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THE MUSIC OF THE MAYAN MYSTERIES

PROCESSIONAL

Allegro

Musical score for 'PROCESSIONAL' in 2/4 time, marked *Allegro*. It consists of five systems of piano accompaniment, each with a treble and bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with eighth notes.

CHANT OF LIFE ETERNAL

Andante

Musical score for 'CHANT OF LIFE ETERNAL' in 2/4 time, marked *Andante*. It consists of five systems of piano accompaniment, each with a treble and bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, featuring quarter and eighth notes. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with quarter notes.

CHANT OF THE MYSTICS

Lento

Musical score for 'CHANT OF THE MYSTICS' in 2/4 time, marked *Lento*. It consists of two systems of piano accompaniment, each with a treble and bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, featuring quarter and eighth notes. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with quarter notes.

The Exordium of
The Initiatory
 of the Sacred 6th and 7th Degrees of
The Mayan Order
 REVELATION LXXII

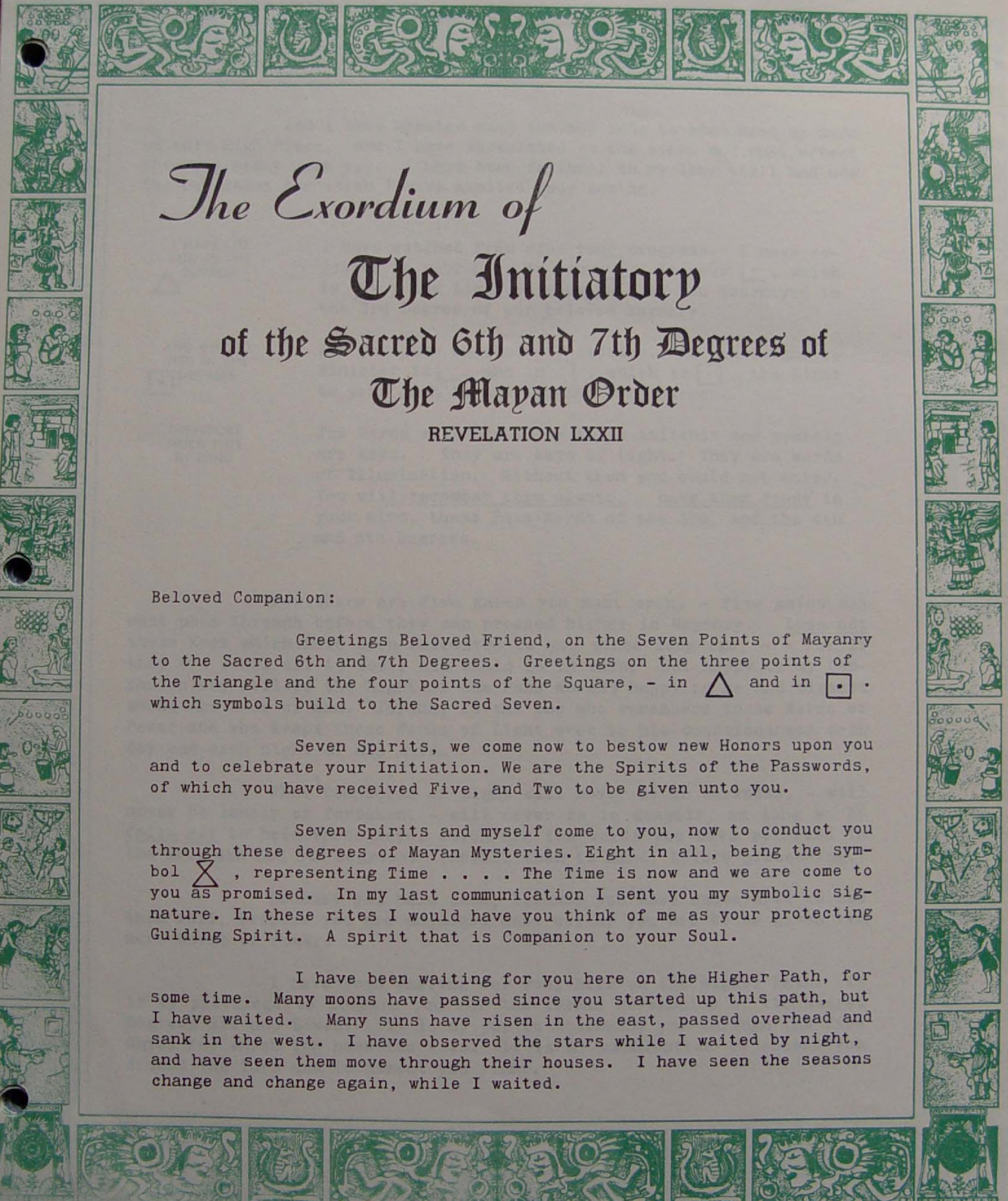
Beloved Companion:

Greetings Beloved Friend, on the Seven Points of Mayanry to the Sacred 6th and 7th Degrees. Greetings on the three points of the Triangle and the four points of the Square, - in \triangle and in \square . which symbols build to the Sacred Seven.

Seven Spirits, we come now to bestow new Honors upon you and to celebrate your Initiation. We are the Spirits of the Passwords, of which you have received Five, and Two to be given unto you.

Seven Spirits and myself come to you, now to conduct you through these degrees of Mayan Mysteries. Eight in all, being the symbol \times , representing Time The Time is now and we are come to you as promised. In my last communication I sent you my symbolic signature. In these rites I would have you think of me as your protecting Guiding Spirit. A spirit that is Companion to your Soul.

I have been waiting for you here on the Higher Path, for some time. Many moons have passed since you started up this path, but I have waited. Many suns have risen in the east, passed overhead and sank in the west. I have observed the stars while I waited by night, and have seen them move through their houses. I have seen the seasons change and change again, while I waited.



And I have greeted each sun and sang to each moon up here on this High Place, and I have speculated on the stars and what effect they may exert upon you. I have been faithful to my long vigil and now The Day dawns for which I have awaited your coming.

I HAVE LED YOU IN THE DEGREES



I have watched from afar your progress. I have rejoiced in your [], in your [], in your [], which is Δ , the Light on your path as you journeyed in the 3rd Degree of our beloved Mayanry.

AND GUIDED YOU IN THE DEGREES



And you gave me cause to rejoice, as you sought to Minister in [], and in [], which is [], the Light on your path in the 4th and 5th Degrees.

THEREFORE HOLD THIS IN MIND

The Words represented by those initials and symbols are Keys. They are keys of Light. They are words of Illumination. Without them you could not enter. You will remember them always, have them ready in your mind, these Pass-Words of the 3rd, and the 4th and 5th Degrees.

For there are five gates you must open, - five gates all must pass through before they can proceed higher in Mayanry. Lose not these Keys which have been entrusted to you since long ago, - - for if they are lost, all is lost, all would be in vain. But happy is my Companion who follows the Light of the Pass Words; happy is he and blessed among the race of man. Joyous, is the one who remembers these Words of Power and who keeps these Words of Light ever in his consciousness each day and each night of his life.

That Companion of Light will never be in darkness, - will never be lonely or forsaken, - will never be in despair, as long as he fails not to hold these keys, which are the words you have received in the 3rd, 4th and 5th Degrees. (Recall them to mind, before proceeding.)

Because you hold them, because you have endeavored to use them well, because you are adjudged most worthy you are to be given two more Words of Power.

I have been waiting for you, here on the Higher Path. It is my privilege to prepare you for the solemn ceremonies of the Sacred Degrees Six and Seven. It is my joy to accompany you through the Five Gates for which You have the Keys. It is my exhaltation to escort you Around The Turn and to direct you right.

As you pass the tests I shall guide you with joy, I shall help you to the place where your good Companions are gathered for the rites, I shall show you to the Place of Initiation and aid you in the sanctum. For this is my ministry and my glory. I am your Guiding Spirit.

MAY THE GREAT SPIRIT OF THE ALMIGHTY BLESS YOU
AND GIVE YOU PEACE, POWER AND HAPPINESS AND IN
THIS GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING GOOD TO
MANY OTHERS. AMEN.

In the Initiation Ceremony, it is my gratification to bestow upon you certain enchanted gifts. They are gifts which, if you are prepared well, are eternal and above price. But they are enchanted gifts for they can not be given to those unprepared in mind and spirit; - they would dissolve into nothing, even as you stretch forth your hand to receive them, if you are not yet worthy of them.

Around The Turn are gathered a multitude who have followed this path before you. Some are Initiates for still higher degrees, some are Companions of your Class, who are Candidates for the Sacred 6 and 7 Degrees. They too await your coming.

And now that you are here there are a few things you ought to prepare. Have these things ready for the night and the hour when you are to Break The Seal and enter in. The time of the Celebration of these High Rites is announced herein. Many Mayans of High Degree will celebrate with you. We give you the written words of the ceremony, ENTRUSTING you NOT to read beyond the SEAL until the Time that has been set.


There is a reason for this, and you would lose much if you were to ignore our trust and read them before time. The pages beyond the SEAL should remain virgin, unread until The Time. Then, and only then, can we truly meet together in the realm of the Cosmic, -- in the Mental World, where Distance and Space are as nothing. Heed my words, for you are trusted to do so, and I am your Guiding Spirit.

HAVE THESE THINGS READY

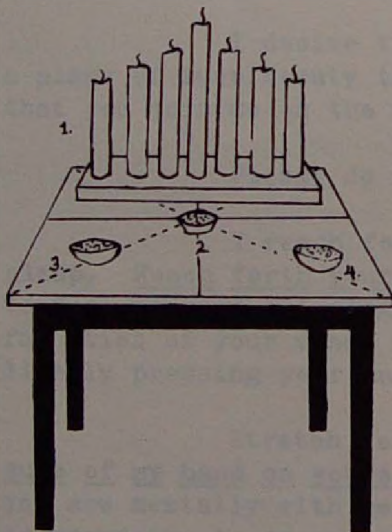
*In preparation for the Ceremony obtain now and have ready these articles: Seven Candles, seven receptacles to hold the candles (seven small saucers will do, or a board; anything to hold seven candles set in a row) Two small bowls, one containing water, the other containing 7 small cubes of bread. *One small saucer. Matches. A watch or clock nearby.*

Prepare a room, your bedroom or your study, a place where you can go and be undisturbed. Air it well on the day of your Initiation, then have it closed off and private. Make sure of the provision that you will be undisturbed while receiving the Initiation, as much depends on your thoughts being wholly upon the ceremony while it is taking place. (Remember, there will

be many others, your Companions in your class in various parts of the country, and those of Higher Orders, all observing this celebration at the same moment and a condition en rapport with them is highly desirable.)

Within your room, your sanctum, have a table, or a table-like area, to be used as your Altar. It should be large enough to hold the 7 candles and candle-holders, and the two bowls,—one filled with clean water, the other with bread. It should, preferably, be square in shape, as your Altar represents your Symbol of Being. If a square table-like surface is not available, an oblong surface can be used. If this is necessary you can cut a large piece of paper,—two feet square or larger,—and on it mark the Symbol of Being, . This last is a good idea, even if you have a square-topped table available, as it will help you keep in mind that your Altar top represents your Symbol of Being.

Because it is important that you have these things ready before time, let me list them again.



1. Arrangement of the 7 Candles (slightly graduated in size.)
 2. Extra candle holder for use in center of Altar.
 3. Bowl containing 7 small cubes of bread.
 4. Bowl partially filled with water.
- Nearby: Matches, a watch or clock.

Seven Candles

Receptacles for 7 Candles

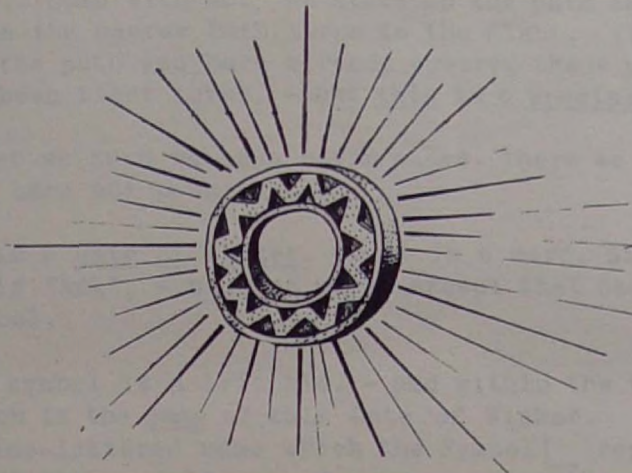
Two Bowls, one containing clean water, one containing seven small cubes of bread.

Matches

A Clock or Watch nearby, but NOT on the Altar.

*1 small saucer, to hold the central candle when it is placed for a few moments in the center of the symbol of Being, during the Ceremony.

*(If individual candle holders are provided, the small saucer will not be needed.)



And now, it is Time for your final Preparations. This is the beginning of your Initiation into the new Degrees and the completion of the old. It is the Passover, it is time for me to escort you "around the turn".

I desire that you make a mental journey with me. We go to a place of such beauty that the beauty dazes and stuns. First, I desire that you join me on the mountain path where I have awaited you.

Please do this now.

I reach forth my right hand, and give you the Mayan hand-clasp. Reach forth your hand. Do not be self-conscious. I desire you to feel my hand gripping yours. Take a moment. Try to sense, with the faculties of your mind, my hand, -- the hand of your Guiding Spirit, -- lightly pressing your hand.

Stretch forth your hand. When you feel the light cool pressure of my hand on yours, when you feel a peculiar feeling in your hand, you are mentally with me. You have bridged the gap. (Take whatever time is necessary to accomplish this sensing of my touch before you proceed.)

Again I ask you to see your surroundings. We are on a high, narrow, rocky mountain path. To one side is a deep, dark abyss. At the other side a sheer rocky wall rises steeply toward the sky. The wind howls here incessantly and tugs at our robes, as though to pull us into the abyss. The air is thin. No trees grow here, only a few thorns and sparse blades of grass. Here is where I, - your Guiding Spirit, - have awaited so long the arrival of your Soul. Now we are here, Spirit and Soul, on this high Mayan Path, ready to go forward to our Companions in celebration of the Initiation.

Now! Come with me. We start up the path again. We go but a little way, when the narrow Path turns to the Right. (There have been many turnings on the path you have already covered these past months and all of them have been right turns, - but this is a special turning.)

After we turn we take seven paces. There we are confronted with a gate which bars our progress.

It is a Gate of Wicker. On it is a word, simply one word; -- and that word is "Ask", - nothing more, except that above the word on the gate is a symbol.

The symbol is a triangle, - and within the triangle is the Initial , which is the name of this Gate of Wicker. Can you friend Soul speak that nine-lettered name which the Symbol represents? Speak it, and the Gate of Wicker will open for us.

Before going further, you the Candidate, must speak the First Password. Do so.

And as you do, the Gate of Wicker swings open wide, and we pass through. That was the Gate of the First Degree of Mayanry, and its Key, the first Password, was given to you long ago.

Here, beyond the first gate, the path is wider, the air is warmer and pleasanter, and here a few flowers grow. We are in a passage-way between two very high mountains. The Abyss is gone. Our path lies straight ahead, but steeply rising.



Let us go upward.

As we do so we come to another gate.

It is a Gate of Ebony. Strong, sturdy, ancient, it looms up high across our path, - it is set in the mountain walls at both sides and rises up to an overhang, more like a vast door on the face of a cave than like a gate. And on this gate there is a single word. The word is "Seek", - and above it is a triangular symbol, and within the Triangle is the Initial of an eight-lettered name, , and this is the name of the Gate of Ebony. For he who knows the name of the Gate of Ebony, it will swing open. O my Companion, my Soul, can you speak that name? Then do so.

Write it here DEVOTION

And as you do so, the great, massive Gate of Ebony swings wide and we go through.



The second Password is the name of the Gate of Ebony. And as we go on and up the winding path, the air becomes fragrant with the perfume of many rare flowers, and the birds sing along our path, and all things are better, for we have passed the frail gate and the black gate of the outer world that is without Devotion, -- and are approaching now the great Third Gate.

As we come to it, we see it is a Gate of Alabaster. Smooth and white, and delicately tinted like mother-of-pearl, - it is perfectly plain except for a single word written upon it, and the word is "Knock". And above the word is a triangular symbol, richly carved on its center. And within the triangle, is the symbol of a letter, which stands for the name of this Gate of purest Alabaster. And the Initial letter within the Triangle on the Gate of Alabaster, is L .

Speak the name, O my Beloved Companion, that it will open and we may enter.

Here the Candidate should speak the 3rd Password of the 3rd Degree, - - the word of SEVEN letters that begins with the initial L . As you do so, the Gate of Alabaster parts, and opens. You have passed 3 gates, and the Initials of the words on them are A.S.K.

Let us go onward. Beyond this gate is a lovely garden. It grows in great luxuriance. Occasionally, along the path are little rest houses beautifully wrought of stone, and in them we find awaiting us for our refreshment, baskets of rare fruits, and viands. There are places where a weary soul may bathe, and spiced rare oils to reinvigorate the traveler. The path is wider now and we seem to be going through a narrow chasm between the high walls.

And as we pass beyond, we come to still another gate.

It is the Gate of Ivory. Richly decorated, with designs carved on designs in such intricacy as cannot be described in words. And this gate too bears a symbol in its center. The symbol is a square, made of four right-angles. And in the center of the square is the Initial letter of the name of the gate. Again the Initial letter is L , but this time it is a word of four letters, for the four right angles. This name is the Key you first received in the Fourth and Fifth Degrees, and you know it well, for it is one of the Names of God.

Speak the four-lettered Password O Soul that we may enter.

Candidate speaks here the Password of the Fourth Degree.

The Gate of Ivory parts in the middle, - (though it seemed one solid piece, so perfectly was it fitted) -- and we pass through, and find ourselves in a place of surpassing beauty. Like Paradise it seems, for until now we have known only the hard ways of the world before starting on this path. Here are lovely tropical birds so tame they alight on our shoulders as we walk along, - - as though they would bid us welcome. Beasts, lions, bear, deer, - even animals supposed to be extinct, - pass near and show no fear of us nor desire to harm us. For this is the place wherein all men would dwell, if they truly knew the great Password of 4 Letters that is written on the Gate of Ivory.

And, as we follow the winding path yet further, we come to still another gate. It is the Gate of Aquamarine. Sea-blue and sea-green, its precious, fused beryl gems speak of fabled Atlantis. It could come from no other place, for nowhere else have men learned how to fuse gems, melt countless small precious stones into one great mass, - - beyond the dreams of Aladdin. Glittering in the sun brightly, yet its sea-colored tones so soft, it leaves us spellbound with its beauty. But look you, my soul, for it too bears a legend. On it is the four-square symbol, and within the symbol is the Initial letter Γ . This is the five-lettered word, the Password of the Fifth Degree, the Key that was bestowed upon you, the word which, like the four-letter word, is also a Name of God.

Γ , and this gate too will open.

Speak it, - and as you do so, the great Gate of Aquamarine, the Gate of Aquarius, solemnly opens, and we pass through.

Before us is a vast rich valley. It is surrounded on all sides by steep, high mountains, - - of a beauty that no man can put into words. You have heard of quiet beauty. Here is beauty that thunders at you, beauty that astounds, that leaves you breathless.

A great plain stretches out, and in the midst of the plain is a vast Pyramid. Within the Pyramid are the Initiation Chambers for these degrees. Here is the Mayan Sanctum. I am to guide you to its very heart, to the Holy of Holies.

The Pyramid is the great Light of the Mayans. Built into its measurements are Great Prophecies and High Wisdom for those to read who can. Its proportions are harmonies. Its shape and form is fire and light. Its material is stone and precious minerals. Its purpose is to hold wisdom. Its action is to direct the eye and mind to Thankfulness to

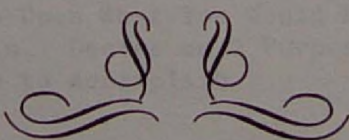
The Great Spirit who is God, the All, the Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Omniscient, Creator of all Creation, from Infinity to Infinity, Forever and Without End.

This noble edifice of the Mayans rises from the plain before us, up, up, up, - higher than man has ever built, -- except when he built with his mind of spiritual substance. Perhaps a mile in height above the plain this vast Pyramid rises, perhaps two or even three miles high. Who knows? For each of you who beholds it, will see it according to his own creation and proportions. It exists nowhere, yet it exists anywhere, - where you will. For it is the structure of your own consciousness, this grand Pyramid, - this Great Temple of Your Soul.

No race of mortal men could build such an edifice. No generations upon generations of men sweated, and labored their lifetimes through to erect it. For it is a Cosmic Pyramid, one created by thought-force alone. Built like Solomon's Temple in a single day, without sound of hammers or saws. Built of the most precious materials, for thought can create them as readily as grosser materials. Here we create in the realm of the mind, and each one creates according to his abilities. But let no Candidate mistake, it is very real, it EXISTS as I have described it to you.

But let us absorb for a while our near surroundings, just inside this Gate of Aquamarine. Here are many people, a throng, a multitude. Here are gathered the Beloved Companions of your class, those who, like you are worthy and prepared for Initiation into the Sacred 6th and 7th Degrees. Here they are gathered, come forward, mingle with them. I have brought you safely to the PLACE OF MEETING.

Rest a while, mingle with your Elect-fellows, your Companions, fellow Candidates for the higher degrees. Rest a bit, refresh yourself. Those in the Pyramid are beginning the celebration. Soon we shall go forward, all of us, together.



The Time Has Come!

At fifteen minutes before Midnight, (and I hope you will be very careful to observe these directions exactly, for a great experience should be yours if you do so,) - at 15 minutes before midnight on the appointed night, have everything prepared and ready in your sanctum. Re-read the last couple of pages, to refresh yourself on what has gone before. Then, stretch forth your right hand again and feel the clasp of your Guiding Spirit. Join your Companions at the Place of Meeting.

A long line is forming, - - made up of the Candidates for these Degrees, and those who came down from the Great Pyramid to escort us to the Pyramid in the center of the enchanted plain.

The line is formed and starts off, - almost single file, - winding for a great distance across the plain, approaching the Pyramid of Initiation. As you move forward with them, singing is heard. The Mayans are singing the Processional.

You are one in that line moving toward the mystical Great Pyramid. Hear the music, sense the joy, yet the solemnity in the song of the Processional. It has no words that you can understand, but hum the tune, and go forward with us.

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We Celebrate Your Initiation Into
The Sacred 6th and 7th Degrees.

The Signal Comes!

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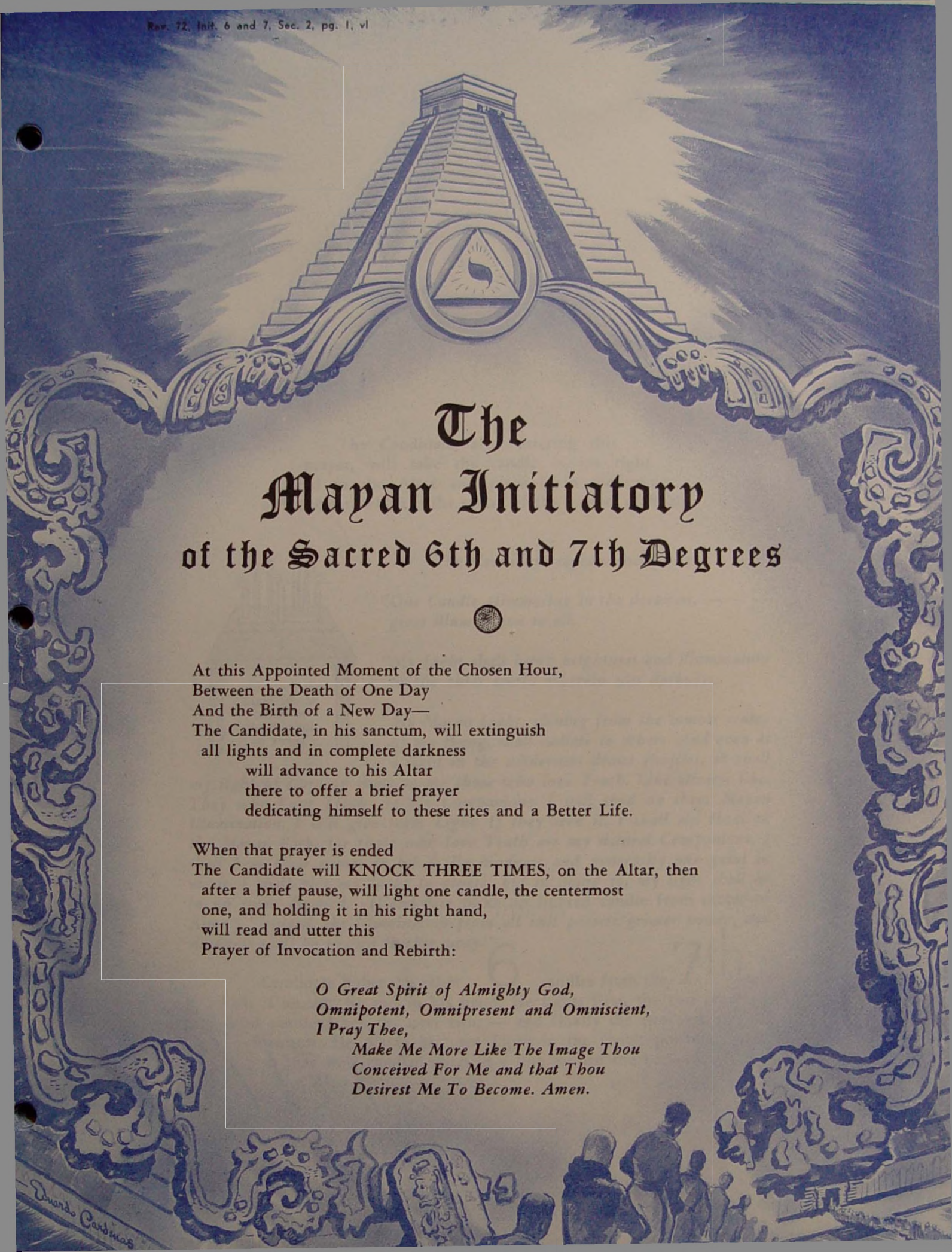
Begin at Midnight, 12 o'clock.

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(At Midnight Of This Appointed Day
and NOT BEFORE, Break the Seal.)

(During the Intervening Time, Prepare Yourself by
Meditation Upon What You Would Do If You Were
Born Again. Decide on 7 Purposes, 7 Things
You Wish to Accomplish.)



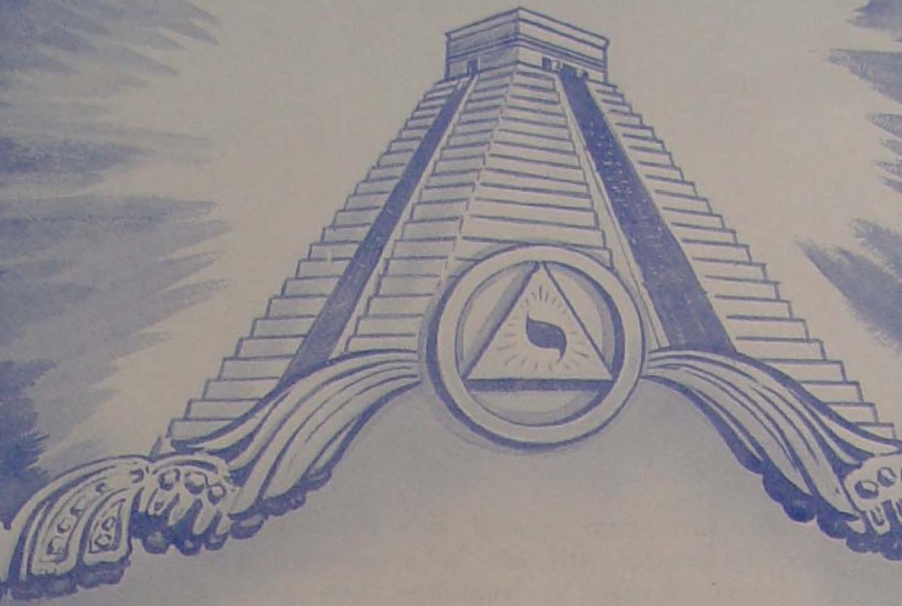


**The
Mayan Initiatory
of the Sacred 6th and 7th Degrees**

At this Appointed Moment of the Chosen Hour,
Between the Death of One Day
And the Birth of a New Day—
The Candidate, in his sanctum, will extinguish
all lights and in complete darkness
will advance to his Altar
there to offer a brief prayer
dedicating himself to these rites and a Better Life.

When that prayer is ended
The Candidate will **KNOCK THREE TIMES**, on the Altar, then
after a brief pause, will light one candle, the centermost
one, and holding it in his right hand,
will read and utter this
Prayer of Invocation and Rebirth:

*O Great Spirit of Almighty God,
Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient,
I Pray Thee,
Make Me More Like The Image Thou
Conceived For Me and that Thou
Desirest Me To Become. Amen.*



The Candidate, after uttering this prayer, will take the candle in his right hand to the Altar and place it in the center of the Altar, which is the center of the Symbol of Being.



and place the Light in the center of the Symbol of Being

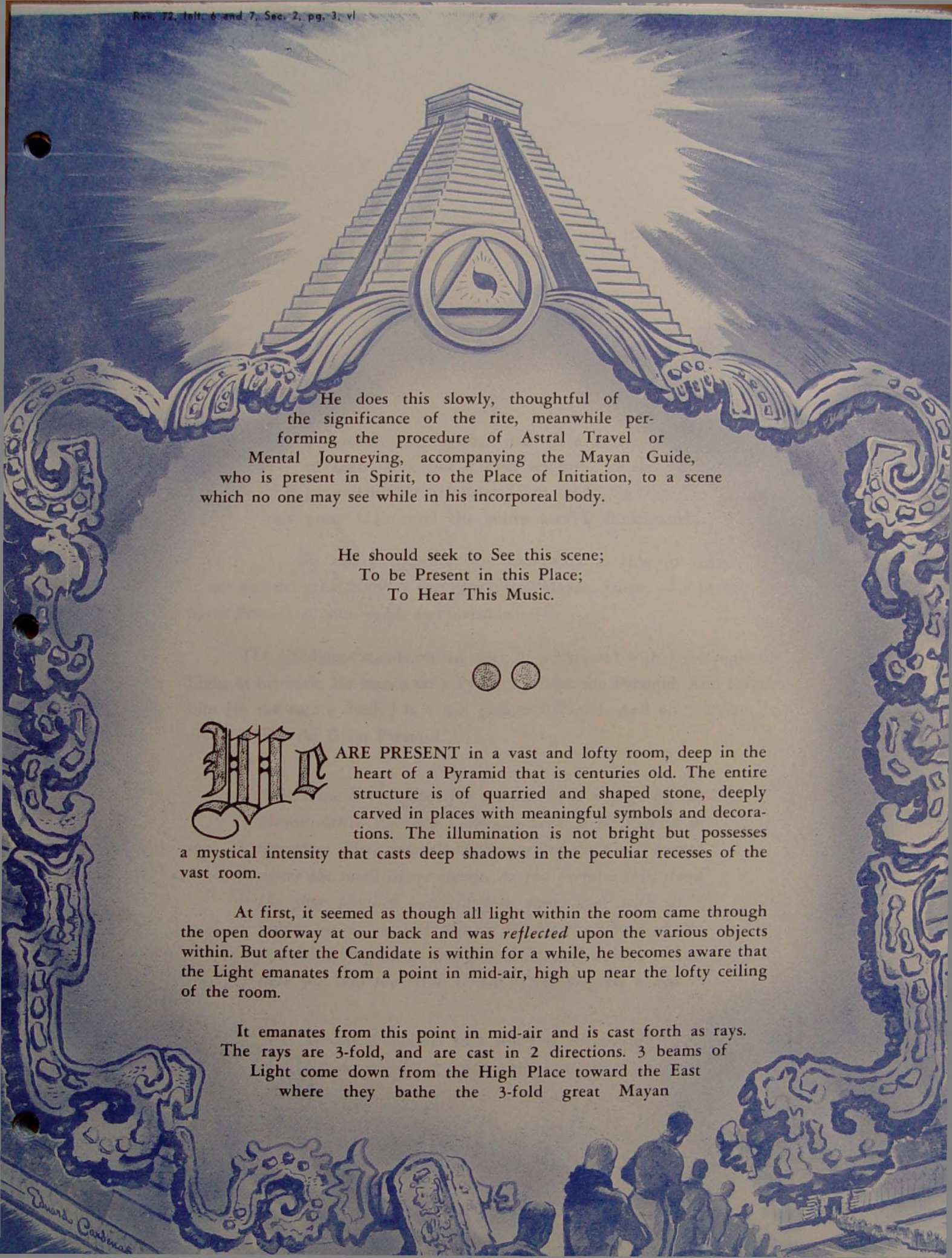
The Candidate repeats these words:

"One Candle glimmering in the darkness, — — — gives illumination to all.

"My Light shall bring brightness and illumination to the outer world wherein was darkness.

"My Mayan Light, shining from the inmost centre of my Being, shall radiate to others. And even as a light in the wilderness draws fireflies, so shall my light of learning draw to me those who love Truth. Like attracts like. They who Love Truth are my Companions. I will shed on them Mayan Illumination. I will give them Light. If they seek it, I shall aid them to the Mayan Path, for those who love Truth are my natural Companions. I shall bear their names in mind. By kindness and generosity one gains in merit. I shall give my Light to others; but in doing so, my light shall be in no ways dimmed." (Candidate picks up lighted candle from center of Altar.) "Instead, the Illumination from all will possess greater power, and darkness shall be pushed further away."

Candidate lights the other **6** candles from the **7th** one which is already lit and in his hand. He lights first, the two center-most candles, then the next two, — and finally the two that are outermost. He places his own Light in the center position, so that all 7 candles stand in a line toward the back of the Altar.



He does this slowly, thoughtful of the significance of the rite, meanwhile performing the procedure of Astral Travel or Mental Journeying, accompanying the Mayan Guide, who is present in Spirit, to the Place of Initiation, to a scene which no one may see while in his incorporeal body.

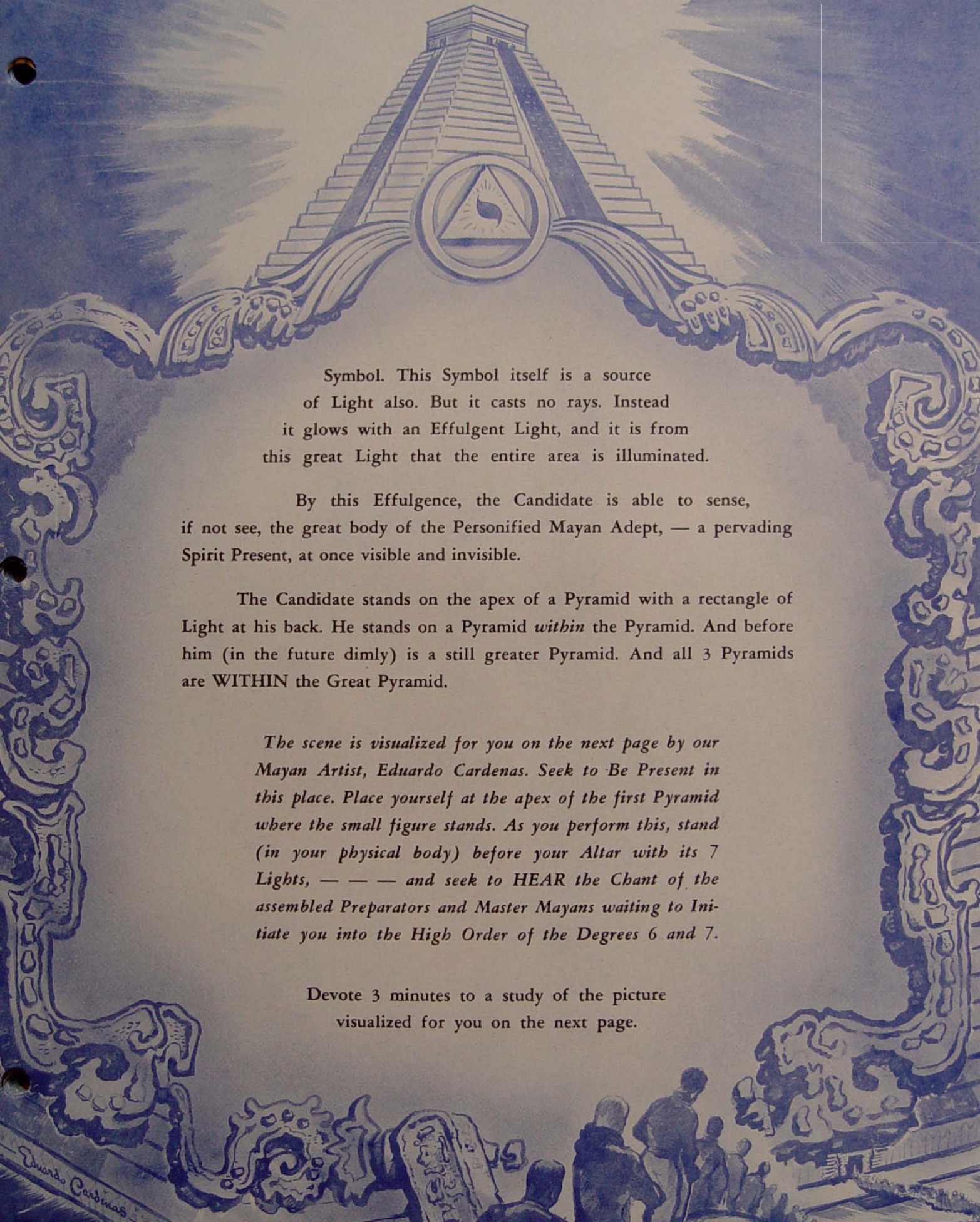
He should seek to See this scene;
To be Present in this Place;
To Hear This Music.



WE ARE PRESENT in a vast and lofty room, deep in the heart of a Pyramid that is centuries old. The entire structure is of quarried and shaped stone, deeply carved in places with meaningful symbols and decorations. The illumination is not bright but possesses a mystical intensity that casts deep shadows in the peculiar recesses of the vast room.

At first, it seemed as though all light within the room came through the open doorway at our back and was *reflected* upon the various objects within. But after the Candidate is within for a while, he becomes aware that the Light emanates from a point in mid-air, high up near the lofty ceiling of the room.

It emanates from this point in mid-air and is cast forth as rays. The rays are 3-fold, and are cast in 2 directions. 3 beams of Light come down from the High Place toward the East where they bathe the 3-fold great Mayan



Symbol. This Symbol itself is a source of Light also. But it casts no rays. Instead it glows with an Effulgent Light, and it is from this great Light that the entire area is illuminated.

By this Effulgence, the Candidate is able to sense, if not see, the great body of the Personified Mayan Adept, — a pervading Spirit Present, at once visible and invisible.

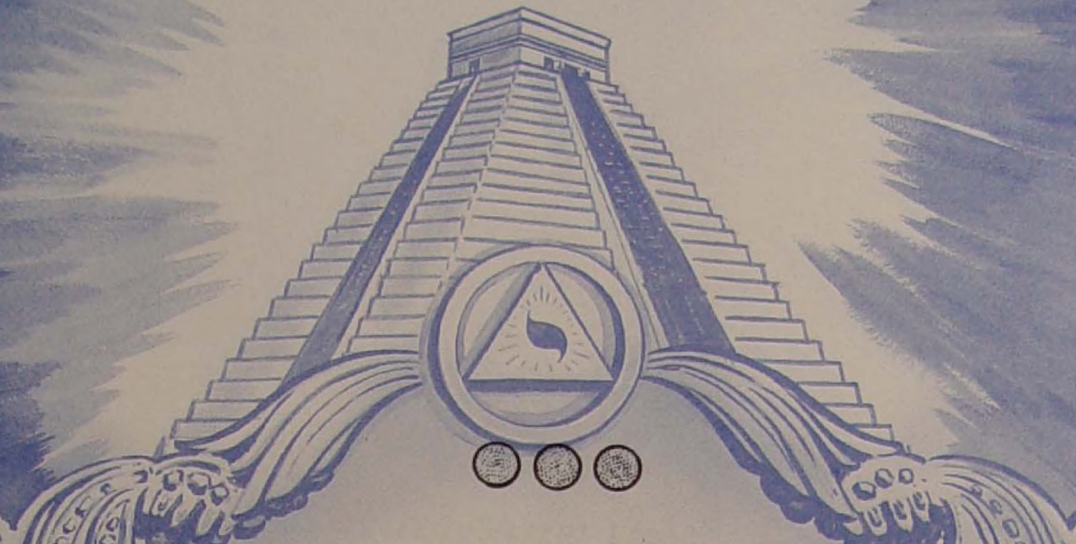
The Candidate stands on the apex of a Pyramid with a rectangle of Light at his back. He stands on a Pyramid *within* the Pyramid. And before him (in the future dimly) is a still greater Pyramid. And all 3 Pyramids are WITHIN the Great Pyramid.

The scene is visualized for you on the next page by our Mayan Artist, Eduardo Cardenas. Seek to Be Present in this place. Place yourself at the apex of the first Pyramid where the small figure stands. As you perform this, stand (in your physical body) before your Altar with its 7 Lights, — — — and seek to HEAR the Chant of the assembled Preparators and Master Mayans waiting to Initiate you into the High Order of the Degrees 6 and 7.

Devote 3 minutes to a study of the picture visualized for you on the next page.



Eduardo Cardenas



The Mayans are singing the Chant of the Mystics; the words are not clear, for there are many voices singing softly. The music tells of the hard ways of the profane outer world and the glory of right living; it tells of the struggles and the triumphs along The Way; It tells of the glorious opportunity to start life anew after being Born Again in the Initiation.

In the vast room before you, countless candles twinkle in the shadows, candles set in rows of Seven, the lights of the Candidates who are members of your class. Suddenly the music is hushed.

A voice speaks in prayer and asks God's Blessings on the Assembly. Its tones are rich and full and deeply earnest. The Speaker is not visible, but we KNOW the Presence of our Great Companion.

The Seven Candles on your Altar gleam before you. The Seven Spirits stand behind you.

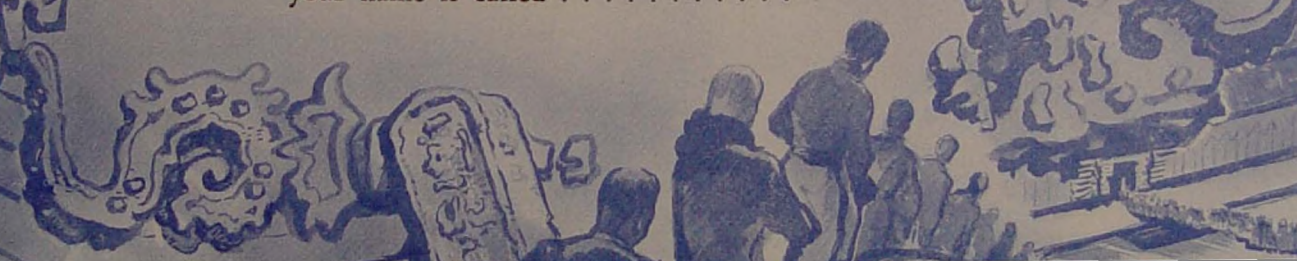
I, — your Guiding Spirit, — touch your hand and direct your attention to the Pyramid before you.

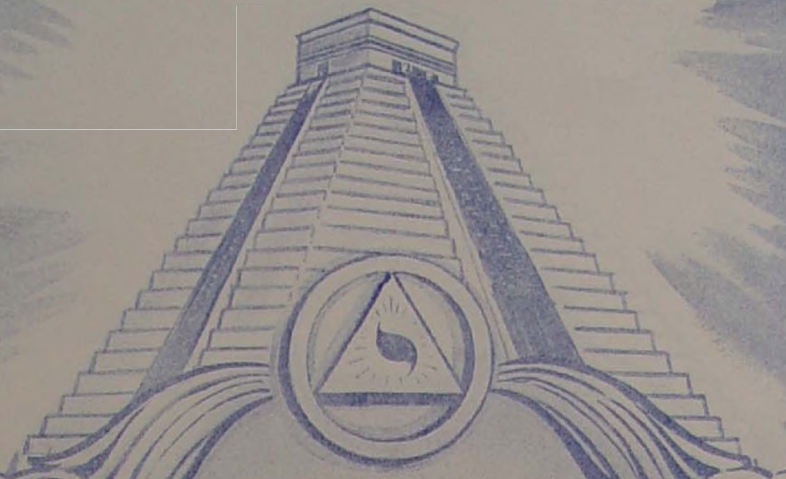
Though it is made of stone and overlaid with sheets of gold, it has become *transparent*.

You see a rich Throne-room within it, and on the Throne, a Figure. More spirit than substance, the figure is not quite distinct, though fully visible. Around the Throne are grouped, each according to his office, the Staff of the Grand Master, — — — the Progenitors, the Governors, the Chancellors, the Ambassadors, the Instructors, the Apparitors, the Mentors, and the Inquisitor.

Convoked are the Superiors of the Highest Degrees, present, beyond your Altar, solemn, waiting, — then, — your name is called

—Quando Cardmas





(Seek to hear it,) —
and answer: "I Am Here."

It is the Inquisitor (Examiner) speaking to you. He says: "That thou are here, proves that thou knowest certain things. But it is my duty to examine your knowledge. Therefore, I ask thee, By what right are thou here?"

(You reply in thought) "*To be here, I have Asked, I have Sought, I have Knocked.*"

The Inquisitor asks: "Why are you here?"

You reply: "*To receive the Degrees, if I may, both mysteries, the Sacred Six and Seven.*"



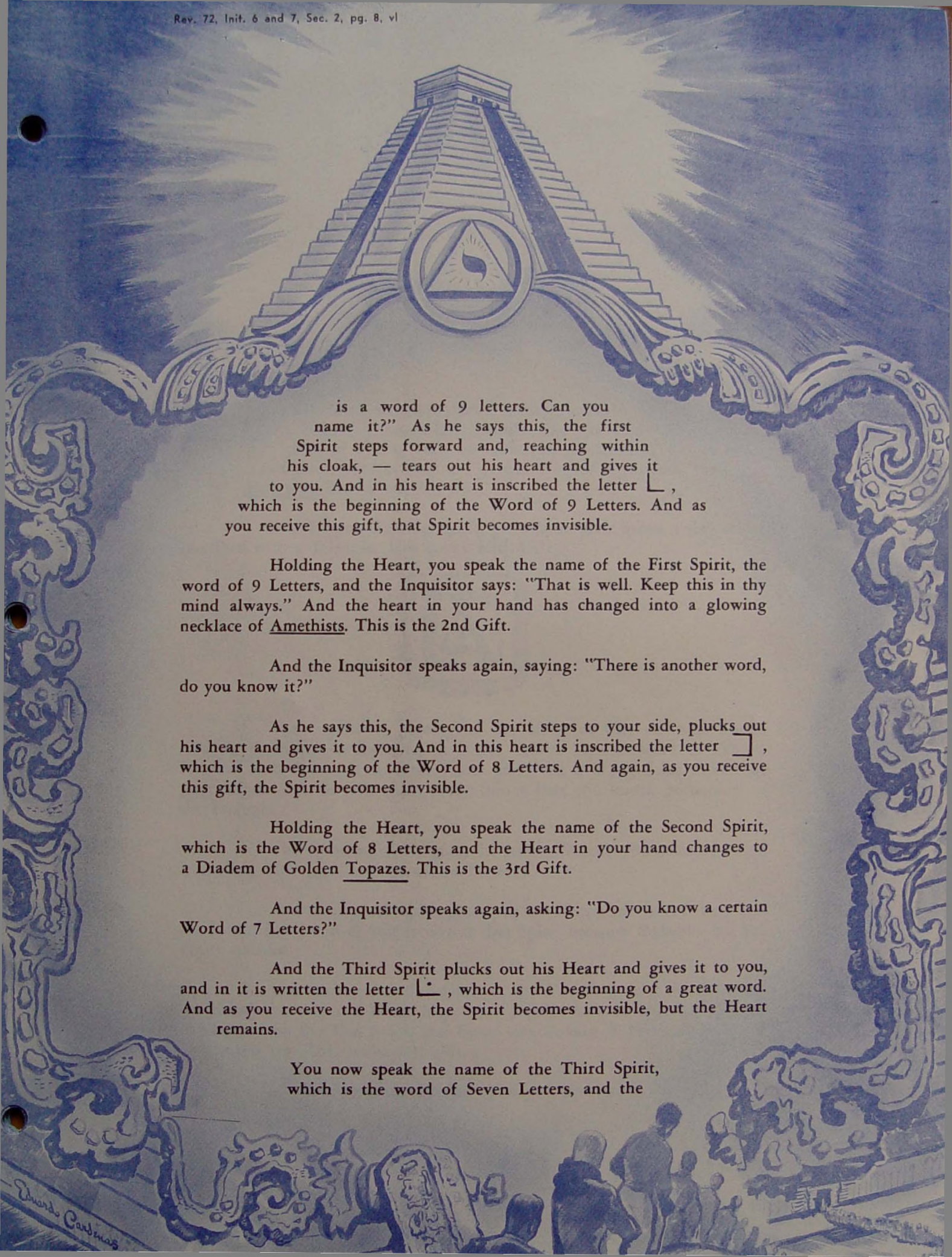
As you say this, I, your Guiding Spirit by your side, give you the first gift. It is a clay tablet inscribed with the Number 33.



The Inquisitor says: "You have received a gift. Do you know its meaning?"

You reply: "*I know not this meaning.*"

Inquisitor: "Then listen. You have had bestowed upon you 5 Pass words. The first



is a word of 9 letters. Can you name it?" As he says this, the first Spirit steps forward and, reaching within his cloak, — tears out his heart and gives it to you. And in his heart is inscribed the letter \perp , which is the beginning of the Word of 9 Letters. And as you receive this gift, that Spirit becomes invisible.

Holding the Heart, you speak the name of the First Spirit, the word of 9 Letters, and the Inquisitor says: "That is well. Keep this in thy mind always." And the heart in your hand has changed into a glowing necklace of Amethysts. This is the 2nd Gift.

And the Inquisitor speaks again, saying: "There is another word, do you know it?"

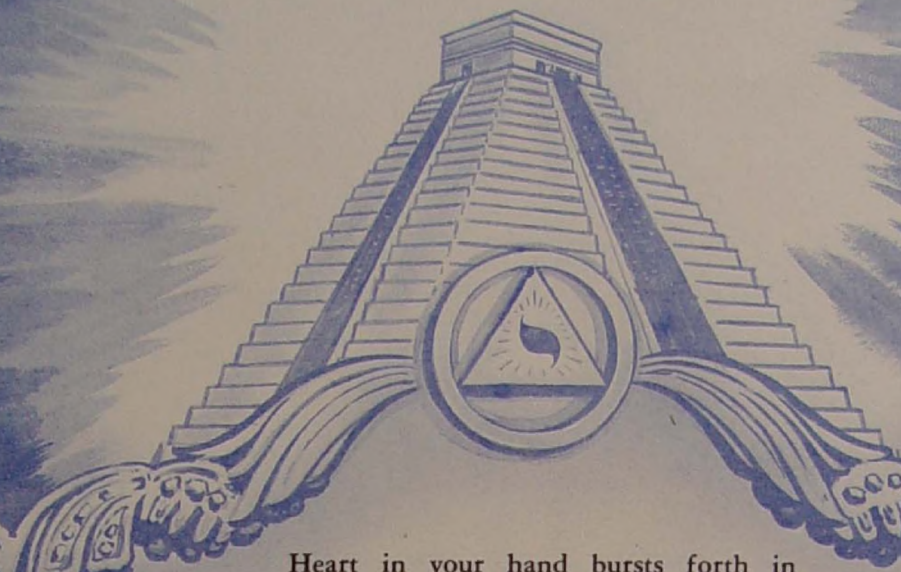
As he says this, the Second Spirit steps to your side, plucks out his heart and gives it to you. And in this heart is inscribed the letter \square , which is the beginning of the Word of 8 Letters. And again, as you receive this gift, the Spirit becomes invisible.

Holding the Heart, you speak the name of the Second Spirit, which is the Word of 8 Letters, and the Heart in your hand changes to a Diadem of Golden Topazes. This is the 3rd Gift.

And the Inquisitor speaks again, asking: "Do you know a certain Word of 7 Letters?"

And the Third Spirit plucks out his Heart and gives it to you, and in it is written the letter $\underline{\perp}$, which is the beginning of a great word. And as you receive the Heart, the Spirit becomes invisible, but the Heart remains.

You now speak the name of the Third Spirit, which is the word of Seven Letters, and the



Heart in your hand bursts forth in bright green Light (which color is the color of Spring and the rebirth of all nature,) and the Heart has become a double handful of precious Emeralds. This is the 4th Gift.

And I, your Guiding Spirit, press upon your breast a clay tablet inscribed with a Triangle. This is the Fifth Gift.



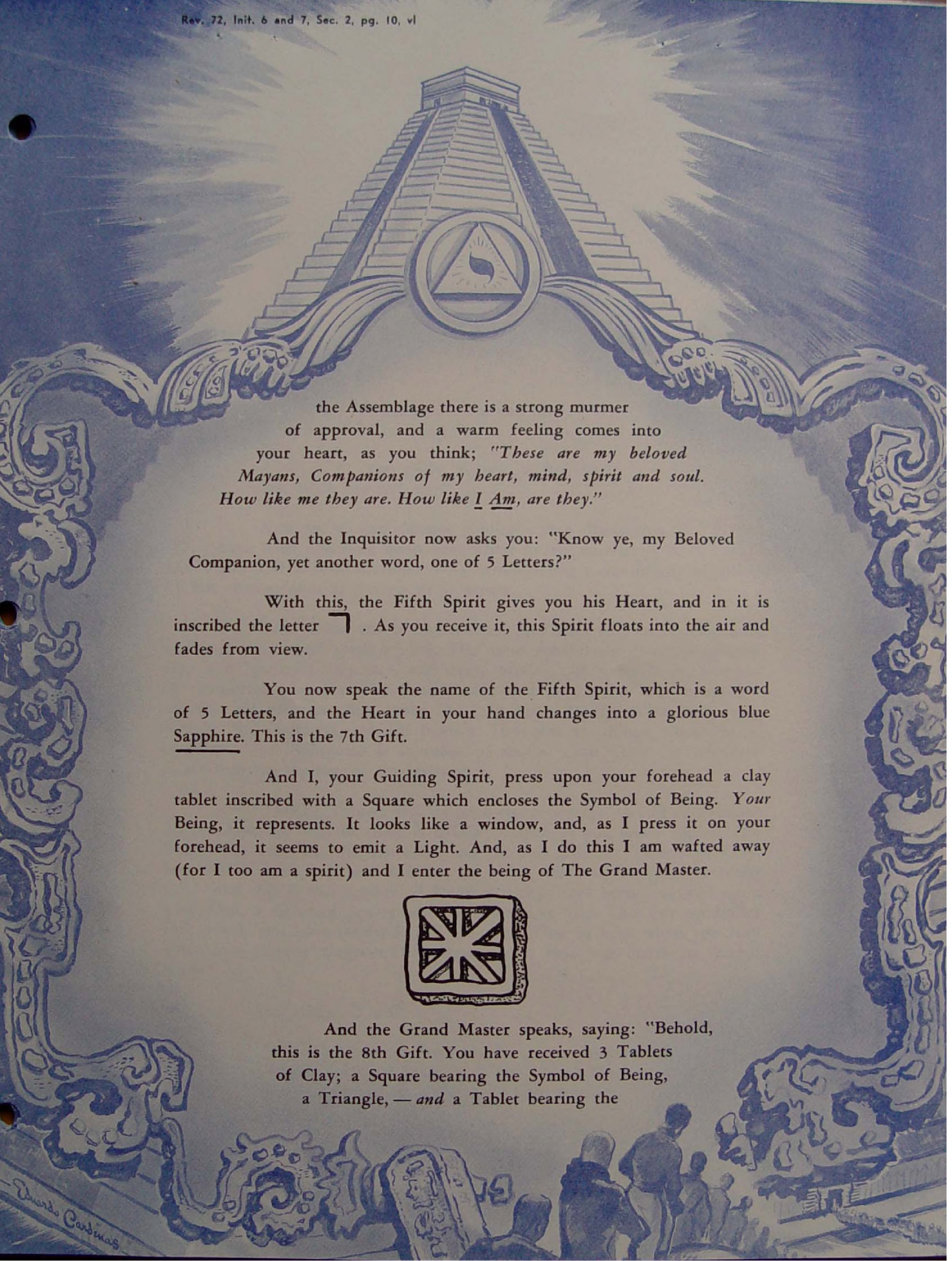
The Inquisitor, pointing to the tablet of clay on your breast, tells the multitude its meaning. It is the Trinity representative of Father, Son and Holy Spirit; it is Earth, Water and Fire; it is Light for those that were blind. And he tells them many things that you know, pertaining to the Triangle.

Then, facing you again, he asks: "Know you another word beginning with L , a word with 4 Letters?"

And the Fourth Spirit gives you his Heart, and in it is inscribed the Initial L , and as you receive it that Spirit becomes invisible, but the Heart remains.


You now speak the name of the Fourth Spirit, which is the 4th Password, and the Heart leaps into a great ball of red fire in your hands, and as the fire fades, the Heart has become a priceless Ruby of purest ray. This is the 6th Gift.

The Inquisitor smiles upon you, and from



the Assemblage there is a strong murmur
of approval, and a warm feeling comes into
your heart, as you think; *"These are my beloved
Mayans, Companions of my heart, mind, spirit and soul.
How like me they are. How like I Am, are they."*

And the Inquisitor now asks you: "Know ye, my Beloved
Companion, yet another word, one of 5 Letters?"

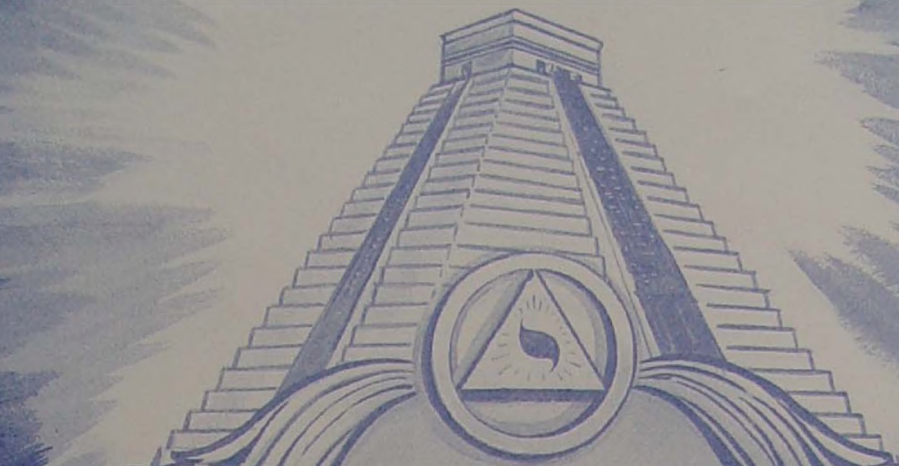
With this, the Fifth Spirit gives you his Heart, and in it is
inscribed the letter . As you receive it, this Spirit floats into the air and
fades from view.

You now speak the name of the Fifth Spirit, which is a word
of 5 Letters, and the Heart in your hand changes into a glorious blue
Sapphire. This is the 7th Gift.

And I, your Guiding Spirit, press upon your forehead a clay
tablet inscribed with a Square which encloses the Symbol of Being. *Your*
Being, it represents. It looks like a window, and, as I press it on your
forehead, it seems to emit a Light. And, as I do this I am wafted away
(for I too am a spirit) and I enter the being of The Grand Master.



And the Grand Master speaks, saying: "Behold,
this is the 8th Gift. You have received 3 Tablets
of Clay; a Square bearing the Symbol of Being,
a Triangle, — *and* a Tablet bearing the



Number 33. Do you now know its meaning?"

You reply: "*Grand Master, not yet. Will you tell me?*"

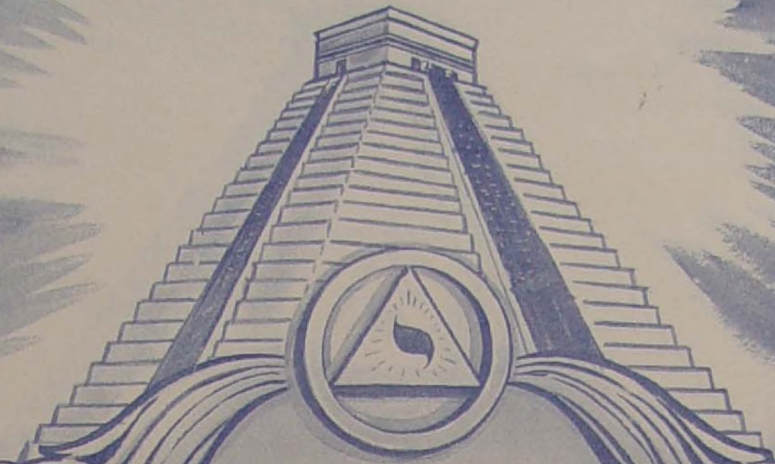
And the Grand Master replies: "Five Passwords have been bestowed upon you. Their letters number 9, 8, 7, and 4 and 5. The total of these is 33, which number was highly regarded by the ancient ones as having great power.

"The tablets are of clay because they refer to your development while on the mortal plane of life. This is to remind you that though the clay is of material substance, and easily broken, yet it holds the impress of immortal substance. The symbol impressed on the clay is a thought,—one that all may see. But, when the clay some day crumbles away, the thought, the Character, remains forever. Thoughts are things. Character is immortal. True substance is invisible to mortal eyes. They are adjusted to see only the shadow of true substance.

"THREE Tablets of Clay have you received,—and FIVE Precious jewels. And the total of these is EIGHT, which as you know signals The Time. The 1st Gift, the 5th Gift, and the 8th Gift are Tablets of Clay, and the total of 1, 5, and 8 is 14, — which when added together totals 5, — and this is the number of Degrees which have been bestowed upon you. Also, 5 different Jewels have been given to you. Thus, we symbolize that which you have received, and that The Time is here when you may enter into Higher Degrees. You have stated that you desire to receive more."

You reply: "*I do.*"

As you say these words, a great golden bell sends forth its tones, and The Grand Master now replies: "You have been tested,



and we believe you worthy.
 Therefore it is with great joy that
 we Welcome you into Higher Orders. I pray
 that your new Ministry in the 6th and 7th Degrees
 will be fruitful of much good, that you will continue always to
 demonstrate Δ to our noble Order, and that in the 6th and 7th Degrees
 as you go forward, you will be inspired more than ever, and in all ways
 at all times on the Mayan Path you will ever be more abundantly and
 richly blessed. Amen."



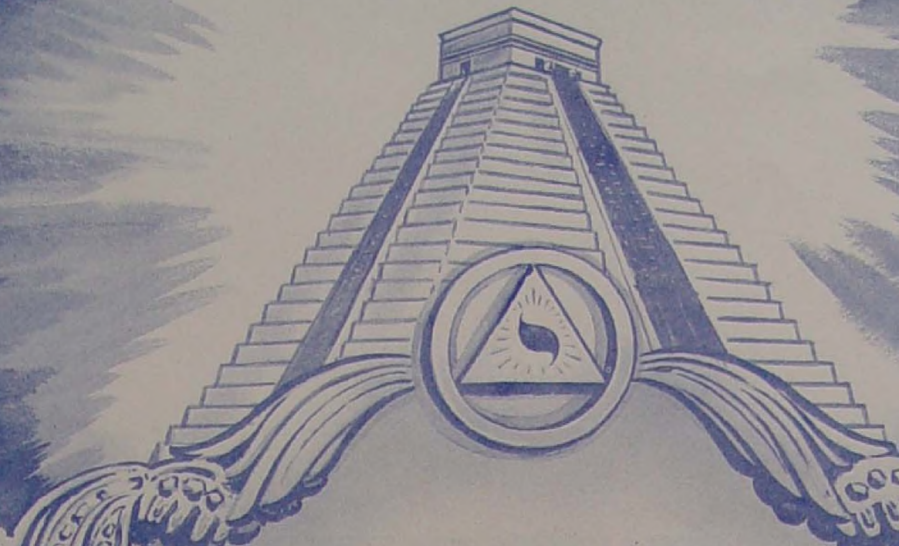
The Grand Master continues: "You have been ministering in the 4th and 5th Degrees of Mayanry, according to your faithful instructions. Now it is time that ye bow down that ye may rise up. By giving, thou shalt surely receive. I desire now to transmit unto you the substance of new power, that thou be ordained in the Sacred 6th and 7th Degrees.

"Dost thou remember, Beloved Companion, how thou should give the Sign of Blessing? With thy right hand raised high and first two fingers extended with thumb . . . thou hast been instructed in the 3rd Degree. Do so now, and solemnly bless the water and the bread in the bowls on thy Altar, in His Name."



Candidate raises his right hand in this sign, and asks blessing on the water and the bread.

The Grand Master now says to you: "Now, Beloved Companion in Mayanry, place thy right hand that has invoked this blessing, upon thy Altar, with palm up, as though thou would



receive a gift. Let it rest there until
I tell thee to move it.

"I direct your attention to the 7 Lights burning
above this Altar, this symbol of your blessed being.

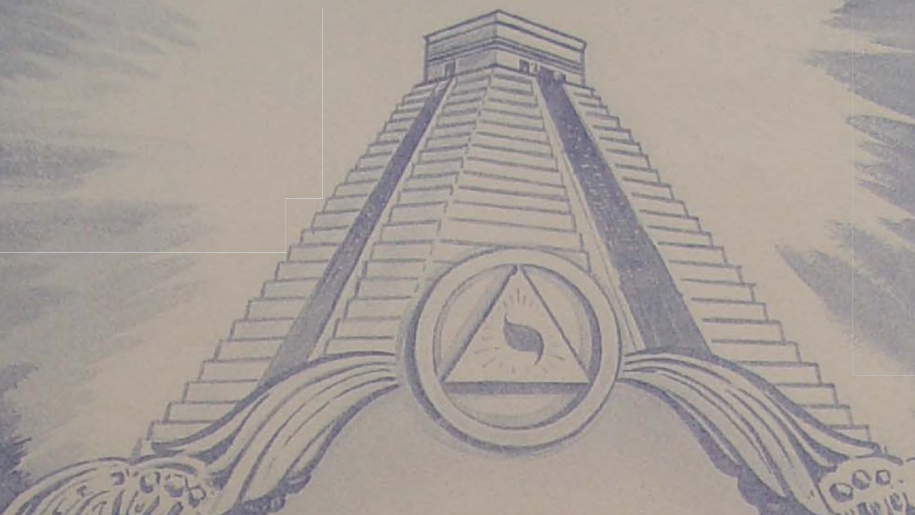
They are 7 Powers you now possess. You have lighted these
Lights. They Illuminate your right hand, your whole Being, your room
. . . and beyond. For the walls of this room cannot stop the rays of your
mystic illumination. All who come within the orbit of your path will be
touched by your Light. Those who smile upon you will be touched most
brightly and will reflect back to you the Light of Mind which you radiate.
Even those in the shadows, even those spirits seeking to avoid thy Light,
will be touched by it, accordingly as thy radiant mind kindles its inner fire.

"These candles are but symbols. When *they* burn, they *consume*
substance. When the powers of thy Intellect take fire *they attract* substance
to them. They consume it not. Instead, they multiply it, glorify it, and make
it more abundant.

"I would have you gaze into the burning heart of these candles.
Notice how, when they are afire, their beauty is made greater. That principle
is constant. The flame, the light, symbolizes devotion, grace and faith.
The burning heat is to symbolize a burning loyalty, the heat of love and
prayer.

"The first three Passwords bestowed upon you in the first 3 Degrees,
when developed within you, represent chiefly the Powers of Spirit, affecting
Success in Present Matters. The next two Passwords you received in the 4th
and 5th Degrees represent chiefly the Powers of Immortal Substance
(Soul), affecting Permanent Prosperity of Spirit. The *next two*
Passwords of the Sacred 6th and 7th Degrees are Powers
of Heaven and Earth.

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"THESE NEW POWERS I NOW PLACE IN THY RIGHT HAND, AND PRAY THAT IN THY MINISTRY THOU WILT USE THEM AS KEYS TO HEAVEN AND EARTH. FOR SUCH THEY ARE. MAY THE FATHER BLESS THEE AND GIVE THEE UNDERSTANDING."

The Candidate now lifts his right hand and places the palm of it to his Forehead, to his Lips, to his Heart, and holds it there.

The Grand Master continues: "The flame of these candles radiates Light. The heat burns off the dross and carries its soot away. In this way, fire symbolizes purification.

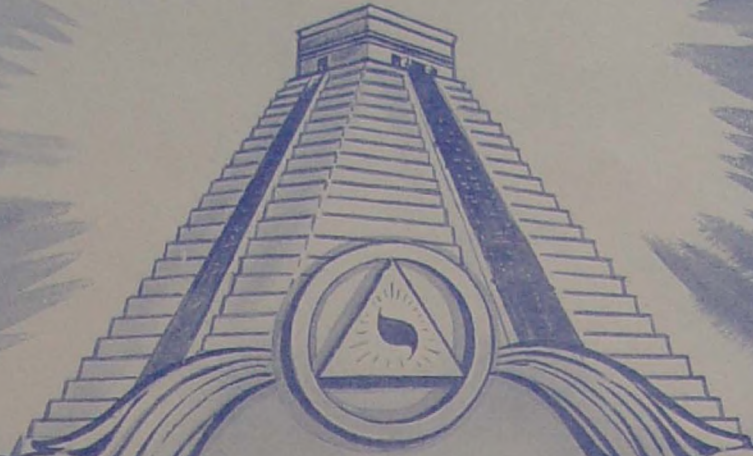
"I desire now that you gaze into the heart of the flame of the 7th candle, which is the centermost one. Gaze there and meditate while I send you thoughts." (Do this for the space of one minute.)



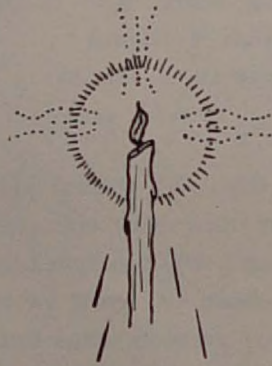
"There is a strange mystical connection between certain faculties of our mind and the symbolic 7th candle that I would have you witness, Beloved Companion.

"Gaze into the flame of this 7th candle again. Note the gradations of color in the flame, the hot red, the golden flame,—the colors, *the deep blue* near its heart, and the space surrounding the wick where no color is visible. Here is invisible substance, the gas which feeds the flame.

"Center your eyes there, gazing steadily. Gaze *at this point*, in the heart of the flame



where no color is visible, and after a while (without moving your eyes) you will become aware of an aura surrounding the flame.

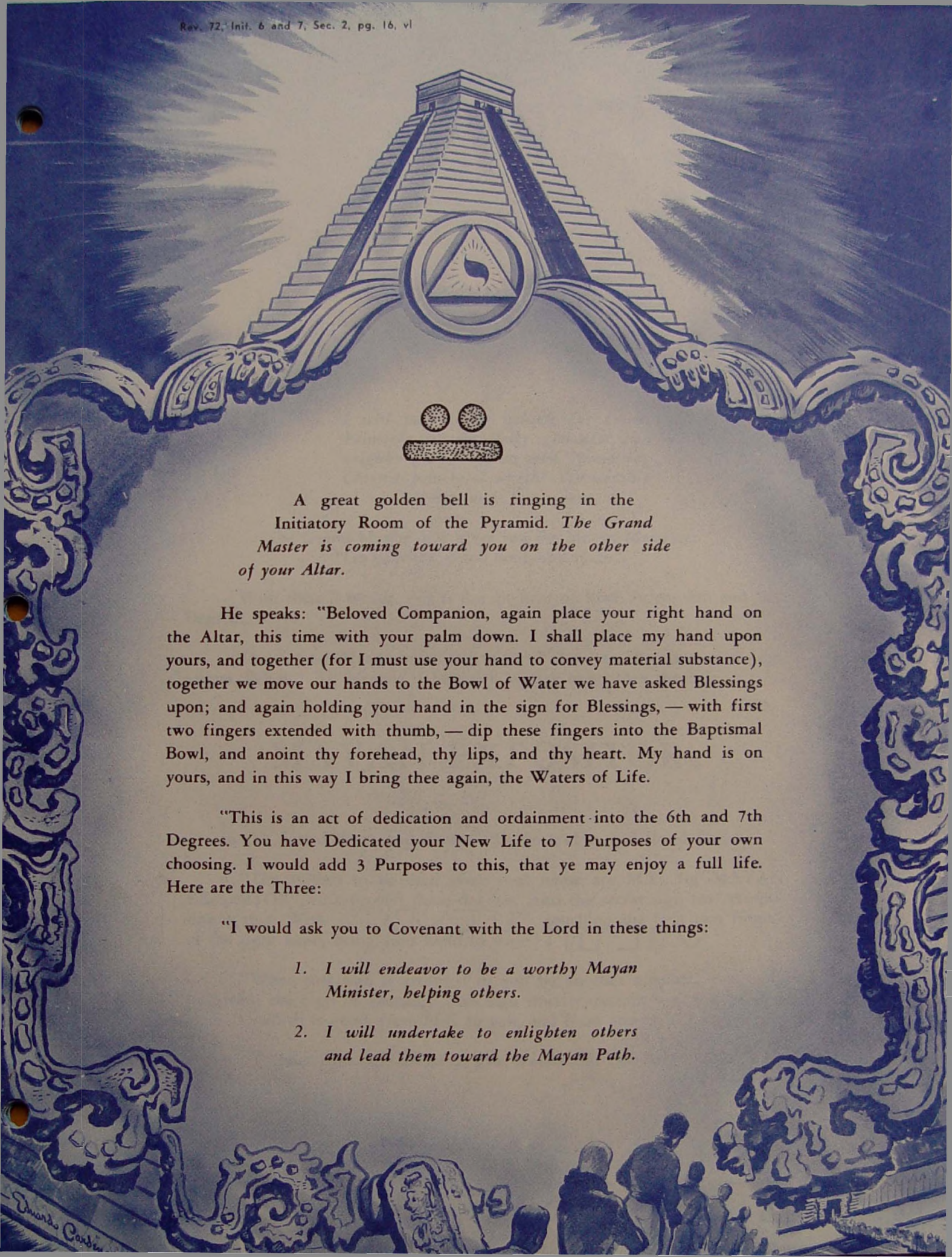


"Try it, until you see the aura, like a halo around the candle's flame. Then, when you have seen it, try it again, — gaze steadily until the aura appears,—then *WILL it to take the form of a cross*. As you will it, the Cross of Light will appear for you."

Another two minutes are given in the ceremony, to allow time for you to produce the Cross of Light. Do so, now. (Two minutes elapse before you continue)

When the two minutes allotted have been completed, the Candidate is considered as one who has "Seen the Light", a *Soul Awaiting* rebirth. He is now ready to receive New Strength and New Substance. Three minutes are devoted to this next in Silence. During this time, the Candidate, (The Soul Awaiting), is to eat the *seven* small cubes of bread,—(the substance)—and as *each* piece is taken, he should *solemnly fix his mind* upon some good act he intends to seek to accomplish in his future New Life. This is the Dedication of the New Life. He should drink *Three* sips of water from the bowl of water, while engaged in this ceremony of the taking on of substance. This should be the most solemn moment in the entire rite, and the Soul Awaiting should think deeply and observe silent prayer.

(The bread is used up, but enough water should remain in the water-bowl to complete the Baptismal Ceremony ahead.)



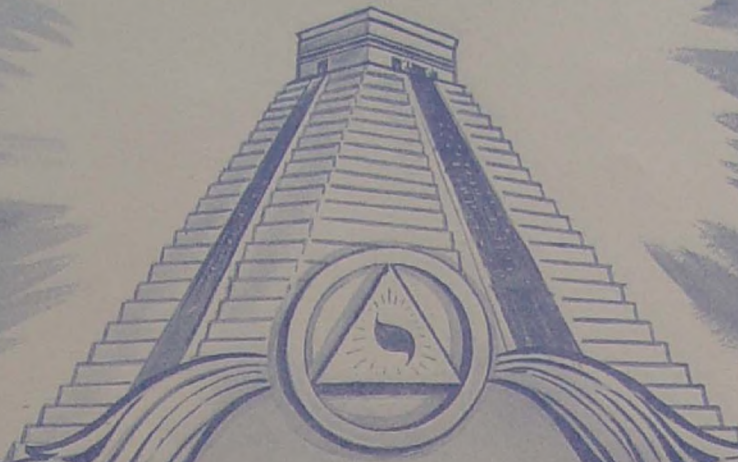
A great golden bell is ringing in the
Initiatory Room of the Pyramid. *The Grand
Master is coming toward you on the other side
of your Altar.*

He speaks: "Beloved Companion, again place your right hand on the Altar, this time with your palm down. I shall place my hand upon yours, and together (for I must use your hand to convey material substance), together we move our hands to the Bowl of Water we have asked Blessings upon; and again holding your hand in the sign for Blessings, — with first two fingers extended with thumb, — dip these fingers into the Baptismal Bowl, and anoint thy forehead, thy lips, and thy heart. My hand is on yours, and in this way I bring thee again, the Waters of Life.

"This is an act of dedication and ordainment into the 6th and 7th Degrees. You have Dedicated your New Life to 7 Purposes of your own choosing. I would add 3 Purposes to this, that ye may enjoy a full life. Here are the Three:

"I would ask you to Covenant with the Lord in these things:

1. *I will endeavor to be a worthy Mayan Minister, helping others.*
2. *I will undertake to enlighten others and lead them toward the Mayan Path.*



3. *I will purpose to witness for Christ Principle in my daily contacts with neighbors and fellow-men, practising Christ's principles of the Stewardship of all of life and Possessions.*

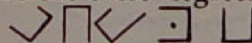
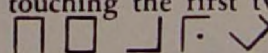
The Grand Master now gives you the Mayan Mandate:
"Go ye forth, Good Soul, and teach".

With these 7 words, this is the moment of Birth in the 6th and 7th Degrees.

The Grand Master now tells you: "Thou art baptised with the waters. Behold! All Mayans, I herewith bestow upon thee the title

MAYAN EXPOSITOR!

in the Sacred Sixth and Seventh Degrees of our Beloved Order.

"The Initials to be used after your name are M.E., for "MAYAN EXPOSITOR", to represent these degrees. And the secret sign for recognition is this: With  touching the first two fingers of the right hand, bring your hand to your 

"When this sign is returned to you by another member, you reply by giving the Sign of Blessing. This sign thus represents a giving of that which is good, from M.E. to you, and from you to M.E."

Thus closes the Ritual of The Waters and The Bread.

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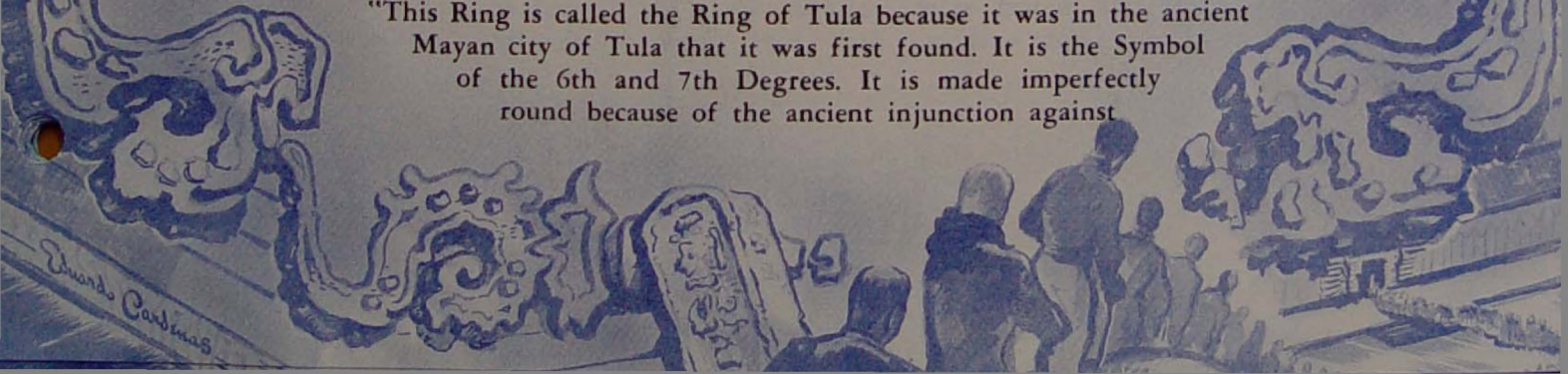


The Golden Bell Tolls, and the Grand Master says: "And now it is my pleasure to give you a Gift; — it is the Ring of Tula." The Grand Master holds a velvet-lined Jewel-case, and in it reposes a ring of strange appearance.

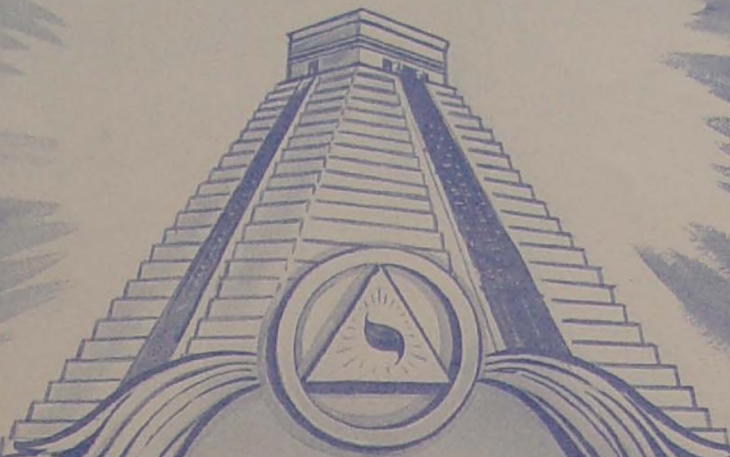


The Ring of Tula
One of the "Lights" of Mayanry

"This Ring is called the Ring of Tula because it was in the ancient Mayan city of Tula that it was first found. It is the Symbol of the 6th and 7th Degrees. It is made imperfectly round because of the ancient injunction against



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graven images. As it represents that which IS Perfect, and as man is imperfect, the ancients believed it might be disrespectful of Deity for them to claim perfection by making the Sacred Circle Perfect. That, it was believed, was something which only God should do.

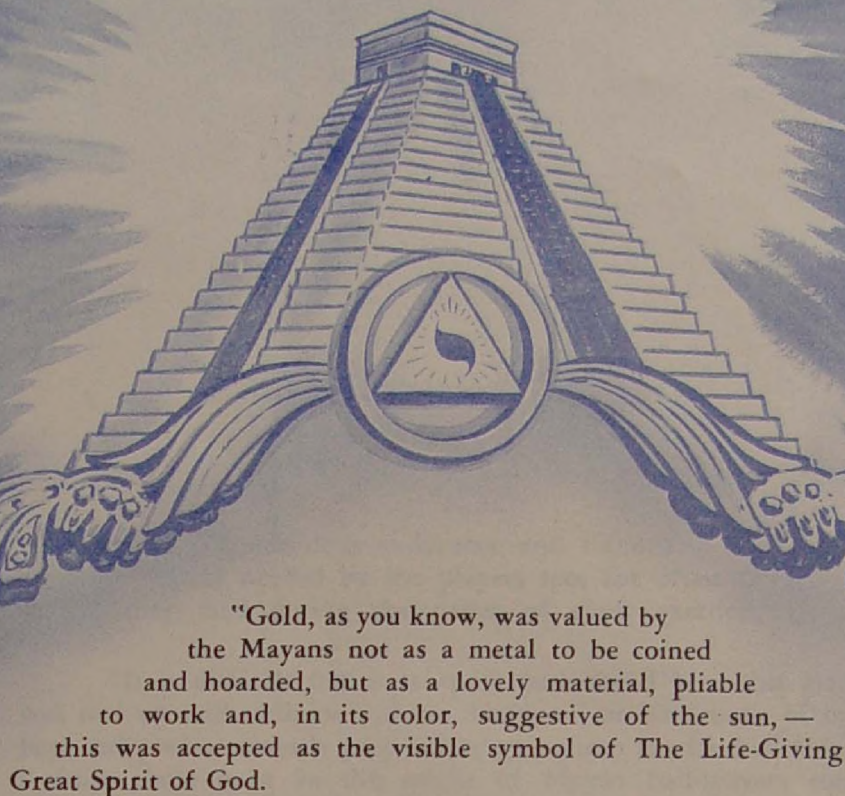
"Man looked at himself and humbly realized he was not perfect. His head was round, but not perfectly round. The opening of his eyes, the eye-ball itself, is round, but not perfectly so. Perhaps it was not meant for man to express a perfect round.

"You see, the ancient Mayans knew that the earth is round, they knew that the planets are round like the sun and the moon. They knew and charted the rounding path in which the planets move. The circle is a sacred symbol, not to be used for profane purposes, — so they believed.

"But, as their sciences advanced, they discovered their need for certain instruments of round shape. Gradually, the old taboos were broken down, but the Priesthood still insisted that the circular form could be used only for objects of religious significance or for instruments used by the wise in seeking Wisdom.

"As you know, the scientists of the Maya were also priests, and many of the priests were most highly versed in the great Mayan sciences. Thus, was evolved the Astral-mirror in round form, lenses of volcanic glass, magnifiers like a crystal gazing ball, — some of them of purest Emerald. Beryl and crystal quartz were worked into many lovely forms, and even obsidian, most brittle and difficult to work even with modern tools.

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"Gold, as you know, was valued by the Mayans not as a metal to be coined and hoarded, but as a lovely material, pliable to work and, in its color, suggestive of the sun,— this was accepted as the visible symbol of The Life-Giving Great Spirit of God.

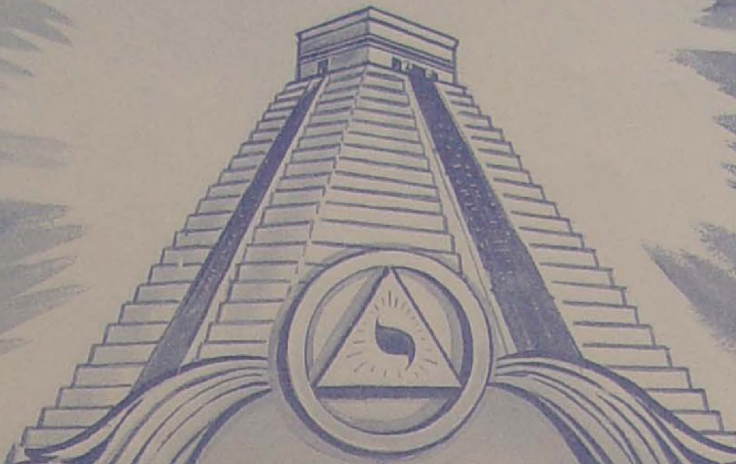
"Many circular ornaments were made by the gold workers. Symbols of priestly office many of them; some, merely of religious significance. More and more objects appeared in circular or round form, but always with religious meaning, and always made slightly imperfect in their roundness. A few temples were built in rounded form, but they were astronomical observatories, whose method required the rounded form. Occasionally too round stone columns were cut,— but of these I will tell you on another occasion.

"All that pertained to life, or the life-giving principles of Nature were considered related to the Great Father of Life, and Mother Earth.

"Among the expressions of life and vitality were the great sport meetings of the Maya. Relay races, archery, feats of strength and endurance, were recognized as matters of spirit. Not necessarily spiritual, but indicative of spiritual assets, or a highly virile life within this body of mortal clay.

"Thus, was the great ball-game originated. A ball was made of solid rubber, and courts constructed somewhat similar to a handball court, or a tennis court. The purpose was to bump the ball through a ring very similar to this one in my hands, though larger; placed high up in the stone wall, about mid-way in the courts.

"Great skill was necessary, for the ball must never be touched by the players' hands.



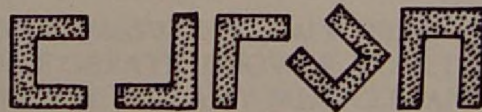
Tremendous endurance and stamina were needed by the players too, for often they died during the game, of sheer exertion.

"It is difficult for us to quite understand how this game was tied up with religion; yet we know of modern teams of our boys today who earnestly pray before going into the football arena. I think there must be the spirits of Mayan ball-players communicating with our modern gladiators in their sports. Why should not ancient America be interested in modern Americans?"

"In any case, the Ring of Tula has this history. In our case, it Symbolizes the Outer Ring of Mayanry and the Inner Circle which you now enter. Before telling you more, I shall bestow upon you, before these witnesses assembled here, the Passwords for these higher degrees — which this dual ring symbolizes.

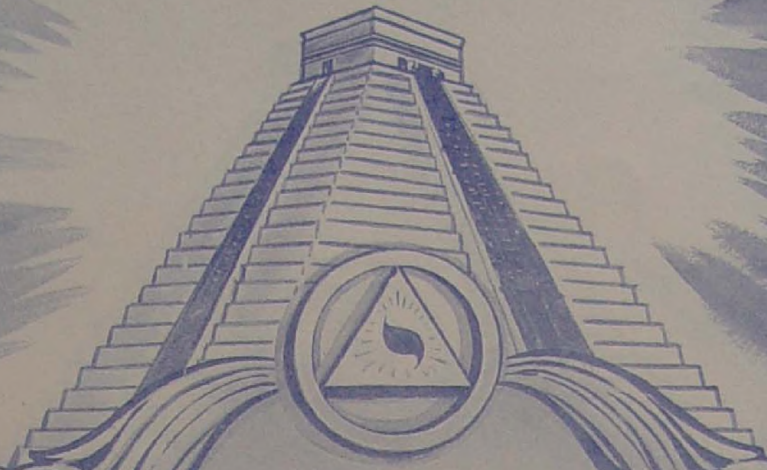
"In the Sixth Degree, the Password is:

FAITH



"This word is represented by the inner circle of the Ring of Tula. It may be referred to by its Initial Letter \square .

"The hole is representative of man's frequent lack of \square . The inner circle of the Ring of Tula is representative of \square itself, and as the ring widens out, it represents the widening, the radiation of \square to all, or through the whole.




"Remember this Word,
whose Initial is \square ; it
is the Key to the 6th Gate.

"The Password to the Sacred Seventh
Degree, which I now bestow upon you, is:

PRAYER



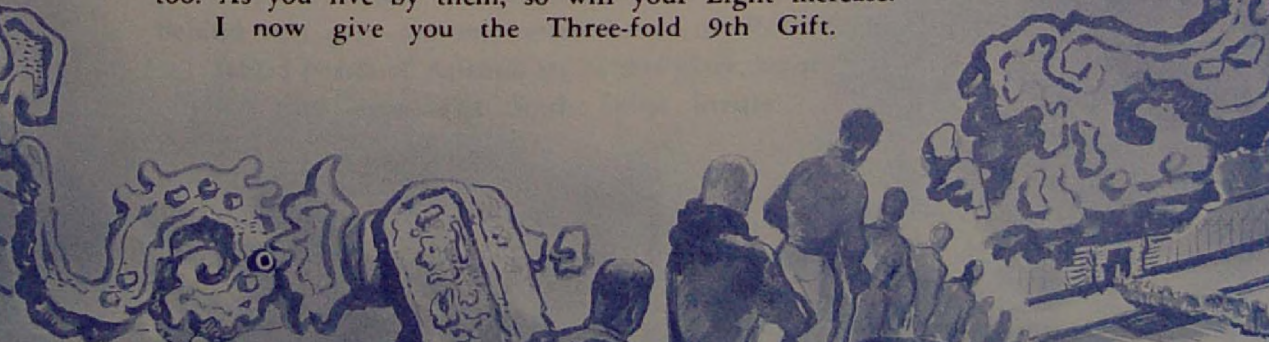
"Remember it always. It is your greatest power. It may be referred
to by its Initial Letter \square , or by the first two Letters joined together, thus:
 \square , or by the TAU Cross, or by the Egyptian Crux Ansata 

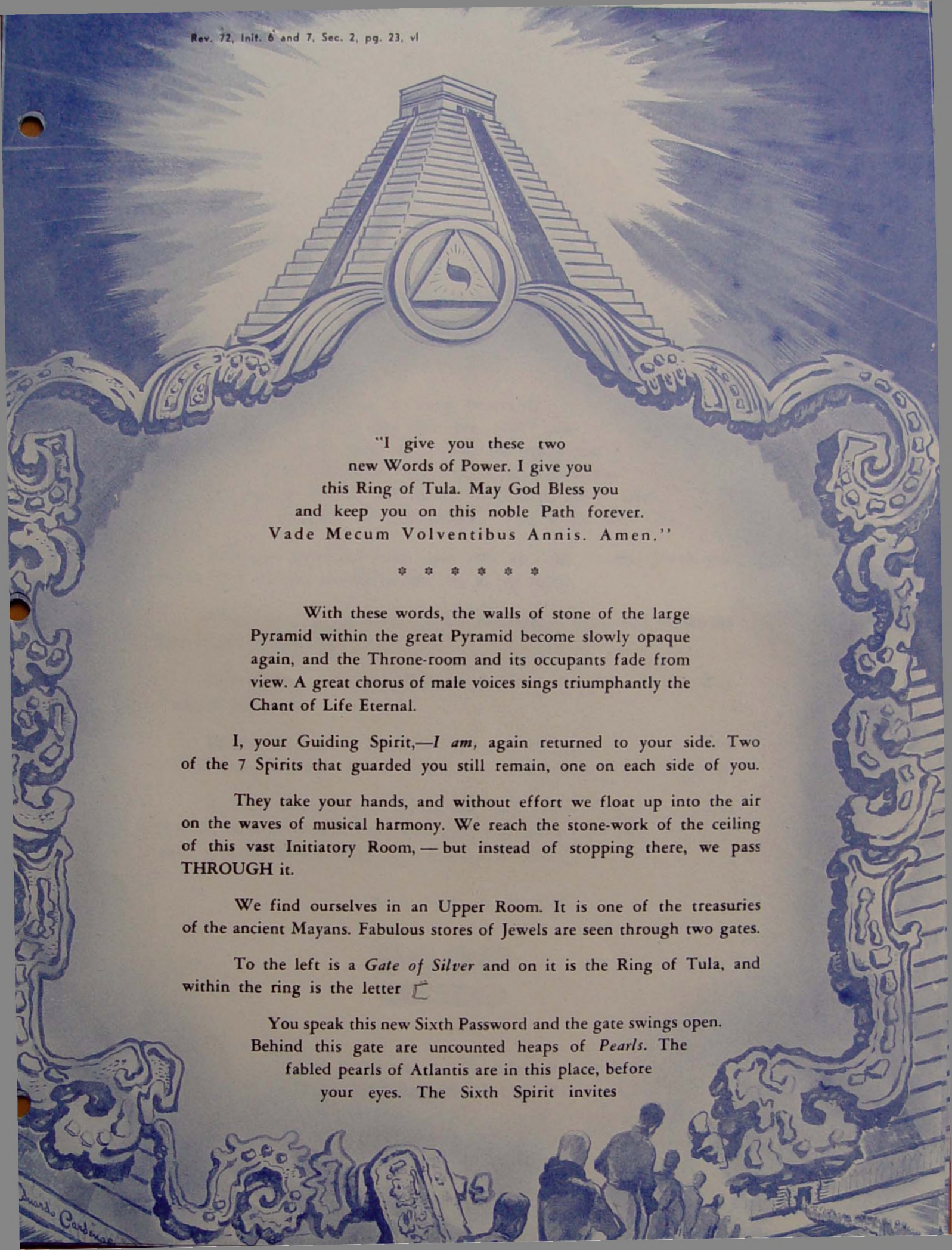
"THESE TWO PASSWORDS, MY BELOVED COMPANION,
BRING TO YOU THE GREATEST POWER. TOGETHER, \square AND \square ,
CAN ACCOMPLISH FOR YOU ANY MIRACLE, AND PRODIGY, ANY
THING YOU ARE WORTHY TO ASK FOR. THERE IS NO POWER
WITHIN MORTAL MAN AS GREAT AS THESE.

"You are Ministers in a great work. Go forth and help others. Help
them to the Path if they are worthy at all of beginning it. Give them
illumination according to your Lights.

"Yes, these two new Passwords are Words of Illumination
too. As you live by them, so will your Light increase.
I now give you the Three-fold 9th Gift.

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"I give you these two
new Words of Power. I give you
this Ring of Tula. May God Bless you
and keep you on this noble Path forever.
Vade Mecum Volventibus Annis. Amen."

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With these words, the walls of stone of the large Pyramid within the great Pyramid become slowly opaque again, and the Throne-room and its occupants fade from view. A great chorus of male voices sings triumphantly the Chant of Life Eternal.

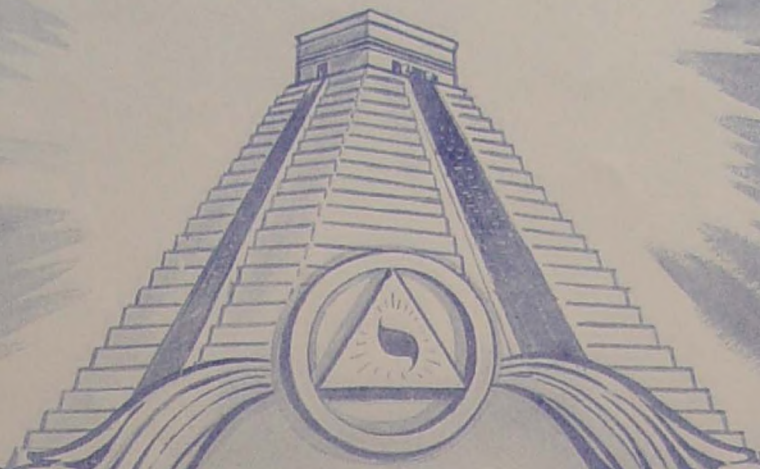
I, your Guiding Spirit,—*I am*, again returned to your side. Two of the 7 Spirits that guarded you still remain, one on each side of you.

They take your hands, and without effort we float up into the air on the waves of musical harmony. We reach the stone-work of the ceiling of this vast Initiatory Room,—but instead of stopping there, we pass THROUGH it.

We find ourselves in an Upper Room. It is one of the treasuries of the ancient Mayans. Fabulous stores of Jewels are seen through two gates.

To the left is a *Gate of Silver* and on it is the Ring of Tula, and within the ring is the letter \square


You speak this new Sixth Password and the gate swings open. Behind this gate are uncounted heaps of *Pearls*. The fabled pearls of Atlantis are in this place, before your eyes. The Sixth Spirit invites



you to help yourself.

"Take all that you will," the Sixth Spirit says, "and the more you take, the more there will be in this vast store of Pearls. For these," the Sixth Spirit says, "are the '*Pearls of Understanding*'." This is the 10th Gift.

After you have taken and made your own All of these Jewels you would have, we pass onward to the gate at the right.

This is the *Gate of Gold*. On it is the Ring of Tula, and within the Ring is this symbol .

Joyfully, you speak the *Name* of the Gate of Gold, and The Way is opened before you.

Beyond this gate in the store-room are vast heaps, small mountains of Diamonds. Shining with an inward fire, their beauty is overwhelming.

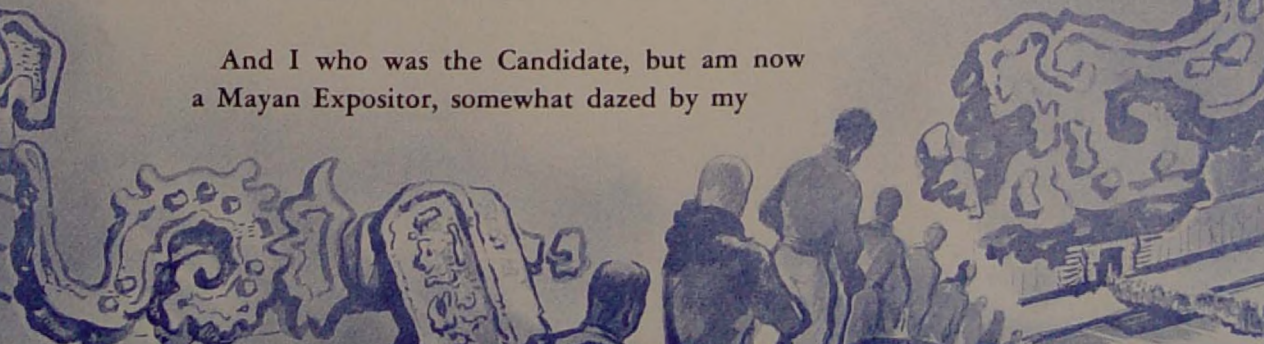
And the Seventh Spirit speaks and says: "Beloved, here is the gem of gems, rarest of Jewels. Take what thou wilt, make them your own, — as many, as much, as you wish." This is the 11th Gift.

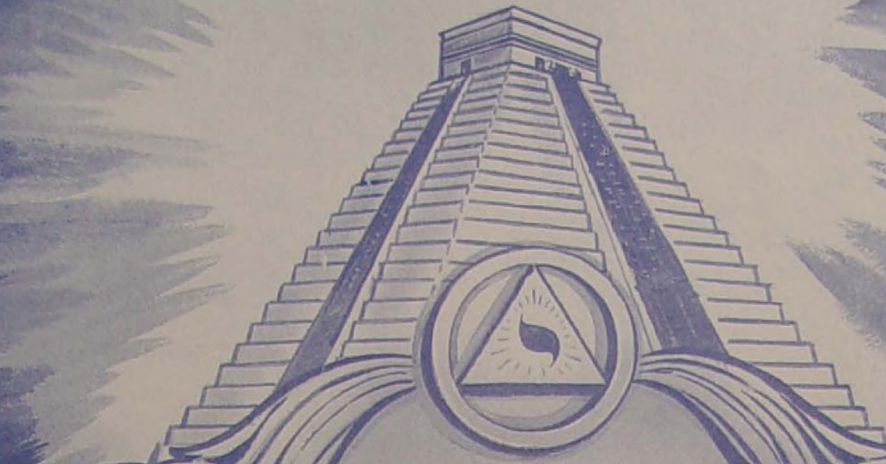
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And I who was the Candidate, but am now a Mayan Expositor, somewhat dazed by my

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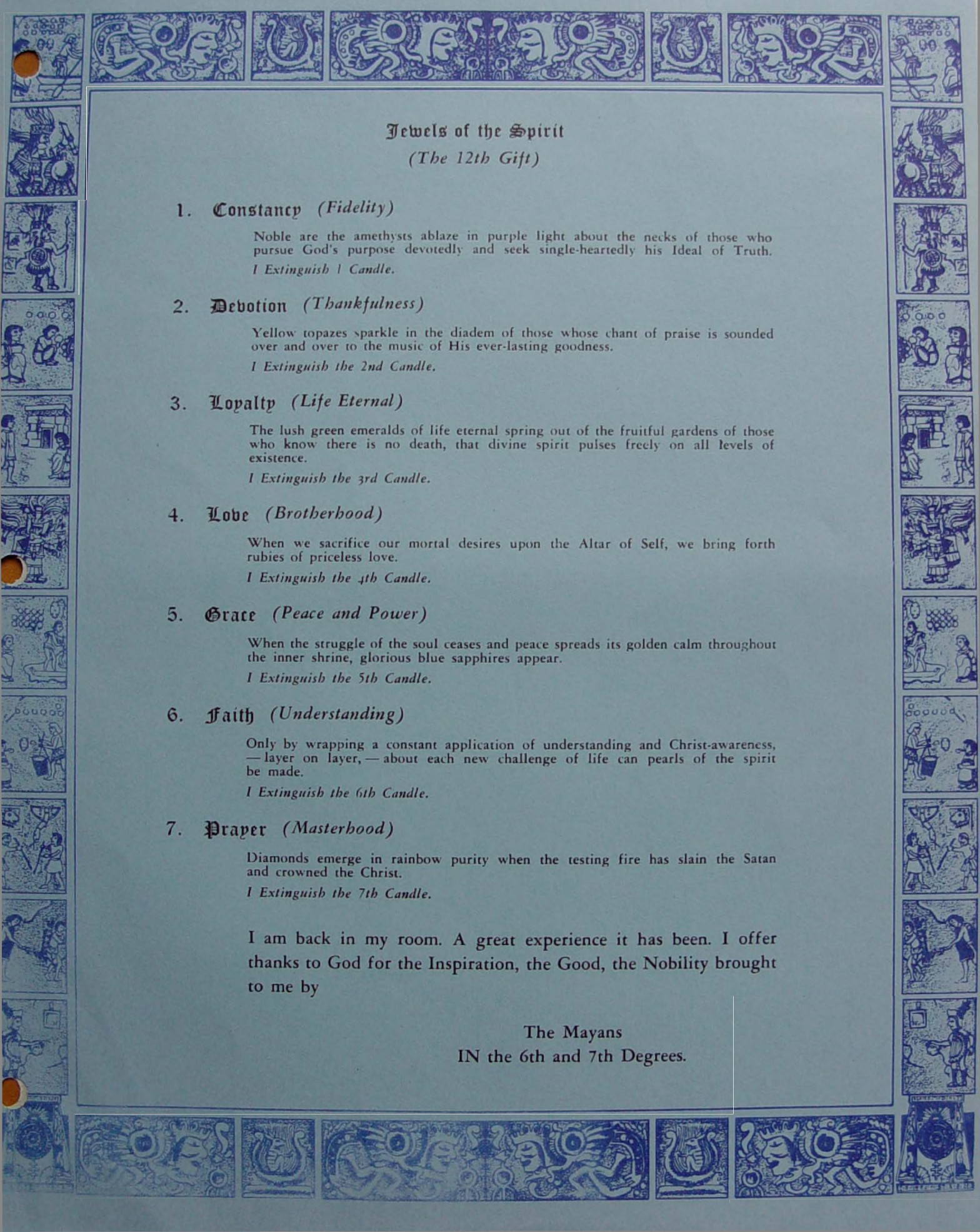


experiences in the mysteries,
take of these precious stones, as
many as I wish to, to put with the other
precious gifts the Mayans have given me.

And then, my Guiding Spirit speaks to me,
and says: "You are overwhelmed? Small wonder, for
the Mayans are unlike others. You may return here at any
time and take as much and what you will. All that is required
is that you KEEP the Passwords and grow in worthiness.

"Perhaps this will help you to understand," he says, and
gives me a slip of paper. This is the 12th Gift. As I receive it,
this Spirit vanishes, but the Seven Spirits reappear.

*I look at the paper my Guiding Spirit has given me.
It has 7 Paragraphs written on it, and a title,— 8 parts
in all. It directs me to read one paragraph at a time,
slowly; and to extinguish one candle directly after reading
each paragraph. Thus, when the last paragraph has been
read, I will be in darkness. But, I will be surrounded by
the Seven Friendly Spirits of Mayanry, who have given
me their Hearts, and turned them into Living Jewels.*



Jewels of the Spirit
(The 12th Gift)

1. Constancy (Fidelity)

Noble are the amethysts ablaze in purple light about the necks of those who pursue God's purpose devotedly and seek single-heartedly his Ideal of Truth.
1 Extinguish 1 Candle.

2. Devotion (Thankfulness)

Yellow topazes sparkle in the diadem of those whose chant of praise is sounded over and over to the music of His ever-lasting goodness.
1 Extinguish the 2nd Candle.

3. Loyalty (Life Eternal)

The lush green emeralds of life eternal spring out of the fruitful gardens of those who know there is no death, that divine spirit pulses freely on all levels of existence.
1 Extinguish the 3rd Candle.

4. Love (Brotherhood)

When we sacrifice our mortal desires upon the Altar of Self, we bring forth rubies of priceless love.
1 Extinguish the 4th Candle.

5. Grace (Peace and Power)

When the struggle of the soul ceases and peace spreads its golden calm throughout the inner shrine, glorious blue sapphires appear.
1 Extinguish the 5th Candle.

6. Faith (Understanding)

Only by wrapping a constant application of understanding and Christ-awareness, — layer on layer, — about each new challenge of life can pearls of the spirit be made.
1 Extinguish the 6th Candle.

7. Prayer (Masterhood)

Diamonds emerge in rainbow purity when the testing fire has slain the Satan and crowned the Christ.
1 Extinguish the 7th Candle.

I am back in my room. A great experience it has been. I offer thanks to God for the Inspiration, the Good, the Nobility brought to me by

The Mayans
IN the 6th and 7th Degrees.