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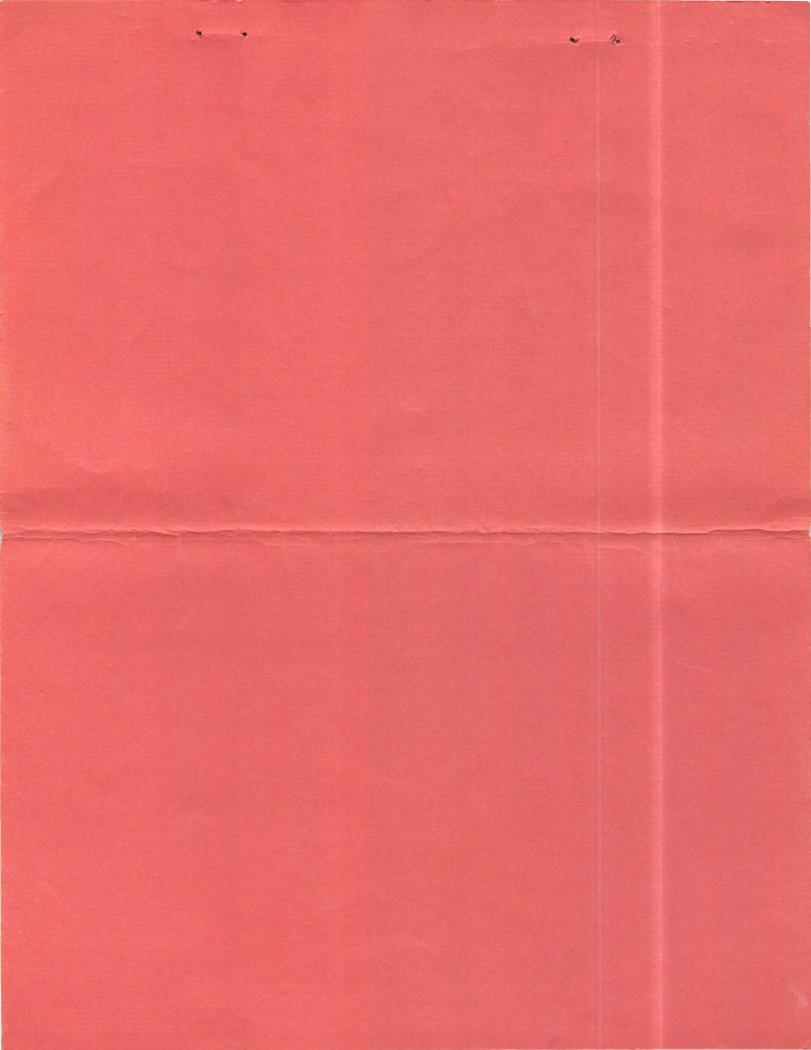
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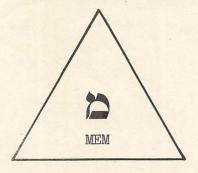
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119th Psalm, 97, 104

- Oh how I love Thy Law! It is my Meditation all the day.
- Thy ordinances make me wiser than mine enemies; For they are ever with me.
- I have more understanding than my ancient teachers; For Thy testimonies are my Meditation.
- I understand more than the aged, Because I have kept Thy Precepts.
- I have held back my feet from every evil way, That I might observe Thy Word.
- I have not turned aside from thine ordinances; For Thou hast taught me.
- How sweet are Thy Words unto my palate! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
- Through Thy Precepts I get understanding: Therefore I spurn every false way.

B ELOVED AND TRUE COMPANION:

My Greetings go forth to you, rejoicing in your worthiness of these Degrees. You have been well chosen. Herewith and henceforth you will be greeted as Beloved and True Companion which is of the Second Order of Mayanry and which is the private Word of Greeting of those advanced in the 4th and 5th Degrees.

May His Abundance Bless You Richly Forevermore.

Amen.

In this Mayanic Monograph let us, among other things, investigate the significances of the Letter M, whose Biblical form is Mem from the Hebrew, or Mu, from the Greek and the Maya. The letter M is a Mystical symbol, a Magical word, a <u>word</u> which in all parts of the world has always been associated with the Mysteries. It is honored in ancient Masonry, respected in olden Memphis of Egypt, symbolized in the mysterious "Singing Statues of Memnon", exalted by the great Ming Dynasty of China, revered in Atlantis, in Lemuria, in ancient India as Maya, the Illusion of Reality, and in Central America as Maya, or the Power of Mind to see through the restricting limitations of the so-called Material Things.

The philosophy attending the symbol of the letter M is among the deepest secrets and, because of the secrecy, fragments of it have reappeared many times in many forms. Sometimes they have appeared contradictory, but closer examination proves them to be still basically in harmony. Thus, the popular understanding of the Hindu "god" Maya, as "Illusion personified as a celestial maiden." You will find that definition appearing in many dictionaries. Or, "Maya, in the 'Hindu pantheon' the Mother of the World." Nearer to understanding Maya as it is, is the definition sometimes given, "the personified active will of the Creator." In other words, a <u>symbol</u> of the Loving Spirit and Will of the Supreme Being. The Doctrine of Maya, which you will also receive, was established and written during the Vedic period about 1500 years before the Birth of Jesus, - or perhaps 3400 years ago.

The white races of the world have always been too ready to label all personified sacred <u>symbols</u> of other races as "gods" or "idols". Since the days of the great sailing ships of the Middle Ages down to the present day and including almost all of our present day archaeologists - any and all personified figurines discovered or dug up are instantly classified as idols.

True, many such figurines and statues <u>came</u> to be worshipped by the mentally unenlightened of most races and such practice could properly be called idolatry. We read of the ancient Hebrews of the Bible lapsing not once but many times into worship of the material figures themselves instead of the Principle they symbolized. The Egyptians did likewise, and even the enlightened Athenians. We remember St. Paul's curious praise of the Greek statue or "Idol to The Unknown God." St. Paul was not deceived that this idol was to the Supreme Deity, but nevertheless he was pleased to see the strongly religious <u>inclinations</u> of the Athenians.

In all races and in all times man has persisted in deifying the <u>thing</u> instead of the Principle it signified. He has done likewise with his great leaders and rulers and persists to this day in that practice to a certain extent. The great Xerxes became a god. So did (to later generations) Kukulcan. So did Alexander and Caesar and Apollo and Buddha and Confucius. It was not because these great men <u>desired</u> it, but because the people Deified them. From being merely great national heroes their fame spread and persisted, and with each telling was magnified until the myth thus created made them gods to be worshipped. In modern times we see forms of this in the sublimation accorded by the blind followers of Hitler and Stalin who figuratively, if not actually, worship these men.

The Maya of Central America (or Maya) recognized this peculiar trait of mankind and <u>attempted</u> to <u>circumvent</u> <u>such</u> <u>inclinations</u> <u>by</u> <u>picturizing</u> the active Principle of the Great Spirit in His many manifestations in <u>some grotesque</u> or <u>somewhat</u> <u>hideous</u> form. This was done to serve as a <u>constant</u> <u>reminder</u> that praise or worship was not to be extended to the <u>thing</u>; that is, to the statue or figurine, but to the Great Omnipresent <u>Principle it symbolized</u>. It is very important that our Beloved and True Companions understand this, as we know of no dictionary, no encyclopedia - indeed, no archaeologist who recognizes this point. They all, and with one accord, refer to all such carvings, statues or figurines as idols. You will now understand that they were intended in no such sense among enlightened Mayans.

Many are the books, both popular and "scientific", published in these days about the Maya. When YOU read these books please bear this lesson in mind, because they are all filled with references to idols. Perhaps the Mayan of old, if he were to come back to earth today and visit our churches, seeing the figurines and the stained glass windows, would be deeply shocked by our "heathen ideas" or <u>seeming</u> worship of figures of men and women. He, with equal justice, if he were equally lacking in understanding as are most archaeologists, might declare us to be idol-worshippers, and perhaps many among us really are.

Unless you have grasped some idea of the true greatness of God, some slight inkling of His Infinitude, it is possible that you too ARE an idol-worshipper. The limitations of man's consciousness are such that he cannot hope to ever apprehend the full Glory of God.) But, as a thinker, he should rise above limited ideas, superstitious conceptions of the Great Father and Mother, The Great All, The SUPREME, INFINITE, GRAND - <u>PRINCIPLE</u>.

> That Supreme Principle is personified in us, in the earth, in all living things and in all immobile things, in all the planets, in all the forces controlling the planets, in ALL things.

Yet the quaking, fearful, superstitious and unenlightened Borneo savage, praying to a fetish, CAN obtain the SAME RESULTS AS YOU WHO PRAY THE PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING.

"How is that?" you may well ask. It is because God, the loving PRINCI-PLE, personified <u>WITHIN</u> US - ALL OF US - OPERATES. IT <u>WORKS</u>. IT IS <u>PRINCIPLE</u>. Produce an action and Principle produces a Re-Action.

"Believe when ye pray, and ye SHALL receive."

Prayer is not a means of releasing OUTSIDE powers to do your bidding, like the Genie of Alladin's lamp. It releases INSIDE powers, Powers WITHIN you. Powers within YOU, because the Supreme <u>PRINCIPLE</u> is WITHIN YOU.

Prayer is a harmonizing release of the Miraculous Power of that Supreme That I Am.

It is a yearning within your Soul for union with the fountainhead, the Sun of All Principle; the growth of a flower is a prayer, a yearning upward from Mother Earth. Its color, its beauty and its perfume are poems of worship, the best it can give to the world that its Creator placed it in. And all created things (by contact with the Earth's-spirit, Maya) recognize and live the desire to evolve higher, nearer to The Throne.

Years ago when your instructor first started writing on the Revealed Principle, the statement was given that <u>all</u> existing things possess a degree of will and spirit. This is according to the ancient Wisdom. Many ridiculed the idea. It is interesting to watch modern science, slowly, step by step, catching up with these teachings as the years go by.

An article from Science News Service tells that recent discoveries, as the result of a long series of controlled experiments with the newly discovered "magic" chemical colchicine, now establishes "for the first time" that plants have "eyes", that they "see", that they possess "will", that they have a "nervous system" and a "brain". That they have a spirit has not yet occured to the scientificos, but this should not be questioned for spirit is only Life Energy, of which "will" is but a manifestation.

So today, in the world's finest laboratories, you may hear eminent scientists again speaking gravely of "The Spirit of the Corn" just as did eminent scientists of old in the land of the Maya.

We see nothing superstitious in the common phrase "Mother Earth". Why then does it seem sacrilegious or superstitious to so many people for the Maya to speak of "The Earth Mother"? It is the same identical figure of speech for the same identical thought. In the Maya language, as in many European languages, the position of words is turned around so that to the English-speaking people it sounds as if "the cart were before the horse." I submit it to you - if you but pause to consider a moment these two phrases: "Mother Earth" and "The Earth Mother". You will discover that <u>our</u> phrase "Mother Earth" comes nearer to imparting a suggestion of superstition than does the Maya phrase "The Earth Mother". Study these phrases a moment and you will see that this is true.

> From the earth springs all our sustenance. Upon the earth's broad bosom flows the lifegiving waters necessary for our physical existence. From the earth comes all materials for building our homes, our machinery; even our jewels are gifts from the earth.

From above comes the warming, bright, happy sunshine, the clouds and the rain, the awakeners of the Life-Giving Principle.

Being adults, with adult understanding of sex mechanics, is it not easy to perceive how ancient man began to speak of "The Father On High?" Remember, in ancient days sex was not thought of as something evil or wicked; that is a modern (enlightened?) idea. Sex and Life, to the ancients, was natural, mysterious, right and lovely. I ask <u>you</u> to say, which is the higher, more noble, more worthy viewpoint? The ancients saw nothing wrong with Nature's union, whether it be between man and wife or The Great Spirit (Father on High) and Mother Earth. To them the heat of the sun and the cooling, clean rains were both good and lovely. They were a clean-minded people.

I wonder (if I may for a moment take the poet's right to muse) if the cells of our bodies do not have a similar viewpoint toward <u>our</u> actions. Science has also quite recently discovered that the cells of our bodies, the phagocytes of our blood-stream, also have a will and a spirit; yes, even a "mentality" of their own which, while normally working in harmony with our bodies' needs, yet possess an individuality of their own. To such poetic individuals our bodies must be a great deal like Mother Earth's.

In our bodies the cells find their sustenance; their foods, their water and all the materials that they need. In our bodies they have their communities, their nurseries, their centers. In our bodies they wage wars against the "evil" enemy forces. They have their work to do, repairing broken or worn parts. They fight for our well-being, slaying or being slain by invading hosts of germs. They travel in the mighty river of our blood and move from all parts of the body upon receiving some silent, mysterious call.

Someday I hope to go into the discussion of all of this mysterious "world of individuals" within you far more thoroughly than is now possible. But meanwhile, let your mind dwell on this:

The universe itself is just like YOU. It is an Organization of many cells. Each cell is independent yet dependent; all working and moving in harmony with the whole. Any part that gets out of harmony is soon destroyed. It is Principle. It is the All in All. It is the "I Am That I Am." It is in the humblest savage and in the highest evolved man, in the earthworm and in the clod. It is available to All.

Why then should we bother to try to understand what we can of Principle?

If it is equally available to the savage, fetish worshipper as it is to the enlightened Christian, why bother about religion?

These questions <u>have</u> been asked by Companions who have trod these paths in classes before you, and it may be that members of <u>this</u> class, startled by new and strange thoughts, may also ask them.

So I, as your class instructor, will reply now. "Why will you bother?"

Because there is something "special" deep inside <u>you</u> that urges you on, toward a destiny that was intended for you before time began. <u>You</u> will always seek understanding. Like the classical story of "The Wandering Jew" you will go on and on, seeking and seeking and seeking, searching and finding, yearning for more understanding and rejoicing with each nugget of wisdom that you find and make your own - until at last The Purpose unfolds to you Gloriously, and you suddenly become aware of your evolution and your attainment of Masterhood in a world that needs you greatly.

Why will you bother?

Because you, as a part of Principle, possessing some understanding of Principle, will be better able to direct Principle. While Principle is AVAILABLE to all, yet all do not AVAIL THEM-SELVES OF IT.

Why will YOU bother?

Because to you it is not bother, but joy. Because this is the ONLY means to quench the fevers of your desire for understanding. Because, by harmonizing your forces, your actions and your thoughts, you grow into the realm of Masterhood. Because man CAN attain the status of Angels. There are many reasons why you will go on, my Beloved and Trusted Companions.

You are of The Chosen.

You are of The Elect.

You are not receiving these words by chance.

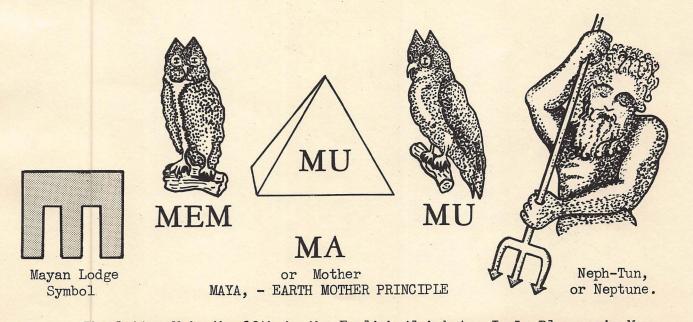
Something led you to the series of conditions which caused you to become A Mayan. There was a day when you were faced with the necessity of making a decision. You could choose Mayanry, or you could have turned away. You chose Mayanry. While you were wavering, deciding, something was impelling you on. Not <u>compelling</u> you, for life is long and there are many lives. But <u>impelling</u>, urging you to follow this path. That "something" does not lead you wrong.

You may exercise your prerogative and turn aside. You are free to choose, always. But if you turn aside you only delay the journey that you must make. Turning aside will only prolong the fever and the suffering. Going ahead as destiny intended means Peace, Harmony, Happiness. A mystery is just ahead. You are on the good path, Beloved and True. Keep on.

Your instructor

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In Mayanry.



The letter M is the 13th in the English Alphabet. In Le Plongeon's Maya Alphabet, it is the 8th letter (TIME) and has the sound of MU. In ancient Greece it had the same so nd, MU. Authorities state that the Greeks obtained this letter variously from the Latin, from the Phoenician and from the Egyptian languages. Its Hebrew sound, as given in the 119th Psalm, for example, is MEM.

Its heiroglyph is /// , signifying the "surface of water" or "ocean waves", which seems to support its Mayan (Atlantis) origin. Its special hierophantic Egyptian sign is the Owl, a bird associated with wisdom, and whose "ears" or "horns" form the M symbol. In all its history, through thousands of years, the letter M has only departed from the Owl's "ears", or Mu form, a few times, and then only as alternate forms. The Cretan form was sometimes **1**, which represented the slit showing in an Owl's eye:

and, the alternating Mayan forms shown to you by Le Plongeon, of \uparrow , which was also used by the Egyptians, and the "oblong room" or lodge _____, or the symbol found on Mayan temples and carvings. This letter designated meeting places of the ancient Mayans, and the oblong is today a Masonic symbol of the lodge or meeting place.

Mu or Mem refer to a faculty of the Mind. That of <u>MEMory</u>. The two sounds, Mem-mu, almost make the modern word, "mem-mu-ry". The Owl's ears \wedge and eyes **1**, plus the wisdom the bird symbolizes, further demonstrate the tie with the faculty of memory. The wave symbol \wedge , "memory of the place across the waters", the Land of Mu, a place now covered by the waters $\wedge \sim \sim$.

The symbol \bigotimes , is the astronomical sign for Aquarius, "the water-bearer", and Aquarius is kin to Neptune, the personified spirit of the Atlantic. Neptune's Trident is a three-pronged spear, which is also the letter M, but in the Mayan form **form** given by Le Plongeon.

In Hebrew, Mem possessed the numerical value of 40. The Sacred Name of Deity connected with this letter is Meborach, which may be translated to "Supreme Spirit, Giver of Blessings". The Roman numerical value of M is 1,000, and if used with a line over it, \overline{M} , represents 1,000,000. The modern printers' word "em" comes from this Roman value. 7M equals 7,000, etc.

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Corinthian	B.C. 600	M
Chaldean	B.C. 600	M
Ionic	B.C. 400	M
Roman Colonial	B.C.400 to 200A.D.	M
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Faliscan	11 11	W
Oscan	11 11	H M
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HISTORY OF THE LETTER M

EXEGESIS

Persons and Places in History

Considered In Connection With The Letter M. (Mem, Mu.)

Mem-mu-can was an ancient king spoken of in the Old Testament, Esther 1:14, 16,21. You have seen the significance of Mem and of Mu. The word "Can" is a Mayan word meaning King, or Prince. Mem-mu-can is therefore M.M. The King. (Master Mayan the King?). Mem-mu-can was one of the Seven Princes of Persia in the reign of Ahasuerus the Wise, who "saw THE King's face" and sat first in the kingdom. Among the seven Princes were Meres, Marsena and Mem-mu-can, princes of Persia and Media.

Memphis, on the western bank of the Nile, nine miles south of Cairo, and five miles from the great pyramids and the Sphinx, was built by Menes, who lived before 3,000 B.C., or nearly 5,000 years ago. Memphis means, "Memory of the Good Living Place." This city grew until it was 17 miles long and 3 miles wide, which well attests to the wisdom and justice of its rulers. Here were held great ceremonies of the Atli's (also called Apis.) Here was buried Isis. Here was kept "the sacred cubit" and other symbols embodying great wisdom.

Memphis, called in the hieroglyphs the "city of the pyramids", possessed more than 50 pyramids, here and round about, and Memphis govered all Egypt for a thousand years. The city's overthrow was distinctly predicted in Isaiah 19:13 and Jeremiah 46:19, in words written more than 600 years before Christ. A similar and exact prophecy was current in the Land of The Maya for many years before the coming of the Spanish Conquerors.

A mysterious stranger-people spoken of frequently in the Bible are the Medes. Appearing in strength about the time of the frequently referred to sinking of Atlantis described by Plato and others, the Medes, while keeping to themselves, sent missionaries and wise-men into all parts of the countries now known as The Bible Land. In spite of their superior wisdom, they made no effort to <u>conquer</u> neighboring nations, but remained at peace, secluded in the highlands.

Media, the mysterious, lay north of Persia proper, south of the Caspian Sea, southeast of Armenia, and east of Assyria, and influenced these countries considerably. The length of Media was about 600 miles, its breadth about 250 miles. A large part of Media was a vast tableland 3,000 feet high. The rest consisted of 7 parallel mountain chains, a natural fortress. Who the earliest inhabitants were is not known. They may have been neither Aryan nor Semitic but they were ruled over by the Maiai, or Aryan "Maidai". (See Genesis 10:2 cp. Herod 7,62).

The Medes, led by the Maiai or Maidai, conquered Babylon 2,458 years before Christ and 8 Medes Kings ruled there over a period of 224 years. Little more is known of them for nearly 1,400 years. The deepest obscurity hangs over their history until their reappearance in Cuneiform writings as being among the enemies of Assyria about 840 B.C. Xi-ax-ares, or Cy-ax-ares, (a typical Mayan-American name) as a Median Monarch took Ninevah and conquered Assyria in 606 B.C. This last great Median King and his son Ax-ti-ages were conquered by Cyrus, 558 B.C. Instead of putting them to death or in slavery as was the custom in those days, Cyrus appointed many Medes to stations of high honor and importance in recognition of the "great stores of wisdom and their strange powers."

The two nations blended into one, and from this came the still familiar phrase, "The Medes and The Persians", Daniel 5:28; 6:8,12,15. 2 Kings 17:6; 18:11. Isaiah 13:17; 21:2. Jeremiah 51:11,28. Daniel 5:28,31; 6:1-28.

The <u>Medes</u> were devoted to daily <u>Med</u>itation periods and that practice of communion we refer to as The Angelus Call. Among them, <u>Med</u>icine was a highly developed art and from them the Pharisees and Essenes developed the medicinal bath. Matthew 15:2; Mark 7:5; Luke 11:38. In Mayan America, bath houses and herbal steam baths were much used. In Lev. 15:13; 2 Sam. 11:2; 2 Kings 5:10, you will find traces of similar knowledge.

<u>Ma'on</u>, which means "Ancient habitation" still thought to be a natural hill, is perhaps the world's oldest pyramid. Years from now some archaeologist will gain renown by "discovering" this fact. Perhaps it may be one of you who read these lines. At any rate, your Instructor hopes that it may be one of you. It is today called "Main", and appears to be a lofty, conical hill, south of and about 8 miles distant from Hebron, a district in the mountains of the old Bible Lands. It was one of the cities of the tribes of Judah. Reference may be found to it in the Bible in Joshua 15:55; 1 Sam. 23:24,25. <u>May one of you</u> feel called to accept the undertaking of this discovery.

Should YOU feel such a call, more may be learned of the inhabitants of Ma on (Mayan) by investigating the Biblical Maonites and the Me-hū'nim, Judges 10;12; 2 Chron. 26:7; Ezra 2:50; Neh. 7:52. This is information science does not have and archaeology has overlooked. Gladly, I give this to you.

The <u>Ma</u>'gi (called "wise" men in the Bible) were Medes, the priests of the Persians, the instructors of Zoroaster, the fore-runners of the Essenes (who instructed Jesus as a boy) and the ancient GREAT astronomers. (Only one Old Testament reference to the Magi may be found, - that is in Jeremiah 39:3, 13., speaking of Rab Mag, chief of the Ma'gi.)

The Greeks, ever seeking Initiation and occasionally deriving an insight into the mysteries, gained some little knowledge of the Magi method of divination, and from the Greek writings we obtain all that is known today of ancient astrology - mere fragments. The Greeks were responsible for the degradation of the word "Magi" to one representative of imposture, for they, possessing only fragments instead of the true system, made Magi a by-word, a thing of scorn; and as such it is used in the New Testament. (Only one instance in the New Testament may be found wherein the Magi are spoken of and the <u>real</u> Magi are meant; that is in the gospel of St. Matthew, Ch. 2:1-12. This concerns the Star of the East, the wise men, the prophecied birth of the Christ.)

These Ma'gi were worshippers of The One God, regarded the sun as His nearest symbol, and fire as man's best way of representing the sun. Daniel himself was a prince and a chief among this class of wise men who were undoubtedly a branch of The Mayans. Daniel's prophecies were made known, and the calculations by which he pointed out the exact time when Christ should be born became, through the book of Daniel, a part of our ancient literature.

"<u>Men</u>", a word derived from the Menes, meaning "The Numbered", is also a mystical word. Only a man <u>could</u> be "A Mayan" in the olden days. This idea still holds among the Masonic Orders of the world. While Masonic history records several instances where women were made Masons, yet all Masons know that a woman "cannot be a Ma-<u>son</u>." In modern Mayanry Wo-<u>men</u> are admitted, but the reason for this and the reasons for their former exclusion cannot be given to you just yet. The Menes, the Mayans, the Medes, the Masons, the Essenes, all once rigorously observed this rule. Now, the Masons have affiliated Orders for women, and the modern Mayans welcome women to all but three of their deepest ceremonies. Nor does M Law exclude them from that - but Nature does.

The difference between the ancient American-Mayan attitude toward women and that shown in the Biblical lands, is best illustrated by the Mayan acceptance of Queen Rulers; with Priests or Prince Consorts in secondary station. In Mayanry, women may attain to the highest honors, the deepest mysteries, and all of Wisdom which the Order can transmit. In The Mayan Order women are not denied admittance but are exhalted. "Eve ... was the mother of all living." Genesis 3:20.

Vade Mecum, Volventibus Annis.

Rev. 48: P12: 7.60 G:H

THE MEXICAN EARTH MOTHER

The frontispiece of this lesson gives you a picture of the Aztec version of the Earth Mother. You have learned the Mayan purpose for making such figures, personifying Natural forces of a weird appearance to prevent, if possible, the ignorant from worshipping the <u>thing</u> rather than giving thought to the <u>idea represented</u> by it. What the Mayan figures (if any) representing this thought may have been, is not known. The Aztecs picturized it as shown. As the Aztecs borrowed all their knowledge (as far as they could assimilate it) from the Maya, this, or a similar statue, <u>may</u> have appeared in the land of the Maya also. <u>It was not constructed to be venerated</u> as an idol.

Yet it is called, variously, the Earth "Goddess", the Dragon Statue, and "Idol", etc. You may see it today, in the National Museum in Mexico City. It is a strange and weird figure made to resemble serpent skins and maize (corn) tassels and grain. It has many significances concealed, yet revealed in its carvings, and it represents the mineral, the vegetable, the insect, the undersea and the animal world, all forming the earth. The human skull at the center, the two pairs of hands, representing the two sexes, the seven beads of the necklace, the three maize-heads of the leggings forming the letter \square , the \wedge above the skull, the \clubsuit formed by the serpent's tongue. All <u>numbers</u> are represented in it also.

By now you have probably examined this figure rather carefully. Doubtless you have recognized the serpent motiff, but in a vague way. For more than 50 years the scientists of the world have examined this figure in the same way, only vaguely recognizing that the strange head is intended as a serpent's head. It was not until a very few years ago that they discovered this strangely hideous statue's secret, even in part. You can discover it for yourself by covering one <u>side</u> of the head; exactly one-half of the face, with a piece of paper. The other half reveals the perfect head of a serpent. Try it, discover for yourself what it took our leading archaeologists more than fifty years to discover.

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