal Justice works in many ways and that the power of determining or creating Karma resides within the human Soul. KARMA IS YOU, though YOU are not Karma.

Everything you do, think, feel or smell is Karma, as it is in the nature of an action, a creation, or a manifestation of your consciousness.

Karma is no more punishment for sins committed than it is reward for good deeds. Karma is neither good nor bad; it neither loves nor hates.

KARMA IS THE IMPERSONAL POWER OF GOD THAT WORKS THROUGH  
THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF EVERY HUMAN SOUL.

Thus you now come to realize that you are the agent of Karma and that in You, and You alone, are vested the particular circumstances of your destiny.

#### FATE IS SELF-CHOSEN

The habits you form, the people with whom you associate, the thoughts you think, the literature you read, the work you do, the manner in which you treat those under your authority as a parent or an executive in business, and the thousand and one other attitudes you form toward life condition your character and eventually produce the events of your life on earth and the lives to come.

The selfish man who bewails his fate has none to blame save himself, for he created the personal conditions that affected his attitudes toward others and so conditioned his life. That he lacks friends and finds life is without zest or that obstacles and delays affect his ambitions is no one's fault but his own. We choose our fate and the impersonal law of Karma produces the conditions.

It is an ancient law that as you give, you receive. Yet, how many people really believe this truth? If the selfish man were to understand that by doing good for others he also would do good for himself, that by being friendly he would make friends, by giving of his wealth intelligently he would assure even greater personal wealth, would he continue to avoid his Karmic duties? You may prove this truth along mental or intellectual lines.

Suppose you are vitally interested in a certain line of thought. You will find that the more you talk of it to others or write and lecture upon the subject, the more your knowledge grows. On the other hand, if you hoard your mental treasures and refuse to enlighten others when it is in your power to do so, you merely shut off the inner and spiritual sources of your learning, and true knowledge is difficult to obtain. This is the inner and spiritual meaning of the law:

AS YOU GIVE, SO SHALL YOU RECEIVE.

Knowledge, wealth, or any advantage that you may have over the rest of your fellows carries an obligation or a responsibility that must be fulfilled. To avoid the fulfillment of this responsibility is to harm yourself more than others.

Thus we find the Mayan conception of Karmic justice fully mirrored in the chemistry of human life. We enter into earth life with certain tendencies of character, emotion and mind which, in time, produce the general outline of our lives. It is our duty to use these talents and not to bury them in the earth.

Life is real opportunity, another day in the great school of experience, and every moment should be devoted to the construction of an even better existence.

Thus You, Beloved Companion of the Mayan Order, hold within yourself the power to be what you really want to be. Nothing that exists can stop you - except yourself!

Meditate fully upon the great truths herein expounded and develop true vision and true faith. Remember, the spirit within you is part and parcel of the Universal ALL - the DIVINE - and remember that failure in any one thing, or rather acceptance of defeat, is but surrender to the negative tendencies of your lower or physical nature. Put aside doubt and seek to cultivate the positive and spiritual attributes of the Divine Being which you really are.

True religion, as taught in the Bibles of every race, emphasizes the scientific approach of the realization of this fuller life. It was the mission of Jesus to bring to the consciousness of man truths that would enable all to create greater happiness and find wider appreciation of the values of life. Today, as in ancient times, we need this message to counterbalance the drifting tide of materialism. Seek the spirit within and follow its dictates if you would have more abundant life.

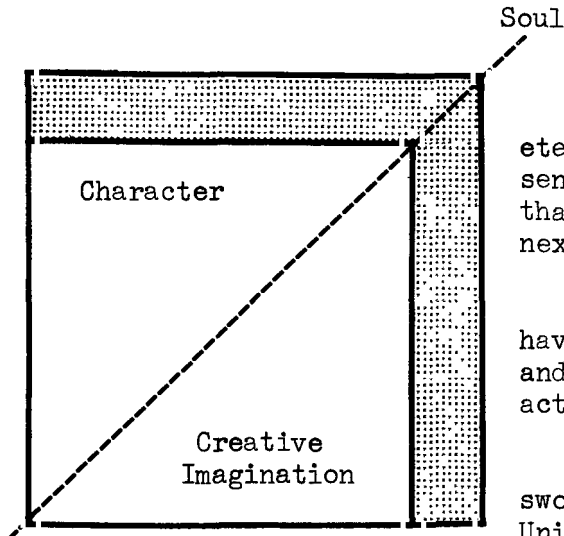
When man truly seeks the Divine, by whatever name the Supreme Source of All Good has been called, he opens the door to more abundant life and begins to find real and lasting success. It may be said that no other form of success is important. One may rise to vast heights of power and command the political destinies of millions or find fame and material success in vast riches yet, without that inward source of happiness and health, all these are but ashes. True success is a state of being which transcends the pettiness, hates, lusts, misunderstandings and obstacles of ordinary life. It is a SUCCESS that endows your life with all the benefits of love, purpose, joy and accomplishment.

This success is not CAPRICE, it is not a gamble; rather it is the reward of a pure and purposeful life, a life dedicated to meaning, service and love rather than to selfishness or personal considerations.

Every day you live you are deliberately and consciously choosing your destiny or molding your fate. Take note of your thoughts and study how they affect your actions; you will see how an attitude of mind can and does produce definite results. Faith is the natural result of true knowledge and tends to produce confidence and success, while ignorance or lack of Faith inclines to create failure, insecurity and despair.

By this time, you, as a Companion of The Mayan Order, know that within yourself alone is the power to create happiness or misery, success or failure, hope or hopelessness, joy or sorrow, and love or hate.

The ancients taught that the attributes of the Soul survive the period between earth-lives and again become part and parcel of the new personality of the next life. These attributes they termed "Skandhas" which, translated into the terms of everyday thought, we could call the Germs of Character.



Character, and all it stands for, is the eternal essence of the personality. It is the essence of Character, good, bad, or indifferent, that survives and determines the tendencies of the next earthly experience.

Thus it is that all great religious leaders have urged mankind to work to improve Character and increase individual attention to meritorious action.

It has been written that those who take the sword perish by the sword, a truth upon which the Universal Law of Karmic Justice throws light.

This teaching of Jesus simply means that FATE IS SELF-CHOSEN; that is, people who in some manner or other come to a violent end have in some manner earned the conditions of their lives.

Let us consider the type of man in whom the principle of Mars is active.

Psychologically, this principle is predominant in those who manifest aggression, courage, enterprise, combativeness and over-confidence, and who tend to be somewhat rash, impulsive, quick to resent slights or control from others and who are hasty or proud.

In the developed man this psychological inclination produces the practical and ambitious executive, explorer, surgeon, dentist, chemist, doctor, engineer, pioneer, soldier and all those who work more or less with risky enterprises, explosives, sharp or dangerous tools, acids, poisons and chemicals.

In the undeveloped man the Martian psychological attributes tend to increase passion, impulsiveness, hastiness, self-will, rashness, turbulence, excitability and lack of sober judgment, thus tending to excess, indulgence, coarseness and lack of respect for the rights or property of others.

Naturally, the general tendency with those in whom this psychology is prominent is toward lack of caution or indiscretion. Of course these tendencies exist in all humans but are more prominent in particular people who have naturally cultivated the traits. Therefore we find individuals born with this psychological tendency taking up occupations wherein a certain amount of risk is involved: military service, policemen, firemen, pioneers in unexplored country, workers with fire and molten metals, chemicals, boxing, work concerning fire-arms, explosives, etc.

Naturally the Karma of that individual, or rather his or her character, combines with the nature of the task. The rash soldier who dares face the dangers of the battlefield must face its possibilities. Associated with this psychological principle of Mars are such diseases as fevers, inflammations, accidents, wounds and burns.

A close study of human nature, whether it be of a prince or a pauper, reveals the fundamental Mayan Truth of Existence that FATE IS SELF-CHOSEN.

Avarice, greed, selfishness, or any of the darker shades of human psychology, bring their inevitable results, while Love, Tenderness, Genuine Friendship and Benevolence reward, with a thousand-fold return, the person who gives.

Dickens' story of old Scrooge is an excellent example of how selfishness can distort human nature. The very things this man desired - wealth and power over others - turned him into an avaricious, unhappy and embittered old man, the victim of the fate he deliberately chose.

The cycle of Empire is a profound illustration of this truth, for remember that a nation or a group of nations is made up of individuals who give to it a certain individuality of its own:

"The world is a burial-ground of empires;  
Empires that were born in the thunder of guns,  
Empires that endured in the refuge of cannon,  
Empires that went down leaning on the broken reed  
of a sword.

The death-germ was in them at birth - one and all.  
They arose without love, they ruled without love,  
They triumphed without love.  
They had all weapons but this eternal one -  
This weapon that alone can make empires endure.

They were all alike, these dead commonwealths,  
And they all went down in the same manner,  
Leaning on the broken reed of a sword.  
No enemy conquered them, no foe destroyed them;  
A slow erosion ate them to the core,  
An erosion of hate, an acid of intolerance,  
A quicklime of cruelty.

They arose clean-limbed and they went down  
Weary and palsied and utterly broken.  
They arose with the hunger of conquests in their vision;  
They went down with the bandage of night on their eyes."

-- Wilson MacDonald.

Thus we see again in the beautiful language of the poet that all things represented by the symbolism of the sword: conquest, greed, selfishness, avarice - whether in individuals or nations, contain the seeds of their own destruction. Fate is self-chosen even though, through mis-education, many people may be ignorant of the fact.

Let us regard life as a school, woven with a complex pattern of fortune and misfortune, for no one is free entirely from habits, deeds or thoughts that can be classed as undesirable. Let us learn to build for a better tomorrow with the realization that present thought and action will create the pattern for tomorrow's happiness or sorrow. We can choose; - let us choose wisely. Know that there are no erasures in Nature, that the Moving Finger writes and, having written,



moves on and that all your tears of piety cannot wipe out a word.

Thus the study of Mayan Thought, as vested in this ancient truth, can give you the key to real and lasting success. No sincere effort to better your physical, moral or mental condition can ever be lost. The great American philosopher, Ralph Waldo Emerson, has written:

"Men suffer all their lives under the foolish superstition that they can be cheated. But it is as impossible for a man to be cheated by any one but himself as for a thing to be and not to be at the same time. There is a third silent party to all our bargains. The nature and soul of things takes on itself the guaranty of the fulfillment of every contract, so that honest service cannot come to loss.

"If you serve an ungrateful master, serve him the more. Put God in your debt. Every stoke shall be repaid. The longer the payment is withholden, the better for you, for compound interest on compound interest is the rate and usage of this exchequer."

Let us repeat a portion of the quotation from a great writer on this subject which we used in the Twentieth Mayan Revelation:

"Karma is physically, Action; Metaphysically, the LAW OF RETRIBUTION: the Law of Cause and Effect or Ethical Causation. It is Nemesis (FATE) only in the sense of 'bad' Karma."

Thus an accumulation of "bad" Karma tends to bring about the various crises in human life which may result in violence, loss, sorrow and the various forms of misfortune. This is what Emerson meant when he wrote, "Put God in your debt", for no deed, thought or kindness ever extended to others is ever lost.

On the other hand, any evil must be compensated. This does not mean that the Great Mayan Law of Universal Justice demands exactly "an eye for an eye or a tooth for a tooth"; rather, it tends to bring home to the transgressor a lesson truly learned.

Therefore, the idea of Karmic Justice, when fully understood, tends to make people kinder and more humane, less inclined to judge others, or condemn. The law appears to work in the mysterious ways of God for it sooner or later produces an equilibrium.

The ancients regarded this physical earth and life as the only "Hell"; in fact, in the Mystery Schools of ancient times the initiates spoke of the ordinary run of men as the "dead". The sorrows, miseries and sufferings that accompany the earth life of millions is illustrative of this truth.

All sorrow or suffering, whether physical or mental, arises from the transgression of law.

For example, one cannot abuse the simple natural laws of diet and escape the consequences. Physical or Natural Law reigns supreme and is fairly well

understood today; yet, many a man, even when realizing that he cannot abuse his constitution or physical health and escape the natural results, believes that he can avoid the consequences of wrong thought, emotion and personal action. It must be understood that if law prevails in the physical world, it must also prevail throughout the moral, mental and spiritual worlds. .

In the study of this ancient truth, however, it is wise to remember that Karma does not teach anything extraneous to human personality.

The Law is rooted in YOU; an individuality endowed with self-consciousness who is responsible ONLY to yourself, and so find within yourself the retribution and reward for thought, emotion or action. You are a free being and can exercise free will in the choice of your actions and thoughts but, having chosen, you must be prepared to pay the price.

The doctrine of Karma can have a remarkable psychological effect upon you, as it can revitalize your life with a new purpose and a greater understanding of old truths and lead you far along on the path of Mayan Achievement. It can help to set you free from old mental and emotional superstitions which have in every age held back the moral, physical and mental progress of the race.

YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE.

The value of this knowledge is such that it will enable you to consciously control your fate. Once you are conscious of certain traits or characteristics that are not the best for full success and happiness in life, you KNOW that they can be overcome and that any power of mind or body you desire can be earned. It matters little what you desire, it is yours for the mental or physical work or Karma you offer in return.

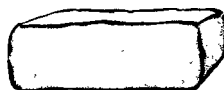
As you give, so shall you receive, whether it be in personal work for lasting success or in service to others.

Karma teaches patience, charity and compassion. Even in business life it makes one a disciple of the Good Law.

KARMA PROVES THAT PERFECTION IS THE GOAL OF ALL MORTALS.

"Such is the law which moves to righteousness,  
Which none at last can turn aside or stay;  
The heart of it is love, the end of it is  
Peace and Consummation sweet. Obey!"

-- The Light of Asia.



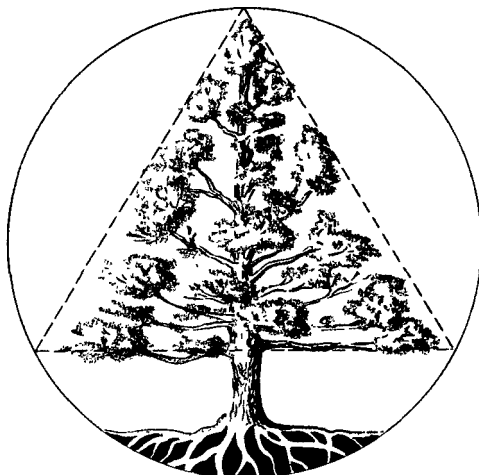
And so another stone is rolled into place in the Pyramid of Life you are constructing. The deep truths in this lesson are proved in your life today and yesterday as they will be proved again and again in the days to come. Remember

always that the real Revelations are within you. These lessons, illuminating as they are, are intended only to point the way and assist you and guide you, as you, yourself, attain wisdom by labor.

Ordinary schools teach by rote and, parrot-like, the pupils learn the fundamentals. Real wisdom is the truths you reveal to yourself that are suggested by your experiences or your learning. Light your lamps then, and by diligent care and tending keep them burning ever brighter, for the dark night cometh but shall conquer you not.

May the Blessings of the Father be with  
You in  $\Delta$  .

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SPECIAL EXERCISE

A Karmic Practice

While you are ALONE in the sanctuary of the room where you study these Revelations and whenever you feel the need or desire for communion with the Great ALL Good, your Maker, stand erect and straight with your arms outstretched, as in the figure in the symbolic illustration, and address yourself in solemn, holy attunement, to the just, loving and compassionate All of which You are a part in TRUTH.

Remembering that thought is substance, with your mind create a protective, perfect circle of good thought around you, symbolic of your ever-growing Being, your awakened desire to become more perfect in wisdom.

Then, let your mind create the perfect triangle, and at each point pronounce the password appropriate to it until you have pronounced the three passwords of the 3rd Degree.

Your attunement with OMNIPOTENT GOOD will be felt surging through you. Abandon yourself to its blessings. Give thanks for that which you have with REAL Appreciation.

If your mind and heart are right in this, you will KNOW you are in the presence of your Creator, attuned to Him and abiding in you, His Spiritual Image.

Ask what you will of His further Bountiful Blessings, and in His way, it shall be granted unto you.

But remember, for the gifts you receive from the Creator, you must give in return, not in kind but in actions and appreciation.

