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FOREWORD

We are happy to present the Journals of the “Bridge to Freedom” activity to the readers for their consideration. They contain dictations of several Ascended Masters, presented to the students as part of a special 20-year dispensation granted by the Karmic Board.

The Journals were published monthly, in the form of twenty-page booklets, first published in April 1952. At that time beloved Geraldine Innocente served as messenger of the Great White Brotherhood. The beloved Ascended Master El Morya, using the pen name Thomas Printz, was editor of the Journals. The beloved Archangel Uriel stated that these dictations were to be the New Age Bible, written for the present time, and for generations yet to come. It is in recognition of the special importance of the Journals, that they are now published, in book form, for the first time.

After the transition of Geraldine Innocente, in June 1961, the publications of the material channeled through her, came to an almost abrupt halt. Thereafter, only about 5% the original publications of the “Bridge to Freedom” were still published.

As a result of constant search, over several years, we were able to obtain a copy of all of the Journals. This came about in a miraculous way that will always be remembered. We realized that the Journals and the remainder of the material of the dispensation of the 1950's should no longer be withheld from the searcher of truth. To re-publish this valuable material, we felt, was our privilege and mission. Thus the AMTF was formed.

It gives us great pleasure to present, to the reader, the very core of the “Bridge Teachings.”

Annette and Werner Schroeder,

Mount Shasta, June 1, 1994

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THE BRIDGE

TO FREEDOM

A Monthly Journal Devoted to Individual Unfoldment, Contact
With the Great White Brotherhood and Cooperative World Service

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A PERSONAL LETTER TO READERS

As a progressive individual, you are no doubt interested in knowing more about your latent powers, and how to unfold them, because this will result in greater well being, abundance and real happiness to you and yours.

You are no doubt interested also in knowing how to establish a conscious current contact with the Great White Brotherhood of the Masters of Wisdom, and cooperate with them in serving your nation and mankind in this critical period of the world. "The Bridge" brings you this three-fold opportunity, and invites you to help yourself and others, without relinquishing your present affiliations.

"The Bridge" is a non-profit publication supported by individual and complimentary subscriptions. The increase of the number of subscribers will mean an increase of the number of its pages. This will put in to your hands each month a larger portion of the unpublished teachings of the Masters, which have been gathered during recent years.

You can change your life, you can change the lives of many others, by signing the application blank below and sending either \$1.00 for your own individual subscription for one year or \$5.00 for ten complimentary subscriptions for one year—at less than the cost of printing—to share with others your own unfoldment. We thank you in advance for the valuable and altruistic cooperation we expect to receive from you.

Thomas Printz, Editor (The beloved Ascended Master El Morya)

OUR SCOPE

I. Individual Unfoldment

- a) Explanation of the Laws governing health, opulence, peace and enlightenment.
- b) Findings of extra-sensory perception explorations, such as clairvoyance, clairaudience, projection of consciousness and other latent powers in man.
- c) Purification of thoughts and feelings, and daily contemplations and fiats to free man from limitation and help the evolution of the race.
- d) A guidance bureau, a free service to all our readers who desire prayers and advice on individual or spiritual problems.

II. Contact with the Great White Brotherhood

- a) Unpublished teachings of the Masters, and their latest original pictures.
- b) Current and timely instructions from the Great White Brotherhood.
- c) Visits in consciousness to the retreats of the Masters of Wisdom, and information about their present day activity.
- d) Stepping stones to the Masters.

III. Cooperative World Service

- a) Scientific findings corroborating spiritual truths.
- b) A readers' forum to unite world thought, aspirations and endeavors.
- c) Active application of the teachings of the Great White Brotherhood to the solution of the individual, national and world problems of the race, such as ignorance, sickness, poverty and war, and their causes.
- d) Directed, cooperative, synchronized world prayers, affirmations, meditations and visualizations to mitigate the evils of the day and accelerate the incoming new age of world peace and world enlightenment that we shall witness in this generation.

The Homes and Retreats of the Masters of Wisdom

From March 15 to April 14 the attention of the Great White Brotherhood is centered in the great council halls of the near Eastern retreat presided over by the Master Jesus. At this time, all the spiritual radiation and the actual presence of the liberated host and their chelas in the world of men, will be turned toward this retreat, in order to intensify the blessings to the people of Earth while their attention is upon the ministry and resurrection of the Master who is the head of the Christian Dispensation.

In order to tune into these councils and become a part of their great service to life, please feel yourself as much at one with the consciousness, presence, feeling and radiation of the Master Jesus as is possible at this time.

The homes and the great council halls of the teachers and guides of the human race are established all over the surface of the planet Earth. The exact location of these foci where the light is drawn, intensified, and held as a radiating center of protecting and inspiring force, cannot be revealed to the unawakened consciousness of the outer mind of man, for reasons that are obvious. However, sincere, well-motivated people, who are eager to place themselves at the feet of the Masters, and to volunteer to cooperate with their work, are enabled, by spiritual invitation, to visit in consciousness, if not in flesh, these beautiful retreats, sanctuaries and homes.

Consciousness is a marvelous means of travel, for the mind and heart are not bound by the gravity pull of the flesh body, and when an individual opens his consciousness to the description, activity and reality of the retreats, he has gained, within himself, the way and means by which he may fly “on the wings of thought” to the Masters' hospitable homes, at any time. There, he is in the company of the elect. He absorbs the strength, beauty, wisdom, and understanding that form the radiation of the holy place. He returns to his own orbit filled with the light of truth, more able to fulfill his own individual destiny, as well as to be an active, intelligent co-worker with the Masters' work at hand.

The descriptions of the retreats, as they come forth, are for the purpose of “guiding your mind and heart” along the way and then—you may return to these retreats again and yet again, following the paths laid out to you here, in love, for your individual experience.

Certain points upon the Earth's surface are more natural conductors of spiritual light than others. They induce and encourage spiritual thought and aspiration, where man, in his journey Godward, finds it eas-

ier to reach the higher, purer consciousness, and overcome the appetites of the outer self. Seekers after spiritual attunement have ever sought these environments, entering into the mountain vastnesses, the solitudes of desert and seashore, cultivating their Godhood under the beneficent radiation of these natural shrines.

Every individual who aspires Godward, draws into the lower atmosphere around him, beneficent vibrations or spiritual currents and experiences a little more of the kingdom that was present before his heartfelt search. Thus, it is said that in the very spot where Lord Buddha received his enlightenment, a radiating pillar of Christ Force pulsates to this day, into which any man may step and feel, for an instant, the uplift of the Buddha's spiritual thought. Major Yeats-Brown describes this sensation in one of his books. In a great cathedral, a healing shrine, the invisible presence of faith and hope and reverence, born of the heart's light of all who have ever assembled there, is a palpable and living force, that even the most skeptic materialist cannot deny.

How much greater, then, are those retreats and foci where the Masters of the race have entertained the seekers after truth, and with the help of each aspirant have builded into the very walls, into the akashic records and into the very substance of the earth itself, the spiritual aspirations, strengths, petitions, and illumination of all who are privileged to become the guests of the wayshowers among men.

Man leaves behind him at so-called death so much of his dream, his seeking, his achievement, impregnating the atmosphere that has housed his body and spirit with his very self, and so likewise the Great Ones of the race have left this heritage in the retreats where they received their light, and their ultimate victory. This light, coupled with the consciously-drawn and projected light of the present occupants of the retreat or home, radiates out into the atmosphere and creates invincible but potent rays, that enter into the feelings and thought centers of the human race, and stimulates them to higher aspiration—to cleaner, purer living.

Because man could not live in the effluvia of his own discordant thought and feeling, without the invisible and impersonal agents who dissolve much of the hate, selfishness, jealousy, etc., by their own great light, the establishment and sustaining of the retreats at specific, geometrically exact locations upon the surface of Earth, were designed by the Lords of Light who govern the destiny of the race.

THE TIBETAN RETREAT

The radiation of the Near Eastern retreat lasts until April 14. The world radiation for the following thirty days, from April 15 to May 14, will come from the Tibetan Retreat. Details will appear in our May issue.

The Masters Of Wisdom Speak

THE LORDS OF KARMA AND YOU

Introduction

The divine work of administering the will of God for the peoples of Earth is under the direction and supervision of seven great beings, called the Chohans, or Masters of the Seven Rays, and their overlord, the Maha (Great Chohan). All of the activities, gifts, benefits and progress of the human race enter the world and experience of man along these seven rays.

This is a permanent section of "The Bridge," dedicated to each of these great Masters, through which they may forward their design and current activities through radiation, inspiration, instruction, and in any way that their great wisdom sees will have a beneficial effect upon the human race.

Contemplation of each Master connects the student's lifestream with the ray which he represents and carries the particular radiation, gifts, talents and inspiration which are its characteristics into the experience of the student, and through the student into the world.

THE MAHA CHOCHAN, THE HOLY SPIRIT—THE HAND OF GOD WORKING THROUGH ALL OF THE SEVEN RAYS

The Law of the Circle is a stern teacher, for there is no prompter but pain and unhappiness—and much later, love! What the infant learns through experience, the mature man may learn through contemplation and observation. Energy acts on the instant—its recoil may take centuries, but return it will. This is karma, good and evil. The mantle of the Spirit of God may deflect the full impact of this return current when the soul signifies a willingness to learn the cause for his pain. Later, the awakened soul may join the transcending powers of the higher laws and transmute any arrested karma mercifully inanimate during his search. The deflecting, the suspension and the meting out of karma is all under the supervision of the Lords of Karma, who are authorized by Helios and Vesta.

MORYA EL, FIRST RAY—Divine Will And Rulership

It is time the people of Earth made acquaintance with the Lords of Karma. They are the final authority for the lifestreams that belong to the Earth. They not only supervise and direct the incarnation of the soul, but form the judgment council at the time of dissolution of the physical garment. They delegate each soul to its proper sphere for its sojourn between embodiments. Through them must pass all petitions for dispensations to wipe out the karma of the race and transcend the natural law of cause and effect. They are Lords of Mercy and Love and are approachable for a petition of worthy merit.

KUTHUMI LAL SINGH, Second Ray—Wisdom - Guardian of Youth

A wise and loving parent administers corrective measures only to educate the child in the principles of right and wrong. When the intelligence of the child assimilates the lesson, the need for suffering and punishment ceases to exist. Only a sadistic nature would continue unnecessary discipline. Is it not apparent that the great Father is equally capable of waiving the judgments of karmic pain when the consciousness is awakened to the cause and has corrected its motive within? This is the Office of the Lords of Karma which I enjoy most. The wiping away of the tears and sins of the world through mercy!

PAUL THE VENETIAN, Third Ray—Diplomacy and Tact, Tolerance, a "Gentle-Man"

Am I my brother's keeper? Would any good man see his brother struck down if it lay within his personal power to stave off the blow? How great might the combined petitions of good men weigh in the balance before the Lords of Karma, to release men from the full recoil of mass karma by changing the motivating powers behind the actions of the race!

SERAPIS BEY, Fourth Ray—Art and Beauty - Hierarch of Luxor

When a member of the human race is bold enough to stand, unveiled, before the seven mighty judges—impersonal and dispassionate—the hearts of heaven are stirred. It is seldom such an application is denied. It is one thing for a liberated Master to request a dispensation for the people of Earth, but quite another for a man to recognize a need and FURTHER the possibility of moving a natural law by self-conscious initiative and endeavor. I am ALL for that man!

HILARION, Fifth Ray—Science and God

Scientifically speaking, the Father, himself, grants dispensations of grace, surcease from wars, pestilence, famine and all the individual and universal ills that man has fallen heir to. But all applicants must pass through the council of the Karmic Lords and show cause for the transcending of the karmic laws which are the authority over this Earth. If that law is to be transcended, it must be proven beyond a doubt that such mercy will be ultimately a good thing for the race. To mitigate or destroy karmic retribution is possible. Otherwise there would be no hope or efficacy in prayer. Scientific research and medicine have temporarily alleviated pain and suffering and thus softened the karmic lash. More permanent manifestations of this transmuting of evil will be evident in the future.

JESUS, Sixth Ray—Religious Worship Through Devotion and Reverent Feeling

A dispensation is a grant of mercy given upon a worthy request. The law of Moses can be transcended through grace. Seemingly miraculous answers to prayer are positive proof of this fact. Herein lies the hope of man. If he were required by the God of love to pay every jot, every tittle, the chain of evolution would be endless. It is within the right and compass of every man to petition the Father for dispensations of mercy for his fellow man. Man must show just cause for such a grant, offering himself as a sponsor for the people. The upreaching of the hearts of men for peace could be gathered together by any man and offered as such a just cause.

SAINT GERMAIN, Seventh Ray—Ceremonial Worship, cultivating the training and direction of spiritual energies of both angels and men

Karma is merely energy qualified to act by individual or natural will, moving in an outgoing and incoming circuit. The effect of this karma will be determined by the motive within the qualifying intelligence, when the invisible cause was set up. The natural law is that karma, the law of cause and effect, must spend itself. If, however, the motive that has created evil karma is changed, the motivating intelligence educated, the natural law can be superseded by mercy and the causes set into motion wiped from the screen of life, even before they are apparent to aught but the inner eye. This is the promise of tomorrow and the hope of today—the power of dispensations—and the mercy of the Karmic Council.

YOUR COOPERATION, PLEASE

Here are present applications before the Karmic Council to which you may add the strength of your individual petition if you find the cause worthy:

(1) To allow those great souls who have studied in the Halls of Wisdom and at the feet of the Masters to retain a FULL, CONSCIOUS, CONSECUTIVE MEMORY of their divine origin, and divine purpose after incarnating in a flesh body.

(2) That the karmic restriction that demands the voluntary loss of inner memory be removed from those pure lifestreams whom the Lords of Karma shall chose to be the builders of the new age.

THE SPIRITUAL SPARK IN MAN

(Part 1)

by D. T. Marches*

How near is heaven? Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is within you," and again he said, "The kingdom of God is at hand." Did the Master mean that these words spoken to the simple hearers of his day should be taken literally? Most certainly he did, for he was and is a Master of Truth and would not mislead the "seeking" people who followed and trusted in him. He said another time, "If it were not so, I would have told you." The Apostle John says in his Gospel, "In him (God) was life and the life was the light of men and the light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not."

How do we find this kingdom and where and what is this light that John refers to? In the heart of every man there is a secret, airless chamber within which dwells the spark of divinity. This tiny spark is the gift of life, by which man lives, breathes and thinks. It is the motivating power of all his earthly activities, physical, mental and spiritual. It is a part of, and contains every potential quality of, the Godhead. It is the essence of being, and its emanation is light. It is threefold in nature and is, in fact, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in embryo. Where God's presence is, his kingdom is. The body of man is, therefore, the temple of the living God.

This is the "Secret Place of the Most High" mentioned in the Psalms and is what Jesus meant when he said, "When ye pray, enter into your closet and shut the door, and pray to your Father in secret." When one turns the attention toward this hidden sanctuary and kneels in spirit before its holy altar, the feelings invoked by this inner desire release a spiritual force which fans the spark of life into a flame. Its threefold nature representing the love of the Father, the will of the Son and the power or

action of the Holy Spirit flow outward into the personality and world of the devotee, illumining the intellect and revealing God's divine plan for the individual and the planet.

Heaven, then, is not a "place afar off." We carry God and his kingdom around with us in our hearts. There is no peace, no happiness, no security outside of this kingdom, and it only awaits our recognition to make itself manifest. There is only one Father and one only begotten Son and that is the Christ nature of every man.

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JESUS

Jesus chose the springtime for the glorious manifestation of the resurrection, because the cycle of nature rises on this marvelous tide into the glorious manifestation of eternal life. How marvelous is his example of a conscious union of the body and mind and soul of a man to the Resurrection Flame that has rolled like a cosmic tide from the center of the earth to its periphery with each successive spring, since life on this planet first began. And yet, how divinely natural that man, the highest intelligence and most developed consciousness on the earth plane, should be a natural heir to the power and gift of the Resurrection Flame, that has served nature in a rhythmic pulsation every 12 months.

Nature has ever been the servant of man, created for his pleasure, his sustenance, his "handmaiden." Could the God of Nature then, giving to the lesser the full release of the Resurrection Flame, deny its Master? Jesus proved man's right and individual power to tune into the Resurrection Flame and transform his nature and his selfhood thereby. He tied his body and his spirit to the triumphant onrush of the Resurrection Flame and rose on its crest to Christhood and divinity.

2000 springs have come and gone and man still stands barren, souls withered and bodies decadent, and allows the glory of the Resurrection Flame to roll by him into the greater universe, carrying its music and its promise unfulfilled, to some further stars. And Jesus stands revealed a single flower in the garden of God's life. A very few among the race have availed themselves of this Transmuting Flame of Eternal Life and they, too, have quickened in its vitalizing power, and have flowered in the impetus of its impersonal gift of immortal and everlasting life.

These are the liberated Host of Light, whose perfume and light and radiance are the sunshine in the dense atmosphere of human thought and feeling. They are the dispensers of the harmony of heaven, into which their consciousness has soared on the Resurrection Flame. They

are the guides that point out the true pathway, the “everlasting arms” that hold us from the pit, the wisdom and counsel behind the leaders of the race. They are not bound by race nor creed nor personality. Their business is to light the souls of men, to stir therein the desire for freedom, and to introduce the presence of the Resurrection Flame whereby the soul—awakened— may find its true place in the full-flowered perfection of awakened spirits.

VENUS (Part 1)

By Thomas Printz

Shining in the celestial sky is Earth's sister planet, Venus. How often have the eyes of the children of earth looked upward and enjoyed the beauty and brilliance of her presence in the darkness of the night? Could it be that Venus and all the glorious planets of our system are barren of life and evolution, and that the sole purpose of the galaxies of heaven is to provide light and pleasure for the small orb of Earth? No, a moment's thought will dispel this arrogant and thoughtless concept, as we contemplate the fact that Earth is one of the smallest of the planets, and surely her produce and her radiance at present are not of such importance as to balance the infinite gifts and presence of the Sun and stars that swing in silent splendor through our night.

Ah—yes—on Venus there is life and love and evolution of a cosmic purpose far beyond that which we on earth have yet achieved, but toward which the thinkers of the race have pointed us since time began. For she is, even in her physical position in relation to the Sun, a more advanced planet. Her very name on earth has always signified the fullness of love.

Man's journey through life is the progression of soul, learning through experience, the laws of life and love, the relentless law of cause and its ultimate effect. In this long and self-chosen pilgrimage, he must wear many garments (bodies) and live in many climes. Thus, he gathers into his consciousness by experience the wealth of knowledge which is the germ of Mastery over self and his world. When the lessons of earth are learned, the soul sometimes migrates to another planet to fully round out its nature, even as a student enters a school of higher learning in order to more fully prepare for a vocation. Thus, a very few of the more fortunate among mankind have been privileged to complete their soul development upon the planet Venus, and on rare occasions, great souls from Venus have entered into the world of men.

Venus has her own evolved beings, who have grown and matured with her as—in time—the earth children will develop with their planet into harmony, self-mastery and peace. These beings on Venus are the older brothers and sisters of the human race.

The life on Venus is under the direction of a great Hierarchy of perfected men and women, called the Lords of the Flame. They are the embodiment of wisdom and of love. There is but one language, one state, one race, one purpose. There is no disease, no crime, no army or navy or any instrument of force, for physical violence and unbalance are unknown. Every citizen of this world estate contributes his talents freely to the common cause for fifteen short years, between the ages of 20 and 35. Before this time, all are educated by the state according to their particular talents and the interests of the individual citizens.

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WORK SHEET FOR APRIL 1952

“He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.”—Psalm 23

Visualize the heart and mind of God as a blazing sun, with a light ray directed out from its center into the heart of every member of the human race. Feel that universal light as the life and intelligence of every man. Remain still until that consciousness of universal brotherhood permeates your feelings. Then visualize that light rise from the heart into the head, making the entire head area a miniature sun. See every man with an expanding aureole of light around the head area, a rapidly moving succession of electrons connecting the human mind with the divine. Looking again into the mind of God, see the directive impulses arise within that mind and travel along the rays into the intellectual consciousness of man, each according to his specific requirements.

I AM consciously and constantly connected with the universal mind of God, and I AM about my Father's business.

I AM creating through my God-intelligence, perfect conditions of peace, harmony, and supply in my world and environment.

I AM receiving the pure light of God, which is expanding within the heads of all mankind, healing, purifying, illumining all our faculties, senses and organs.

I AM conscious only of God's will, manifest through the intelligent and conscious cooperation of all mankind, particularly through the individual in positions of trust and authority, and they are all working together in harmony to produce world progress.

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The Homes and Retreats of the Masters of Wisdom
THE TIBETAN RETREAT OF THE MASTER HIMALAYA
From April 15 to May 14, 1952

THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS SECTION: One of the important reasons for acquainting mankind of the councils where the flame is most active at any given time in the earth cycle, is that the energies of every visitant can become part of the expansion of that flame, and each interested party is "fuel" to the fire.

The greater the concentration of the gift which is always of some specific benefit to the race, naturally the greater the individual blessing to every component part—the brighter shines the fire, the greater the gift of light.

Winding upward toward the vast heights of the Himalaya Mountains, stretching like a great ocean that had been frozen in some long forgotten cataclysm during the heights of a mighty storm, we are on our way to the Retreat of the Blue Lotus, wherein the great Lord Manu of the fourth root race guards the spiritual wealth of the East until the time of earth's maturity draws it again forth as the heritage of the race, a gift of the spiritually elect of the Atlantean and Lemurian cultures, as well as the wealth of inspiration achieved through the development of the Buddhistic dispensation.

To all appearances, the great rock wall that blocks our path is a blind end to a trail which has taken us through the almost impassable heights of the mountains. We are requested by our guide to dismount. We stand in silence watching the rays from the sun play upon the stony face of the rocky cliff before us. Suddenly we notice that the sun's rays have made a great open-ended cross against the bare face of the rock, looking a little like the Eucharist Cup of the Christian Communion Service. As our eyes become accustomed to the intensification of the light, we can see an opening in the cliff before us, and, standing in that opening, a beautiful,

serene, oriental being, whose delicate features seem carved out of the finest ivory, the high cheek bones emphasizing the beauty of his exquisite face. His hands are crossed, Chinese fashion, and the length of his tapered fingers and the delicacy of their symmetrical perfection are flower-like and yet purposeful. His robes are flowing silk of the palest yellow.

As we gaze at him, we find that from his aura there seems to have been spread before the open door to his home, a beautiful oriental garden, with little rivulets flowing under delicate bridges, and bright-hued flowers nesting among greenery that most assuredly could not live at this great height, except in the warmth of his loving presence. He seems not to be cognizant of our presence, but appears to be looking out of ageless eyes across the hills into eternity. We stand, thus, bathed in the aura of his presence, and finally his eyes focus upon us, and he beckons us into the doorway of his home. We are admonished by our guide to remain silent, and—removing our shoes from our feet—we quietly enter the outer chamber of the retreat of the Master Himalaya.

He is seated, oriental fashion, upon a silken cushion, and before him is a great golden bowl, within which floats the exotic Blue Lotus of the Himalayas. We feel the presence of peace, we absorb the fragrance of purity, and—into the deepest center of our being, blows stillness and absence of striving for a moment.

The great Master Himalaya always grants one request to each guest, who is enabled to find the way to his retreat, so prepare well in your heart of hearts for this moment, because all earthly values are swept away in the glory of his presence, and that which has seemed so important in the valley is insignificant on the heights.

Past this outer chamber, no one but Himalaya, himself, may take any disciple. We have led you hither to the feet of the Master. To this retreat every night will a group of disciples come, during this pilgrimage from April 15th to May 14th. A chosen few will enter the heart of the mountain, but ALL MANKIND will be bathed in the benign blessing of the Lord of Love. Prepare yourselves, that you may be among those invited into the heart of the retreat and privileged to attend the cosmic councils during this period.

The Homes and Retreats of the Masters of Wisdom

THE RETREAT OF THE MAHA CHOCHAN

From May 15 to June 14, 1952

On the Island of Ceylon, looking outward upon the seas of southern India, stands a green, mound-shaped promontory. To all intents and purposes, it is a tea plantation of a wealthy Indian potentate, but within the hill, itself, is one of the ancient retreats of the Eastern world, under the direction of the great Maha Chohan. Here, within the sound of the earthly endeavors of the plantation's growing and maturing teas, are entertained and instructed the elect among the sons of men, who have entered upon the difficult path of self-abnegation, through the development of the qualities of humility, selflessness, grace and love.

This retreat not only forms the headquarters for the general councils of the Chohans of the Seven Rays, but it offers particular training for any of the pupils of the respective Chohans, who are recommended by them to prepare for some far distant acquisition of the office and title of Maha Chohan for future races yet unborn. Here, too, are trained the inner bodies of those who are representative of the Holy Spirit among the many fields where his fiery presence is required—and of those men and women it is often said they are endowed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, but few know of their training and sacrifices within the heart of this retreat.

As mankind is drawn by the magnetic pull of this holy retreat, many will visit it at night in their inner bodies, and be bathed in the gifts and radiation which imbue the entire vicinity, and which give the entire island a natural claim to tranquility.

The Great Cosmic Law, looking at the pattern for each twelve months, chooses the particular retreat which is to be the focus of the power and attention, both of the Brotherhood and mankind, in order to develop latent qualities and capacities within the race which are particularly prevailing in that retreat. As the human race is so obviously lacking in the selflessness and humility which are forerunners of Godliness, they have voted the retreat of the Maha Chohan opened for the first time in mankind's history.

All the Great White Brotherhood focus their attention here, and this concentrated power magnetizes the souls of men who desire to live good lives, and conducts them into the atmosphere of this retreat during the period from May 15th to June 14th of 1952. If they are drawn unconsciously, they float in the atmosphere in a semi-dream state, absorbing the radiation, but they are unaware of the great councils, teachings and

instructions that are presented nightly by the Brothers to those who consciously direct themselves toward the retreat before entering sleep, or when there is an opportunity through the day.

All who will still themselves, visualize the physical location of the retreat and the presence of the Maha Chohan, will find themselves drawing into their consciousness and inner nature much of the great outpouring that takes place at this cosmic hour, and, in time, they will bring back strong and useful impressions of instructions given at the feet of the Great Ones which will assist all who desire to increase the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit in their own worlds and affairs.

Daily Work Sheet
HARMONY IS A MAGNET (May 1952)

“Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto you.” —Job 22:21

Visualize your individual consciousness held up to receive the God-ideas and direction from the mind and heart of the Creator, pictured in your consciousness as a sun, every member of the human race connected with that sun—through a directed and individual ray of light anchored within the personal consciousness.

See, over this ray of light, God-impressions riding freely into the creative world of the personal self.

See the receptive consciousness accepting the ideas, molding them in to form—through the concentrated power of the mental body, breathing life into them—through the life of the consciously-energized feeling nature, and precipitating the idea into the world of form. All accomplished through the beautiful harmony of cosmic vibrations, which is the natural emanation of creative endeavors, when manifested in perfect accord with God-will.

From this consciousness, say,

Through the harmony of my true being, I perceive and externalize, every minute, PERFECT HEALTH in every cell and organ of my bodies.

Through the harmony of my true being, I receive and externalize, every minute, GOD SUPPLY in limitless abundance, filling my every need.

Through the harmony of my true being, I create and externalize, every minute, AN AURA OF PERFECT PEACE AND HARMONY, which acts as a natural conductor of God-will to all life, wherever I AM.

Through the harmony of my true being, I perceive and externalize, every minute, THE WILL OF THE FATHER in understanding, illumination, and freedom.

THE WESAK FESTIVAL (May 9, 1952)

Lord Buddha, after his earthly mission was completed, his disciples well versed in the Law, and his own consciousness firmly established as a radiating center and focus of light in the atmosphere of earth, arose from the wheel of birth and death, and entered the ranks of the triumphant ones who shall not taste again of death, who “have gone forth from earth's schoolroom, and shall return no more,” except in the freedom of their God-estate. But LOVE—again—in eagerness to serve, desiring to give a further “blessing and outpouring of itself,” provided a way by which Lord Buddha might infuse his particular blessings and benediction upon the people of earth, once a year, in the month of the anniversary of his birth, his attainment of Buddhahood, and his departure from the physical body. This outpouring of the Buddha life force took place on the day of the full moon in the month of May, and it is known as the Wesak Festival.

Stepping down consciousness and light is done constantly in our outer world relationships today. The teacher, instructed in higher learning, translates his knowledge into forms understandable to his younger charges. Transformers are provided by electric companies to step down the voltage of electrical currents. Our own physical sun absorbs and veils the light of the primal sun behind the system, that our universe may bathe in the glory of its light, but not be destroyed by its powerful vibrations.

The mystic has always transformed and interpreted the word of God for lesser men. Thus, the great Buddha, in his new estate, has access to realms of consciousness and vibration far beyond any that even the most illumined consciousness of a limited being could hope to fathom or attain. By this same service of transformation he draws those subtle currents, blessings and benedictions into himself and then, at the visitation in May, descends into the lower atmosphere of earth and sends forth this outpouring to blanket the earth, her people, and her nature kingdom as well.

For several weeks before the coming of the full moon in the month of May, pilgrims wend their way toward the plateau on the northern slopes of the Himalayas, where the esoteric ceremony takes place. It is not necessary to be present in the physical body to share in the great blessing, which is for all mankind, but those privileged to be aware of the festival may so arrange their consciousness and direct it toward the assemblage that the fullest of its potent spiritual impetus enters into the very soul and makes of such a one, a localized center of the Buddha's

force in his own environment and nation, wherever that may be.

The tents of the nomads and pilgrims fill the plain, and about an hour before the full moon, the Masters of Wisdom begin to arrive and mingle among the people, finally taking up their place before the altar which has been beautifully decorated with the local flowers of that vicinity—the lotus, the lily, the mountain crocus. When Lord Maitreya, the chosen successor of the Lord Buddha, appears, all know the supreme moment of invocation has come. Lord Maitreya utters the prayer of invocation, and suddenly the great figure of the Lord of Light fills the sky, his aura like a universal rainbow, shot with every color, making of the night a shining dawn. All the Masters and the pilgrims, too, bow before him, and the “sweet anointing from above” flows downward into the very humblest heart. Ah, sweet brother, Lord of Love, who canst ever forget us—welcome. Yea—very well come art thou and thy blessing

MOTHER'S DAY (May 11, 1952)

As we give honor and loving gratitude to the mothers of the human race on their annual day of recognition, let us not forget the great God-Mother of our universe, who—together with God, the Father—represent our cosmic parents, to whom we may turn at any moment for the comfort, assistance and ever-present loving counsel which they, alone, can give us.

When the Father of our universe first drew forth the spirit sparks of our present humanity, he impressed the divine pattern or archetype of every human being into the substance of the great Cosmic Mother, within whose body dwells the predestined perfect Christ pattern of every man, woman and child who belong to our race. This divine pattern, God-ego, or Christ Self, is the Immaculate concept or thought of God, and one day the personal self of every lifestream will connect with this Higher Self, blend with it, and finally, through the cosmic assistance of the God-Mother, experience the second, or spiritual birth, as Jesus, Lord Buddha, and many other liberated beings have done.

The early Greeks called the feminine aspect of divinity, Vesta, Goddess of the Hearth and Home. The Chinese have embodied her merciful nature in the beautiful Kwan Yin and to the Christian Church, the lovely Mary, mother of Jesus, is an ever-present reminder of the God-Mother. By whatever name she is called, remember she is your mother, in the greatest and most beautiful outpouring of loving kindness that you soul will ever experience, and she holds for you, within her cosmic heart, the divine image of the perfect man or woman you shall someday become.

As the earthly mother desires only the best for her children, you can, perhaps, conceive the solicitude, the gentle compassionate care in which your spiritual nature is guarded biding the time when you shall claim it from her, and choose to fulfill the immaculate concept of your Godhood—the perfect Christ being, made, not only in the image and likeness of our Father, but of our beloved Mother, as well.

THE SPIRITUAL SPARK IN MAN (II)

By D. T. Marches

When Jesus said, “I AM the way, the truth and the life,” he identified himself with the universal flame, a spark of which is within every man and which contains the full perfection of the Godhead, just as every drop of seawater contains all the potentialities of the great ocean. He said, “What I AM, ye shall be.”

How do we find this spiritual spark within us and then connect with the universal flame of the whole? By purely mechanical means that is not any more miraculous than the radio, the telephone or the television.

This spark within the heart of man is part of the great flame that is God's heart, with all the attributes of the Godhead within it. It is through this spark that man will learn the purpose of his creation and eventually return home to join his developed flame with the great flame of his Father.

Prayer is not a hit or miss activity, nor is the scientific answer to prayer subject to “chance.” When an individual decides he wants to contact the heavenly kingdom and partake of its peace, its healing, its love, he creates a vibration within himself that causes this “spark” within the heart to glow and expand. This spark, being of the same substance and quality as the heart of God, glows and radiates IN ITS OWN REALM and draws into its consciousness, by magnetic attraction, the grace and blessings which form the very atmosphere of this realm.

This realm is where all the answers to prayer originate. The spark within the heart is already functioning there. The radiation of scientific prayer is a signal to ascended beings, who also function in the realm of creative fire, to rush to the assistance of the spark that has sent forth its call. These beings fan the flame, intensify its light, and thus make the individual flame a power in the world of the aspirant.

ASCENSION DAY (May 22, 1952)

The ascension of the Master Jesus into the sphere of consciousness wherein he dwells at one with the Father, was consummated forty days after the earth-shaking manifestation of his victory over death, when he revitalized his lower vehicles and confounded not only the enemies of his mission, but his confused and desolate disciples, as well. During the forty-day period after the resurrection, Jesus continued to imbue his disciples with his consciousness and performed his final act of love in the invocation of the special outpouring of the Holy Comforter—our Lord Maha Chohan—which was effected on Whitsuntide.

It is evident throughout the story, as chronicled in the New Testament, that Jesus chose to complete his mission, in order that the disciples would turn from the tendency to lean upon his powers and develop the latent powers within their own lifestreams. Again and again he repeats, “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away, FOR IF I GO NOT AWAY, THE COMFORTER (PARACLETE) WILL NOT COME UNTO YOU, but if I depart, I will send him unto you.”

After his great decision was made, he disconnected his free consciousness from the gravity pull of earth, the personal pull of love and affections (which in itself was no easy task) and chose to draw the entire substance of his world, including his body, into the realms of the Father of light and love. Thus, he turned each aspirant back toward his own individual God-power, and cosmically left an example to all men of the ultimate goal of manifest life—the dignified, glorious transmutation of the self through self-conscious endeavor, rather than the ignominious disintegration and decay that forms the pattern for mankind's exit from the world of appearances through the doors of death.

Man must come now to so live, that when he has breathed his last breath, and he receives the cosmic summons, he may gather his harvest about him, and ascend in glory to the kingdom from whence he came forth in the beginning—to go out no more.

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The Homes and Retreats of the Masters of Wisdom
THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS' RETREAT
From June 15 to July 14, 1952

Twice each year, in January and July, the combined Brotherhood of Masters, devic lords, angels and men meet together to consult with the Lords of Karma, the Silent Watcher, and the Lord of the World, on the divine plan for the planet Earth, her people and the nature kingdom for the twelve-month cycle. At these councils, the divine plan for the year is given to the Brotherhood through the Silent Watcher, and its ramifications distributed by Sanat Kumara to the retreats and Masters particularly endowed with the talents and powers required to most powerfully effect its fulfillment.

The Lords of Karma are enthroned in a semi-circle above the great altar which forms the central focus of power for the meetings. Sanat Kumara, Lord Maitreya, and the presiding Master for the Year occupy the central position on the rostrum. For 1952, the Master Serapis Bey holds this honorary position. The Great White Brotherhood, in order of rank, are seated facing the spiritual altar, with their chelas behind them. In the atmosphere float the inner bodies of great numbers of the human race, attracted by the magnetic power drawn and focused here at this time.

The Silent Watcher, who has access to the deepest centers of the God mind and heart, directs the predominant thoughtform for the year into the chalice of Sanat Kumara's upheld consciousness. Sanat Kumara then projects this thoughtform into the atmosphere, so that it is visible to the entire council. This symbol contains, within itself, the message which will be the motivation of the endeavors of the entire Brotherhood, through their individual talents, for the 12-month cycle.

In January, 1952, the divine thoughtform received by Sanat Kumara

was a golden sheaf of wheat, representing the harvest of endeavors, talents, service of the Brothers, and each individual soul, as well. Each Master interprets the design, which is the plan for the year, according to his specific activities in the cause of good, and—even for the unascended mankind present—the significance of bringing in his individual sheaves provided thoughtful contemplation of the seeds sown, and the possible harvest.

At the completion of the projection of the divine thought image by Sanat Kumara, every member of the council recreated the sheaf of wheat through his own thought and feeling centers, and at a given moment, directed it powerfully into the mental and feeling world of all mankind. From the heart of the mountain, literally millions of miniature sheaves of wheat were catapulted into the atmosphere of the people of Earth, carrying within them the fiat of the year from the heart of God.

After the delegation of the work for the year and the projection of the thoughtforms, the seven Lords of Karma hear the petitions and suggestions of the Masters, human beings, and representatives of the angelic, devic and nature kingdoms, and pass upon them. Every retreat, individual Master and human being is allowed the opportunity of presenting, before the Karmic Lords and council, such plans, petitions or proposed endeavors as they have conceived as possible aids to mankind's evolution. It is entirely within the discretion of the Lords of Karma as to whether such dispensations, grants, and plans are practicable at a given cosmic hour.

It is required of such a petitioner or sponsor to not only show cause as to how the investment of additional substance and energy required to further his plan will permanently benefit the race, but, further, to present to the Lords of Karma voluntary energies contributed from the race to be benefited, which will aid his cause according to their capacities and evolution. The Master usually endeavors, during the early evenings of the meetings, to interest individuals, elementals and other Masters, too, who will stand with him before the Karmic Council and offer their energies, time and unconditional support and talents to such a proposed beneficial endeavor. The Lords of Karma weigh in the balance the specific good that can be accomplished, the potential workers, and the amount of substance and energy that will have to be contributed from the universal storehouse to further such a cause. Their findings determine the extent of their grant.

Many individuals volunteer to assist several distinct movements, and

good people are sometimes amazed at the activity in which they find themselves engaged, for they are not always cognizant of their volunteering to assist the Masters, while functioning in the greater freedom of their inner bodies. It is well, therefore, to pray that you may live up to your inner pledges and to your own light.

From the 15th day of June until the 14th day of July, the half-yearly council will be held in the great retreat established in the Rocky Mountains, upon the location where mankind first incarnated in their pilgrimage through the planet Earth. Up to the 30th day of June, the Masters and the Brotherhood, in general, will be engaged in the preliminary councils, during which various proposed plans are presented in order to secure the interest and cooperation of as many individuals as possible. The Karmic Lords sit from June 10th through July 5th, and the remaining days are dedicated to the delegation of powers.

It will be to the greatest interest of the race, the council, the Brotherhood, to have as many members of the human race present in their inner bodies as possible, in order that every plan, petition and dispensation requested by the guardians of the human race may be backed by the voluntary support of the peoples of earth, who will of course be the greatest beneficiaries.

YOUR COOPERATION, PLEASE!

In order to send your consciousness to the council meetings, it is necessary to think of the retreat before entering sleep, and to direct your attention toward it, because your inner body will move along the ray of your attention to these meetings. The magnetic pull of the council draws many unconscious individuals, whose nature is constructive, but they are in a state of somnambulism and, although benefiting by the radiation and blessing, are unable to actively participate in the work of the council for the benefit of the race. Any human being is FREE to present his own individual petitions to the Lords of Karma, which he sincerely believes would prove a blessing to the human race. It has been known to have such a request granted. If you are inclined toward presentation of an individual petition, it is wise to write it out beforehand, and impress it on your mind before going to the meeting the nights when the Karmic Board are presiding.

**SOME OF THE MASTERS' PETITIONS PRESENTED
IN JANUARY**

1. Dispensation to dissolve the mass cause of war at inner levels.
2. Dispensation to grant the gradual melting of the polar ice caps before the tipping of the earth's axis, draining the water into the larger basin of the Pacific Ocean
3. Dispensation to dissolve the cause, effect, record and memory of atomic warfare
4. Petition to grant consecutive memory to incoming lifestreams pure enough to be the builders of the new age
5. Petition to save England from sinking during cataclysmic changes

The Masters Of Wisdom Speak
THE RECEPTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS

MAHA CHOCHAN

The truth never changes. It is only the evolving consciousness of the individual, which is enabled to discern greater or lesser detail in that truth, which seems to indicate conflict. The capacity to perceive the true nature of God, his universe, and his creation is developed through the consecrated dedication of the life energy to such perception. Those individuals who have so consecrated their lives to a detailed, honest, persistent and consecutive search for truth have come upon it. Some have graduated from the realm of the seekers and have become the authority—the Law—themselves. By merit, they are invested with the right to dispense truth to those interested in finding it. It is to these beings that mankind must look, if they desire an applicable knowledge of the Laws of universal life and progress, and the way and means by which man may hasten his evolution through entering into the understanding and application of those laws.

MORYA EL

It is apparent that the specialists in whom mankind put their faith and trust, have dedicated a goodly portion of their lives and fortunes in the endeavor to understand the particular subject whose revelations they will incorporate in their chosen life work. These specialists form the directing authority in their chosen fields, and mankind rely upon their directives in their groping endeavors to maintain the body's life and the soul's hope. It is time NOW that the Spiritual Hierarchy, who, through similar dedication of their life purpose have become Masters of particular

aspects of God's expression, be brought to the attention of the thinking members of the human race and give their rightful positions as dispensers of truth, God-directives of general progression toward race maturity.

KUTHUMI

The transference of consciousness from one mind to another is known as education. The full, revealed truth remains ever-present in the universal mind of God, but the individualized intelligence of God's children must reach into this great mind and incorporate into his own consciousness, so much of the great all-truth as he has the capacity to absorb and realize. Every man dips into the well of knowledge with his own cup of receptivity and benefits by his capacity to receive. It is a spiritual communion. The teacher is one whose cup has grown through many trips to the well, and he gives of its brimming essence to those not yet able to reach the cosmic brim. Even in elemental courses of education, the teacher first fills his consciousness and then gently holds his cup of knowledge that the pupil may sip of its sweetness, become enamored of its essence, and return again to the teacher's fount until—perhaps—they are among the very few who will join the teacher at the cosmic well. Those who will not drink are never increased in worth. Blessed be those who stir the spiritual hunger, and blessed be those who feed the hungry.

VENETIAN

The sharing of individual consciousness is the sweet communion of true friendship and brotherhood. Those who have become the guardians and teachers of the human race can only serve mankind as they can pour their understanding and knowledge of life and truth into the receptive consciousness of attentive men. Those who serve us must make mankind aware of our presence. We must first be accepted and acknowledged. Then, through the natural communion of our consciousness will the universal brotherhood of free and aspiring beings be achieved.

SERAPIS BEY

A bridge is a span which connects two separate forms. For God's mind and will and purpose to be effected in the world of men, those of us who are the bridge builders must create and sustain a link over which the God-directives may enter the conscious minds of receptive men, without possibility of error, and motivate their active expression of that divine will. The Higher Self of every man is one in consciousness with our service, but how many men have a constant and unbroken connection

with that directive Self? Until this millennium is achieved, the Hierarchy must serve as the directors of the God-will for evolving mankind. Everywhere we can convince a human being of our existence and authoritative power to help them, we have a potential span of our unifying energies and across this electrical current we shall endeavor to send specific and powerful spiritual currents and radiation to strengthen our point of contact with the world of form. We are the bridge builders, and you are the focus for our endeavors to connect with the mind, the thought, the consciousness of all men.

HILARION

If the mind of man is not specifically acquainted with any subject, it does not exist for him—it does not live in his consciousness. Many individuals live and die without allowing the intricacies of calculus or Greek to enter their conscious minds or worlds. Others proceed without contact with spiritual values. The endeavor of true education is to stimulate interest on any given subject and precipitate the student into independent investigation when he has exhausted the known facts previously discovered in that particular subject. Among the many, very, very few choose to step into the unknown and force truth to draw back her veil, revealing more of the light of her presence upon his field of exploration. These few have been the benefactors of the race, and the great majority rest content in their hard-earned findings. Those who have gone far along the spiritual path have also left a heritage. Today their findings are the prized possessions of the few. One day, their gifts will be the common heritage of all men.

JESUS

The ceremony of communion was created to symbolize the conferring of the Christ Consciousness of truth upon the disciple by the Master. Consciousness of one being enters the world of another through benediction, radiation, or through the individual mind by the avenue of the senses of sight, hearing and thought-transference—audible or silent. Man is constantly interchanging consciousness in daily living. It is the endeavor of the Spiritual Hierarchy to reach the consciousness of mankind and enrich the daily experience of life, by such communion. Through the strength of the Christian Dispensation, I have been particularly fortunate in the receptive consciousness of great numbers of the human race in my endeavors along this line. However, the gifts of the universal God mind are so infinite and so diversified, that much of their blessings are denied expression through lack of recognition of my brothers and sisters, who

work hand in hand with me in God's kingdom. Would that the tenets of brotherhood which true Christians emulate in their earthly affairs, could be incorporated into their tolerant acceptance of the divine brotherhood of the spiritual sons of heaven.

SAINT GERMAIN

The participation of human beings in ceremonials designed to invoke and direct spiritual energies from the higher spheres into the atmosphere and consciousness of mankind, forms one of the most powerful bridges over which spiritual stimuli may radiate into the affairs of men. These spiritual energies dissipate destructive forces and set up new causes which will have a beneficial effect upon evolving humanity and the planet, itself. The designing of these magnetic ceremonials, the training of pupils who are particularly equipped to conduct these energies, and the gradual cultivation of a conscious association and dedication of personal energies among members of the human race, the angelic and devic kingdoms, and the Master beings who are the authority over our universe, forms the particular service which it is my privilege to render to God, through man.

Ceremonial has been attacked as pagan worship, but the magnetizing of energies directed toward specific, constructive service has been proven by science as of great import to the race. It is merely the intricacies of such magnetism that are not understood by the outer mind. Yet, scientifically performed ceremonials are to become the religion of the new day, coupling spiritual and physical energies to good purpose.

YOUR COOPERATION REQUESTED

You accept that there are specialists in medicine, in law and in other fields of human endeavor, and you recommend them to your friends in need of their services. Why not accept that the Masters of Wisdom are the specialists in the truth that frees man? Why not call the attention of your friends to their existence and teachings? You would then become one of their co-workers. Remember what the Master said to a disciple, "Oh, Lanoo, seek him who in desolation sits in darkness, and show him the Law."

WHITSUNTIDE
(June 1, 1952)

The Master Jesus desired to transfer to his disciples the powers of God authority by which he had performed the miracles of healing, which form the most conclusive evidence of his divine mission to the minds of men. He, therefore, raised his beautiful consciousness into the heart of the Father, and removed into the heart of the Father, and removed from his followers the personal presence, upon which they had come to lean. Knowing their anguish of spirit in the parting, he promised them, "I will pray the Father shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of Truth whom the world cannot receive; because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him, but ye know him—for he dwelleth with you, and SHALL BE IN YOU."

The disciples gathered together in the upper chamber (aspiring consciousness) after having witnessed the ascension of their beloved teacher, Master and friend. Even through the mist of thousands of years, we can faintly picturize the feeling within the disciples, occasioned by that separation from the one who was the very heart, soul and spirit of their individual and collective lives.

We can sense the inadequacy of their respective natures to cope with the manifold expressions of evil on every hand. But within their hearts, lived his promise of the coming Comforter, who would not only bind up their personal wounds of loss and helplessness, but would imbue them with the fire, the power, the consciousness and the purpose of their beloved leader. It was to such a group that the great Maha Chohan came that first Whitsuntide Morning, and his radiance was like unto fire, and each man was "caught up" in the flame of his presence, and through the infusing spirit of the divine Comforter, the powers of the Holy Spirit became active through the faithful, who had waited on his coming, for their beloved Master had said it would come to pass. "And if it were not so, I would have told you."

Today, each man, again, is raising his consciousness toward the "sweet anointing from above," and today it is possible to have the kind assistance of the Representative of the Third Person of the Cosmic Trinity unite the individual consciousness of the aspirant with the Christ powers, when such an invocation is sent upward in the name of the Ascended Jesus Christ, and every man's Whitsuntide is a possible experience, even while his body yet moves among the sons of men.

VENUS (II)

By Thomas Printz

In our previous article on Venus, some of the conditions under which the inhabitants of our sister planet live were described. In this article, we will deal with old age and disintegration, which are unknown there.

The citizen of Venus, after being educated by the state, is permitted to utilize his talents and gifts during the period of "world benefit" for the good of the entire citizenry. After the years of service, each is allowed to pursue such spiritual and cultural studies as his nature may choose.

Old age and disintegration are unknown, because there is no disharmony. At the time of passing from the screen of form, the individual utilizes the power of the fire element and, with the help of the Lords of the Flame, releases the atoms that made up his physical garments. His soul enters the inner realms for a time, returning again at a self-chosen time and to a self-chosen family, for another embodiment and opportunity to complete the soul-growth required before he is released from the wheel of birth and death and goes forth "to return no more." The soul on this planet is not bound by karmic restrictions and is capable of exerting complete freedom in choosing the parents of a future birth.

These parents are often informed by the individual prior to his "death," and, if they acquiesce in his proposed embodiment, the individual may leave in their custody many of the treasures of his current life, his books and research papers. On assuming his "new" personality, he continues in an unbroken chain of consciousness to work out his own soul development, or some great service to his planetary kin.

This, of course, greatly accelerates the individual progress of the soul, as well as the high degree of culture and perfection for the state, for the great minds of one generation are not lost to succeeding generations. (See the Masters' petition number four, page 23)

Revelations

"Every great revelation is likely to have been foreshadowed in more or less imperfect forms, so as to prepare our minds and make ready the way for complete perception hereafter."—Sir Oliver Lodge

"Coming events cast their shadows before." Shakespeare

Daily Work Sheet
HARMONY IS A MAGNET

"The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life."
—Job 33:4

Visualization: Contemplate the picture of the Maha Chohan. Feel the Holy Breath of God breathed into this universe and sustained in the atmosphere by the rhythmic inspiration and exhalation of the Holy Spirit in his cosmic activity. Then, connect your individual life breath with this holy, pure, inspirational cosmic breath and draw its vitalizing spiritual energies into your lungs.

Feel this fiery breath expanding within your chest area and filling your individual soul with new life, aspiration, courage and positive God-will to fulfill your own divine design in this embodiment. Then, as you exhale, qualify the breath you are releasing into the universe with purity, blessing, love, mercy and Godliness, instead of the poisons thrown off by your system.

When you have completed your individual contemplation, repeat the activity for every member of the human race.

As all individuals embodied on the earth share its breath and must participate in the general conditions of its atmosphere, inner as well as outer, there is a marvelous opportunity for treating the entire race by your individual, conscious, qualification of the universal blanket of air with God receptivity, and all the many God-qualities that will arise within your own mind as you proceed with this fundamental visualization.

Think and feel the following statements, at least three times a day, while breathing as deeply as you can:

I AM inbreathing the fiery substance of the Holy Spirit, activated by his flame, and it is cleansing and energizing now my mental, feeling and physical bodies.

I AM breathing out love and gratitude to the Creator of this universe and his messengers.

I AM inbreathing the electronic substance of unending peace, inexhaustible strength and health, and infinite supply, now manifest in my being and world.

Decree

Beloved I AM Presence: In the name of the Master Jesus! Direct the flaming substance of the Maha Chohan's fiery benediction through my consciousness and that of all mankind! Empower us with the God-authority vested on the disciples, that we may move forward "about our Father's business."

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The Homes and Retreats of The Masters of Wisdom
THE RETREAT IN TRANSYLVANIA
(From July 15 to August 14, 1952)

Nestled deep in the beauty of the natural forests, in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains near the Hungarian-Romanian border, we come upon the mellowed Baronial Manor House of one of the great benefactors of the human race, whose service and mission it is to play a predominant part in the immediate future of mankind

There are specific qualities and activities required to sustain the spiritual impetus of the race upon the planet Earth. These qualities and feelings are energized through the establishment, at certain points of earth's surface, of a concentrated momentum of hope, peace, healing, or any other unseen but potent factor that distinguishes the soul of man from the unreasoning passions and lusts of the lower nature. Great Beings, seeing far in advance, a specific requirement that will be apparent in an age yet unborn from the womb of time, offer to draw and concentrate that quality through their own life's essence and prepare for the day and hour when humanity will cry out for such a gift of spiritual force. These souls will then be fed at the cosmic fountain established and maintained in sanctified locations, called retreats and sanctuaries of the Great White Brotherhood.

In the case of the home of the Master Saint Germain in the heart of Transylvania, his service to life began long before the crying need of the peoples of earth for freedom was aroused. He incarnated again and again, always choosing to live a life whereby he might increase the consciousness and momentum of Freedom's Flame through his own lifestream. Many of these embodiments were in the immediate neighborhood of this estate, which is to be the host of the Great White Brother-

hood and mankind, at a time when world conditions require the balancing presence of good in the heart of the tinder box of world affairs.

Thus, the very atmosphere and inner akashic records of the Transylvania home of freedom are powerfully charged with a momentum which is to be expanded through the hearts of men, by the combined efforts and energies of the Brotherhood and the volunteers among the sons of men, who gather here consciously during this period.

Through the centuries, many of the benefactors of the human race have been entertained in this gracious home, although not always fully aware of the true status of their host. The Princess Louise of England, the Marquis de Lafayette, Napoleon Bonaparte and Mme. Josephine, Catherine of Russia, and Baron von Steuben are among the more illustrious of the visitors, as well as thousands of seekers after truth, whose work and service to life is recorded at inner levels, more than on the pages of world history.

In the seventeenth century, George Rakoczy, directed strong movements toward a free and united Europe from this retreat, and to the present day, it is a private sanctuary and council hall of the Brothers, whose particular activities, at inner spiritual levels, center around affairs of state, national and international.

Among its many interesting features, the lovely old home houses some of the priceless treasures that mark the milestones and progress on mankind's journey, as well as those which have particular sentimental value for our kind Master. For instance, the round table of King Arthur, the rough drafting of the Magna Charta, Roger Bacon's picture designs for aircraft and his formulas for explosive (gun) powders; also crude maps of Galileo, the old compass readings of Columbus, unpublished manuscripts of Bacon's *New Atlantis*, an old grey riding habit of Queen Elizabeth, the sword and shield of King Richard, the Lion Hearted, a worn habit of Saint Francis of Assisi, as well as countless other mementos of the great and the simple. You are invited to enjoy well your visit here, for you are sure to find many things which will attract your interest and fancy, through sympathetic remembrance, or otherwise.

Because this retreat has not been particularly used for such tremendous gatherings, the Master has prepared a lovely wooded glen, surrounded by the Sylvanian Woodland, which you can re-create in mind and heart through playing or listening to the music of Johann Strauss, who loved so well the gentle beauty of this section of Europe, the velvety green grass and the soft bird song. Whether by moonlight or under the leaf-sifted light of the sun, there is something ethereal and mystical

about the natural beauty of this outdoor cathedral.

During each twenty-four hour period of this month's cycle, the Masters and their chelas will be fathered here in different groups and those among mankind who wish to attend these councils, in spirit, may bathe in the light of freedom and become active, conscious co-workers in carrying the very substance, nature and ideal of freedom into their individual orbits. These aspirants are requested to direct their consciousness and being toward this sanctified home before entering sleep at night and as often as conveniently possible at other times.

The first one whom you will meet in spirit is the smiling, gracious presence of your host, whom, even the Brotherhood call, the Prince, because of his natural courtliness and gentle dignity of love divine. You will be imbued with his enthusiasm and love for his fellowman and will come away enrolled upon his ever-growing list of loving chelas who are desirous of serving as he serves and of becoming that which he has become.

THE SPIRITUAL SPARK IN MAN (III)

By D. T. Marches

The tiny spark hidden in the heart of man is sometimes called the light of the soul, for it is the spiritual fire that is the very life, intelligence, memory, and animating principle, not only of the physical body, but of the consecutive consciousness which we carry with us during our entire earth pilgrimage, and which man has named, for identification, "the soul."

This holy essence is the greatest gift that the great universal God could bestow, being part of his own heart, with all the attributes of his unspeakable perfection. It is conferred upon man, giving him the privilege and capacity of using this power of the flame to raise his own animal nature into the spiritual, gain mastery over all finite things, and become a Lord of Creation like Jesus and other Ascended Beings.

In addition to the gift of life, through this spiritual spark, anchored within the physical heart, God further endowed man, alone, of all his creation, with the use of free will to utilize this gift of life, experiment with it, and finally, through love, and not coercion, achieve mastery and victorious accomplishment of the divine pattern—the Christ.

Man has carried this spark of divinity within him through every embodiment in which he has lived. It has provided him with the energy, the intelligence, the motivating force by which he has experienced both the pleasures and the pains of the senses. This life force was ever the serv-

ant of man's free will.

Thus, man is learning, through the “putting forth” of the energy of this spark, the lesson of cause and its ultimate effect. Eventually, having experienced enough unpleasant effects, man will begin to desire deeply to expend the energy of his own spark of life only to set up causes that will reap effects of a harmonious and happy nature. He then begins the training on the path which will ultimately crown him Lord of his own God-flame, and co-creator in love, with his Father. He can say with Jesus, “Hitherto the Father worketh, now the Father and I work together, joyously, in the kingdom” (realm of creative fire).

Daily Work Sheet YOUR SPIRITUAL IDENTITY

“He that dwelleth in the Secret Place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”
—Psalm 91:1

Visualization: Contemplate the heart of God and see within that spiritual chalice the perfected image of yourself and every member of the human race. Look upon your spiritual identity, seeing yourself as God sees you.

Then turn your attention to your own physical heart, a replica of the divine, and feel deeply the presence of your spiritual identity enthroned within the Secret Place of the Most High.

In feeling the presence of your individualized God-self within your heart, become still, allowing that inner Presence to radiate, through you, its peace, its intelligent direction, its confidence, its commanding mastery and power.

As your attention is placed upon this supreme Master Presence, feel deeply that it begins to grow and expand, until it fills your being, and where there have been two—yourself, the contemplator and the Inner Presence, the contemplated—there becomes ONE. “I AM created in the image and likeness of God, a perfected being, mentally, emotionally, spiritually and physically. I accept the presence of God within me, drawing into my sphere of influence everything I require to express perfection. I accept the presence of God within me, blessing life wherever I am.

HOW VENUS HELPS THE EARTH (III)
by Thomas Printz

Great souls from Venus, belonging to the same universe as Earth, have volunteered, from time to time, to forego the glorious happiness of life on their own planet, in order to help the progress of the people of Earth. These souls submit to voluntary exile and take embodiment as children of men and women, who are learning their lessons as members of the human race.

One of the restrictions of earth life at the present time is that the incoming souls must submit to the voluntary loss of "consecutive consciousness," which is one of the natural faculties of Venusian life. When such a soul incarnates on earth, he becomes oblivious to his past glory, his inner vision is dulled, his mission blurred, and even the fact of his exile is unknown to his conscious life. Although his inner bodies glow with a celestial fire, it is only by flashes of intuition, a sense of "homesickness", a "dream," that he is at all aware of his celestial planetary home.

As he advances, if he is fortunate in parents, surroundings and circumstances, he may awaken sufficiently to perform some service for the human race, to raise the curtain on "possibilities" for a more glorious future for her people.

These people we meet seldom, if ever, in the course of an earthly life and yet—when we have met them, we know instinctively that although they are among us, they are not of us and they stimulate our heart's flame to a greater light. They are the forerunners of that which our race may one day be.

The radiation of Venus is a constant outpouring of beauty and love. Her service, through her people, is to help us to change the radiation of earth from a "cry of pain and agony" to a harmonious and peaceful song.

A tremendous service has been rendered the earth by the people of Venus in the coming into our atmosphere of one of their own great rulers and Cosmic Lords, and his lieutenants. He is known by the name of "Sanat" Kumara, the "Great" Kumara.

In our next article we will refer to the sacrifice of this exalted being.

The Masters Of Wisdom Speak
THE GOD PARENTS OF THE HUMAN RACE

MAHA CHOHAN

The presentation of the feminine aspect of divinity should be no more startling than the indisputable fact that every human being has a mother as well as a father. As above—so below. Mankind, having so long accepted the concept of God as the Father, has missed the sweet solicitude, mercy, loving kindness and comforting presence of his Cosmic Mother. Each perfected being is complete in himself, able to wield the masculine powers of his being (through thought) as well as the feminine powers (through feeling)—but some beings are particularly constituted with natural capacity to join in the great scheme of creation as either a masculine or feminine Master Presence—according to their initial endowed nature, as well as their gathered momentum of service. They are the mature sons and daughters of the kingdom, and they blend their powers in manifesting the will of the great First Cause.

MORYA EL

An intelligent, mature individual, in preparing for the materialization of any plan or design, carefully lays out the pattern within the pliable substance of the mind, completing his picturization, before he couples his physical energies with his thought picture. The great Father of Life proceeded in much the same manner in the creation of our universe, with its attendant mankind. Into the light body of the Divine Mother, he directed the God-image for each planet, star, and lifestream destined to become a co-creator with God in the future.

Thus, the God Mother became the recipient of the immaculate concept of a perfected universe, a perfected people, and a perfected nature kingdom. After the completion of this causative design, the Divine Father and Mother looked upon their creation and found it to be good! Then entered the workers into the kingdom of divine mind, to translate the pattern into the substance and form of the Seven Spheres.

KUTHUMI

When our beloved God Parents resolved themselves to take on the responsibility of creating and sustaining a universe, they passed through the initiation conferring upon them the powers of a Sun, whereby they could weave out of their beings the light substance from which to form

their universe, and the cohesive power to hold it in its place in the galaxy to which such universe would belong. When they had achieved the mastery over such powers, the Central Sun of our system delivered to our Cosmic Father the spirit sparks of a future humanity. Within his cosmic body, each took the potential form of the Father and from his cosmic heart they entered the universal light substance of the inner realms, which forms the body of the Cosmic Mother. These divine egos, or Christ Selves, from within this light body will one day manifest themselves through the outer self of every member of the human race in the spiritual second birth, of which the Master Jesus spoke. We, who are the workers in the kingdom, are pledged to hasten that day!

VENETIAN

Have men the slightest understanding of the control of thought and feeling required to hold a “divine concept” from the intrusion of conflicting vibrations constantly flowing through the ethers? Those who have risen above the mass mind and received a divine illumination, inspiration or God idea, know fully well how—like a cloud dispersed by the wind—it is ruthlessly torn from the mind and heart when the self returns to the supposedly normal state of “daily living.”

Even the unspoken vision, guarded in the heart of the wise, is subject to the disintegrating forces of doubt, fear and suspicion. The confided inspiration is doomed to death through the human selves of the confidants. Yet—to the Cosmic Mother of the human race has been entrusted the pattern of each human being's final destiny—his future greatness. Suppose, for a moment, She should relinquish that vision, that faith in our becoming! Upon Her constancy, depends our spiritual attainment—yea, twice blessed be our Cosmic Mother!

SERAPIS BEY

Has man any concept of the vast number of suns in the universe, all with their attendant planets and evolving lives? Each sun represents the balanced activity of the twin powers of cohesion and radiation, called by science centripetal and centrifugal force. We are among those called into life by the two Cosmic Beings who govern our universe from their home in the heart of our physical Sun. The Elohim coupled their energies with that of our divine parents, in designing and forming the planets which were to form the successive homes of the evolving race. We, who have attained, are devoted to the awakening of the outer consciousness to

mankind of the true pattern of themselves, which lives, breathes and radiates with the inner spheres, awaiting the moment when each man shall lift the inner eye to see that for which he has been created and which God ordained he shall become. My activity is specifically connected with this point of contact.

HILARION

The Great Beings who represent the Father and Mother of our human race, have combined their cosmic activities and direct them from within the aura of the physical sun. The reception of the God force from the Central Sun and the magnetic power of love, by which the planets are held in their individual orbits, and our universe is held in its progressive place in the onward moving galaxy to which we belong, is wielded by the masculine aspect of divinity.

His also is the center of the magnetic power which is transferred from planet to planet, by which the evolving race are held within the periphery of each planet while certain lessons of evolutionary value are being absorbed. The outpouring of the substance of light from which all form is made, the nourishment, warmth, light, vitality, and atmosphere of each of the seven spheres is the service of the feminine aspect of divinity. Truly man may say he lives on the bosom of the Divine Mother, sustained by her breath, vitalized by her life.

JESUS

The constancy of my own dear mother's vigilance over the revelation of my divine pattern, enabled me to enter into a physical body, with its attendant inner vehicles, that outpictured the perfection of the Father's immaculate concept of my being. Not only before the birth of my physical body, but through all my formative years, her strong and constant tenacity of spirit, which did not allow the vision she had experienced of my divine Ego to be dissipated or colored by the disintegrating forces, not only of the physical, but of the unseen realms, has truly earned for her the immortal garments of divine motherhood.

To look upon God's concept for any child, is to see the full maturity of a God Being, vibrant, majestic and free. May I say that the Father's image for every man, woman and child is as beautiful as the concept which my mother held for me. I endeavored to outpicture that divine pattern as an example of what the Father intends for all men.

SAINT GERMAIN

It is from the Divine Mother that we receive the patterns of the future, call them visions, hopes, or what you may. How many such perfected ideas await the claiming by some child of the kingdom, that he may ensoul that pattern and give to it his life! Looking upon the archetypes of the race which is my own, I have longed to make my brothers aware of what they shall become, of what is God's intent for them. And so I found my mission, which is to bear word to the people of earth, that within the inner spheres of light, each man, woman and child is designed in such God-glory that no earthly words may paint its perfection, and that it is but for the outer self of man to lift the inner eye, contemplate his pattern, and set his outer self in order, according to this sweet design. Having seen what you **MUST** become, you will pardon the enthusiasm of an elder brother who feels the joy of anticipation for all that you are yet to be!

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The Homes and Retreats of The Masters of Wisdom
THE RETREAT OF THE GREAT GOD MERU
From August 15 to September 14, 1952

Within the heart of one of the most majestic mountains of the Andes Range in South America, is the spiritual sanctuary and retreat of the great God Meru, Lord Manu of the sixth root race, whose final perfection is to find expression on the South American Continent in the not-too-distant future.

Approaching the entrance to the ancient sanctuary, we come upon a large foreman's lodge, with rough hewn beams and braided thatch roof, that upon first glance deflects the interest and curiosity of the sightseer. Entering into the spacious living room, we see a great rough stone fire-place at one end, many cushioned seats, woven in glorious colors by the talent of the native countrymen. Along the opposite wall is a beautiful tapestry, depicting one of the early rulers of the Incan Civilization, in the act of raising the flame to the morning sun.

As we wait in this quiet, peaceful resting room, the tapestry curtain is drawn aside, and a tall, graceful man garbed simply in a linen tunic, stands in the entrance. He beckons to us to follow him through the long stone passageway, into the heart of the mountain.

We move along in silence, coming suddenly upon a great, natural cave, lined with the same white rocklike substance. In the very center of the room, a great flame burns, rising upward in a column of white essence, and disappearing in some manner through the roof of the cavern. In a great circle around this central flame are over two hundred cushions, so placed as to allow ample room for each person to sit upon an individual cushion, and—facing the central altar—have an unbroken view

of the flame and any officiating beings who might be there for a specific purpose. As we stand in the threshold, we see that over one hundred of the cushioned seats are occupied, and that the great God Meru, himself, stands by the pillar of flame.

The God Meru is the archetype of the entire sixth root race, with all its seven subraces. This means that he is the perfect God-image for each one of the countless millions of spirit sparks called forth for evolution upon the Earth by his God flame.

All the individuals who belong to the sixth root race are his special charge, wherever they are presently living upon the planet Earth. He can never know full freedom of release from the responsibilities of guardianship, until every one of these individual souls are developed and matured in the schoolroom of earth's experience. When his particular children do evolve spiritually, he will establish a great civilization in South America, which will be a golden age of great perfection, enduring for over ten thousand years.

Looking at him, we see the delicately-carved features, the singularly beautiful, graceful dignity of his tall body, and the promise that lies in his exquisite and unfathomable eyes. We reflect on the possibilities of an entire race, carrying their heritage, his characteristics, his simple beauty, this harmony and rhythm and dignified simplicity.

During the thirty-day period between August 15 and September 14, the attention of the Great White Brotherhood is centered in the retreat of the great God Meru, to intensify the blessings of peace in the individual and the world.

The Masters Of Wisdom Speak
PEACE

MAHA CHOCHAN

Individual, national, universal and cosmic peace is based on the capacity of each member of society to consciously and voluntarily control the quality of the energy which enters his particular atmosphere and orbit, which then radiates out and affects the world of which he is a part. As a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, so is the peace of a family, a nation or a planet only as enduring as the power of the least member of its society to disturb its harmony. The education of the human race, as to its individual responsibility to enter a course of applied self-control, is the first step toward an abiding peace, the like of which we enjoy in the kingdom of heaven.

MORYA EL

“And the government shall be upon his shoulders.” The race is passing from the irresponsible days of childhood, with its requisite restraints of force, into the self-government through which each individual abides within the law of love and takes as his personal and constant responsibility to govern, qualify and radiate energy into our universe that in no way disturbs the peace. When the race accepts this individual responsibility, and takes his individual government upon his shoulders, the doing of God's will, will be a joy and not a task of superhuman difficulties.

The individual should cultivate daily that peace that passeth all understanding, and when he becomes a peace-radiating center, he will know what real happiness is, and moreover he will be doing God's will, thereby becoming a conscious co-worker of the Great White Brotherhood.

KUTHUMI

Working so constantly with the Lords of Karma and the builders of form, to provide suitable receptive bodies for the incoming souls, who are the hope of the future, it has been my particular concern to see the ungoverned thoughts and feelings of the human race, condensing into localized and planetary wars, destroy the bodies of the young before they are enabled to manifest their particular destinies. If mankind, individually, could understand that each lifestream contributes to the face of war, which has appeared in every generation, we could hope, then, for an individual endeavor to stop feeding the angers, jealousies, greeds and lusts which, in turn, tear from the hearts and homes of all peoples, the flower of each nation's youth.

VENETIAN

In my particular service to life, I have endeavored to stress the deep necessity for understanding the motivating power behind the actions of our brothers, human and divine. The life within every individual is seeking and striving to express the God intent, because that is the primal nature of life, itself. The vessel, or instrument, through which it endeavors to express, limits the gifts and powers of this life. If man would look to this life, within his brother, and encourage its expression in a loving and constructive manner, instead of driving it back through intolerance, bigotry and impatience, we should see true brotherhood, which is the essence of family, national, planetary and cosmic peace.

SERAPIS BEY

In our present humanity, there are in the neighborhood of ten billion souls, all completing their individual evolutions through the planets of our system. Because each individual is a generator of vibrations, through thought, feeling, spoken word and physical action, the universal vibration of the earth's atmosphere, inner and outer, is the conglomerate mass of these uncontrolled energies. Is it not evident why, from time to time, these energies mass—like great storm clouds—and break over the peoples as WAR?

Only one third of the entire population is allowed by the Lords of Karma to take embodiment at a time, due to the lack of control of each individual, as a greater percentage of incarnated lifestreams would blow the very physical substance of the earth to pieces! It is, indeed, time that individual, more than universal, self control and self correction be instigated, and—as the individual unit becomes a peace-commanding presence—the world screen will reflect the condition in the atmosphere of each human being. Then, and then alone, will an abiding peace be manifest to this generation, and those that are yet to come.

HILARION

Every man becomes the possessor of the energy of life when his lifestream is individualized. At the same time, he becomes individually responsible for the quality which he charges into his energy, as it passes through his mind, feelings, and body, into the world around him. The mankind of this earth are endeavoring to learn how to govern the energy of their individual worlds. This is the purpose of incarnation in the school-room of Earth. The misuse of energy recoils upon the individual, and gradually, as children learn the lessons of cause and effect through experience, mankind awakens to the necessity of governing and controlling the life given to him so freely.

But in the course of his learning, there is so much “raw material” drawn from the universal storehouse and thrown carelessly into the world of form, that the Law of Mercy has placed us here to help in clearing the experimental laboratories again and again, so that humanity may try to learn its lessons of harmonious expression under the most favorable circumstances. It will be of tremendous encouragement to us when enough of mankind choose to learn how to govern their energies, for we will then see the final chapter in the book of life, a planet of everlasting peace.

JESUS

The kingdom of heaven is a sphere of consciousness, in which there is no individual being desirous of, or capable of, creating an inharmonious or destructive vibration through the use of the creative centers of thought, feeling, spoken words, or action. To enter the kingdom, a lifestream must first signify his willingness to stop re-qualifying this energies in a manner that creates discord, subtle or apparent. Then comes the more tedious process of training the subtle bodies to receive and direct the impersonal energies of life in a wholly constructive and harmonious manner.

When the lifestream has proven itself no longer capable or desirous of responding to any type of stimuli—external or internal—in a manner that creates a discordant vibration, that one is a candidate for entrance into the kingdom. Have you ever thought of how long the kingdom would endure, if even one lifestream, who had not become absolute master of his energies, should become an active, conscious, contributing part of its atmosphere? To prepare to enter the kingdom is not the work of a moment, nor the emotional stimulus of a “last hour” repentance—it is a life work of constant, persistent endeavor in self-control, self-correction, and prayerful invocation for the contributing grace of radiation from those who have achieved.

SAINT GERMAIN

Mankind cries today, “I want peace.” We must reverse this desire to “I give peace.” Every member of our human race is an atom in the universal body of God. The body is only as perfect as its every part. The coming of peace is to be accomplished through the human race and not for the human race. To hold the peace is the responsibility of the individual who is self-consciously aware of the requirement of the hour. Man signifies every moment which is most precious to him, by that to which he clings, peace or his own personal will, peace or his individual comforts, peace or his individual concepts.

I do not advocate “peace at any price,” not for an instant. But an individual may be positively aligned on the side of right, and yet his individual energies positively charging vibrations of a battling, inharmonious nature into the cause he serves. Paradoxical? No! The nature of your feeling world in dealing with conditions determines whether you are holding the peace or—self-righteously or otherwise—feeding the works of the devil.

HEALING IN THE NEW DISPENSATION

The consciousness of mankind is now at the threshold of a new age, which will require of every man that he develop within himself the knowledge, capacity and will to govern his destiny, to consciously dissolve the causes within himself that are behind the unpleasant experiences in which he finds himself and then—intelligently—create new centers of thought and feeling which will manifest in his body as immortal youth, inexhaustible strength and vigor, and in his mind as peace, understanding and enlightenment.

The old order, wherein man relied upon a consciousness outside of himself to alleviate his pain, dispense mercy, and make him whole, is passing away. The discovery of the powers that are within man's own life, forms the field of spiritual exploration open to the thinkers and leaders of the race. Man, grasping his own destiny, must acknowledge himself, first, the cause of his present distress, and then, no longer placing the responsibility for his unhappiness outside of himself, he enters the new era of self-conscious mastery of his own life energy and learns to set his house in order through the faculties and powers that are quiescent within his own life.

Jesus has been the greatest exemplar of the power of instantaneous healing that the Western world has known. He has said, "the things that I have done, ye shall do also, and even greater things shall ye do." His promise is our challenge. It is not enough to have a few elect endowed with the capacity of mitigating the evils in the lives of the masses. Each man, in this world of tomorrow, must become the healing presence within himself. This healing of the new age will come first, through the upreaching of the people toward an explanation as to the cause for their distress.

Music, color, vibrations of light, are all mediums of healing, natural conductors of vitalizing and energizing force. The angelic kingdom, the seraphic hosts, certain of the Masters of light, will join with mankind in helping to free the race from the distressing conditions under which it functions today. We shall elaborate in forthcoming issues of "The Bridge" on these various activities and the way in which every man may cooperate with the law of health and peace of mind.

LIFE – THE GREATEST GIFT ON EARTH

By V. F. Angelday *

Every day of the year, and not only at Christmas, should be the season of gifts. Therefore, dear friend, WHAT IS THE GREATEST GIFT THAT CAN BE GIVEN? Great wealth? Power and position? Tell me! What good are any or all of these without LIFE?

It is the greatest joy and privilege in the universe, to cooperate with that life to produce health, happiness, beauty and perfection right here in this physical world, for which reason every living soul came into existence. “Whither shall I go from thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, thou art there.” Psalm 139. Why? Because wherever you are, GOD IS! Your life is the very presence of God, himself, by which you breathe, think, feel, live, move and have your being, AND IT IS RIGHT WITHIN your physical heart. It is the ENERGY that beats that heart. It is the freest of all free gifts to all. We are giving this without money, and without price, but who among us really knows this?

Who among us loves and reveres that presence of life within us? Who gives joyous praise and sincere thanks JUST FOR LIFE, the first thing each morning, as we return to this world in consciousness to a clean, fresh start, on a clean, fresh day, with a clean, fresh page opened before us in our own personal book of life, on which we may imprint the most beautiful record of love's accomplishments, or the blot and smear of wasted energy?

“Every day is a new beginning; every morn is the world made new!” Regardless of our “yesterdays,” regardless of past mistakes—life, that magnificent Presence which beats our hearts and is our VERY CONSCIOUSNESS, by this daily offer of another chance, allows us to correct and balance all the errors of the past. Life, which is GOD IN ACTION, constantly forgives and forgives, with ever-expanding love and devotion to its creation. That creation is, in reality, an extension of itself right here.

Life is no respecter of persons. Its gifts are for ALL. They are ours for the asking, but the “asking” must be done. The call for those gifts releases them, but the call must come from the heart of the one desiring them. That call can no more fail to be heard or answered than that you could suddenly put the sun, itself, out of existence. It is LIFE ITSELF that makes the call. The Laws of life are just as eternal as the sun itself, and, “Call unto me and I WILL ANSWER YOU,” is one of those laws.

Each individual is a “special” being of God's love, which he created in

individualized form, in order to have something to love and something through which to love the rest of his creation. The very willingness to turn your attention to that life within your heart, draws immediate and overwhelming response into your physical world and if you get still ENOUGH, you can FEEL IT.

Life, itself, is ALL there is! IT IS GOD, HIMSELF IN ACTION, in each one. Dear friend—as long as you have a beating heart, YOU ARE MASTER OVER EVERYTHING in your world. As long as you have a beating heart, NOTHING IS HOPELESS; NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE UNTO YOU, for “One with God is a majority” and “With God ALL THINGS are possible.” Remember! God's life is RIGHT WITHIN YOUR OWN HEART.

“Know thyself,” have said the sages of the past, and what is more “thyself” than your own personal heartbeat? Try getting acquainted with your own heart-beat and its source, and you will NEVER feel lonely or hopeless again. Right within your own blessed self has ALL OF LIFE given itself to you for constant use—without limit. This practice, persistently held to—will lift you to the attainment of your every heart's desire, right here in your daily experience in this world. It will be “wings of light” to you. Try it! It works!

*(A Staff Member, Ed)

SUPPLY IN THE NEW AGE

The irresistible force in a seed commands every power of nature to rush to its assistance, that it may express its full design. It contains a magnetic pull that draws the farmer from his bed before the morning light has entered the sky, to assist in loosing the ground, in carrying the water and nourishment that the life within the seed demands to fulfill its purpose, that invokes the rays from the sun, itself, and enlists the cooperation of all the tiny intelligent workers of the nature kingdom to pulverize the earth and ease its journey toward the sun.

Every desire and idea that enters your mind and heart which contains no evil intent within it, is endowed—like the seed— with the magnetic power to draw to itself the substance, power and intelligent help required to germinate in the garden of your consciousness.

A constant and steady stream of God ideas and desires are flowing outward from the Godhead, through the universe, with the rays of the sun. They are the messengers of God, carrying into the minds of men potential plans to widen the borders of his kingdom. The joy of nourish-

ing and externalizing these ideas is one of the gifts of God's love. The more open and receptive we are to them, the more we invite them, by earnest invocation of the Higher Mind, the more eagerly they will flow into our consciousness and thought.

Let us remember that these God ideas and desires contain within their "very selves" the magnetic power of God and the capacity to multiply and fulfill themselves in form. We can but welcome them and nourish them with love and patience and constancy until their period of germination is completed and they externalize in our experience. Rejoice in a new unfulfilled desire that has entered the compass of your thought. It is a messenger of the Father, that carries with it a new gift for your world.

Let it not arouse within you discontent or dissatisfaction with the present world. Remember, first comes the desire "gift of the Father," then fulfillment. You will not receive a desire for abundance, health, a beautiful home, a new car, until the God-idea, already conceived and dedicated to fulfillment, has been sent forth from the heart of the universe and you have merely been chosen to widen the borders of the kingdom by externalizing more beauty therein. Accept a good desire, a new idea. Never deny its possibility of externalization through your world.

HOW TO ACT IN A CRISIS

**"He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shall thou trust.
" Psalms 91:4**

In the ordinary course of daily living, crises do arise—individual crises that affect only one person, a family or a localized group of related beings, and—less often, thank God—great national and international crises that affect millions. The important thing for each one to remember is that any group, no matter how small or how large, is made up of the individual unit, multiplied. The calm, poised, reasoning individual becomes the pivotal point for the greater number who are unable to intelligently cope with sudden shock, surprise, fear, or whatever the appearance may be. We have all heard of how great audiences have safely been removed from burning buildings through the quick thinking and masterful control of either an entertainer or a member of the audience itself, who directed the thought pattern of the crowd and maintained order and balance in the entire group.

Emotional hysteria and all mass feeling are highly contagious, and run—like a forest fire—through the feeling world of mankind. There is no

individual who is proof against sudden, unexpected disturbance, unless such an one has carefully and constantly trained himself to remain poised and balanced in the face of emergencies, and built a momentum of controlled energy into his own world. The practice ground for such training is our daily environment. Kipling said, "It is well if you can keep your head, when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you." The matter of keeping your head (mind) receptive to the directions of the Higher Intelligence, and your feelings calm and unruffled, in the face of unpleasant daily experiences, may make all the difference between safety and disaster when emergencies arise.

We have all had the experience of contacting a calm, poised individual when we, ourselves, have been distressed, and have witnessed the effect of the transference of that calm, poised, assured feeling stilling our own distressed emotions. Thus, although hysteria, fear and uncontrolled emotions are instantly transferable, so, too, are the higher spiritual qualities of peace, poise, and balance.

Over and above the human race, there stand great guardian beings, whose responsibility and voluntary service is to protect the lifestreams on the planet, when need arises. They do this through connecting their own feelings of peace, poise, safety, calmness and healing, with some individual in a physical body, who can maintain harmonious control of his emotional and mental energies at a time when the great masses are distressed. Such an individual is singled out, and through his very body flows the substance of God's love, like a blanket of healing, protection, peace and supply.

Thus do the "wings of the Almighty" spread over the face of the land. In the same manner, individuals who are by nature, and cultivation, self-controlled and balanced in times of crises, become the natural recipients and dispensers of supernatural substance, "the manna from heaven," which is sometimes required by the people to sustain the body's life during cataclysmic action, famine, war, pestilence, or other crises of a like nature. Witness Moses feeding the Israelites in the wilderness, and Jesus multiplying the loaves and fishes.

Let us then, individually, begin to train ourselves to remain the peace-commanding presence in the face of the small, trifling experiences of daily life, that, when, and if, the occasion should ever arise, we may abide under the wings of the Almighty and, further, become those very wings to the children of Earth who might require our presence, comfort, assistance and counsel.

Wherever I am, the Father is present,

Wherever I am, is infinite peace.
 Wherever I am, is God's protection.
 Wherever I am, man's troubles cease.
 Wherever I am, nature is kindly`
 Before me her lavish board is spread.
 Her elements form a mantle around me.
 In paths of security, I am led.
 Wherever I Am, the light of His presence,
 Healing and raising, ever abides.
 His sweet benediction constantly flowing,
 His will victorious, whatever betide.
 Wherever I Am, the wings of the Almighty
 Over my brothers, in love, are spread.
 No evil thing shall ever befall them.
 Into His presence, they are gently led.

THE SACRIFICE OF SANAT KUMARA
By Thomas Printz

The great Lords of Love on Venus, gathered together in holy council, were advised that their sister planet, Earth, (called the Dark Star or the Shadow Planet), could not radiate enough light to assure herself a permanent place in the solar system. As man replaces a blown bulb on the Christmas tree string, so the Cosmic Law must, impersonally, remove from its cosmic chain, those planets or stars that cannot or will not fulfill their individual destiny and contribute, within a certain allotted time allowed for development, a radiation of light, peace and harmony to the universe of which it is a part. When the planet has exceeded its time allotted for growth and expansion, and it is found to be without a self-generated and self-sustained power of radiation for good, it must be discarded, and its component elements returned to the unformed for re-polarization and re-molding into a more productive form.

Rather than see the Earth dissolved, thus leaving the millions of souls then evolving on the planet without a planetary home upon which to work out their own mastery, the council of Venus volunteered to send some of her people to carry and sustain the light for the earth, until enough of the Earth's people could be educated in the instruction of the flame and taught how to regulate their own life flame, so that it would emit a steady and constant light. The light so cultivated in the hearts of men would then be "the light of the world" and the great visitors from Venus, their mission accomplished, could return in love—as in love they came—to their celestial star.

The greatest always being the servant of the lesser, their Cosmic Lord, himself—Sanat Kumara—and three of his children offered to lead the missionary band. The great Kumaras, with thirty loyal volunteers, prepared for their descent into the atmosphere of the planet Earth, knowing full well that they must remain until enough of the children of Earth had awakened to the need of the hour and of the cosmic fiat that the Earth must emit more light. These earth children, then, must enter into the centuries of training, self-control and discipline required to become Lords of their own heart flame and through that flame, release the great Kumaras from their service of love and light.

The thirty pupils of the Kumaras thus bade good-bye to their families, their homes, their planet, and stood in the solemn court of the Lords of Karma of Earth. This great council accepted, in gratitude, the entrance of these souls into the wheel of the earth's evolution. Each was bound to the wheel of embodiment, earth experience, and death for so long as the earth should need their borrowed light, and NONE MIGHT BE RELEASED until the hour came when the earth's own light was sufficient to pass the Cosmic Law's demand. Only then could these thirty beings be cut from this wheel and assume their rightful evolution upon their sweet planet of love. Has there ever been such a supreme sacrifice? They volunteered not for one lifetime, one embodiment of suffering, one death, one birth, but for countless, inconceivable millions of rounds.

The first duties of the thirty loving ones was to prepare a place for the coming of their Lord. When each soul was bound around by the “forgetful bonds” of earth's magnetism and entered into birth, only his burning love remained to light his way. Yet, each was enabled in those early days, before the wearisome journey had dulled the glow of the spiritual fire, to remember his purpose sufficiently, to find his brother pilgrims and unite in the preparation of the home for Sanat Kumara in the atmosphere of earth. This great preparation, taking hundreds of years, is known as the “building of Shamballa” to which we will refer in our next article.

TRAVEL IN CONSCIOUSNESS

Consciousness is our thought and feeling self, which abides within the bodies God and the elemental kingdom have provided for us. Every experience we have adds to the sum total of wisdom or foolishness, which makes up our individual, distinctive consciousness.

In the years between infancy and maturity, every individual—through choice and circumstance—adds to and changes his consciousness for better or for worse. We can experience both terror and ecstasy without using the medium of the physical body, for all have known the joys of happy “dreams” and the horrors of nightmare. In the fields of drama, literature and art, man has learned to free his consciousness from the prosaic environments when he views this “imagery.”

Consciousness endures beyond the dissolution of the physical body, at the time of so-called death through the intermediate life, and returns as the personal heritage of the re-incarnating ego, forming the foundation of his new life experience. Therefore, the richer and more perceptive our individual consciousness is, the more rapid our growth in this and succeeding lives.

When we ask the gentle reader to travel in consciousness, we are but encouraging him to use the same faculties by which he transfers himself, temporarily, into the world of the dramatist, the poet, or the master of literature. A good formula for such travel is here outlined:

No. 1: Determine where you want to go. Nourish the outer mind through reading about and contemplating upon the sphere or location which is to be your goal, until you can close your eyes and picture your objective. The presence of God and his messengers are your compass charts. Your mind is like the sail of a boat.

No. 2: Will, through your feelings, that you will reach your destination. Your feeling world is like the wind in the sails. Use your feelings also to generate joy and anticipation for your journey.

No. 3: Relax and let God, through you, do the work. When you are going to sit down before the fire with a good book, you anticipate a time of relaxation. In like manner, if you are going to attend the opera or the theater, you welcome it as an opportunity to relieve the conscious or unconscious tensions of the work-a-day world. Spiritual journeys and exercises should also be a mode of relaxation and enjoyment and not be entered into with mental strain, restraint, and the accompanying uncertainty of either your ability to make the journey, or to retain the benefits received. Be assured that over eighty percent of your benefits are to the unfolding soul, and the mental retention of your experience will come

with time.

No. 4: Utilize the results of your experience in your daily living. The Far East is an unhappy example of the “escape mechanism” of religious ecstasies, which accomplish no good purpose in the forward course of evolution of our planet, its mankind, and the nature kingdom, as well. To look at a vision, to smell a rose, to contemplate and recognize a truth is commendable, BUT TO TRANSLATE THE VISION AND TRUTH INTO ACTION IS TO SERVE GOD'S PURPOSE. Also the balance you return to life for any expansion of consciousness, determines how much you will receive on your next visitation to the cosmic well.

PEACE (II)

The whole world is seeking peace, individuals and nations. Peace means surcease from pain of mind and body. Peace seems to have fled the earth and, yet, until it returns, neither individual nor nation will find rest.

The favorite salutation of the Master Jesus was, “Peace be unto you.” On the night of the Last Supper, he gave them his last heritage in the words, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

Knowing what they were to go through, he bestowed upon them a measure of his peace, which he knew would enable them to bear the pain and disappointment which was to come upon them. He gives the same cheering message today to all those who are burdened for one reason or another.

Peace is a vital force, a substance that can be felt by the human body as a radiation of well-being, and which can be seen by the inner eye as an exquisite, palpable ephemeral substance, having both sound and color. Its color is an exquisite pale gold and its sound is like the softest music which intermingles with the feelings, soothing and healing them.

Jesus is recognized in heaven and earth as the Prince of Peace. Through the centuries he has generated a vast aura of this heavenly substance, which is instantly available to anyone seeking its soothing influence.

In this modern day of invention and genius, it is an easy matter for us to accept the possibility of thought projection or thought transference. We know that thoughts of all kinds are continually floating in the atmos-

phere all around us, waiting to be picked up by people who tune into their vibration, but a specially-directed thought, with intense feeling behind it, goes straight to its mark, especially when it is consciously projected at the waiting and receptive mind of the Master Jesus, carrying a request for peace, healing or whatever is the need of the hour. This service of the Master may be impersonal, although we have his personal invitation to partake of his great gift in the words, "Come unto me, all ye who are burdened and heavy laden, and I will give you rest (peace)."

COSMIC LAW By D. T. Marches

Limitation of any kind in the experience of man, as a whole, or the absence of some essential quality conducive to the health and happiness of the race, are the causes of many of the mental and bodily ailments prevalent in the world today. Worry, distress and grief, coupled with a feeling of helplessness in the face of existing circumstances, prey on the mind of the individual, are followed by a depressing effect on the atoms of the body and manifests as disease and distress.

In order to intelligently control the circumstances of life, it is essential that man must have an understanding of the laws under which he lives and how he may comply with those laws, in order to experience lasting peace, abundance and health of mind and body.

The lives of the people living on this planet are bound by material laws, governing almost every department of life, enacted with a view to protect the individual's best interests in life and property, as well as to counteract and curb the selfishness and carelessness of some members of society who—if not restrained—would make daily life a hazard. Although the intelligent citizen makes it a point to acquaint himself with the laws of his community, state and country, he seldom stops to think that there are great universal laws under which he is also responsible, which govern his body, his spiritual growth, his personal happiness, and his evolution.

The whole universe, of which our planet is a small unit, is governed by one great blanket law, which is called the Cosmic Law. This Law is divided into many subsidiary units, which best protect the specific evolutionary condition of the manifold expressions of creation. There are spiritual as well as natural aspects of this great Law and every created thing, from the smallest atom to the Godhead, himself, exists under some phase of its governance.

Man, being a complex creation, comes under these two latter as-

pects of the Cosmic Law. His body, composed of the elements which form our planet, comes under the natural Law, and his soul, or spirit, which is that part of man “made in the image and likeness of God,” comes under the spiritual Law. The mind, which is the seat of reason and intelligence, as well as being the outer expression or representative of the soul or indwelling spirit, comes, of course, under this latter aspect.

Therefore, it is the personal self of the individual who is held responsible for any infraction of the spiritual Law, and it is the personal self, through every department of life, including health, finances, position, etc., that suffers reaction through the most minor infringement of this Law. The branch of the spiritual Law governing all evolving life on this planet, including that of man, is called the Law of Cause and Effect, and it is mostly due to ignorance, rather than willful transgression of this Law, that mankind reaps the direful effects resulting from imperfect causes. All the misery in the world, including war, and even death, are effects set up by wrong causes in the lives of men.

Material laws are transgressed daily, either willfully or otherwise, without the offenders being apprehended, because the transgression did not have a material witness with authority to enforce the law. The natural laws governing the health of brain and body are likewise daily infringed, but because the body is long suffering and patient, the cause of the transgression of this law is not always discernible, when disease and discomfort appear. However, it is this seemingly “invisible agent” of the spiritual laws that encourage the transgressor in the erroneous belief that “where there is no eye to witness the deed, the fault goes unrecorded.” Man never made a more grave mistake.

Within the soul of each human being there is a sleepless, tireless, indefatigable “recorder” (conscience) which keeps account of every passing thought and feeling that emanates from these, the creative centers. It is as mechanically accurate as the modern devices that record energy waves on tape and wire for future reference, only more so, because it is a celestial law. According to the quality of the energy generated, does it set up invisible, but potent CAUSES in the life of the individual, either on the right or left side of the “Book of Life.”

If the thoughts and feelings are harmonious and constructive, tending to help individuals or to promote good, then there is much merit credited to the evolving ego. That good is not quiescent, but a living CAUSE (spiritual seed) in the person's world, and he will reap the benefit of it in a pleasant effect, which sometimes appears in his world unexpectedly—the world has called these “surprise windfalls,” “the smile of

fortune.” But, nevertheless, they are the direct result of an exact law.

If, however, any thought or feeling vibration should go out from an individual that is in the least degree tainted with discord, anger, hate, resentment, or any other human quality that would hurt or injure any part of life, that activity sets up a CAUSE within the individual's world, which, sooner or later, will express itself as an unpleasant EFFECT or experience in the life of its creator.

HOW A MOTHER SHOULD PROTECT HER CHILDREN

The love of the mother for her children is intense, and yet at times it is tinged very much with fear that they will in some measure be harmed and injured through a problematical war or some other unhappy circumstance.

That thought and feeling is a film or coat of substance that enfolds them like a coarse garment and hinders their progress. This is held around them while attention is upon them.

There is an old saying, “That which I feared came upon me.” This is based on truth and the stronger one's attention and vision for an individual is, the more power he or she has to directly influence the lifestream.

Mothers who hold in their hearts this picture of fear about their children should change it, and hold for them a picture of strong, outstanding kindly, tolerant men and women. Thinking of each one as a perfect being, you will not only undo the fear creation that is around them, but you will help their thinking and feeling processes to take on a more constructive and selfless pattern.

WORLD PEACE AND WORLD BROTHERHOOD

“The Bridge” is working to promote, from the spiritual angle and through the individual, just as Christian and other churches are doing, the establishment and maintenance of world peace and world brotherhood, based on love, justice, tolerance and freedom.

The inalienable rights of free men have been evolved through centuries of struggle, and the maintenance of these rights have been the obligation of that portion of humanity who consider the God-given opportunity to enjoy freedom, justice, the right to worship God according to the dictates of the individual conscience, and the opportunity to pursue and secure happiness more precious than any personal inconvenience or hardship. The establishment and maintenance of world peace in no

manner is to be interpreted as the condonation of tyranny, oppression, aggression, or evil of any kind, no matter under what misleading guise it may be camouflaged, whether it is the appeasement of wrong doing or wrong intent.

World Brotherhood does not constitute the leveling of all men to the substandards of the lowest strata of human kind, but the conscious raising, through education and competent guidance, of the entire race to the highest standards of moral, ethical, economic and spiritual maturity.

HOW TO CONTACT THE MASTERS

There are, among the people of Earth, individuals who have chosen to cultivate the friendship and association of certain liberated or perfected beings, and by choosing to contemplate the lives of these liberated beings, by studying their words when such are available, by contemplating their pictures, or meditating upon their individual focus of intelligence, such human beings absorb the life, the radiation and the substance of the Master they are wise enough to contact, through the magic medium of their thought and of their feeling.

You can cultivate the friendship of a Master with greater ease than you can build a human friendship between men, because, on an instant, you are always connected with the Master through the medium of thought and feeling. Human bodies, bound by time and space, need personal contact to enjoy association, one with the other.

COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

The following statements have been taken at random from the hundreds of letters we receive daily:

“I am deeply grateful that the teachings of the Masters are now being brought to the attention of so many, through the columns of “The Bridge.”

“Thank you for the copies of “The Bridge.” I am most grateful for them, and to know that there is such a wonderful activity. The information and instruction given is most encouraging, and I am enjoying them very much.

“If we are to judge the tree by its fruit, “The Bridge” is certainly a new platform of the Masters of Wisdom, from which they talk to us every month.”

“Thank you for those five wonderful copies of “The Bridge.” You may know how much we will treasure them.

"I am so grateful for "The Bridge," and may you be blessed a thousand fold with every good thing your heart desires for your efforts in bringing the "Journal" before the people NOW."

Daily Work Sheet
PEACE

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

— Jesus. (Matt . 5:9)

Understand and visualize the following, every hour of the day:

I know and feel that now and every moment of the day the Higher Self of each one of the ten billion souls evolving on this planet—embodied and disembodied—is radiating "peace on Earth and good-will toward men."

I know and feel that this mass thought and feeling force has annulled, already, the cause and effect of all future wars on this planet.

I know and feel that now, and always, all those who are placed in positions of authority, with the apparent power to decide on peace or war, are overshadowed by the Gods—princes and liberated masters of peace—and have already decided on peace.

"Peace on Earth and good-will toward men." (Luke 2:14)

DECREE

"I invite and joyously accept the God-ideas and desires that are constantly flying through the universe, awaiting entrance into the fertile consciousness of some member of the human race, that they might be nourished and externalized for the greater good of myself and my fellowman. Within every good desire and idea that is germinating within my mind and consciousness, is the magnetic pull of God's love, that cannot be denied. That draws toward me, even from the very corners of the earth, all the substance, friends, and assistance required to fulfill this idea and lower it into manifest form.

THE BRIDGE

TO FREEDOM

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THE BRIDGE TO FREEDOM

THE BRIDGE TO FREEDOM comes to you as a messenger of peace, a harbinger of hope, a span over which your outer consciousness may walk in safety into the presence of the Great White Brotherhood, share in their plans and endeavors on behalf of mankind, and consciously avail yourself of the radiation and blessing which such knowledge brings.

Despite ALL claims to the contrary, you are asked to examine the fibers that are woven into the strands of its policy, and in HONEST, UNBIASED INDIVIDUAL JUDGMENT, ask yourself what agency is presently giving, or has previously offered, information of this nature, with its attendant individual blessing, its spiritual value in uniting the energies of the race with the Brotherhood in his hour, without commercializing the credulous, IDEALIZING ANY PERSONALITY, OR FORBIDDING INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE AND ACTION, within the natural confines of moral and ethical purity.

OUR PLATFORM

FREEDOM for every lifestream to develop and unfold its talents and utilize those talents for the good of life.

JUSTICE for every soul who has put his shoulder to the wheel, no matter what flaws of personal character have dimmed the full manifestation of service.

UNITY of the members of the Spiritual Brotherhood, through coordinated, directed, rhythmic, universal instructions on the Law and the requirements of the hour.

LOVE AND TOLERANCE for all life, which bind together, rather than divide, the peoples of earth, the conscious students on the path and those leaders who are big enough to admit that the Sun cannot limit its shining to but one “sunbeam.”

TRUTH UNVEILED, so that all who apply to the cosmic fount may be filled and none turned away in bitterness and emptiness.

PEACE which comes from liberty of conscience and action, within the reasonable confines of honor and ethical purity.

ACTION through coordinated, directed, systematically distributed instructions in the cause of world good!

Thomas Printz

OUR PURPOSE

A bridge, says Webster, “makes a way over anything that hinders” for those who choose to use it. No man would choose to breast the cold torrent, rather than walk in safety across a kind and thoughtfully-constructed span. Sincere men and women all over our earth today are seeking a “way over” the world appearances of war, famine, disease, poverty, ignorance and limitation, into a world of peace, health, opulence, enlightenment and freedom—a way by which not only they, but all men, might enjoy, permanently the promised land spoken of in prophecy since Biblical days, a way by which they, and all men, might contact the will of God and intelligently cooperate with it, to expand the borders of His kingdom.

THE BRIDGE builders have been sent out by the Father to the farthest corners of his kingdom, and the great men and women who have toiled to build such bridges, over which the consciousness of men and women have passed, to find greater peace and understanding, have become immortal in the memories of the human race. It is now the Father's will that his children know not only the one small span provided in their vicinity, but tread the spans of other faiths and other creeds and in the widened consciousness and tolerance that such study will bring, learn that universal brotherhood and universal faith is not only possible, but attainable within the tenets of one's own credo.

All world religions, and all the fields of spiritual exploration that have risen on the tide of the new Aquarian vibrations, have been inspired by the Masters of Wisdom, who stand behind these activities, and through their organizations, endeavor to pour the vitalizing force, which is the redemption of the race. It is regrettable, however, that men so often

refuse to allow the sun to shine through any but their own windows. As Alice Bailey says in her great book, "Initiations—Human and Solar," certain schools of occultism and theosophical endeavor have claimed to be the sole repository of their teaching, and the sole outlet for their efforts, thereby limiting that which they do and formulating premises which time and circumstance will fail to substantiate.

The Masters work, most assuredly, through such groups of thinkers and throw much of their force into the work of such organizations, yet, nevertheless, they have their disciples and their followers everywhere, and work through many bodies and many aspects of teaching. It might be wise for occult students everywhere to recognize these facts and to cultivate the ability to recognize the hierarchical vibration as it demonstrates through the medium of disciples in the most unlikely places and groups.

Now, in 1952, in view of the acceleration of the coming new age, "The Bridge" comes forth with the purpose of uniting members of all schools of thought and faith, who need not leave their respective organizations in points of dogmas or principles, but in a coordinate and cooperative action in self-development and world service along the lines common to all, thus creating a more united and powerful force for the good of the individual and the whole human race, such as: directed synchronized daily prayers, cooperative visualizations and meditations not only for the protection of America, but for the whole world.

A similar experiment in the field of orthodoxy, in which the Roman Catholics and Protestants and Jewish Faiths united in prayers for world peace, has been successful, each one maintaining its identity. There is no reason, therefore, why in the more advanced metaphysical fields, another action for unity without prejudice should not bear as identically good fruit.

"Perfect love," says Saint John, "casteth out fear." When we fear to examine or contemplate another aspect of truth, we are not assured in our own convictions. Thus, in love, let us enter the world of our brother, and in love, invite him to enter ours. "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good," said Paul to the Thessalonians.

"The Bridge" will be given as wide a circulation as possible, so as to reach those, who, perhaps have never heard of all the God-inspired movements now active through the members of these previously-mentioned spiritual organizations and other activities, and who may not have profited by the great truths which their activities contain.

World brotherhood, as sponsored by "The Bridge" and all its subsidi-

ary publications, does not constitute the leveling of all men to the sub-standard of the lowest strata of human kind, but rather the raising of the consciousness through the individual, through education and competent guidance of the entire race to the highest standards of moral, ethical, economical and spiritual maturity.

Thomas Printz, Editor

WINGS OF LIGHT
V. F. Angelday

Greetings, dear friend of light—for such you are! Your interest in reading “The Bridge” has made you so! I am so grateful for that friendship, because it means we may help each other. “Friendship” is a mutual assistance to life through (divine) love. Who is not happy, when assisting some other part of life to greater freedom, ease, and peace, comfort and joy?

Are YOU seeking happiness? Most people are, you know! Then be a friend to life and forget your own desires for just a little bit, at least long enough to think about what you could do to give happiness to someone else. Do some little unexpected things you know will please one or more here and there among those you contact each day and then watch! Oh! I know you would not do this for reward—that won't even be necessary, for they MUST flow back into your world as surely as they went out, completing the Law of the Circle.

Just as surely as you are reading this, whatever goes out FROM you is compelled, by the very law of your being, to flow BACK INTO YOU, and be very sure it will find you, because that energy is stamped with the vibrations of your own energy, your own identity! Just as all the GOOD flows back, so does the opposite, of course. Since all life is one, and the Law of the Circle is absolute and unchanging, then the one who points the finger of scorn or blame or criticism at some other part of life, is in reality pointing at his own back. The energy (life or light), that goes forth from him, encircles the globe, GATHERS TO ITSELF all it contacts THAT IS LIKE ITSELF, and returns to its sender in amplified measure. Thus, is each one the greatest sufferer from his own mistakes and the greatest beneficiary of his blessings sent out to life.

Magnificent is the wisdom contained within the Golden Rule, which has been the law of life to the mankind of this planet ever since its inception in the universe—“Do unto others as you would have others do unto

you.” No one, not even an atom in the universe, is an exception to this law, and none ever escape it. So, if you will make it your business to give at least some happiness to everyone and every bit of life you contact each day, in a very short time you could not know what unhappiness was, so much would return to you—always with accumulated energy. Then you would have no desire except to continue your efforts in that respect. This would bring you the happiness you desire.

The first time you and I met on “The Bridge” (last issue), we talked about the greatest gift that could be given. Remember? It is that gift (life itself), that enables you and me to enter upon and cross the bridge, for this bridge is the bridge from death to life—believe it or not! More about this next month, and until we meet again, God bless you with every good thing your world can hold. May his great wings of light guard you from all evil, within or without, and love you into ALL PERFECTION HERE AND NOW!

The Masters Of Wisdom Speak

HOW YOU ARE ASSISTED ON THE PATH AT THIS HOUR

MAHA CHOCHAN

Man is a seven-fold being, whose bodies—as instruments of the Self—have been created through aeons of time on the planets belonging to our physical sun. Through these seven bodies, each Divine Self chose to develop the powers of conscious, controlled creation, through the use of energy, the moulding power of thought, and the life-giving essence of feeling. Working through the instruments of these vehicles, the self maintained the control and mastery over their activities. When man allowed his bodies to assume authority and independent activity, without the directive intelligence of the God-Self, the conscious and dignified descent of the Divine Presence into matter became, instead, the uncontrolled and hapless “fall of man,” without dignity, purpose, or design. It is our particular endeavor to restore man to his proper estate, his bodies to their useful function, and return the authority and dignity of directives to the God-Self. This process is called, “the ascension.”

MORYA EL

At the moment when any man applies for instruction on the Law, he is placed under the scrutiny of his spiritual sponsor. The sponsor is chosen, usually, by the Maha Chohan, and becomes, in fact, "God-Father" to the aspirant. The seven bodies, through which the individual's consciousness is endeavoring to develop some sort of a life plan, are carefully examined, and—under the new dispensation—the teacher endeavors to develop those particular inner bodies that are most immature, until there is a semblance of balance among the physical, emotional, mental, and etheric vehicles. The Higher Bodies need not come into the present discussion, for their expansion is the subject of a future work.

KUTHUMI

The Initiate must be trained to CENTER his consciousness within the rhythmic life flame in the physical heart, and from this premise consciously delegate the energies to the body required to perform a specific function in the activities of manifest life. Most men are off balance, because the vital essence of their consciousness lies either in the emotional body, the physical body, or the mental body, and, in the case of the fanatical, in the etheric body. Thus you have a four-wheeled chariot, with the charioteer riding under the rim of one of the revolving wheels. It is no easy task to disengage the consciousness from the center in which it has housed itself, sometimes for centuries, satisfying particular appetites of a physical, mental, or emotional nature, but that is the self-imposed responsibility of the guardian brothers.

PAUL THE VENETIAN

The size and development of any man's bodies, inner as well as physical, is determined by the use to which he has put his energy through the centuries. Thus, he has often starved several of his bodies and overfed one. The scholar has expanded and developed his mental body, often at the expense of his physical well being. The man engaged in development of great physical dexterity, is often without the sharpened and sensitive mental development, which would go so well with his physical beauty. Because tendencies, habits, and preferences endure from embodiment to embodiment, most individuals are endeavoring to proceed through life in a chariot with one enormous wheel, and others sometimes no larger than a spool of thread. No wonder the ride becomes a difficult one! It is for us to develop and mature these undernourished vehicles and, in kindness, remove from them the vampire greed that has builded through centuries of indulgence.

SERAPIS BEY

While the sponsor is working with the Lords of karma to provide the seemingly “trying” experiences in daily life particularly required to develop strength and maturity in the retarded vehicles, the Brothers of the Ascension are constantly driving the consciousness back into the CENTER, wherein the Presence is found. The lash of pain, disillusionment and suffering makes the aspirant cease to look outward for comfort and for guidance, and when we have driven the consciousness into the “Secret Place of the Most High,” we have prepared the meeting place, where soul and God-Self find union, and the “peace that passeth the understanding of the mind” becomes the permanent experience of the individual.

No longer does he look outward, but abiding within the center of his being, directs, through his bodies the activities of each day. It is not an enviable position we hold from the standpoint of poor, bewildered mankind, but one that is a definite service to his ultimate victorious accomplishment.

HILARION

Although the greater mass of mankind ride through life on their mismatched wheels (inner and outer bodies), it is only the applicant, who signifies voluntarily that he desires assistance, who must pass through the painful process of having his vehicles balanced and expanded. He, alone, suffers the “growing pains” of the spirit, which explains why the lonely neophyte meets with experiences not enjoyed by the smugly complacent sleepers. But, although the development and balancing process seems severe, the final victorious accomplishment is worth every effort on the part of the seeker, and sooner or later every incarnate individual must tread the path to his ultimate victory.

JESUS

The consciousness of man one day stands before the presence of God and the spiritual union of the will of the Father, through the self-conscious awareness of the son, re-establishes the natural estate of every individual being who walks the way of earth. When the consciousness is no longer the plaything of the bodies, but the intelligent servant of the overself, truly does the mission of the self begin. This complete dedication of the outer consciousness in the deep feeling of “Not my will, but

Thine, be done” was accomplished by me before my public ministry began. It must be accomplished in like manner by every one, particularly those who are presently being trained for the position of way-showers to a race that sleepeth still.

SAINT GERMAIN

In the Fourth Sphere dwell the Christ Selves of almost every member of the human race, and from this realm is directed the life, intelligence and substance which sustains the outer consciousness (soul), in its endeavors to find purpose in being. Through free will, the outer consciousness has had the prerogative to reject the directions and authority of the Christ Self, and the condition of the earth, its peoples and the very nature kingdom, show the result of such arbitrary and uncontrolled license. In January of 1952, the Christ Selves placed a petition before the Lords of Karma to withdraw this free will, and to allow them to assist in the progress of the race through the human personalities which they have sustained through the centuries.

A messenger from the Central Sun granted a limited dispensation, allowing a certain number of Christ Selves this opportunity, hoping that the results of such a merciful grant would warrant additional dispensations before the year is spent. You who read these words are among the first select circle chosen. When the masses are so compelled by an inner hunger and thirst after righteousness, it will take all your nourishment, knowledge, unfoldment and development to fill them. This is why the Central Sun held back the full release to all the Christ Selves, because a planet literally “stampeding” for God's Law would be more chaotic than it is at present.

The Homes and Retreats of The Masters of Wisdom

LUXOR, THE ASCENSION TEMPLE

From September 15 to October 14, 1952

THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS SECTION—One of the important reasons for acquainting mankind of the councils where the flame is most active at any given time in the earth cycle, is that the energies of every visitant can become part of the expansion of that flame, and each interested party is “fuel” to the fire.

The greater the concentration of the gift which is always of some specific benefit to the race, naturally the greater the individual blessing to every component part—the brighter shines the fire, the greater its gift of light.

Journeying leisurely up the River Nile, almost 480 miles from our point of embarkation at Cairo, we come in sight of the glorious Temples of Luxor, that stand out from the sands of the desert, proclaiming to the world a magnificence of splendor, a transcendence of purposeful worship, that is little understood by modern civilization.

Within walking distance of the marsh, across an improvised boardwalk, over which we gingerly stepped upon leaving the relative security of our boat, we pass into the great pillared avenues that extend around the base of the great temples built by Ramses II, and which have endured to the present day. The temples seem to throb, not only with the akashic records of spiritual invocations and endeavors of the Illuminati of the ages, but with a very present, powerful, potent and active stimuli to the upliftment of soul and spirit.

Proceeding onward, we come upon a large, white stone edifice, built in a perfect square, that seems to be in good repair and presently inhabited. It is surrounded by a high wall, the four corners of which end in huge towers. The entrance is through massive doors, which open onto a large courtyard, glimpses of which we can perceive through the closely-knit grillwork. Our guide summons the gatekeeper by pulling on a cord hanging beside the gate.

We hear the sound of a melodious bell and our call is answered immediately by the gate’s swinging inward, admitting us into a veritable paradise of beauty. The contrast between the arid desert that lies within two feet of the outer wall and this verdant, glorious garden, with its musical fountains, its various colored flowers in full bloom, and the brilliant plumage of the bird life, renders us speechless with admiration and delight.

Set back from the courtyard, we see the famous sanctuary of Luxor,

known throughout the spiritual world as the host to those sons of men who are about to finish their earthly pilgrimages, and who desire to hasten the development of the necessary qualifications to pass, with awareness, into the next realm of conscious life, through what is termed the ascension. Ah, Luxor! how many dreams and hopes, how many heart-breaks, disappointments and despairs are written in the invisible ethers above your seemingly placid appearance!

As we enter the sanctuary from the garden, we are each led to a separate cubicle, which is to be our private sanctum during our stay, the simple contents of which comprise a pallet, a small straight table on which is a bottle filled with sparkling fresh water, an individual chair and a covering which looks like an Eastern prayer rug on the floor. The room contains no books, no pictures and there is only one small window set high into the wall so that it is required of a person to stand upon the chair to see the possible distracting activities of the outer courtyard.

Within this narrow compass, the aspirant is forced to face himself, with no props, no mental stimuli, nothing outside of his own spiritual guide or mentor, who lives deep, deep, deep, deep within the heart. We are not long allowed to ponder within our uncompromising solitude before we are summoned to appear before the HIERARCH—he whose name has spelled discipline to men through centuries of time—the very one from whom the present “spartan spirit” is derived and who was the originator of that great race whose memory lives yet in the immortal history of ancient Greece.

We follow our guide to the library and as the doors open, we see HIM sitting straight, impersonal and unsmiling behind his great desk. Our messenger departs and we are left alone, standing before the Hierarch. Why did we come? If only we might escape! He looks at us and his piercing eyes gaze deep into our very hearts. We experience the sensation of having our thoughts and feelings literally pressed out of our inner bodies, until they stand externalized in the room—not only our present feelings of trepidation, but all the uncountable, muddled, garbled lot of incoherent reactions to experiences throughout our life stand visible as our silent accusers.

Try as we will, we can neither suppress them nor keep them from flying, like the inhabitants of Pandora's box, all over the room, filling the sacred sanctuary with our personal iniquities. Finally, all is uncovered and we stand revealed in our human nature, expecting instant dismissal. Then, oh then, the indescribable relief and joy—the great Master smiles.

Serapis, Lord of Love, divine Lord of the Seraphic Hosts, who bear

thy name, how sweet is thy simple, thy gracious benediction. Instantly all our creation disappears, and although we are uncomfortably aware that it has been swallowed up again within our own undisciplined human nature, at least it no longer stands before our eyes and those of our great host. Inwardly, we determine to attend to its annihilation. Of this we are sure, lest we ever again are forced to stand in the presence of purity, unveiled, and find ourselves unworthy. Thus, vow number one is voluntarily taken!

The great Master then explains that Luxor provides the opportunity for the development of the spiritual nature, but that there is no teacher other than the individual's own life flame. There are great libraries full of priceless volumes, but there is no one to point out a single course of reading. One is left to the inspiration and intuition of the heart. There are countless symbolic treasures of art, all containing the secrets, codes and messages of immortality, but no one will ever suggest that we look upon them.

Yet, the entire resources of the retreat are ours for the duration of our stay, even as are all the glorious opportunities of everyday life, the proving ground of every man! Then he bids us go, develop our own course of study and, if, after a given time, when we are again called before him, there is even a slight improvement in our externalized aura, we may stay on. Otherwise, in blessed love, we must depart.

Here, from September 15th to October 14th, will be entertained every hopeful son of man, who chooses to take in his hand the long flaxen cord that hangs silently beside the iron grided doorway, to the Luxor home of Serapis Bey, and by peeling it, to signify his willingness to stand before the glorious hierarch and learn for himself how his life may be improved, until he attains the final goal of earthly endeavor, the conscious ascension at the close of his embodiment, whenever God decrees the work in the vineyard is completed.

We hope ALL will avail themselves of this invitation and wisely accept the admonition of the Lord Serapis to TRY!

THE BUILDING OF SHAMBALLA

By Thomas Printz

In Eastern Asia, there stretches a great desert, today, over the land used by the Venusian Brothers as the habitat of their Cosmic Lord. It is now known as the Gobi Desert and was at that time a beautiful inland sea, in the center of which lay a lovely green and shining island, which they called the White Island, and which was to be the site for the building of the ageless Shamballa, "the home of celestial love."

The thirty volunteers from Venus, who had tied their soul's light into the wheel of earth's evolution, began the great task of building on the White Island a temple of light, to be the home of Sanat Kumara and his lieutenants. Laboring for over nine hundred years, passing from the outworn earthly bodies, but to return without the spiritual respite of a heavenly rest, they completed the old domed temples, the perfection of the White City, that was to be the marvel of the earth for centuries to come. How can mere words clothe the constancy of this service in a form that can convey the fidelity of those thirty beings of flame?

Finally, all was in readiness. The hour of earth's initiation was come. The Karmic Lords had bowed before the august presence of Sanat Kumara and his three lieutenants and awaited, in love, their visitation. Nature and man's elect were ready. The stars and suns of the system, for a moment, were stilled and the supreme sacrifice, in silence, was effected.

Out from the aura of Venus, the first great rosy glow of the expanding aura of the Kumaras began to suffuse the sky with the glory of a celestial dawn. Then upward soared a great five-pointed star, until it stood suspended above the planet Venus, intensifying the aureole of colors. All the souls on Venus knew that any cosmic activity of the great Kumaras was presaged by the presence of the star, which appeared to herald announcements or decrees of the Lords of the Flame, which would affect the progress of the great Venusian state. Every heart on Venus was focused on that star, waiting its message of the hour.

Slowly and majestically, there rose into the rays of the star, four shining golden figures, that stood, for a moment, pouring out their blessing and their heart's deepest love to the planet of their birth. Little did their children know the deep feeling in the hearts of the Kumaras as they bade their star good-bye—not for a lifetime, but for uncertain centuries, yet unborn from the womb of time. And then there rose a burst of sound, and the people of Venus, for the first time in the history of the planet, saw the star begin to move outward toward the periphery of their

sphere. Within it, moving slowly and majestically, were the figures of the Solar Lords. All fell on their knees and a beautiful hymn of blessing and love rose from the inhabitants of Venus, tinged with the great sadness of parting, enfolding the departing figures in a mantle of most sacred love. Thus, the four Kumaras left the light of Venus for the shadow of the earth's aura. Of the seven Kumaras, four sacrificed themselves for the sins of the world, and the instruction of the ignorant, to remain till the end of the present manvantara.

Oh how different the reception was from the parting! The earth was spinning darkly on her bended axis, no hearts were upraised; there was no song of welcome gratitude. Ah! yes, thirty small pinpoints of light, like faint, flickering candles, guided the Cosmic Masters' descent, and slowly and majestically the great pink aura blanketed the earth. What was the sudden comfort and hope and peace that entered into the hearts of men? What caused the withered flowers to raise their heads, the birds to sing with new sweetness, the children to laugh again? What was this mysterious, unseen ether that entered into the very atmosphere of earth?

Only thirty waiting spirits knew, as they knelt in reverent love, before the smiling presence of their longed-for Lord. Ah, SANAT KUMARA, Lord of Love. One day shall we return you and your shining band to your own beloved star and, as you go, the shining light of earth will be a mighty crest that carries you triumphant, leaving us a star of freedom, accepted by the Cosmic Law, as a permanent focus of blessing in our system—through your love.

THE DESTINY OF MAN

By D. T. Marches

Man is primarily a spiritual being, slowly unfolding from sense consciousness to spiritual awareness to a higher expression of manifestation. "In the beginning" man was created by God, in His image and likeness," and from a state of innocent unawareness of any thought outside of God's perfection, it would seem that he was, one might say, cruelly, placed in a position where he might be tempted from this innocent expression. There is scarcely anyone who has not looked back wistfully on days of happiness in the Garden of Eden and regretted Eve's surrender to the wiles of the "serpent," with its disastrous results, so far as her progeny is concerned.

We are told that God warned our "first parents" of the danger of un-

due curiosity along the lines of thought and that it would be dangerous for them to experiment in individual thinking, short of the love and perfection which comprise the nature of the First Cause, or Father.

This warning they did not heed and the moment the first act of will was performed outside of the will of the Father, the fall of man took place and human nature was born, making man's first sin the one of disobedience.

Man was created, in the first place, for a glorious destiny. He was placed on a planet which took aeons of time to prepare; placed there for his comfort and happiness. He was endowed with the creative powers of the Father and was given free will, all for the purpose that he may, as part and parcel of God's life and spirit, expand the kingdom of heaven, which was the vision of the Father, without pain or suffering or death to himself, but in glorious cooperation with the great First Cause, the only existing mind in the whole universe. It must also be remembered, in line with the gift of free will, that no soul ever incarnated upon the earth unless he first volunteered for this opportunity to evolve his creative powers.

Through the fall, these sons of God created a realm for themselves OUTSIDE the kingdom of heaven and, in time, became wholly human, having developed a nature entirely alien to the divine nature of the Father God.

Not every incarnated spirit took part in this willful disobedience of independent thinking. There were thousands upon thousands who remained true to the will of the Father, fulfilled their individual, divine destiny and returned home to the heart of God, with their creative powers developed in love, wisdom and discrimination. Many of these faithful and obedient ones volunteered to return to the planet they had just left, to try to turn their erring, and now suffering, brethren from the downward path of separate and individual desire.

They were fortunately successful in awakening some, who were wise enough to heed their promptings. These grateful ones, also, on returning to the kingdom, joined what is known as the Great White Brotherhood, an organization comprised of every liberated spirit who ever trod the earth, as well as all the members of the heavenly host directly concerned with the evolution of this planet and beneficent members from other planets who were interested in our welfare.

ADDRESS TO THE 200,000 FORERUNNERS

Excerpts from the address by the Maha Chohan to the 200,000 lifestreams chosen to be the forerunners to the Earth's redemption period, given the night of August 7th, 1952.

One of the activities and qualities of the holy God from whose bosom we all came into being, is that of a comforting presence. The cry which rises from the Earth is for "comfort" from pain, disillusionment, loneliness, and uncertainty. The presence of the Holy Spirit is God's answer to this heart call I—who presently wear the name and carry the title of the Maha Chohan—am delegated to BE that comforting presence to ALL of life, everywhere.

Those who choose to represent me among the world of men must begin to be a comforting presence in their present environment, their own personal sphere of influence.

Until each man has learned to fill his aura with that peace, that hope, that healing, that balance, which IS COMFORT to life, so that his physical presence becomes a welcome and light-bringing gift into the environment and atmosphere in which he moves, he has no right to carry my word to life.

I would rather focus my rays through a thatch-roofed hut in the heart of the Himalaya Mountains, where no human being has ever set foot, than have a temple of gold and marble among the world of men, where there was persecution, unhappiness and distress. I would rather take the foot of a wounded beast from the cruel jaws of a steel trap laid by the greed of unawakened man, or mend the broken wing of a sparrow, bringing gentle comfort to life, than to speak from the housetops and cause life to tremble in my atmosphere.

The purpose of "The Bridge" is to bring the comfort of life to the wounded sons of men, to their sore hearts and confused spirits, to enable them, through gentle guidance, to find the Comforter within the recesses of their own being, requiring no mediator in form, and to be able to say, like the Master Jesus—"Come unto me, all ye who labor and who are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Those who are willing to learn the gentle art of selflessness, to lose their lives that they may gain life eternal, to work (without adulation) from within the light, may write their names upon the scroll at the Ceylon Retreat, and enter into the instruction which will bring them to a point where my ray, through them, may walk the earth in gentle love.

Every man has his own small orbit, his sphere of influence, into which are drawn, by karmic ties and circumstance, a certain amount of life energy. This life may be encased in human or elemental form, but its very presence within his personal atmosphere is the manifest sign that it is the responsibility of the individual who professes a desire to represent the Holy Comforter to life to LOVE THAT LIFE FREE. Until such a man has brought and sustained comfort to the life which he contacts in his daily and hourly experience, he has not qualified to become a radiating center of cosmic comfort to the masses.

Some men have a larger sphere of influence than others, more lifestreams are within the compass of their daily influence. If such men would know me and my service to life, let them enter into the radiance of the Holy Comforter, and—connecting with my presence—bring peace and order out of chaos, harmony and contentment out of dissatisfaction, understanding and wisdom out of ignorance, health and well-being out of sickness, supply and plenty out of lack. Then and then alone may I walk FREELY through such men, as the God of heaven has ever walked through his chosen ones, bringing comfort to all who share the exile and the present earth plane's woes.

Every son of earth who has stood before the Karmic Board and qualified to become a son of heaven, was before his ascension, a presence of comfort to his fellowman. The exceptions to this rule have been bound out to schoolrooms in the inner spheres, where they have had to learn the control of their energy until such a radiation became their PASSPORT into the realm whose inhabitants are dedicated to bringing and sustaining comfort to all who “touch the hem of their garments.”

The great Lord Buddha achieved his Buddhahood because of his burning desire to bring comfort and blessing to life. The great exemplar, Jesus, was, and is, an example of a lifestream whose essence has been blended with the quality of the Holy Spirit—in its fullness.

Asking the pardon of their great presence in this assembly, may I ask you if you have any concept of the vibrations of the aura through which must pass those healing rays to make a blind man see, a seemingly lifeless form to rise from the dead and join again his grieving associates? WHAT exactly is conveyed through such a transmitter? COMFORT to the afflicted. If you cannot practice becoming a comforting presence in the breaking of your daily bread, in the course of your everyday living, can you—in good reason's name—become a cosmic comforter to some ten billion souls, bound so long beyond their allotted time, in the heavy karmic chains of miscreations whose very sight would turn a sane man mad?

WHAT YOU ARE HOURLY, is the measure of WHAT YOU REPRESENT as an outpost of ourselves. Yes, in times of crises, it is true that the Higher

Mental Body momentarily sweeps aside the outer self and performs, on rare occasions, feats of great heroism and merit. BUT, YOU who have been chosen to BECOME THE HIGHER MENTAL BODY ALL THE TIME are not measured by this spasmodic scale!

You, who stand here before me, do so at the request of your own Christ Selves. Let me remind you of something. Those beautiful Christ Selves have waited for so many countless centuries to fulfill the God-plan through your personal egos, that it would not be within the dictates of my conscience to remind you of the time, the energy, the love, and thought entailed in sustaining you, as personalized and individualized beings. From among the ten billion souls who belong to this earth chain, and who are dependent upon incarnation through the earth today, YOU have been chosen to become “the first fruits of them who slept.” By your cooperation and by the manifest activities of your outer selves, will the Karmic Lords determine how great a dispensation they will give in the coming January council, which is not now too far ahead.

You chose to work through the chain of the planets around our Sun, to become co-creators with the Father in his kingdom, to learn the lessons of cause and effect, through the generation and projection of energy. For countless aeons of time, you have worked under the Chohan of one of the Seven Rays, and your lifestream's record is written in the cosmic library of the four Maha Chohans who have successively held this office.

It is, therefore, my obligation and responsibility to life to thus address you and to tell you that you must ascend on your particular ray to its apex, and become not only Lord of that Ray, but automatically, Great Lord, which is the meaning of the title that I carry: Maha—Great, Chohan—Lord). And as a great Lord, you must embody COMFORT TO LIFE. Let us see now if there are any among you who are willing to so subjugate the personal ego as to become such a comforter to life. The amount of life comforted is not so important as the MOTIVE, for when it is pure and earnest, life will increase the sphere of influence accordingly.

As the far greater majority are receiving this address within the etheric body, with the exception of the few who were enabled to be with us in the flesh, I would like to EMPHASIZE that this talk is in no way to be taken as LICENSE to pamper the human appetites and demands of the flesh, but to remember the service is to God, for God, and in God's name, with the inner eye ever turned toward the source from whence all comfort flows, until the aura is suffused with that peaceful presence, but

the heart is “STAYED on HIM” from whence the life of the universe did first proceed and into which one day—when you have qualified as such a comfort to life—you shall again return.

I give you the blessings of the Holy Spirit, whom I represent in relationship to the planet Earth at this time. May you come to understand his gift of life, and not only abide within its comfortable presence, but BE-COME THAT PRESENCE, in His name.

Maha Chohan

DOMINION

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“The Lord thy God, he is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.” —(Deut 31:6)

Man was created in the image and likeness of God and was given dominion over all things, therefore man is a power ray of God; God is in man. When Moses asked God, “Who shall I say sent me?” God answered, “ I AM that I AM” and God continued, “say ‘I AM has sent me unto you” (Ex. 3,14).thus stating the identity, the unity of God and man.

With this realization, ponder over the following God promises and make the following affirmations daily, and you will prove to yourself that you are a power ray of God:

Peace: God's promise: “The Lord will bless his people with peace” (Ps 29:1). AFFIRMATION: The Almighty God in me, like a sun, spreads his rays into every thought, feeling and action in my world, illumining them and setting them at peace.

Health: God's Promise: “For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord.” (Jer. 30-17). AFFIRMATION: The Almighty God in me, like a sun, spreads his rays into every cell and organ of my body, resurrecting them, and thus produces NOW an instantaneous healing.

Supply: God's Promise: “Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.” (Luke 15:31). AFFIRMATION: The Almighty God in me, like a sun, spreads his rays and illumines and vivifies all channels of supply to me.

SMEAR

Excerpts from an article by Andre Fontain

Social scientists studying gossip have found that: "Smears reflect the interest in hysteria of the moment. In Salem, during the summer of 1692, when nineteen innocent persons were hanged and one crushed to death, the smear was that so-and-so was a witch. Thirty years ago a person who attracted a gossip's attention would have been called a Bolshevik; ten years ago the same man would have been branded a Nazi or a Fascist. Today a common slander is that of Communism."

So dangerous is the pattern today that J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, recently gave this warning: "Private citizens may, by indiscriminate name-calling, tarnish the reputation of the innocent and smear the falsely accused, as well as bring disrepute upon themselves. At the same time, such persons, whether acting upon malice or misinformation, are playing into the hands of the Communists, for the circulation of false stories and wild rumors has long constituted a potent method of creating hysteria and unrest.

"While the FBI looks to and depends upon the assistance of every citizen, we are seeking FACTS, not conclusions or baseless inaccuracies. All data received by us must be carefully checked, and valuable time and personnel, which could be productively utilized, are wasted in running down malicious gossip or idle rumors. We must be vigilant, but not vigilantes."

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LIGHT WELCOMES TRUTH

In the latter part of the 19th Century, two worthy missionary priests entered upon a pilgrimage into the heart of Tibet, to convert the "heathen" Buddhists to the one, true religion. After many hardships, they reached the forbidden city of Lhasa. Here, they were welcomed by the regent for the grand Lama, in a most courteous way.

Upon being apprised of their mission, the regent—who represented the power of the Buddhist Church—moved them from their very humble quarters into his own Lamasery, and bought from them, at twice their worth, the worn out steeds on which they made the journey, that they may have means to survive and to pursue their ends in peace.

Those who were nearest to the regent told him, "Why do you do this? Don't you see that these people are coming to try to overthrow your authority?" He smiled and said, "If these men preach falsehood, the hearts of Tibet will not accept it. If they preach the truth, we should welcome it. So, in either case, what have we to fear?"

**ASCENDED MASTER SAINT GERMAIN'S ADDRESS
TO THE STUDENTS OF PHILADELPHIA**

September 7th, 1952

Beloved Friends of Philadelphia and Citizens of the United States of America!

I speak to you today in this City of Brotherly Love, where the issues of political justice spurred the sons of freedom to take their stand for the right to pursue happiness, according to the dictates of each individual's voluntary choice, for the liberty to worship God according to the promptings of their own conscience and for the freedom to use their God-given life to further whatever cause they choose, to endow with their presence and support.

The issue before you today concerns the God-given rights of free men, which have been ensured to each American citizen through the tireless efforts of the early patriots and those of us who sponsored and supported them in the hours when the white heat of freedom forged the Bell of Liberty, which has become the symbol to the people of all nations on the earth's surface of deliverance from despotism, tyranny and oppression, not only of a physical, but also of a moral nature.

Let me remind you that this is not a local issue, but that Philadelphia once again has become the field upon which the issues of right and justice are defended by those stalwart sons of men whose pattern, example and policy will be reflected through the length and breadth of every nation, and that the cause of freedom is born anew through the life which you may choose to invest in the expansion of God's light and God's word to all the sons of men.

No longer shall the valiant lifestreams, who have dedicated their energies, substance, faith and purpose to the cause of freedom be broken upon the wheel of personal injustice, and lie, like spiritual corpses, upon the path, whose very stones they have laid with their own hand.

It is time that I speak, for each such one is a part of my heart and cannot be discarded as so much chaff, when the personal will of a lifestream finds displeasure in their poor faults which (they being human) must of necessity be a portion of their heritage.

I would ask you now to RISE in the presence of the Lord of the World, Sanat Kumara, who has come from Shamballa at this hour to bear silent witness to those sons of men who shall write their names upon the immortal scroll of life as those who are willing to become the Lightbearers of the Flame of Freedom, which shall expand until it covers

the earth and fans the smoldering spark in every lifestream upon it, as well as in all who are yet to take incarnation through birth's portals.

In this manner, the earth shall have fulfilled the fiat of the Cosmic Law to emit more light and the great Sanat Kumara, together with his august company, will be released of their voluntary surrender to imprisonment from an evolution so recalcitrant in endeavor, that even the God of Love, himself, had voted it back into nothingness.

Examine well, through the lens of your conscience, whether there can be evil in drawing back the veil that has hidden the design and plan of the Great White Brotherhood from your comprehension and your sight, in order that you may more intelligently, through such comprehension, cooperate with the effecting of God's design, and whether the desire to expand that light, with its manifold gifts and powers, be a prompting of the devil.

Consider the accomplishment of the years that have passed, the number of lifestreams who have been benefited by the cosmic release of instruction and radiation from heaven's sons, in comparison to the number of incarnate souls who live by the heartbeat of the same God's love, and who are as dear to heaven's cause as the self-styled "elect."

Know that whatever "conductor" carries the light of understanding into the darkened souls of men, serves God, his will and his purpose.

The light of the world can only come through the hearts of all men and the "mass awakening" come through the understanding which must be provided by life to reach each man in his home, in his country, in his language.

To those of you who cannot yet respond to the truth within these words, nor see (for the blinding veil of personal prejudice) the vision of a free people and a free planet, I say:

I do not desire to place the Honor Flame of Cosmic Freedom, which is to be the vestment of my spiritual ambassadors of the future, in the hands of individuals who are not thoroughly convinced that the souls of men are more important than the personal dictates of any unascended being.

To these I can but say: May the love of God go with you and the mantle of my mercy be about you as you walk into the world of effects, where the bitter fruit of disillusionment will one day cause you to send forth the call, "God help me and God save me." In that hour, I shall, as always, be ready to assist you in your delayed endeavors to find God and peace and freedom.

To the sons and daughters of freedom who are among you and who

desire to retain the inalienable right to worship God as your hearts desire and to endow your life energies to the cause of freedom, thus ensuring that right to all men, I say today, as I did on that memorable day in 1776—

“LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND MAY THE LOVE OF HEAVEN BLESS YOU IN THIS CAUSE.”

**ASCENDED MASTER SAINT GERMAIN'S ADDRESS
WHAT HAPPENED IN PHILADELPHIA ON SEPTEMBER 7th**

September 11, 1952

Beloved Students of Light,

I am the Ascended Master Saint Germain, Chohan of the Seventh Ray and Lord of the Cosmic Flame of Cosmic Freedom to the planet Earth today. You are American citizens and have signified by your allegiance to the principles of spiritual Law that you desire to know truth, enjoy and protect the rights of free men and join your life energies in a cooperative endeavor to free America and all mankind from tyranny, oppression, dictatorship, communism, and blind prejudice of every kind.

Yet, in the city of Philadelphia, on September 7th, 1952, there was enacted one of the greatest acts of tyranny, injustice, dictatorship and oppression since England tried unsuccessfully to bow the heads of free men to the yoke of a tyrannical policy, without the courtesy of representative vote of the people.

The American way gives self-government to the people and when the people are allowed no voice in any decision in which their money, their energies, their faith, and their interests have been invested over a period of eighteen years and are ruthlessly denied even the opportunity to hear their teacher and friend of years' standing speak in her own defense—when such an one has been smeared by slanderous statements which cannot be proven in fact, and dismissed without notice and ordered to sign away the rights she holds as trustee for intelligent people who, through her counsel and teachings over the years, had invested in a property valued at over \$200,000 (two hundred thousand dollars), it is time that the LAW, human and divine, intervene to establish JUSTICE.

No Ascended Master ever interferes with the service of another Master unless invited to do so. When an organization brought forth in the name of the Ascended Host of Light professes to represent the will of God and to interpret that will to the people, it would be wise for the

people to measure such representations through the light of individual reason, to see if the qualities of God—love, kindness, justice and mercy—are woven into the policy of such an individual or group, or whether the organization has become an embodied entity preying upon superstitious fears and threats, which force truth to veil her sacred head and justice to retire from the sight of the people. ALL of the MASTERS stand as ONE against such a policy and its perpetrators.

This is not the first time that earnest men and women have left their business and activities in outer world endeavor and dedicated their lives, their income and the pressure of their own personal influence to spread the doctrines in my name, only to find themselves stripped of their rights as citizens in a defense against personal condemnation and seizure of their money and valuable properties drawn forth and dedicated to such a cause, and, further, have had their reputations challenged through carefully planned “smears” that play upon the fears of the credulous, who dread to lose the professed “contact” with heaven’s sons, or to find the door of heaven closed against them on the final Judgment Day.

It is the last time that thinking people will be forced to sit and accept an ultimatum from an unascended being in my name without allowing me the courtesy of a hearing, or my students the justice of representation before the people whom such a one has served. I hereby REPUDIATE the authority of any lifestream to cut off any individual from contact with the Ascended Masters, or enjoy their ultimate achievement of heavenly bliss in my name, and I shall no longer stand behind either an organization or an individual who chooses to use my name as a cudgel by which to secure, unfairly, property or fidelity in my name.

I hereby assert the God-given rights of Mrs. Frances K. Ekey, Mrs. Sterling Boos and all other students to read and enjoy any printed material that is in accord with the moral, ethical and political standards of free men, and deny the right and authority of any individual to take from such a person either their freedom so to do, their reputation among their fellow students, or the protection and financial interests that are the rightful due of a lifestream who has served without recompense for eighteen years in my name and service.

Saint Germain

The Homes and Retreats of The Masters of Wisdom
THE RETREAT AT SUVA
 October 15th to November 14th, 1952

THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS SECTION—One of the important reasons for acquainting mankind of the councils where the flame is most active at any given time in the earth cycle, is that the energies of every visitant can become part of the expansion of that flame, and each interested party is "fuel" to the fire.

The greater the concentration of the gift which is always of some specific benefit to the race, naturally the greater the individual blessing to every component part—the brighter shines the fire, the greater its gift of light.

In the bed of the Pacific Ocean, rests the once majestic continent of Mu. Only its highest mountain peaks, from time to time, arise above the water, forming the tropical islands of the South Pacific chains. One of these islands is the spiritual sanctuary and focus of a great Cosmic Being, whose service to the earth and her people stretches back into unrecorded time, when Mu cradled the third root race and the forerunners of the fourth root race, under the guidance and direction of the Master Himalaya, the Manu of the fourth evolutionary cycle.

The Brotherhood of Suva have dedicated their life energies to expanding and directing the power and presence of pure divine love. They are known as a protecting band of consciously dedicated individuals, and many fine souls who have disappeared in the vastness of the Pacific Ocean have been rescued by this Brotherhood and are being prepared from within this sanctuary for service in the new age.

Extremely high waves make the island invisible, except when the intelligent beings who abide thereon choose to open the doors to their home for a specific service. Many are the tales told by men at sea who—in great crises and extremity—have seen a "mystic island" appear suddenly before them, offering safety and protection from the elements that seemed bent on destroying them and their vessel.

When the continent of Mu had reached the apex of its powers, the spiritual leaders of that day focused and sustained the spiritual currents at specific points upon its landed surface. The leader of these priests was an individual of great light and power, and his temple was located on the mountain which today forms the Isle of the Brotherhood of Suva. He, himself, is known as the being Surya. His sanctuary guarded the directed ray from the Central Sun which formed the bridge over which the third and fourth root races passed into incarnation.

When the discord of the majority of the people forced cataclysmic action and Mu, folding her mantle about her, sank beneath the waves of the Pacific Ocean, Surya was granted a dispensation whereby he might hold a connection with the newer world theater through the maintenance of the island sanctuary of Suva and its directed ray, that, when the third and fourth root race people were ready for their ascension, they might pass upward into God's heart over the same bridge by which they descended into incarnation.

In appearance, the mystical island is not unlike any of the beautiful tropical islands of the Hawaiian or Fiji chain. When the mountainous seas, that form an impenetrable ring around, it are stilled, through the directed will of the Brotherhood, it lies like a green and verdant jewel, the white sands of its beaches setting it apart from the deep azure blue of the surrounding seas. The luxuriant tropical verdure and foliage is emphasized by the symmetry of the clearly-defined mountains that stretch, like pointing fingers, toward the Sun God of the heavens.

The habitations of the brothers are simple in the extreme, blending with the natural beauty of the island's tranquil presence. The whole atmosphere is one of extreme peace, and the tensions and strives that seem so important to the outer world mind are stilled, even before the visitor sets foot upon the shore itself.

To enter the aura and atmosphere of Suva is to find oneself cut off, temporarily, from the pull of the senses, and to abide for a time within that self-communion and contemplation so requisite to self-mastery and attainment upon the spiritual path.

Because of the approaching Holy Season, and the invitation of the children of men to enter the holy sanctuary at Shamballa, the Lords of Karma have asked the Brotherhood of Suva to become host to the earth people from October 15th to November 14th, inclusive, in an endeavor to prepare them, through this inner peace and tranquility, to enter the halls of Shamballa and absorb its cosmic blessings at the beginning of the Christmas feast days.

The radiation from the mystic island is a concentrated power of love, peace, tranquility and opulence, and the mankind of earth who direct their consciousness and attention toward this retreat and the great Cosmic Being, Surya, at this time, will feel a tremendous quieting effect in their inner bodies, which will be absorbed into their physical bodies as well, if they are able to accept its palpable presence alive within them.

**"THE BURIAL OF "THE BRIDGE"
A Timely Parody***

Good friends, students and Americans, lend me your ears. I come to bury THE BRIDGE, and not to praise it!

The evil, that men find within good words, lives after them.

The good those words might do are interred by blind prejudice. So let it be with THE BRIDGE!

The messenger has said that THE BRIDGE is not authentic. And yet—with the same breath—has affirmed that the copy runs so parallel to her work as to have been taken, paragraph by paragraph, out of her publications.

Can two beams that carry such a similarity of light be in conflict, or issue out of a different Sun? It is for YOU, as thinking people, to decide.

It is said that THE BRIDGE, like Caesar, is ambitious! If so, it is a grievous fault, and THE BRIDGE and its authors must answer for it!

Is it ambition to spread the Masters' words in every language, so that all who run may read? Is it ambition to acquaint the student body with the current activities taking place in the SACRED RETREATS of the world, in order that they may cooperate with such activities?

Is it ambition to provide a way and means of uniting all the students in the same endeavors, at the same time, taking advantage of the strength of unity of purpose and energy?

Our messenger has said THE BRIDGE is a "steal" on the "I AM" work. Is it possible to STEAL God's blessings, his love, his solicitude, even with the INTENT and PURPOSE of giving the bread of life to the hungry, denied by circumstance from its very life by reason of language or fault—actual or implied?

As for me, I stand among those men who are servants of the people. Within the God-given rights of religious freedom and liberty of conscience, I bring to you the ACCUSED, (THE BRIDGE) for your impartial and wise examination. Each man is his own judge, his faculties the jury. You must, within the beautiful freedom of your own conscience, pass upon its worth, according to your light and your discrimination, and may God help you to use your own intuitive powers, together with good reason, rather than to allow the weighing scales of another measure the worth of the wisdom and gifts of the God and the Masters you profess to serve and love.

One day every man must stand alone without the mediator, the con-

sultant, the oracle, and, through the light in his own heart, choose the beam from whence his Presence's life comes, and follow THAT beam into the seamless robe of eternal perfection.

Saint Germain

*See Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," Act. III, Scene 2

FREEDOM

Daily Work Sheet, October 1952

"Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty," Paul (II Cor . 3:17)

Freedom is the innate right of man, endowed by God. Freedom is the basis of the American Declaration of Independence. Freedom versus tyranny is the clarion call of the day in all lands and in all organizations and activities. Therefore, it behooves the student of the light to defend his freedom and the freedom of his brother.

There are many freedoms, but we will refer today to the "freedom of conscience and action, within the natural confines of moral and ethical purity."

No one has the right to dictate to another what he should or should not read, and much less, if the glorious name of Saint Germain is invoked, coupled with slanders and threats of excommunication and ostracism. This revival of religious persecution cannot and will not be tolerated by free Americans, and what is more, it will not succeed.

Therefore, for the work of the month, in fact, for the work of every day of the year, we suggest to those who want to be enlisted in the army of freedom to make the following fiat daily:

"I am free born! I do not allow anyone to dictate to me what I should or should not read. I will "prove all things and hold fast that which is good." I don't fear slanders and threats of excommunication, in whatever shape or form, for they are powerless.

I invoke the forgiveness and the blessings and the illumination of the Liberated Host for those who, blinded by their personality and ambition of power, not knowing what they do, try in vain to assail the freedom of conscience and action. I AM FREE BORN!"

THE MASTER SERAPIS BEY OF LUXOR

At the head of the great ray which forms the bridge between the inner realms of God's kingdom and the conscious, working mind of man, stands the great being known in the Spiritual Hierarchy by the name, Serapis. His inner sphere of activity is the Fourth Sphere, or the Realm of Bey. In this Fourth Realm, he prepares many types of cultural activities which are developed by his pupils and projected into the minds of receptive individuals working on similar lines of endeavor in the world today. Some of these are his conscious pupils, others are the unconscious beneficiaries of his directed inspirational force.

In the realm of artistic interpretation, musical composition, and generally in the creation and building of beautiful forms, his endeavor inspires the consciousness of mankind to greater efforts in building in the world of form, the great beauty of the Kingdom of Heaven. In this cosmic work, he is aided by the seraphic hosts, who bear his name. As all Masters have a focus for their spiritual force on the planet where they are presently functioning, the Master Serapis has his retreat at Luxor, Egypt. This retreat is of a most strict and uncompromising nature and its specific service is to develop the nature of man to a point where the ascension of the physical body is possible.

Because the Fourth Realm represents the point of contact between the outer man and his Christ Self, it is in this realm that the Higher Selves of the greater majority of the human race abide, awaiting the development of the personal self to a point where a conscious union can be effected. Serapis Bey is delegated to create and sustain a bridge of consciousness from these inner selves that live within his sphere, to the personalities of the human race. He is known as the bridge builder of heaven.

NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD

Paul said to the Romans: "I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature SHALL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD!"

—Rom. 8:38.39)

YOUR GOD POWERS

Every lifestream created and sent forth to secure, through experience, self-mastery has been completely endowed and equipped with the capacities required to become equal to and co-workers with the eternal Father of life.

For instance, all your Ford cars are equipped with four wheels, carburetors, fuel pumps, etc., and the manufacturer could no more think of sending one forth without the essential parts than God in his kingdom would send forth one lifestream lacking the capacity or requirement for mastery and fulfillment.

We then work on the assumption that the God-Creator of the universe has endowed each lifestream with every capacity required to become victorious, to attain and sustain Mastery and to be representative of the Creator with all the power and powers at his disposal for constant use.

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SHAMBALLA! THOU GREAT SPIRITUAL CENTER OF THE ILLUMINATI OF ALL AGES! We bow before thy presence and approach the sacred orbit of thy radiant aura in humble gratitude for the privilege of knowing that thou art. Because thou *art*, our planet *is* today. From the holy heart of thy sacred halls have come forth ALL the messengers that have brought light to the children of men, and within thy Holy of Holies dwells our spiritual Lord and King, beloved SANAT KUMARA, "The Ancient of Days."

Shining with the celestial light of God's purest love, above the sands of the Gobi Desert, pulsates the holy city of Shamballa, with its golden domes and spires, emitting a light of other realms, more brilliant, even, than our blessed Sun. The inner eye can plainly see its aureole of brilliant colors, which, like a cosmic rainbow, suffuses the upper atmosphere for many miles in every direction, the intensity of the colors mingling with the blue of the sky at the periphery of its circular orbit.

As the neophyte approaches the city on silent, sandaled feet, he feels the presence of love, which envelopes him like a mantle and his feeling of gratitude becomes the impelling power that carries his humble heart forward, enjoying in anticipation the joy that pervades Shamballa's great sphere of influence.

When the spiritual eyes become accustomed to the intensity of the inner light and the protecting aureole of colors no longer hides the heart of the holy city from the pilgrims, we are privileged to look upon the etheric city of Shamballa, throne of the Lord of the World, and we see it as it was once made manifest in the physical substance of the third-dimensional world countless centuries ago.

A deep, blue sea of pure fire surrounds the city, the only approach to

which is over a beautifully-carved marble bridge, which spans this sapphire sea, its farther end connecting “The City of the Bridge” with the etheric “mainland.” The city, with its white minarets pointing heavenward and its golden-domed temples gives the impression of a gigantic, white fire lotus, suspended in the atmosphere.

Many pilgrims may be seen making their way toward the city, intent upon their various errands, some bearing messages to the king, others hoping to secure from him some dispensation, conferring upon them the required authority to pursue their chosen course of service to mankind. One by one, and group by group, they disappear into the blazing light of the city, itself.

From time to time, beautiful beings appear, coming from the direction of the city. The auras of these celestial messengers are radiant beyond description, and we are told that they carry with them to the far corners of the earth the radiation and spiritual blessings from this golden city of the sun. Memory stirs within us, as we contemplate the “going in” and “coming out” of these shining ones, and faintly, through the “bands of forgetfulness” comes the remembrance that we, too, took part in such activities before we assumed robes of flesh.

Seeing our interest, our master guide waits patiently and then by a gesture, signifies his readiness to escort us to the temple of the King. As we place our feet upon the bridge, the powerful radiation from the sea of blue fire underneath it is so intense that it is by supreme effort of will that we are able to proceed. The Master informs us that our ability to control this energy is our “passport.”

SANAT KUMARA! Lord of Love! Thoughts of him fill our consciousness. Love for him fills our hearts, and, losing all thought of self in this silent adoration, we find ourselves proceeding along a beautiful, tree-lined avenue, the central island of which is interspersed with fountains of rainbow colors. Directly facing us are the central temples, the sacred home of the Lord of the World, SANAT KUMARA, head of the Spiritual Hierarchy for the planet Earth, and supreme authority for the evolution of all its people, incarnate and discarnate, at this time.

The temple is built on a high elevation, approached by marble steps, the ascent of which is broken by grassy terraces, at intervals of about a dozen steps. On these beautiful terraces gorgeous rainbow-hued fountains of crystal-clear water also play. Gaily-colored flowers border the sides, the peace and beauty of the whole scene emitting a radiation which, to the visitor, seems a foretaste of paradise. The constant going in and coming out of the visitants bear silent witness to the activity taking place in the heart of this temple of love, and we are happy to recog-

nize among the visiting and departing guests many of the dear Masters we have come to know and love. At last we stand before the great door to the temple. This door is of tremendous height and its golden filigree work reflects the light of the spiritual sun, like a gigantic mirror.

On one side of the beautiful door stands a golden vase and as each visitor approaches, he finds a bouquet of his favorite flowers appear, by some celestial magic, in this vase. We find ourselves no exception to this gracious rule and delighted and happy, each one adorned with his or her favorite blossoms, we enter the vast hall. Here on an ornamental table stands an enormous golden bowl containing a heavenly elixir, which is proffered to each visitant in a crystal cup. Each one gladly accepts this token of divine hospitality and feeling refreshed and strengthened thereby, we await with joyful expectancy the audience with our king.

Soon the great doors of the audience chamber open and we follow our Master into the presence. With downcast eyes we enter and stand, at last, beneath the throne. The presence of love permeates every atom of our being; the comfort of his peace enfolds us, and we raise our eyes to behold HIM. There he sits, smiling, gracious, gentle, the embodiment of all we must one day become.

Without words, we absorb the grace of his great presence, and it is given us to know that for this came he into the world, that we, seeing his Godliness, might become like him and manifest the will of the Father who created all his children in love, according to the one divine pattern.

Oh, SANAT KUMARA, Lord of Love, how obedient has thy life been to this pattern! Oh! Life, forgive us for the poor manifestation we yet show! Oh God, now that we have seen, give us the strength to BECOME! And from the heart of the presence of SANAT KUMARA flashes forth the fire of benediction, of confirmation that we shall, by the very asking, know such fulfillment of love's pattern in ourselves and thus glorify the one God who lives in ALL men.

Having found our way to the feet of our Lord, it follows that any individual who cares to do so, may, through contemplation, also find himself, with the help of his Presence or any Ascended Master he may invoke, pass through the Sacred Fire of Purification, and enjoy a visit with SANAT KUMARA.

The Importance of knowing the Retreat of the Month

One of the important reasons for acquainting mankind and the councils where the flame is most active at any give time in the earth cycle, is that the energies of every visitant can become part of the expansion of that flame, and each interested party is “fuel” to the fire.

The greater the concentration of the gift which is always of some specific benefit to the race, the brighter shines the fire, the greater its gift of light, the greater the individual blessing to every component part.

WINGS OF LIGHT

By V.F. Angelday

Legions of angels of magnificent beauty, glorious happiness and all-revealing truth attend you now, as we meet again on “the Bridge of Life” for a joyous visit together, and folding their great wings of light and love about you, make you feel and know all ways, their great reality in this universe, and their great desire and willingness to bless and serve you! That is the purpose of their existence! They were created by love divine, as friends of light for you, intended to guide and guard your spiritually-evolving footsteps up the ladder of life's perfection, until you attained and stepped right through the open door of God's love to eternal peace and life everlasting.

They only require your sincere call to instantly respond and give you freely, through the feelings, all they are and have forever! Therefore, I earnestly and lovingly call them to come to you now, this instant, and remain with you, making you feel their presence from this moment on, until you return to the heart of the Father from whence you came.

We live in an age of speed, action, production and proof! The old order of things, particularly in religion, is done! The old “blind faith” and “leaping in the dark” will not suffice the generations of today and tomorrow. “The happy land, far, far away,” about which we used to sing, is poor comfort when you require the necessities of life to live, in this land, at this time. That “happy land” can, and must, be drawn right here into your daily experience, in order to be a living proof to you. Nothing is proof to you except your own feelings. You may have that proof this minute or anytime you want it. So—will you be kind enough to just close your eyes a moment—right now—think of the angels as best you can picture them in your mind—see them right before you and around you, and accept and feel their peace and their love, which can be yours forever, if you will accept it. Just remain still a few moments until you do feel them.

By this time, I am sure we are all agreed that God is life and life is light and love. All three are synonymous. All that appears not to be light is not the fullness of life, and that which appears to be the opposite of life in the outer world of form is called “death.” In reality, there is no such thing as death anywhere in the universe. So-called “death” is merely a change of form. Life is the most real thing there is, and reality is eternal (“e” means “without” and “terna” means “time”). So life, light and love are eternal—forever—always have been, and always will be, and from their substance of being, everything was made that exists.

Nothing but light, life and love endure forever. That which is thought of as death is merely a disintegration of substance, which changes form, and that form, in due course of time, appears again, and yet again in more-or-less perfect design, until it finally attains perfection, the plan and motive of its existence—the divine plan fulfilled. Then has the “Father’s will” been done!

Until we meet again next month, I call his “wings of light” to tenderly watch over you and yours and give you every good and perfect thing.

The Masters Of Wisdom Speak

THE ACTIVE PRESENCE OF GOD WITHIN YOU

MORYA EL

The knowledge that the active presence of God is within the physical heart of the individual is the very first step toward a union of the outer consciousness with this Presence in an actual, practical and conscious partnership, whereby the individual begins to externalize from within himself, the nature, qualities and powers of that presence, through the consciously-drawn radiation of his own life. The religious thought which for centuries has externalized and set apart the presence of God, has created the limited, personal selves with whom we deal today. One of the primary services of the Great White Brotherhood is to acquaint the outer mind with the truth that the presence of God within is an actuality. This God-Presence is the speaker, whose every activity is announced through the individual in the words “I AM.”

KUTHUMI

When the intellectual consciousness accepts the presence of God within the very life that beats the heart, the student is then ready to step forth upon the spiritual path. The spiritual beings who form the watchers of the expanding light in the hearts of men, then apply to the Lord

Maitreya, or myself, for a teacher for such a lifestream. This teacher provides ways and means by which the student is encouraged to contact this Presence, and, through the happy experience which such a contact brings, endeavors to create and sustain an active connection between the outer self and the God-intelligence which sustains the physical form.

If the teacher, at any time, deviates from the relentless task of driving the individual's consciousness back again and again into association with a reliance upon this inner Presence, or if the teacher causes the student to lean upon a source outside of himself, such a teacher has failed in a large degree. All spiritual growth is a process of realizing and becoming the fullness of this inner Presence.

PAUL THE VENETIAN

The efficacy of meditation and contemplation lies within the actual awareness of the presence of God within the individual lifestream. "Be still and know that I AM God," is truly an injunction from on high. An individual who desires to rise out of limitation, sickness, and disease of every kind, must become aware of, and gain confidence in, the God-power which is the life by which the body is motivated, the mind illumined, and the spiritual senses stirred into the hunger and thirst after righteousness, which stimulates the spiritual search for fulfillment.

Until the student has learned to turn the thought currents in toward his Presence, the teacher must provide a positive course of contemplation, to stimulate the mental currents of the aspirant. Then, through silently invoking the God-Self within the student, the teacher allows that Self to become the infallible guide, the healing power, the peace-commanding Presence, the God-directing intelligence, through the outer self. Such a one no longer finds himself absolutely dependent upon an externalized instructor, but waxes strong in spiritual knowledge, discrimination and Godly powers within himself.

SERAPIS BEY

In our activity at Luxor, we deal with individuals who have signified to the Cosmic Law that they are desirous of entering into the flame of their own divinity, and, through the process of transmutation, attaining the self-conscious ascension out of the appearance world. Our discipline follows that of life, itself. We provide every opportunity by which the individual may cultivate a conscious realization of the God-presence and then, in a growing awareness, release the God-powers and nature, which assimilate and transmute the discordant tendencies of the outer self.

The Luxor Brotherhood is, like the karma of the outer world, an intelligent power, which dives the consciousness back toward its own creative center of being, and those who become active members of this Brotherhood are relentless in their activity, refusing to allow the outer self of the neophyte to cling to any outer form, teacher or solace. Few men can stand the rigorous, but necessary, discipline of this retreat, but those who persist in their endeavors, become the Master Presence in one lifetime, as compared to those who face the same discipline from the impersonal karmic law of retribution, requiring centuries to become imbued with the knowledge of the nothingness of the world without, and the all-power of the God-presence within.

HILARION

Even in the world of science and medicine, there comes a moment when "everything human has been done" and the life-intelligence must await "the will of God." How many of our good doctors and nurses will attest to the fact that the gifts of science but provide the bridge over which the unseen power of the universal God flows to relieve a crisis, or to stir the "will to live" within the heartbeat of a patient. Thus, the greatest intelligences of the finite world must await the presence of God, in action, for accomplishment to follow the preparation for that activity which they have set into motion.

JESUS

When I repeatedly referred to "the Father within" as the power that accomplished all the seemingly miraculous manifestations during my ministry, I meant to point man to the way by which he, too, might partake of the natural God-powers and qualities that are within his own life. Every individual must, sooner or later, make a contact with the God-presence that is his own heartbeat. To every man, this mystic experience is requisite, before he can become a representative of the Father through

to his fellowman. To find God within another is a cause for rejoicing in the unfoldment of that one's own God plan, but to find God within oneself, is the purpose for incarnation and the only way home again into the natural estate of blessedness, peace and power, which such God-awareness brings.

SAINT GERMAIN

The great God-presence is individualized through the personalities which are presently sustained by life. The awareness of this Master Presence within brings peace and comfort to the individual, and then, active contemplation of this presence causes it to increase in focused power and authority through an individual and to project its pattern, its powers and perfection into the physical appearance world, through the outer self. For the individual to visualize his God-presence as outside of himself, is again to separate himself, in feeling, from the power that is really within his own heartbeat. When the individual becomes aware of the God-presence within, the externalized Presence then stands radiant as the manifest Christos and is actually projected from within the consciousness of the awakened one.

HOW TO BE WITH THE MASTER

By D. T. Marches

The original idea of creation, which man was to share with God through his love and generosity, was that man might create and bring forth beauty and perfection through form, by the intelligent use of his creative centers of thought and feeling, but not permitting himself to become entangled in his creation. However, when man began to harbor willful and imperfect thoughts, the forms thus created took on the grotesque appearance of these thought-pictures and these, in turn, reacting back on the lowered consciousness gave birth to the undesirable qualities which comprise the human nature of today. These qualities "whose name is legion," furnish the causes for all man's distress, including sickness, war and death, and thus, mankind has become almost hopelessly enmeshed in his human creation.

Often, great beings from the heart of God have taken on human form in order to teach and raise mankind, such beings as the Master Jesus, the Lord Buddha of India and many others, while hundreds and thousands of lesser souls have voluntarily eschewed the freedom they have earned, and reincarnated again and again, that their presence and

radiation might have a sweetening influence on human thought. The price they pay for this sacrifice is the loss of their divine memory. The loss of consecutive memory is the karma of the ego, earned by its disobedience. This, every soul who volunteers to enter human embodiment must share.

These reincarnating friends of humanity must rely on their developed soul powers of discrimination and discernment, in order to keep themselves from falling victims to the intellectual arguments presented by their spiritually-blind but stubborn brothers. It is a sad fact, however, that quite a few of these great initiates, who have braved human incarnation to help mankind, have unfortunately succumbed to temptations of one kind or another, in this human realm, and so forgot their divinely-inspired mission in the fleeting pleasures presented to them. This is the chance the volunteer soul takes consciously before incarnating.

Many of the returning pilgrims on the path regret that they cannot “see” their invisible teachers and helpers, but it must be remembered that “form” is a passing phase, that it was through form man fell, and the creative spirit within is being taught not to get entangled in its meshes again, even to the extent of “seeing” a Master. We are told that “no one hath seen God at any time,” neither do we actually “see” each other.

All children of God are, in reality, points of consciousness, in the human octave, enclosed in forms of flesh, but in the higher octaves, the liberated ones are clothed in a “finer” dress, which is invisible to mortal sight, but which nevertheless does not make them, in any way, an intangible apparition. Rather, they are strongly developed, radiating centers of awakened consciousness, that are capable of making themselves felt to no uncertain degree, when the occasion warrants.

It is evident, then, that it would be a foolish waste of precious energy on the part of these wise teachers to go through the process of lowering the rate of vibration of their finer vehicles to take on the semblance of human form just to satisfy the curiosity, or perhaps vanity, of some individual, when all their efforts are engaged in trying to wean the aspirant away from the fascination of form and its dangerous reaction on the human soul. When a person sincerely contemplates any Ascended Master, lovingly dwelling mentally on his perfection, characteristics and merits, that one unerringly enters into his radiation and aura. He has the Master's undivided attention while he holds himself within his Presence and his soul and spirit is benefited while if he saw him “in the flesh,” so to speak, the outer mind would be amazed and disturbed with very little benefit to the inner consciousness.

Through contemplation one can recognize unerringly the vibration of

the different Masters. One does not have to jostle with crowds nor provoke the jealousy of other individuals to come into their presence. One can sit in the privacy of one's room at any time, think of the Master one desires to contact, and then rise in consciousness and fly like an arrow into his presence. It is as easy as that!

Man's task is to rise, by daily conscious effort, out of the human consciousness into which he has fallen. Contemplation of the Ascended Host, as well as the angelic host, will help to raise his consciousness. A silent heartfelt petition to the Father of all light for forgiveness, guidance and deliverance will bring help without fail, both from within and without, until one day he will find himself within the outstretched arms of the Father and hear his whispered, "Welcome home, my child."

Prayer: In the power of the Christ magnet endowed upon my lifestream, I invoke the full nature, capacity, intelligence, substance, light and supply of the great Universal First Cause, whose child I AM"

THE FOUNDING OF THE GREAT WHITE BROTHERHOOD

By Thomas Printz

When Sanat Kumara offered to enter into the Office of the Lord of the World, the Lords of Karma, who represent the Cosmic Law governing the affairs of the planet Earth and the evolution of its humanity, gave to him the full and absolute authority over the life and progress of the sons of men.

Because these Lords of Love had offered the Cosmic Law their own auras of light, to meet the requirements of the Law that the earth contribute some light to the solar system, or be dissolved from the chain, it became immediately evident that some means of training must be effected in order to teach the children of men how to expand their own spark of divinity, and, in time, become Lords of the Flame and illumine their planet, without the help of other stars.

To prepare for this day, Sanat Kumara and his counsel in Shamballa, established a great spiritual order of God-beings known as the Great White Brotherhood, whose duty and service was to interest, teach, guide and protect the children of earth, and, eventually, draw them into the Brotherhood and let them assume the offices and responsibilities originally held by the volunteer beings from more highly-evolved worlds.

Through the medium of their own great love and radiation, this Brotherhood began to awaken the spiritual light in the souls of a few of the race. These egos began to stir in their soul sleep and respond to the

presence and flame of Sanat Kumara's love. From among the great mass of sleepers, they began to reach upward in consciousness, and the Masters, reaching down, effected the first meeting between earth and heaven. The two first souls thus responding were, in much later lives, to become the Lord Gautama Buddha and the Lord Maitreya. They were the first who applied from the ranks of earth's children for membership in the Council of Shamballa, and asked for training and assistance to prepare themselves to join in the great work of becoming lightbearers to the world of men.

How great was the rejoicing at Shamballa, when these two fresh, eager spirits, responding to the presence of love, had proved the wisdom and sacrifice of the Lords of the Flame worthwhile, for where two had come, more surely would follow. And so it has been, until thousands now are entered on the roll of the Cosmic Council and the earth's children have assumed most of the offices formerly held by beings from other spheres. One day the Kumaras, themselves, will find that Earth's children have released them from their self-appointed exile, and in Earth's shining, they may go, as they came, in gentle, patient love.

From the time that Lord Buddha and Lord Maitreya presented themselves before the great Sanat Kumara, called by the reason of the length of his service, "The Ancient of Days," until the time that they could assume their office as World Teachers, century after century of self-discipline, self-denial and self-mastery stretched relentlessly down the scroll of time, with the two brothers, incarnating again and again, passing through every experience that the Cosmic Council felt would build into their souls the strength, the constancy, the love required that they might fulfill their cosmic role with credit and with certainty of victory. As Lord Buddha himself so beautifully wrote of his long and weary way:

"Many a house of life hath held me—seeking ever high who wrought these prisons of the senses, sorrow fraught. Sore was my ceaseless strife! But now, thou builder of this tabernacle—thou! I know thee! Never shall thou built again, these walls of pain, nor raise the roof-tree of deceits, nor lay fresh rafters on the clay. Broken thy house is, and the ridge-pole split! Delusion fashioned it. Safe pass I thence—deliverance to obtain."

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The soul of man is old beyond the reckoning of time. His pilgrimage has stretched down through the centuries, necessitating the wearing out of many earthly garments in the search of experience and fulfillment. The soul, seeking embodiment, is absolutely dependent upon the parents. From the time the spirit is bound round by the bands that close in the divine memory of the higher realms, the parents of the earth life become the authority for the environment and atmosphere in which the soul must endeavor to grow, unfold and develop to its highest possible expansion of light.

Because the soul and consciousness of the child is often older than the soul of the parent, and more pure, much unhappiness is brought about through the lack of knowledge upon the parents' part as to the tremendous assistance they might offer in cultivating and keeping the atmosphere of the new child as pure, happy and positive as possible.

God, himself, endows parents with the right to take his place, personally, in caring for the bodies and natures of his children, whom he has sent into incarnation and such guardians must give an accounting of their service when their physical days are done.

The great work of overseeing the various departments of human evolution and development is delegated to individual beings who, through the centuries, have proven themselves capable of representing the God-will, authority and love in those departments. The Master of Wisdom whose cosmic office it is to oversee the children of the race, their teachers and guardians, is known and loved by many individuals on the earth today as the Master Kuthumi Lal Singh. This section of "The Bridge" is given over to him, that his loving counsel, directives and assistance may help all who are interested in the children and young people to a clearer understanding of how to cooperate with the incoming or presently incarnated child, and with the Lords of Karma who have chosen the particular homes in which the children are born. We invite you to sit with us, at the feet of the Master of Wisdom.

I met a child upon life's path,
Whose face was wondrous wise,
The garments of the earth were young,
God's wisdom in his eyes.
So young in years, and yet so old!
And whence go thou, my son?
I travel in my Father's name 'till all his work be done.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR A DISCIPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Be conscious ever that thou aspireth to the full expression of God, and devote all thy being and thy service to that end, as expressed so ably in thy First Commandment.

2. Learn the lesson of harmlessness—neither by word nor thought nor feeling inflict evil upon any part of life. Know that action and physical violence is but the lesser part of the sin of harmful expression.

3. Stir not a brother's sea of emotion, thoughtlessly or deliberately, for knowing that the storm in which thou placeth his spirit will sooner or later flow upon the banks of thine own lifestream. Rather bring tranquility to life, and be as the psalmist so ably puts it, "oil on the troubled waters."

4. Disassociate thyself from the personal delusion. Let self-justification never reveal that thou dost love the self more than the harmony of the universe. If thou art right, there is no need to acclaim it, if thou art wrong, pray for forgiveness. Watching the self, thou wilt find the rising tides of indignation among the more subtle shadows on the path of right, called "self-righteousness."

5. Walk gently through the universe, knowing that the body is a temple in which dwelleth the Holy Spirit, that bringeth peace and illumination to life everywhere. Keep thy temple always in a respectful and cleanly manner, as befitting the habitation of the Spirit of Truth. Respect and honor, in gentle dignity, all other temples, knowing that oftentimes within a crude exterior burns a great light.

6. In the presence of nature, absorb the beauties and gifts of her kingdom in gentle gratitude. Do not desecrate her by vile thoughts or emotions, or by physical acts that despoil her virgin beauty.

7. Do not form nor offer opinions unless invited to do so, and then only after prayer and silent invocation for guidance.

8. Speak when God chooseth to say something through thee. At other times remain peacefully silent.

9. Make the ritual of thy living, the observance of God's rules, so unobtrusive that no man shall know that thou aspireth to goodness, lest the force of his outer will might be pitted against thee, or lest thine service become impinged with pride.

10. Let thy heart be a song of gratitude that the Most High has given unto thy keeping the Spirit of Life, which through thee chooseth to widen the borders of his kingdom.

11. Be alert always to use thy faculties and the gifts loaned unto thee by the Father of all life in a manner to extend his kingdom.

12. Claim nothing for thyself, neither powers nor principality, any more than thou claimest the air thou breathest or the sun, using them freely, but knowing the God-ownership of all.

13. In speech and action be gentle, but with the dignity that always accompanies the presence of the living God that is within the temple.

14. Constantly place all the faculties of thy being, and all the inner unfoldment of thy nature, at the feet of the God-power, endeavoring to manifest perfection through one in distress.

15. Let thy watchword be gentleness, humility, and loving service, but do not allow the impression of humility to be mistaken for lethargy, for the servant of the Lord, like the sun in the heavens, is eternally vigilant and constantly outpouring the gifts of his particular keeping.

Maha Chohan

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CHRISTMAS BENEDICTION TO OUR READERS FROM OUR LORD THE MAHA CHOCHAN

We call to the Holy Spirit of Christmas, who is a great being of intelligence, kindness, love and perfection, and we ask that ALL his gifts, his bounty, his consciousness may flow through your soul, expand its wings and form the necessary impetus to unite your outer self with your own divine consciousness, so you may know no separation from good and so continue until you become the full outpouring of God and your Higher Self everywhere.

Let this be our Christmas gift to you: a spiritual benediction and blessing whereby the soul within you, ever aspiring upward, is grasped by the Higher Self and the connection made for a permanent bond whereby the grace, the gentleness and the love of the light of your divine archetype might express freely through the vehicles that you wear at present.

Maha Chohan

BELOVED MASTER JESUS AND HOLY MOTHER MARY

As we again approach the blessed Christmas Season, let us contemplate the holy events leading up to the birth of the Master Jesus, into the world of men.

As the cosmic wheel turned on its orbit, the Golden Ray, which was to be the directing power and intelligence of the Christian Dispensation as represented by the Master Jesus, began to play upon the earth. The Sixth Ray, with all its devotional development, its mystical stimulus and its "sweet anointing from above" heralded the coming of a great teacher, who would embody the perfection of this ray, and, in the course of a

lifetime, would provide the pattern for the human race for the two thousand years during which its influence would be the predominant force for the evolution of the angelic, human, and elemental kingdoms.

At inner levels, the great Cosmic Christ, known as Lord Maitreya, chose his chelas, whom we know as the Masters Jesus, Mary and Saint Germain (known to the Christian world as Saint Joseph), to become the holy family through whom the blessings of the Sixth Ray might be made manifest to the sons of men. They were chosen, dedicated, and invested with the cosmic opportunity long before they incarnated. The Master whom we now know as Saint Germain, being the first to embody in the humble expression of the carpenter, Joseph of Nazareth, was to be the guardian of the coming Christ child. Sometime later, the beautiful Mary incarnated and grew to be the sweet woman who would be known as The Madonna of the Piscean Age.

At this time, many guardian spirits also chose incarnation through simple, unassuming forms. They were destined later to take their part on the screen of life as the apostles, disciples, and friends of the Master Jesus, each one fulfilling the ordinary tasks of daily living until their respective "hours" had come, at which time they joyfully left their outer world pursuits, to follow their beloved Master and to take their part in the fulfillment of his mission. The Master whom we know as Morya El, today, incarnated as one of the Wisemen, and the Master Kuthumi assumed the role of another. Many of our friends in the world today were present then, in offices both great and small, all assisting the Master to the best of their ability, in his great cosmic mission.

The Archangel Gabriel brought to Mary "the tidings of great joy" which the Roman Catholic Church has embodied in the beautiful prayer and invocation called "The Rosary": "Hail! Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb."

The Archangel Raphael was the messenger of God who was responsible for drawing the lifestreams of Joseph and Mary together to provide the protecting guard for the coming holy one.

Finally, the solemn hour of visitation was at hand. In the Octaves of Light, the great Lord Maitreya (the Cosmic Christ), bestowed his blessing on his beloved son, whom he was to overshadow. As the departing Messiah humbly surrendered his consciousness to the "forgetting bonds" of flesh, the last countenance his eyes rested upon was the loving and benignant one of the blessed Lord Maitreya, and the first face his conscious

gaze rested upon on earth was the tender one of Mary, whose welcoming arms pressed his little form to her joyfully-waiting heart.

Oh blessed Jesus! Harbinger of peace and the wayshower of fallen man, on this, the anniversary of thy coming to represent the glory of the Sixth Ray to the planet Earth, enfold all mankind in the radiation of thy liberated consciousness, help us to realize our true identity as sons of God and grant unto us the grace, understanding and will to rise above the ignorance and limitations of the flesh and endow us with thy peace, that peace "that passeth the understanding of the human mind." We thank Thee and bless Thy holy name forever.

THE COMING OF LORD MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

By Thomas Printz

When the Father-Mother God gave into the keeping of the great Elohim the responsibility for the creation of a habitable globe upon which certain intelligent spirits might evolve to God-perfection, the Elohim, from out of their own hearts' light, projected forth the convex rays which formed the cradle, or matrix, for the earth. Where these masculine and feminine rays met, the permanent atom for the earth was formed.

This atom contained, within itself, the magnetic power by which the universal light substance was drawn into this spherical form and, with the cooperation of the builders of form, the nature devas, and the directors of the forces of the elements, the sea, the earth, the atmosphere, came into being, with the cosmic fire interpenetrating all.

One cosmic day, the work of creation was completed, and the Elohim signified to the Sun that the planet Earth was ready for habitation.

Three distinct types of intelligent life were to be given an opportunity to unfold their God-nature on this small star—angels, men and elements, each contributing, in some manner, to the well being and progress of the other, and their combined life force was ordained to weave the spiritual bridge to tie the earth to the heart of God.

As kind and loving parents prepare for the coming of an expected child long before the advent of the infant upon the earth plane, so did the God-parents prepare for the guardianship, sustenance and protection of the evolving lives who were to be called forth to people this star.

Mankind were to be given the opportunity to experiment with the creative centers of thought and feeling, and to learn to draw and mould

energy into beautiful forms, becoming co-creators with their God-parents and, in time, builders of suns and stars of their own, in the ever-widening circle of the rhythm of life.

To sustain the bodies of mankind, the elemental kingdom was sent earthward, charged with the fiat to obey the every direction of man, to make for him “coats of flesh,” to keep these in repair, and to materialize out of the primal substance of earth and air and water, the nourishment for the replenishing of his bodies, and the necessities and luxuries which would make his exile a happy and harmonious one. These elementals were put under the direction of the great nature devas, and builders of form, and—as they served the mankind of earth, they were promised evolution into the kingdom of directors of the elemental life in the future.

To guard and nourish the spiritual nature of mankind, and to help the development of the inner spark of divinity into the flame of conscious mastery, the angelic host was sent earthward, to stand by the side of mankind, radiating the love, the faith, the will of the Father into the atmosphere and aura of the evolving God-consciousness in every man. The angelic host was under the direction of the seven great Archangels, who came from the Central Sun of our system, and abided within our physical sun until the Elohim had prepared the planets which were to be their charge out of the primordial and unformed light body of God.

The angelic host, through association with mankind and the elemental kingdom, were promised that they, in time, might attain the estate of the Archangels and become guardian powers in systems of worlds yet unborn from the consciousness of future Solar Lords.

When the elemental kingdoms had made verdant the earth, with produce and beauty, and the angelic kingdom had filled its atmosphere with the stimulating essence of Godliness, the planet was ready for the beautiful ceremony by which mankind was welcomed to the hospitality of a new theater of evolution, filled with opportunity, promise, beauty and plenty. And then the descent of man into the world of form took place, a ceremony whose remembrance is written for all eternity on the sensitive substance of Akasha, which will be revitalized and re-vivified one day for the enjoyment and education of all mankind.

The Godhead charged the directed ray into the permanent atom which was to be the magnetic power holding the lifestreams destined to evolve upon the planet within its orbit.

The great nature devas of every mountain, sea and plan vivified the life wave through the abundant verdant gifts of nature awaiting the com-

ing of man.

The angelic host stood, visible and tangible, upon the surface of the Earth, looking upward as the gates of heaven opened, and the First Ray, in a burst of celestial music, suffused the heavens, with its lovely azure blue, and then formed a radiant pathway from the heart of the Sun to the planet Earth, over which the first sons of men might, in dignity, descend into incarnation.

Then, before the eyes of the silent witnesses and the visitors from other planets and systems, there appeared in the open gates of heaven, the presence of the Prince of the Heavenly Host, Lord Michael, the Archangel, wearing the crown of immortality, clothed in the light of the Central Sun from whose bosom he had come, to guard and guide the children of earth through the centuries of experience yet to come. At his presence, the earth itself, began to sing her cosmic song, the angelic host poured out their praise at the coming of their Lord, the devas and builders of form joined the spiritual anthem with their majestic overtones, and the sister planets of our system added to the symphony of celestial sound.

Archangel Michael, son of the King of Kings, Angel of the Resurrection of the God nature in angel, man, and elemental, came to insure the safe return of every son of man, every angel, every elemental at the close of the cosmic day!

Then began the great descent—Lord Michael sweeping earthward along the Blue Fire Ray, which was anchored into the earth in the vicinity of our present Rocky Mountain Range in the Northwestern part of the United States of America. Behind him, with slow, majestic grace, came the glorious Lord Manu of the First Root Race, a seven-pointed crown upon his head, a mantle of royal blue upon his shoulders, the embodiment of the Father God's design for every lifestream who followed him innocently into the world of form.

Then began the descent of the “innocents”—the first group of mankind to be given an opportunity to incarnate and develop God-maturity on the earth. One by one, or hand in hand, they came, following Lord Michael and the Manu, until the entire number designated by the Father for this first experiment in earthly forms had descended, accompanied by myriads of guardian angels, the protective aura of the seraphim and the light of the cherubic hosts, who carried the atmosphere of heaven in their shining bodies, and effulgent auras.

Thus, in great beauty, in limitless abundance, in the visible, tangible

presence of Lord Michael and the angelic host, and under the kindly guardianship of the Lord Manu himself, the first Golden Age was entered into and enjoyed by the sons of men. At the close of the cycle, they easily and harmoniously followed their Manu up the ladder of evolution into their God-estate—ascension—and the evening and the morning was the First Day.

Through all the succeeding cycles of time, as ray after ray provided the pathway for the descent of new spirits, Lord Michael has remained as the guardian overlord of the angelic host, the mankind of earth and the elemental kingdoms, and he shall not fold his cosmic wings about him to return HOME until the last man is redeemed, the final angelic being freed, and the last elemental returned to its perfect state. This is the love of Lord Michael, who like Sanat Kumara, is a prisoner of love to the life he serves. Beloved Lord Michael! Thrice blessed be thy sacred name.

The Homes and Retreats of The Masters of Wisdom

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RETREAT

December 15th to January 14, 1953

At the close of each twelve-month cycle, the Great White Brotherhood meet in the heart of the retreat established in the Rocky Mountains in the western part of the United States at the location where the human race first set foot on the planet Earth—following the descent of the great Archangel Michael and the Lord Manu of the first root race.

Here, the harvest of the twelve months is gathered and the results of every brother's service to life in obedience to the pattern given to them in January of the year just spent is examined by the Lord of the World and the Lords of Karma.

Each member of the Great White Brotherhood brings a report of the activities in which he has been engaged in endeavoring to fulfill the design of the yearly cycle. Each retreat is represented by a chosen ambassador, and the ultimate good that has been effected through the endeavors of every member, and the retreat itself, is presented to the Karmic Board, for upon these reports will the grants, dispensations and directives for the following year be based. Every retreat, individual Master, and human, angelic and elemental being who has been given an opportunity to expand the God-plan is called to render an accounting, to explain the services rendered or ignored, and the records are all entered upon the scroll of life.

This activity takes place as soon as the council meets, in order that

the heart of the Holy Season—December 21st through January 21st—may be dedicated to the spiritual contemplation of the Christ and the celebrations in honor of Jesus and Mary's great service to the planet and its peoples.

As the year 1952 closes, on New Year's Eve, the Cosmic Silent Watcher for the planet, Earth, receives, from the heart of the solar system, the divine edict for the year 1953, contained within a beautiful symbol. This pattern contains within it the concentrated activity to which every member of the Great White Brotherhood will contribute his particular talents during the coming year.

Sanat Kumara stands upon the rostrum to receive this divine thoughtform the instant that the old year closes, and then he re-creates it through his own thought and feeling centers and projects it into the atmosphere of the room before the entire assembled Brotherhood and whatever members of the human race are present at this time. No one (not even Sanat Kumara) has any advance notice as to what this thoughtform will be, so it is a moment of extreme anticipation and tremendous solemnity, as the Great Silent Watcher lowers this thoughtform into the holy grail of Sanat Kumara's upraised consciousness.

As this communion takes place, all feel the charge of divine will that accompanies Sanat Kumara's inspiration. As he directs this pattern into the visible atmosphere before the lectern, it appears in colors, with the musical vibration that always accompanies divine creation, and the pattern for the New Year stands vibrant and beautiful before the eyes of the assembled guests. All of the members bow before the divine edict, and absorb the significance of the directives within this simple, beautiful symbol of the God-will for the planet, the angelic, human and elemental kingdoms for the year that has just been born.

After this contemplation, each member, having absorbed the thoughtform into his own individual consciousness, Sanat Kumara signifies that it is time for the council to use their individual creative centers to recreate it, and every member moulds the thoughtform out of the universal light substance by his own visualizing power, and energizes it with the enthusiastic, loving power of his own feeling nature, holding this duplicate form, until a burst of music signifies that Sanat Kumara desires these multiple forms to go forth from the retreat and cover the earth, interpenetrating the atmosphere which mankind breathe, and forming an influence toward the fulfillment of this God-design by the magnetic power and impelling God will that is within them.

The mountain seems to dissolve into pure light, each member expands his own aura to its fullest possible extent, and millions of facsimiles of Sanat Kumara's thoughtform, containing the pattern for 1953, are

catapulted forth in rhythmic pulsations, until they cover the earth and fill the inner atmosphere (which mankind breathes in with every breath) with their presence and their edict. The mankind of earth who have attended the council are particularly impregnated with the power of this release.

At the close of this ceremony, the Brotherhood prepare for the presentation of their petitions and proposals for 1953. They post their scrolls outside the audience chamber and endeavor to secure the interest, cooperation and sponsorship of as many members of the human, elemental, and angelic kingdoms as is possible, so that when they are given the opportunity to present their proposals to the Karmic Board, and are asked, "Who among the sons of men will volunteer their energies to the development of this proposal?" they may have enough voluntary contributors to secure the assent of the Karmic Board and a grant of energy from the cosmic fount.

Many petitions and plans are heard, the sponsors presented, and the grants given by the Karmic Lords and sometimes a messenger from the Central Sun is present, if more than ordinary dispensations are to be offered. Here, mankind, as individuals, will do well to prepare their own petitions in writing and study them before retiring, so that they may also appear before the Karmic Council, if they have any suggestions of merit to offer to the Brotherhood to further the cause of good. All will be given a hearing.

The final week of the council is spent in imparting the designated plans for 1953 to the retreats, the Brothers and the volunteers from the angelic, human and elemental kingdoms as well. Sanat Kumara prepares to return to Shamballa and set up the orderly procession of the twelve retreats which will be activated during the year of 1953. The Brothers return to Shamballa, receive this information, and then go to their individual focus of light to set into motion their activities which will contribute to the greatest manifestation of the divine plan and pattern for the year.

WINGS OF LIGHT

By V. F. Angelday

Beloved Friend of Light and fellow-traveler on the pathway of life, bound for the goal of all existence—the heart of God—from whence we came and to which all must return some day—let us think a moment of our creative source and in so doing, draw, by our attention, a portion of its wisdom, so freely given in love, into our own experience. Who or what created in the first place? What creates in your own world, your mind, your body, and your affairs? I think your answer would be, “my intelligence.”

I ask you, “Where is that located in your world?” You say, “In my brain.” Well, did you, the outer personality, make your intelligence or your brain? Why not? Could you ever make one either for yourself or someone else? Then it must have been a gift to you from someone greater than your human self WHO COULD DO IT. The proof is that IT WAS DONE (created) or you would not be thinking with me NOW!

Well! “As above so below.” The quiet pool of water reflects in itself that which is mirrored into it and the quiet mind of man—the mind deliberately governed and controlled and compelled to BE STILL, will reflect the greater mind that made it and mirrors in it its own great peace and perfection. “Be still! and KNOW that I AM—God!” One who is big enough to do this and stay with it until it is accomplished naturally, becomes to himself and to the world of men, the greatest proof in the universe of the existence of God.

You know, there is no such thing in all the world as an “atheist.” Folks sometimes foolishly declare themselves to be such, but how could it be? Since God is life, and as we agreed before, is the very existence of every human being by the life that beats his physical heart, then how could anyone believe that there was no God, as long as he had life within him? The very energy by which anyone denies God is God himself! One without life could deny nothing, could think nothing, could do nothing! So the very ability to even have an opinion on the subject is an attribute of God himself—vested in his beloved creation of man!

It is said that Abraham Lincoln once commented that he could imagine someone standing high above this planet Earth, and, looking down upon it and seeing the conditions of distress mankind have created, dare to think that there was no God, but he said he could never conceive of anyone standing on this earth and looking up into the magnificent glory of the heavens, declare such a foolish thing!

Even in this world of form, our world of daily living, where “miracles,” as such, are supposed to be extinct, it is very evident that nothing “just happens,” that everything comes from something, somewhere. The very fact a thing exists proves it had a creator (a source) and that creator is always greater than its creation. If a consciousness can create one thing, it can create more things and so we have the great Creator of our universe (God) creating not only man, but those lesser and greater intelligences who protect and sustain mankind's existence on this planet, Earth.

One of the greatest of these beneficent creations is the presence of the angelic host, who function on the earth and in its atmosphere, under the direction of the great Archangel Michael, to bless mankind.

One of the Masters of Wisdom said recently:

“I long for the hour when the curtain of human indifference and unconcern is drawn aside, and the mankind of earth see for themselves the constant, beautiful, tireless, loving service that the angelic host voluntarily perform, to make the very atmosphere in which they move pure enough to sustain the elements that make up the physical bodies of the people.

The forces of the elements would not be able to hold a physical form for the evolving spirit, were it not for the constant purification going on in the inner realms, particularly under the direction of Lord Michael and the Angels of the Blue Flame and Ray, which come under his guidance and act on the ray of his love. It is a miracle, in itself, that the orthodox world has given even a limited recognition to Lord Michael, who, has held the connection between the angelic brotherhood and the people of earth unbroken through the ages.”

The Masters Of Wisdom Speak
THE SEVEN RAYS

MAHA CHOHAN

The process of evolution, unfoldment and development of the God-design of the universe is very beautiful, and might be likened unto the successive presentations in a glorious opera, each act allowing the talents and natural heritage of a certain number of lifestreams full freedom to enrich the universe by the fullest outpouring of their creative endeavors. The rhythm of creation is fulfilled through self-conscious intelligent beings, who embody the keynote of each age. The lifestreams that these

God-directors gather around them amplify this keynote and the cycle is completed through the beings who are privileged to be evolving within that age. We have passed through six cycles, and are now entering the final act of a major cycle of 14,000 years. The curtain rings up on the activities of the Seventh Ray, which, under the direction of the Master Saint Germain, will unify the consciousness of the angelic host, the mankind of earth and the elemental kingdoms. This era, therefore, will manifest the apex of spiritual glory through all three kingdoms, as well as the planet, itself.

MORYA EL, FIRST RAY—Divine Will and Rulership

Many ages have passed into the unseen records which form “the past,” since the First Ray was privileged to be the predominant activity playing upon the earth, stimulating the evolution of the three kingdoms ascending the ladder toward perfection, side by side. In this long-forgotten era, the cosmic wheel had just begun to turn and the powerful Blue Ray was the major influence of the spiritual forces which nourished the God-nature in man, angel and elemental.

A goodly number from each kingdom responded to the outpouring of the First Ray and gained their eternal freedom while it was nourishing and energizing those centers within the evolving intelligences which would best enable them to ascend consciously through cooperation with this potent power. When the cosmic wheel turned to allow the radiation of the Second Ray to play upon our planet, we gathered all the perfection, all the consciousness and the developed harvest of the First Ray into the inner spheres, where it remains to this day, awaiting the final act of the earth's drama, when it shall be added to the heritage of the Seventh Ray, as part of the glory of the permanent golden age, which shall know no end.

KUTHUMI, SECOND RAY—Wisdom; Guardian of Youth

The second great ray, which struck the earth when the cosmic wheel turned in obedience to the Cosmic Law's command, played like a great searchlight upon the planet and became the invisible but palpable substance of the atmosphere in which the angelic, human and elemental kingdoms had their being. These evolutionary beings absorbed this God-directed nourishment, which enabled them to grow and mature according to the divine plan. Again, only a portion of each kingdom responded, and these joined the free beings who had availed themselves of the outpouring of the First Ray. At the expiration of the reign of the Second Ray,

much beauty, wisdom, perfection and momentum of God-power were added to the store of Akasha, to be released again in the age of the Seventh Ray as the gift of the Second Ray in earth's final hour. We, the Brothers of the Second Ray, delight in anticipating our cooperation with the activities of the Ceremonial Ray, which will come to such great perfection in the near future.

VENETIAN, THIRD RAY— Tact-Tolerance, a "Gentle-Man"

Even as the physical sun releases certain properties which excite the growth and development of particular flowers in successive seasons, and the vibrations within the pattern of those flowers respond only to that stimulus, so do the successive outpourings of the Seven Rays, from the cosmic wheel, consecutively develop a group of angelic, human and elemental beings, who flower and attain God-maturity in the age which is their natural time for "blossoming." Others who are "marked" for a later unfoldment, seem to be untouched by the very vital forces which energize and attune the inner selves of the children who are a natural part of the particular ray which is active in a cycle of time.

Teachers and leaders who are inspired by the stimulation of the ray active during the time of their incarnation, usually find response only from those lifestreams who are naturally destined to unfold in such a cycle, while the others remain among the indifferent masses until "their hour comes," just as the bulb of a flower is dormant until the season for its development calls it forth to active expression. It is only unascended beings who are impatient because all men do not respond to the same vibrations, which is as foolish an attitude as that of a gardener or a farmer who would insist that all his crops mature on the same day, in the same month, in the same season.

SERAPIS BEY, FOURTH RAY— Art and Beauty - Hierarch of Luxor

The turning of the cosmic wheel takes place in rhythmic cycles of approximately two thousand years each. Thus, one complete revolution embodies a major cycle of fourteen thousand years. The planet Earth, and the angelic, human and elemental kingdoms evolving upon it, are the recipients of the outpouring of a specific and powerfully concentrated force during each two-thousand-year cycle, and all the development through the three kingdoms, which contribute to the expansion of the Kingdom of God, becomes the heritage of the race, being held in the inner spheres by the Chohan of each Ray until the complete revolution of the cosmic wheel allows the Seventh Ray the opportunity to draw forth and present the combined harvest of the entire fourteen-thousand-year

cycle. We are at this point today, and as the Seventh Ray is just at the beginning of its reign, the fully-gathered momentum that has been attained by all beings, powers, and legions of light through the past twelve thousand years, will be drawn upon the stage of life through the combined endeavors of the Perfected Beings who have climbed the ladder of evolution while any one of the preceding rays was active.

In this era we enjoy a triple activity: We have the natural outpouring of the Seventh Ray itself, we are the fortunate recipients of the gifts of the foregoing six rays, and we take part in the closing of the major cycle of fourteen thousand years, when the First and Seventh Rays meet—Alpha and Omega. Thus, the immortal words, “IT IS FINISHED,” spoken by the Master Jesus in his role of Cosmic Christ will be the stamp of eternal confirmation on the planet Earth's victorious evolution.

HILARION, FIFTH RAY—Science and God

Up to the present time, the evolution of the angelic host, mankind and the elemental kingdoms have proceeded without much actual cooperation among the intelligences involved. The work of the Seventh Ray is the drawing together and bringing to fruition the complete harvest, comprising the endeavors of these kingdoms through the fourteen-thousand-year cycle. It is also the service of this ray to bring into harmonious, cooperative and conscious unity the members of these three kingdoms. This unison of the three kingdoms is best accomplished through the beautiful rituals, which embody music, rhythm, color, perfume, artistic beauty of form, including the exquisite vestments that stimulate the highest type of worship that has yet been evolved or made manifest in this chain.

The great prince, Saint Germain, as Lord of the Ceremonial Ray, will gradually draw those, who are naturally attuned to his ray, into conscious cooperation with the work of the new era, and he will be assisted by those volunteers from the other six rays who are most highly developed along their particular evolutionary line. This activity of the future so far transcends anything that the human mind has yet conceived; it is impossible to describe the glorious achievement that awaits the evolving lifestreams who will attain their freedom in this final era.

JESUS, SIXTH RAY—Religious Worship through Devotion

The turning of the cosmic wheel is governed by the God-intelligence at the very center of our universe. It is a manifestation of the love of the Father, which allows each life intelligence the opportunity to be bathed in the spiritual nourishment that corresponds to his own keynote. To deny

the progressive evolution of the race is as foolish as it would be for a man to refuse to believe that the crisp currents of April are followed by the soft, mellow outpouring of May, whose warm and gentle spirit allows the more delicate blooms of Spring an opportunity to flourish. The currents that play upon the earth in each two-thousand-year cycle are just like the diversified currents of the progressive seasons of the year, and the various intelligences of the three kingdoms are ordained by God to bloom and flower in a particular spiritual season, lest all the glory adorn one cycle and the balance of time be barren of any manifest perfection in angel, man or elemental.

SAINT GERMAIN, SEVENTH RAY—Ceremonial Worship, the direction of spiritual energies of both angels and men

The Seventh Ray is to the evolving angelic host, mankind and the elemental kingdoms as the season of harvest is to the agricultural kingdom. Man accepts, without question, the orderly procession of the natural seasons, the specific atmosphere and radiation of Spring, Summer and Autumn, together with the particular gifts of harvest that each season brings, but he refuses to allow the glorious spiritual seasons the same freedom to bring their gifts and powers into the experience life of the race. It is as futile to attempt to hold back the glorious perfection that will be expressed during the reign of the Seventh Ray, as it would be for any man to refuse to allow nature to provide the harvest of the fields. Oh, how we long for the day when man will stop "battling" the good that God outpours through those of us who are his messengers and, working with the current of the hour, accept the fullness of its upward sweeping energies, on whose crest he may ride to immortal freedom. In my entire association with the angelic and elemental kingdoms, I have never heard a builder of the form of the early crocus refuse to allow the beauty of expression of the Autumn aster, nor an angel of music refuse to accept the possibility of equal expression to an angel of healing. Man, alone, insists that all of his kind must fit into one pattern in order to appease his human notion of respectability. Nevertheless, I thank God that we are not all of one pattern, human thought notwithstanding.

ANGELS AND MEN
Daily Work Sheet
December 15 - January 14

In the early ages, as recorded in the Bible, the angels walked and talked with men at all times, and in the days that are to come, this will again be so.

As individuals choose to become co-workers with the angelic host, they will have a tremendous opportunity in drawing those heavenly beings close to them, in the one manner that evokes the presence of an angel, THE RADIATION OF LOVE.

When such an individual is found, vast numbers of the angelic host are always bathing in the aura of such an one's being.

You have seen a moth rush towards a flame, and so do the angelic host rush towards a harmonious outpouring of energy, whether through men, or through nature, itself.

If you would ask the angels to enter your world, they would bring much of the buoyancy and cosmic contentment that your personality requires. They act on the inner bodies exactly as water does on a thirsty plant.

They are a tremendous healing agent, and a very great peace-giving power to turbulent spirits.

You may have as many of these celestial beings as your feelings will allow to enter into your personal association.

If you invite them, you will feel their presence, and after you have once felt their presence, you will live in a manner that will keep them by your side.

Daily Application: You can test this Law by sending forth, as often as you can during the day, strong vibrations of love and you will feel the currents of the angels return on them, just as if you moved your hands across a harp and struck a note of harmony.

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THE OLD AND THE NEW YEAR

As the old year closes, the sins, mistakes and failures of that year are bathed in the Flame of Mercy and Forgiveness and cut from each soul by the Lords of Karma, in order that the soul may enter the new year free of the fetters created by its own error and in such a manner have a greater opportunity for progress, unfoldment and spiritual illumination.

If the outer consciousness cooperates with this spiritual freedom and offers it's lifestream to the Ascended Host, there can be a greater forward step in the transmutation of it's nature.

BUT, if the outer consciousness INSISTS upon holding to the memories of the past, such memories are drawn over the threshold of the old year into the new and form a pattern of the new year's experience again. This is the choice each individual makes.

The New Year represents another opportunity for each soul and spirit to ride upon the cosmic tide, higher into the heart of heaven, placing the years that have gone before, into the cosmic incinerator of forgiveness and forgetfulness.

IF, this New Year, you could *seize* upon the purification that has affected your entire inner nature and try to live in the New Year as if there had never been an old, the limitations and evils would drop away, because they are not eternal, and only the *good* from the past year would endure and become a mantle of fragrance around you.

Maha Chohan

THE LEGEND OF GLASTONBURY

Matthew 26:26—"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat. This is my body.'"

26:27, 28—"And he took THE CUP and gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it, for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

And it came to pass that after the Master had so spoken, he, with his disciples, went out into the Mount of Olives, leaving the cup of communion on the table. And then it was that Joseph of Arimathea, together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, came unto the room wherein the Feast of the Passover was celebrated, and together they took the cup, and wrapped it in Mary's mantle, and carried it thither, to keep in a safe place, under the direction of the Lord God.

And after the days of the crucifixion and the resurrection and the ascension were accomplished, it came to pass that Joseph of Arimathea prepared to journey into the Mendipp Hills, in the British Islands, to oversee his rich tin deposits, and the Lord spoke unto him saying, 'Joseph, take with thee, the beloved mother of Jesus, and these others whom I shall appoint, and carry the Holy Grail westward to the land which shall sanctify it further in the days that are yet to come.'

And Joseph gathered together those appointed by the Lord, and together they went forth, coming at long last to the English seacoast, and there they disembarked with the precious cup. The long and arduous pilgrimage left them weary, but they did not rest until they had found the place the Lord was to designate for the repository of the Holy Grail. And Joseph, with the holy mother, Mary, and Martha, and St. Simon Zelotes, and Aristobulus and others came unto Glastonbury and they reverently secreted the cup in the bottom of a well until that future time when some brave sons of men might choose to seek IT out for the blessings of their generation.

Through several centuries the cup lay thus, concealed beneath the waters of the well, until the good King Arthur gathered round him the Knights of the Round Table, endeavoring to establish and sustain a spiritual center through which the purpose and pattern of our Lord might again be incorporated into the temporal lives of men.

Among these knights was come again good Joseph of Arimathea, whom they called Sir Galahad. And in God's good time, he, together with Sir Percival and Sir Boers, succeeded in remembering the location of the Holy Grail and looked upon it for an instant and the light of the grail shed forth its benediction upon the earth and all its peoples for a time.

After the dissolving of the Order of the Round Table and the death of King Arthur, century after century good monks abode in the vicinity of Glastonbury, and tended the grail in spirit and in good works, and the spiritual ethers grew and waxed strong. Because of the continued worship in this holy place, it was thought wise and good by the powers of light to establish an etheric city over the Abbey of Glastonbury, peopled with those who had loved the Christ in life, and who had served him with their love.

Into this city passed many of the knights at the close of their earthly pilgrimage, and many of the humble monks who served in the various abbeys through the centuries. It is said that often the presence of the Master Jesus and his holy Mother Mary join this Brotherhood at Glastonbury Abbey in their meditations and with them pour out the blessings of the risen Christ to all peoples everywhere.

And even to the present day, the discerning pilgrims who make the journey to the ruins of the Glastonbury Abbey and who visit the holy well at the foot of Chalice Hill FEEL the presence of sanctity in the pulsating ethers, which are alive with the essence and the nature of the Christ and the holy men whose memory is hallowed here.

NEW YEAR GREETING

A blessed and holy year be yours, filled with illumination, progress and spiritual development of the qualities and nature of your own Higher Self, which is one with the self of all Perfected Beings.

Maha Chohan

A VISIT TO GLASTONBURY

Excerpts from the diary of a student-pilgrim to Glastonbury Abbey, England, during the month of May, 1948

These lines are penned as we sit by the side of the holy well, in which the holy grail was placed by Joseph Arimathea when he visited England after the crucifixion of Jesus. This well is situated in a secluded corner of an old English garden at the foot of what is called "Chalice Hill." We stopped here on our way down the steep hillside and were glad to rest after climbing the high eminence of Tor Hill, in order to look at the stone edifice on its summit. This edifice commemorates the martyrdom of the last abbot of the abbey, at the time it was pillaged and destroyed

by order of the Crown, many centuries ago.

The house and garden are now used as a boys' school and one must enter the house in order to visit the garden, for which they charge the small sum of one shilling. The well is situated in a secluded corner and has a bronze covering, which is held in place by a stout lock and key. The custodian undid the lock and raised the cover, so that we might look inside. He told us that the well is said to be built two hundred years B.C. and is of the same architecture as the pyramids, with the difference that this well is built *below* the surface of the earth.

He also said that no matter how dry the surrounding country gets, this spring gushes forth at the rate of 25,000 gallons of water per day. Besides the well, it feeds a large swimming pool for the boys and then meanders off down the hill, blessing man and beast and nature as it flows.

He showed us a bronze plaque, outlining the legend of the Holy Grail, telling of Joseph's visit and how he placed the cup in the well for safekeeping, until he would come again and claim it himself, or send a trusted messenger. It is said that this Holy Grail, or cup, cannot be seen by the eyes of the profane.

The garden and well are not the property of the abbey custodians today, as they are about a mile from the ruins, but in days long past, all of the country hereabouts was owned by the monks.

The ruins of the abbey are surrounded by a high stone fence and only the walls of the different buildings are standing. These are all covered with English ivy; the grass all around is a vivid green and to see the place bathed in the sunlight of a glorious May day was a never-to-be-forgotten treat for the tired senses.

Part of the legend of the place is that Saint Patrick was abbot here once and we visited the little stone chapel (still in use) where he used to reside at divine worship. It is said that a company of Druid priests lived at that time on the summit of Tor Mount and that Saint Patrick learned many of their secrets, which helped him in the conversion of pagan Ireland somewhat later. It is part of the story that when his mission to Ireland was finished, he returned to Glastonbury, where he spent his declining years and is buried in one of the vaults of the abbey.

Legend also says that King Arthur established his court here and the open grave in which he and Guinevere were said to be buried may be seen on the grounds. It is said that when the grave was opened their bodies were in a fair state of preservation and that Guinevere's long golden hair had grown down over their forms, but when the air touched

them, they crumbled into dust.

At least, that is the story they tell. We also looked at what is said to be the exact spot where Sir Bedivere (one of Arthur's knights) cast the sword "Excalibur" into the lake at the dying King's request. The lake has long since dried up and the site is now a green cow pasture.

In the abbey grounds may be seen, also, the pink hawthorn tree which grew from Joseph of Arimathea's staff, which he struck into the ground and forgot. The tree blooms at Christmas time and again in the Spring. Joseph, himself, is supposed to have died and been buried here, and, the sarcophagus which held his remains is reverently preserved in a prominent place in Saint John's Chapel, in the town proper.

These are only a few of the many interesting things in and about this hallowed spot.

The Masters Of Wisdom Speak THE ASCENSION

MAHA CHOHAN

The journey of the spiritual self, through the world of form, represents a long and variegated series of experiences which, in time, allow the consciousness to absorb enough wisdom and become master over the qualification of enough energy to meet the Cosmic Law's demand. Such an one is then graduated from the evolutionary chain and allowed to function in a more perfect sphere of expression, according to the voluntary choice of the individual. The graduation of the lifestream from the necessity for re-embodiment is the ultimate achievement toward which all students upon the spiritual path aspire. At the solemn hour of the ascension, the lifestream faces a great decision as to what its future service to life will be.

The few who choose to renounce the full happiness and freedom of the cosmic heights, to remain as the guardian brothers of the race, from whence they have ascended, enter the ranks of the Great White Brotherhood, and assume the responsibilities of some great intelligence, who has volunteered to perform a specific service until some member of the race might develop sufficiently to take over such an activity. The Brotherhood is constantly looking for such material and when even one such individual is found, the guidance, training, and preparations for the development of the lifestream to a point where it may be vested with more-than-ordinary powers, is indescribable to the human mind.

MORYA EL

During the course of centuries of time, each lifestream who has embodied on the planet, Earth, has developed certain definite talents and powers of accomplishment, through the voluntary investment of life energy to specific interests. This is known as a “momentum” of healing, teaching, musical or artistic genius, as the case may be. It is an integral part of the lifestream's harvest, woven out of the energies of the heart-beat, and is the only heritage of human endeavor which is allowed entrance into the Higher Spheres and which ascends with the consciousness at the moment when the earth-pull is released from the soul at the close of the final incarnation.

When the Lords of Karma examine the individual for the last time, preceding the ascension, the fully-gathered momentum of the lifestream's service to life is presented for consideration before the Karmic Board. If the lifestream is found ready to be freed from the wheel of birth and re-birth, the disposition to which the individual puts his gathered momentum of service must be made, before the actual ritual of the ascension takes place.

KUTHUMI LAL SINGH

When the Christ Self of the individual signifies to the Cosmic Law that the individual is ready to be released from the chain of birth and rebirth, the sponsor secures a hearing before the Karmic Board, whose duty and responsibility it has been to weigh the strengths and weaknesses of the soul through all the centuries that preceded this development. The individual's “book of life” is examined, the lifestream, itself, has audience before the Karmic Board, and the assent of this board is requisite to the freedom of the soul from further re-embodiment.

Because of the exercise of free will, the individual may, however, refuse to accept its freedom, preferring to re-incarnate to further some particular cause to which it has devoted its energies through many centuries. If such an one does refuse to accept the ascension, it is always with the clear understanding that such forfeiture makes the lifestream personally responsible for the creation of any future karma that might enchain the soul again, and thus not allow the opportunity for full freedom when, and if, the soul should change its mind in the future.

PAUL, THE VENETIAN

Individuals who have been offered the ascension because they had expiated their individual karmic debts and had gained mastery over energy and have renounced that freedom to better serve mankind, are among the holiest sons of heaven. They wear upon their foreheads a spiritual identification in the form of an open lotus, that is easily discernible to all whose inner eye is developed.

No other group of beings, human or divine, have this particular spiritual mark, and wherever they are encountered, the Supreme Intelligence of the universe bows in acknowledgment of their presence, their sacrifice, their love. When these individuals do finally accept their ascension, this lotus is amplified and even in heaven's highest spheres, it is a permanent identification of their love and service to life that all who run, may read.

SERAPIS BEY

After the individual has appeared before the Lords of Karma, and they have accepted his readiness to graduate from the earth's sphere, he must signify, after deep and sincere meditation, as to whether his Christ Self chooses to avail itself of this opportunity, or whether there is more to be done in the world of men. Those who remain after their karma is expiated, like the Master Jesus, belong to the sainted Order of the Lotus Flame. Those others stand at a forked pathway, where again the individual free will must make the decision as to whether the lifestream taking the ascension will pass on into the comparative peace and happiness of the Higher Spheres, or remain as an active worker in the Great White Brotherhood, in actual contact with the lesser-evolved sons and daughters of earth.

Those who choose the "bliss of Nirvana" turn over the energies within their momentums of healing, musical accomplishment, or whatever the case may be, to devas who incorporate those energies in the beautiful fire temples, whose radiation and power serve the earth and its peoples, and they really "will" their heritage to mankind, but take their own conscious selves into realms that no longer have any connection with the struggling lives on the earth plane.

HILARION

After countless centuries of bondage, you can well image the joy that is experienced when the fetters of earth, the limitations of the flesh, and the veil of forgetfulness are once and for all removed from the lifestream.

To attempt to describe those first instants of eternal freedom, is as futile as to attempt to put into finite words a suitable description of the personage of the Godhead. Suffice it to say, that, at the very instant such freedom is experienced, the lifestream is immediately faced with a free will decision as to whether it shall soar upward into the cosmic heights of peace and happiness, or—with the glow of freedom still fresh in the heart—turn again to voluntary bondage and centuries of endeavor with the limited consciousness of mankind through some office in the Great White Brotherhood.

It is no wonder that few choose this sacrificial road, and that the many leave their momentum of good for the race, but choose individually to be free of any more of its personal karma.

JESUS

When the soul is passed by the Karmic Board, and the karmic debt is balanced to life, if the individual chooses to accept further incarnations, he does so at his own “peril” because he must submit, as do the volunteers from other planets and systems, to the same natural laws that bind every incarnate spirit. From within an embodied form there is always the possibility of misusing energy or creating new karma in a successive life, which would become a fetter not to be waved aside by the Karmic Council, but which must be mitigated by the self-conscious endeavors of its creator. Thus, oftentimes, an individual who has been offered the ascension and renounced it for service, has not been able to qualify for that ascension for as many as twelve embodiments thereafter. It is not an easy decision to make.

If, however, the lifestream does take incarnation “without sin,” as I was privileged to do, and succeeds in passing through an entire earth life without succumbing to any temptation to misuse energy, such an one may accept the ascension at any moment during that earth life. This was what made my cosmic example possible, for, through the great mercy of life, and the assistance of the Lord Maitreya and others of the Celestial Host, I was enabled to keep my lifestream ready for the instant when the cosmic call of the Presence could be made, and I—self-consciously—answered it through the public manifestation of the ascension.

SAINT GERMAIN

If the individual chooses to accept the ascension when offered it by the Cosmic Board, it is then up to the Presence of such a one, together with the particular sponsors of the lifestream, to work out the details preparatory to that beautiful ceremony of drawing the purified consciousness into the Christ-estate. Many factors are considered, and every natural assistance is provided in the preparation of the place, at which it is to be accomplished.

In my own case, it was several months after I had passed the final testing before the Karmic Board, until I was enabled to finish up my affairs and retire to the home of a beloved friend in the heart of the Transylvania Mountains and prepare for this ultimate experience of earthly victory. Here, I was joined by my spiritual teacher and at a given instant, at the call of the Presence, I left the arms of my dear friend, and—with the help of my teacher—entered the realms of perfection, from whence I shall ever strive to assist my brothers and sisters who yet remain on earth, until they, too, experience the happiness and peace of this victorious accomplishment.

THE REQUIREMENT OF THE HOUR

By Thomas Printz

All great world movements, religions and activities, ancient and modern, have been inspired by some member of the Great White Brotherhood, in cooperation with a spiritually-sensitive individual in physical embodiment at the time of its inception.

The evolution of the individual God-ego from infancy to spiritual maturity, is the underlying purpose of all life experience. The Great White Brotherhood is the spiritual representative of the God-will for the planet, Earth, and, through its members, provides the stimulus toward God-development for the planet and its people, through the release of tremendous cosmic forces consciously directed and sustained in the lower atmosphere, where embodied man functions.

With the evolution of the race, the type of spiritual force requires changes, just as in the growth of nature, the seasons provide the natural conditions most beneficial to its prolific expression. You might consider the release of these great cosmic outpourings like the playing of a universal symphony, each religion or activity, with its constituents representing one chord or passage in the great whole.

To provide channels for the release of these rhythmic pulsations, the Masters have inspired the founding of the various religions and types of worship from the beginning of time, always designing the ceremonials and beliefs around the spiritual requirements of the age.

The Master chooses those lifestreams who are, by nature and inclination, best suited to conduct the spiritual forces of that particular world hour, and these people, together with their spiritual leader, become a radiating center, through which the cosmic forces designed to bless the race, flow. This force is absorbed by the souls of men and when that element is sufficiently provided, a new center of vital forces is prepared, a new religion instituted, and a different type of lifestream given an opportunity to become the conductor of world blessing.

Thus, each religion and faith is a rhythmic part of the great symphony, but it is regrettable that, although the Masters work in perfect harmony, the dispensers and recipients of their life force are oftentimes unable to recognize the unity of purpose behind the main chords of the universal song. Were the notes and themes in our musical compositions as unwilling to relinquish their place to the following chords, we would experience the same discords in musical expression that man has experienced through religious bigotry, intolerance, and misunderstanding.

The master musicians, playing through all the chords on the scene of modern spiritual endeavor, constantly work toward the blending of the various scores into a harmonious whole and the people of earth, who are but a part of the great universal song, would do well to emulate them in their individual lives.

In modern times, the Masters Kuthumi and Morya El were the pioneers, from the higher octaves, who succeeded in piercing the veil of human ignorance and convincing a certain number of mankind as to the actual existence of these elder brothers of the race, using the late Madame Blavatsky as their mouthpiece.

However, it is not enough that people become aware of the living presence of these Masters, but they must realize that these emancipated ones have dedicated themselves to the redemption of mankind through an awakening of the individual consciousness, which will bring liberation from every kind of human limitation, including disease, poverty, wars, and, yes, ultimately, even death itself.

As, in all educational activities, it is logical to assume that there must be cooperation between student and Master. The old saying that "God helps him who helps himself" holds true in this instance and when man is privileged to be shown God's divine plan for the earth and its humanity, it would be the part of wisdom for him to enroll under the banner of the-

se great benefactors and thus help to promote the speedy evolution of not only himself, but the planet and its inhabitants.

The Master Jesus told his disciples nearly two thousand years ago, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." (John 16:12). The Masters of Wisdom apparently consider (as per their revelations) that the man of today is mature enough to "bear" enough of cosmic truth, as will enable him to open his mind to the more advanced doctrine of the New Day, thus enabling him to step boldly through the door of knowledge and enlightenment, into the glory and freedom of the prophesied Golden Age, the dawn of which is even now illumining the horizon of this too-dark world.

The time has arrived, therefore, when it is NOT sufficient in itself to accept the existence of the Masters of Wisdom; it is NOT sufficient to gratify the feeling nature in reading and re-reading their words; it is *not* sufficient to invoke the light to dispel the darkness of human ignorance—THE NEED OF THE HOUR is to apply what has been taught not only in recent years, but during the past centuries. THE NEED OF THE HOUR is to develop man's latent powers, in order to establish a direct and conscious contact with these divine teachers. THE NEED OF THE HOUR is for man to acquaint himself with the present activities of the Great White Brotherhood. THE NEED OF THE HOUR is for each man to turn within, consciously contact and connect his outer consciousness with his own Christ Self, thus becoming, not only a receiving but a radiating center, to all the life he contacts in his daily living.

To satisfy this requirement is the service that THE BRIDGE has come to render.

WINGS OF LIGHT

By. V. F. Angelday

"The best things in life are free." So ran the words of an old song and if you think this over for just a moment, you KNOW it is TRUE! Now, since the majority of mankind are always looking for and hoping to get "something for nothing," would you not think they would be willing, at least once in awhile, to think upon, acknowledge, accept and be grateful for those free gifts of life, which make up their very existence here and which are constantly flowing to and through all?

Take, for instance, your heartbeat—can you BUY one? Can anyone else GIVE you another one, or even their own? Then that must be a free gift to you, ALONE! That rhythmic heartbeat BRINGS YOU LIFE and with-

out it, you do not even have existence here. For what purpose does your heart beat to bring you life—to hold that life within itself? NO! It beats only to flood that life into every cell and atom of your body and then that life radiates out from you, to all the life you contact, charged with the particular quality of thought and feeling which you determine shall influence the world around you.

You can live without many parts of the physical body, but NO ONE lives without a heart. That is the “cup of life” within you. In reality, it is the “Holy Grail” of your world, since it is the anchorage of the holiest thing in the universe—GOD'S LIFE, within your own physical form. That blessed heart beats for just one thing—to give its gift of life without reservation, patiently and continuously. It asks nothing for itself and holds nothing to itself. Every drop of blood it receives, it blesses, and sends out again to purify and heal and renew the body it serves. It lives but to give, and when it gives no longer, it ceases to be and so does the form which it has served.

And so each form which carries a beating heart is meant to be a “Holy Grail” of all life's gifts, of comfort, joy and happiness to the rest of life around it, and no one can truthfully say they have nothing to give. No one is so poor he cannot give a smile to everyone he meets, regardless of whether that smile is returned or not, whether it is deserved or not. No one is so poor he cannot live and let live and be willing to help all to have at least as much good as he has. No one is so poor he cannot deliberately practice patience, courtesy, tolerance and kindness to every living thing he meets. All these are the virtues of the happy life and no life can be permanently happy without them. Through these, the substance of the “cup of life” flows free to bless all life it contacts, as each one was meant to do.

Every beating heart is a silent announcement to the rest of life that “Here is another HOLY GRAIL of God's great light and love to bless life, to make the way easier for the rest of life and bring comfort, joy and peace, where the shadows seem to be.

This is another beginning this month—the birth of a brand new year. Let it be the beginning of a deeper understanding of our own life, the most precious gift in all the universe to each one, and let us find out what we are meant to do with that life, as God intends. Think on this just a little bit and ask the “Holy Grail” within you, to pour its essence of love and light into your outer consciousness, teach you all about itself and make you all it wants you to be. Only then, will you be master of your world and the life, the substance and energy that flows into it.

ELEVATION OF CONSCIOUSNESS
Daily Work Sheet, Jan.15 - Feb.14

Out of the twenty-four-hour period, "I AM" going to ask you to devote five minutes, preferably at the same hour, three times a day, morning, noon and evening, to turning your attention to the active presence of God that beats your heart, FEELING DEEPLY the light from the Presence filling your body, mind, world and affairs. During this time, the following meditation may be used:

"Beloved Maha Chohan, Oh thou infinite holy presence of God! The Divine Source of all! Hallowed be thy sacred name! We bow before thee in gratitude, praise and thanksgiving, for thy supreme presence in the universe. Because thou art, "I AM!"

We return to thee, almighty one, all the power and dominion which we have ever vested in any imperfect manifestation, visible or invisible, for thou art the all-power of the universal, and there is no other power that can act. Let thy will be done in us now. Let thy kingdom be manifest across the face of this earth, through the hearts of all who are so blessed as to live upon it.

Oh, Supreme Beloved One! As we lift our hearts, our vision, our consciousness toward thee, release the substance of thy self to each of us, according to our requirements, that as we move forward in thy name and upon thy service, we shall not be found wanting.

We ask forgiveness for all the transgressions of thy law of love and harmony, for ourselves and all mankind, for the forces of the elemental kingdom and the kingdom of nature. Endow us now with thy power and desire to so forgive all who have ever caused us distress, back unto the very beginning of time.

Because Thou art with us and in us, we fear no evil, for there is no power apart from Thee which can hurt, destroy, or despoil life's beauty of expression. Thou art the strength and the power by which we move ever in the path of righteousness, and now—Oh, Father of light—show us the full glory we had with Thee in the beginning, before the world was. So be it.

IS THAT YOU, MASTER?

“Is that YOU, Master?” cried my heart
 From out its shroud of doubt and fear.
 “We have lived so long apart,
 Can I believe that THOU art here?”

I feel a dam burst in my heart
 And all my foolish, childish pains
 Rush in torrents from my soul.
 I find myself at peace again.

To one as filled with sin as I,
 Among a millions sons of men.
 My hope exceeds good reason's guard,
 Let me not be deceived again.

Oh God, don't let credulity
 Deceive me in this hopeful hour.
 Reveal to me without delay,
 What PRESENCE brings this blessing power?

Are these your words of counsel, Lord,
 That contain no sting of cruel blame,
 But rather fill my emptiness
 With a renewing, hopeful flame?

Is that your PRESENCE, Master dear,
 That stands in friendship by my side?
 With thee, I could move forward now
 In God-victorious—whate'er betide.

Have I been so long with thee
 And ye not know my Presence yet?
 'Tis not by form but ESSENCE, child,
 The measure of the Christ is set.

The fruit falls not far from the parent tree,
 Nor the Master's works from the Father's throne,
 Where comfort, hope and peace abide,
 The Father's will is being done.

The Father's sons are love divine,
 Their garments hemmed with Mercy's thread.
 Whosoever touches the fringe of the robe
 In paths of truth are gently lead.

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THE SEVEN SPHERES

Considering the Godhead as a Sun, there are, surrounding and enfolding this central focus of intelligence, seven mighty spheres of consciousness, each one separated from the other by its own periphery line, which forms the natural boundary of that particular sphere. These seven spheres might be called the aura of God, each one inhabited by great God-intelligences, all intent on doing the Father's will, expanding his kingdom and his consciousness.

The development and unfoldment of His kingdom is accomplished by the rhythmic release of pulsating waves of His own divine consciousness, within which are the spiritual germs of all form and manifestation, from the smallest blade of grass, to the most brilliant star, with its cosmic tone.

As these God-ideas pass from sphere to sphere, in ever-widening circles, they are absorbed by the beings and intelligences within each one, their shining glory modified by the vibratory action of the natural elements within that sphere. They then pass outward on their course to the next sphere and the next, ever journeying onward toward manifestation in the world of form—their glory dimmed to a point where the beings of the next sphere can best absorb their blessings.

A constant modification of the God light, a constant clothing of the God-consciousness, is achieved in each sphere, so that God's ideas become embodied in the atomic substance of each sphere in orderly sequence, and eventually reach the Seventh Sphere or etheric realm, where they await precipitation into the physical world of form.

I

The First Sphere represents the heart of Creation, itself. The Great Beings, who form the directive intelligence of this sphere, are known as the Manus of the human race. The Master who activates their will in the world of man is called the Chohan of the First Ray, Morya El. It is his service to life to carry the God-ideas and directives from the Godhead, into the minds of those beings in the Second Sphere, who clothe them in actual workable form. In this First Sphere also abide the seven mighty Archangels who have volunteered to guard and protect the evolving human race. Here is born every idea, design, plan and blessing which will one day manifest in the physical world. Its inhabitants are beings whose service to life is to embody these God-ideas and carry them on their outward course to the periphery of the First Sphere, and here entrust them to the waiting messengers of the Second Sphere.

What finite mind could conceive of the beauty, the perfection, the joy and happiness of these ideas! Here live the cherubic and seraphic hosts, messengers of the Most High, bathing in the fire of Creation, embodying its essence in their very selves and then begins the great cosmic ritual of cosmic precipitation of the blessings of heaven from realm to realm, which will take them, in time, to the furthest borders of the kingdom and the periphery of the Seventh Sphere. Containing the purest essence of divinity within their shining selves, they swing outward in their cosmic course, carrying the light of heaven into the consciousness of the beings in the Second Sphere.

II

The celestial inhabitants of the Second Sphere most lovingly receive the cosmic messengers and the ideas from God's heart, assimilate them, clothe them in the substance of their own great light and the universal light substance, which forms the atmosphere of this sphere, and they, in turn, pass them onward to the receptive consciousness and atmosphere of the Third Realm.

In this Second Sphere, the God-ideas and patterns of future greatness are molded into form, through the use of the creative powers of the Higher Mind force—thus, the seeds of the Father fall on fertile ground (intelligent individual consciousness) and begin to take definite form in the world of divine thought.

The God-intelligence who governs this Second Sphere is the Lord Buddha, who, together with his great brother, Lord Maitreya, interpret the God-ideas from the First Sphere through the formulation of world religions and faiths. Their representative, the Chohan of the Second Ray,

Kuthumi Lal Singh, further consolidates their cosmic service through the educational channels both of the inner spheres and the physical appearance world, as well.

So great is the wealth of the Father's outpouring, that this essence must keep rushing onward, clothed in intelligent thought patterns, ever desiring to give of itself in rhythmic blessings. Thus, the Third Sphere is alerted to receive of the divine outpouring.

III

In the Third Sphere, the glory and radiance of the Second Sphere has already clothed the Divine Immanence in thought patterns, so that it is better assimilated by the vibrating consciousness of this realm. These God-ideas are ensouled with life and become living, pulsating foci of "things to come." This is the realm of the Holy Spirit under the direction of that great cosmic representative of the Third Person of the Trinity, whom we know by the title of Maha Chohan.

In this Third Sphere, life essence is imparted to the thoughtforms descending from the First and Second Spheres. Until thought is clothed with the life through the feeling nature, it does not become a living, vital force so far as expression in the physical world is concerned. Thus, the Third Sphere vitalizes all manifestations which will ever externalize on the planet, Earth.

The activity of the Third Sphere, like the prism, divides the spiritual rays through which flows the life, which makes thoughts become things, actualized. The radiation and gifts of the Third Ray proceed through the five subdivisions of this great ray, into the physical world of form. The Chohans of these five rays, therefore, work under the supervision of their overlord—the Maha Chohan.

The first subdivision of the Third Ray is under the direction of the Chohan known as Paul, the Venetian. His cosmic service to life is to receive the blueprints, or divine thoughtforms, which contain within themselves world movements, as well as simple individual blessings for the human race, and, dividing them as to their subject matter and potential service to life, he gives them to the Chohan in charge of the dispensation of those specific activities. These Chohans, in turn, project them from their spheres of activity into the world of form through conscious or unconscious human intelligences, who are open to their cosmic impressions and influence. Thus, the Venetian becomes the outpost of the Maha Chohan, and the step-down transformer of his energies so far as channeling the blessings of God through the proper facets in the world of form.

IV

A group of beings from the Third Sphere joins the cherubic and seraphic hosts, as they prepare to pass outward with the living, embodied thoughtforms, into the Fourth Sphere of conscious life. Again, a great diffusion of spiritual effulgence takes place, a richer radiation pours through the atmosphere of the Sphere of Visitation. The divine ideas pulsate through the electronic substance and are absorbed by any receptive consciousness within the Fourth Sphere.

The great Chohan of the Fourth Sphere is known as the Master Serapis Bey. The developed thoughtforms of the First and Second Spheres, endowed with life of the Holy Spirit in the Third Sphere, finds its first point of contact with the individual consciousness of unascended beings in this realm. The far greater majority of divine archetype (Presences) dwell within this Fourth Realm. Here, the God-ideas, patterns, designs are received by these Christ egos, and developed, by them, through centuries of endeavor, and projected by them into the world of men through their own physical personalities or through advanced pupils functioning in lines of endeavor similar to those being developed and perfected with this realm. Those ideas not ensouled by conscious intelligences in the Fourth Realm, pass onward, carried by the seraphic and cherubic hosts and the escort of honor from the Fourth Realm, into the consciousness of the waiting beings of the Fifth Realm.

V

Within the Fifth Realm, the seed of the Father, particularly in connection with scientific discoveries, inventions and medical research, is scattered and received by the receptive consciousness of those engaged in this endeavor in the Temples of Science that are active within this sphere, and from these temples they are directed into the minds and hearts of those selfless men and women who are working in these avenues on earth. The great Chohan of the Fifth Realm is known as the Master Hilarion, who was Saint Paul of Biblical days.

As the Fifth Sphere pulsates with the essence of Godliness, we see that the blessings are no whit lessened, and that even as we watch, the glorious energies await transmission into the Sixth Sphere to widen their circle of manifest expression.

VI

Within the Sixth Sphere, we find the causative centers of the Christian Religion, wherein devotional and emotional worship are the particular fount through which the spiritual energies are being released to bless the human race. Here dwell the great celestial choirs, the highest heaven of orthodox thought, and from this beautiful sphere flows the inspiration of those men and women who have responded to the "high calling" of religious leaders and who are "leading their sheep" to the best of their ability.

The great Chohan of the Sixth Sphere is the Master Jesus, and through the temples' services, both he and Mary, his mother, bathe the Christian world, the devas who guard and protect the churches erected in his name, and all who have accepted the Christ, in the spiritual essence of their divine Christhood.

As the cherubic and seraphic hosts make ready to bring the blessings of the Father into the Seventh Realm, we realize that this is, by natural destiny, the periphery of the kingdom and that the Third-dimensional world of today has sunk below this boundary line of safety.

VII

It is to the Seventh Realm, and its great Chohan, known as the Master Saint Germain, that we must look for the contact between the outer consciousness and the divine patterns of the will of God and his messengers. The Seventh Sphere holds, within itself the etheric pattern of every manifestation of the God-plan which has been lowered rhythmically through the six preceding spheres and which awaits expression in physical form. It is the First Sphere above the human octave of limitation and imperfection into which the soul ascends on its journey back to the heart of God.

It is, therefore, the office and responsibility of the Chohan of the Seventh Ray to provide a way and means by which mankind may again unite its consciousness with the inner spheres, and become individual conductors of the divine perfection from these spheres through the consciousness of the outer self.

This realm is literally "bursting" with all the good things that have been handed down from one sphere to another.

Because of the resistance and refusal of the outer consciousness of man to accept the divine plan of God, the etheric realm has not been able to pass on the blessings and glories that have descended from the Higher Spheres, and thus complete the outgoing rhythm of creative en-

deavor. Any member of the human family may offer his consciousness to the Chohan of the Seventh Ray and ask that his individual self may be an outlet for the blessings and perfection contained within it.

Every man, woman and child that lives on the earth today, or who will come here in the future, has a divine Presence, a God-pattern, an archetype, that dwells in one of the foregoing seven spheres. Each such incarnate lifestream is meant to be a radiating center of the spiritual force from the inner sphere where his Presence dwells. He must understand that his own Higher Self is actually living and serving life in one of these spheres, developing certain God-designs picked up by its higher consciousness, which designs await the receptivity of the outer mind in order to find expression in the world of form.

The present characteristics of the individual, no matter how poorly developed, are indicative of the ray and sphere to which he rightfully belongs, and as the individual purifies his own world, he will raise the vibratory action of his being to its most powerful and perfect expression through his personal self, and also become a radiating center of the spiritual force from the sphere in which his Presence dwells and which has a beneficent effect upon all life around him.

THE RAYS AND THEIR GOD-QUALITIES

Ray	Quality	Service on Planet
1	Power and Initiative	Rulers, Executives
2	Wisdom, Perception, Discrimination	Teachers, Educators
3	Love, Tolerance	Peacemakers, Arbitrators
4	Purity, Artistic Development	Artists
5	Scientific Development	Doctors, Scientists, Nurses
6	Ministration, Devotional Worship	Ministers
7	Ceremonial Service, Transmutation by Violet Fire, Culture, Diplomacy	Diplomats, Gentlemen,

THE CHOHANS AND THEIR RAYS: (starting with Ray 1):

El Morya, Kuthumi, Paul, Serapis Bey, Hilarion, Jesus, Saint Germain
(Note: In 1956, Kuthumi and Jesus became World Teachers. Lanto assumed the office of Kuthumi and Nada assumed the office of Jesus.)

THE KARMIC LAW

By D. T. Marches

It is unfortunate, for the sake of man's more speedy evolution on this planet, that the mission of the Master Jesus has not been more clearly understood by humanity—people for the most part living under the impression that his advent on the earth was for the purpose of being offered up to the One Universal Father of Life and Love as a sacrifice for the sins of humanity, thereby relieving them of all responsibility for their individual use of the life forces by which they exist. In other words, that the time and effort expended by life on their creation and subsistence are without reason or purpose. Witness, for example, the acceptance by so many people of the statement, “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved.”

Jesus had already expiated his own karma (which condition the Karmic Law demands from an aspirant for this exalted mission), and he was granted a dispensation, whereby the sufferings incumbent on his mission could be applied to a partial expiation of the karmic debts of mankind. This still did not mean that humanity could go on indulging in unbridled license of their passions and eventually ride into the kingdom of heaven on the merit of the Master Jesus, without any conscious effort towards attaining that perfection necessary for its achievement.

His last appearance on earth, therefore, fulfilled four major accomplishments, the achievement of which is necessary before any soul can attain his ascension or liberation:

1. He exemplified the Law of Cause and Effect.
2. He manifested the perfection of the Christ or God-self, through his physical form.
3. His public death and resurrection proved the supremacy of spirit, or mind, over the world of form.
4. His ascension, during the course of which he became invisible to human sight, proved that in the very atmosphere of earth, there is an invisible realm where persons who have increased their vibrations to reach the Christ Consciousness may enter, when they have fulfilled their divine plan.

The occupants of this octave, which is called the Fourth Dimensional Realm, live in an atmosphere resembling White Fire, which vibrates at a tremendously high rate, far beyond the human range of vision. Because these Liberated Beings cannot be seen with the physical eye and because mankind is not aware of the laws governing their evolution, they deny the existence of their emancipated brothers, and thus, through ignorance and unbelief, deny themselves the comfort and help they would

receive through the radiation and love of their Presence. Furthermore, it goes, without saying, that by denying the existence of these Liberated Beings, man nullifies the effects of his own spiritual efforts, as well as the ultimate freedom attained through such endeavors.

Due to the fall of man and his slow upward climb to the consciousness he enjoyed before his descent, and because of the balance each one owes to life by reason of the misuse of energy, the Karmic Law allows him an allotted span of time at certain intervals, called "earthly embodiments," during which time he is expected to attend to his soul's mission. When this short period of time has expired, the ego is withdrawn, to make room for another incoming and hopeful soul. This "coming in" and "going out" of the ego are called by the names of "birth" and "death." The "going out" should not hold any more terror than the "coming in," because so-called death is but the transferring of the tired ego to a place of rest and peace, where it may renew its energies and receive valuable instruction before the next embodiment. Ofttimes it is, happily, the open door to eternal freedom, for some triumphant soul who has successfully fulfilled his divine plan.

HOW TO DEVELOP PERFECT VISION
Daily Work Sheet
From February 15 to March 14, 1953

That thou seest, man
 That, too, become thou must.
 God, if thou seest God.
 Dust, if thou seest dust.

The Psalmist sings, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help" (Psalm 121:1). Man has been endowed with the power of vision, by which he invites and compels the object visualized, into his consciousness. What man entertains in his consciousness, outpictures in his world. Through the track of the vision, each individual has the power to draw into his experience whatsoever he chooses to contemplate.

The Master Saint Germain has said, "It is more difficult for man to endeavor to visualize a glory which his outer consciousness has not yet experienced, than it is for the Presence or the Master to project into the beam of his vision the perfect vision as the Masters sees it, with his more highly-developed faculties."

It would be more difficult for a blind man to visualize green grass or

the blue sea, than the man who has looked upon it. Therefore, as you accept the magnetic power of your unfolding visual sense, ask the Presence and the Masters to “glorify you with the glory which you had with him, before the world was.” (John 17.5). Then, quietly await the Presence, so that you may incorporate its perfection into the very substance of the flesh. Contemplate daily:

Steadfastly facing THEE, there is no evil on my pathway.

Steadfastly facing THEE, there is no limitation with its sorrows.

Steadfastly facing THEE, there is no loss, no lack, no absence, no deprivation.

Steadfastly facing THEE, there is nothing to fear, for there is no power to hurt.

Steadfastly facing THEE, there is neither sin, nor sickness, nor death.

Steadfastly facing THEE, I AM become ALL THOU ART.

YOUR COOPERATION, PLEASE

The following are the present applications before the Karmic Council, to which you may add the strength of your individual petition if you find the cause worthy:

1. The Higher Mental Body taking possession of the physical form at the age of six, instead of twelve, as is now the Law.
2. The visible, tangible presence of the Ascended Masters to prepared students.
3. The complete financial freedom for all who desire to serve the Brotherhood and the cause for good.
4. The bodies enduring, absolutely non-recordant to disease, for those who wish to serve the cause for good.

NOTICE

Our first issue of April 1952 has been exhausted, although we printed ten thousand copies. As the demand for that issue is so great, we have reprinted another 10,000 copies.

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The Homes and Retreats of The Masters of Wisdom
From March 15th to April 14th, 1953

From March 15th to April 14th, the great Lord Maitreya will be host to the White Brotherhood and the peoples of the earth and through his pupil, the Master Jesus, will intensify the natural spiritual outpouring of the Easter season.

In order to perpetuate the memory of that very beautiful experience in which you, together with the other members of the human race participated at inner levels, when you were bathed in the substance of the love which flowed through the exquisite presence of Lord Maitreya, I shall, with his permission, endeavor to describe the outpouring which took place in the Kashmir Hills, recently.

The light from the moon flooded the hillside with a silvery radiance, which made the entire proceedings easily discernible to even the physical sight, of those privileged and blessed enough to be present within the garments of the flesh.

The valley was filled with the members of the human race who, in their finer bodies, responded to the magnetic power of Lord Maitreya's love, that was drawn and focused within and through this whole activity. Shortly after the midnight hour, the divine presence of Lord Maitreya ascended a small, grassy elevation and he began an address on love, with an accompanying demonstration of his feeling of love, which varied according to the different activities of love, included in his discourse and which became the very substance of the listeners—human and divine.

A TREATISE ON LOVE

This treatise on love, by the Maha Chohan, deals with the following subjects, among others, 1) Real feeling and hypnosis, 2) How to re-energize the spiritual feeling, 3) The mastery of love is the basis of stillness; 4) You are the custodian of the feeling of love and peace, 5) You have the power to expand the Flame of Love; 6) You can invoke the power of your Christ Self, 7) The living power of love, which has been conferred on you, is only as valuable as you use it.

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This is a gift of the Holy Spirit, which imbues the Master and the Master's elected representative, wherein the word-picture is accompanied by the actual FEELING of the activity described, and which does more to illumine the consciousness than is possible when thoughts alone are transmitted and the intellect is fed through the medium of worded expression.

The gift of the genius through the spoken word, in song, in prose or on canvas, is measured by the DEPTH OF FEELING which he can convey to his audience. The feelings, which are stirred by the agitator, or the emotional zealot, or the over-aggressive salesman, are momentary, and represent to a great extent a hypnosis, or a transfer of the vibrations of the sender, with the effect that when that pressure is removed, there is a "let down" or a coldness in those who have, for one reason or another, permitted themselves to be temporarily stirred.

But the sustained feeling of spiritual satisfaction, which follows a spiritual experience, means that the Master Flame of the Holy Spirit, through whatever instrument it functions, has connected with the vibrations of the audience and set into motion a pulsation, within the feeling world of the receivers, of a permanent vibration, of a superior nature, to that ordinarily experienced and which can be recalled at will.

II

One of the unfortunate characteristics of the spiritual student is that he does not know that the power lies within himself to re-energize that spiritual feeling at will and he is inclined to believe that he has lost its ecstasy once its first warmth and delight have passed. The wise individual, in the active enjoyment of a spiritual benediction, seizes it, and, through a conscious call to his Christ Self which may be as follows—"Beloved Christ Self, accept this, the FEELING of Lord Maitreya's love (or whoever the officiating Master might be), sustain it for me and allow me

to feel it again, at will.”

Then, when a crisis or an experience of life requires the presence of a love beyond human capacity, such an individual may call again for that FEELING, which has been held in store for him by his Presence, and he can experience, again, that same spiritual communion and exaltation.

So I say to you, who stood within the radiation of Lord Maitreya's outpouring, and who felt, for a moment, the potential powers of love divine, DEMAND by the power of your own Presence at that meeting, that you FEEL AGAIN the love of the Cosmic Christ, and then, embody within that feeling, the *conviction* of its mastery in every sphere and through every form.

III

As the great Master of Love stood against a background of gently sloping hills, with the silvery moon shining upon his luminous body, there flowed from his Presence a feeling of the most glorious peace—a stillness that was even reflected in nature, so that the very bodies of the assembled guests did not choose to move, because the comfort of that peace was more precious than the will of any part.

Into that stillness we entered, deeper, deeper and deeper. Not a blade of grass moved, nor a leaf of a tree, nor a bird on a branch, nor the surface of the lake, and even the breeze that is ever-present within the natural channels of the hills and valleys, was still, reminding me of the coming of the great Kumaras. The enjoyment of that stillness was an active, individual experience, each one with his being pressed against the body of the Silence, until all the quivering nerves and vibrating minds were stilled.

This is the feeling that the Masters experience when they enter the Great Silence between their activities, but for Lord Maitreya to have brought that feeling of stillness into the lower atmosphere of Earth and to have consciously conveyed it to the bodies of unascended beings was, again, the manifestation of complete mastery of love over every vibration which is less than itself—because every individual that was present brought a vibration representative of some different aspect of limiting experience, and yet that Master Presence of Love (without a word being spoken) gave to every man the promise of what a planet and a people will one day be, when the CAPACITY TO CREATE DISCORD has ceased.

IV

We, who were among the Ascended Host present, joyously opened our feelings to the inflow of that Cosmic Christ gift, claiming within our own permanent record, that we might re-animate that aura at will, so that it would become for us, each one, not only a gift received, but a gift to be given—and I now revivify it for you. *You* are now the custodians of that FEELING of love and peace divine, and we shall see how often you will revivify it at will, for yourself, and others!

In the coming days and years, how many circumstances will you find yourself in, where the radiation of Lord Maitreya's love can be, on the instant, expanded from the center of your being to blanket a condition, a lifestream or an environment, and you will find yourself not being unduly concerned with the generation of a cosmic power beyond the capacity of your selfhood, because this is a gift ENDOWED upon you by the Master.

You, who find it so difficult to generate a feeling of love in the midst of a circumstance in which, perhaps, your own human nature may be involved, will find that there is, within yourself, the power to invoke the revivification of that FEELING of the love of the Cosmic Christ, which you personally experienced in the great outpouring by Lord Maitreya in the Kashmir Hills and which I have doubled in its activity by invoking it through the substance of your physical bodies as you read this and let your thoughts dwell on me.

V

In the blue waters of the Kashmir Lake, the silvery light of the moon was reflected and even those lilies that only open their petals in the morning, were in full bloom.

Lord Maitreya stood alone in perfect repose upon the small elevation, his head inclined a little, in order to focus the radiation of his love upon the assembled throng. Above him, in the inner atmosphere, was the presence of Lord Buddha and the Twin Flames from the heart of the Sun, itself, so Lord Maitreya became the conductor of not only his own love, but the most concentrated directive outpouring of the Cosmic Christ (supplemented by that of those other mighty beings), that the earth has unto this day received.

To create an aura so comfortable that mankind does not need to be entertained through any avenue of the senses, and to hold that for over an hour, is a major achievement, when you are dealing with hundreds of thousands of differently-constituted and evolved beings.

It is a different matter, entirely, for a Master and a group of selective and trained lifestreams to enter the heart of their own solitude—but, to become the Master Presence of the energy of the masses, without phenomena or word-pictures or action of any kind, is a forerunner of the powers of the Cosmic Christ, which must be embodied in the lifestreams of those who are to be the leaders of the people, as well as their guardians, in the planetary changes ahead.

The reason that individuals who are going to serve life in a cosmic capacity have always been required to enter the presence of the Lord Maitreya, is that they might experience, in full, the NATURE of the Cosmic Christ love THEMSELVES and receive that seed in the FEELING WORLD, which could be fanned into a flame when circumstances present themselves for its use, such as quieting an audience in time of panic, or inspiring them in times of peace.

It was for this specific reason that Lord Maitreya performed this service for mankind, in masse, at this spiritual initiation. Up to this time, the service was only performed for one initiate at a time, but this time he rendered the same services for every person present and everyone in that vast assembly who experienced the FEELING of the love of the Cosmic Christ, is a potential focus for the expansion of that flame when it is required in any crisis, individual or collective.

VI

All of the initiations and great experiences through which the lifestream passes on the Earth, are permanently recorded in the etheric body. Any height of spiritual exaltation, any joyous association with divinity, is permanently stored within the Akashic Memory, in the feeling world, and endures, from embodiment to embodiment, as a heritage of the lifestream. Today, of course, the unpleasant experiences are, thank God, not of a permanent nature, owing to the knowledge and use of the Sacred Fire.

The soul, therefore, on entering into the feeling body at the time of birth, is heir to every spiritual benediction which it has been privileged, through the use of free will, to draw into being in all past lives, but it is the unfortunate experience of the human race, that these divine feelings are not revitalized, consciously, and utilized in the present-day living of the ego-self. It is something to be deplored, that they just lie dormant, until the lifestream comes into the conscious use of its divine memory and begins to use that heritage, but this latter achievement is quite an advanced development of the ego.

Many of you have witnessed the miracles of the Master Jesus and

felt, through the sweet privilege of divine friendship, the love of the Cosmic Christ, embodied in his selfhood. This is a living and permanent part of your own emotional world, which can be drawn forth by your invocation and revitalized as a treatment for yourself and others, and, to go back to the very beginning of the beginning, you can invoke the power of your own Christ Self to let you FEEL the glory that you had with HIM in the beginning before the world was.

You sat at the feet of the Father and the Mother when the spirits sparks were first drawn forth and within your feeling world is the experience of their FEELING of love for you, as one of their children, which was (because you witnessed and felt it) to become a living part of you. You looked objectively upon those experiences then, even as a child today does not recognize the wealth of parental solicitude, but in some far-distant time, when the experience of daily living becomes more difficult, the memory of that experience is stirred and the mature individual then feels a little of what the parent experienced during those earlier days.

The student body, by reason of the tremendous release through cosmic messengers, has been lifted, time and again, into that height of cosmic love and sense of mastery and power, but they do not seem to remember that they might have this exaltation revived through their conscious call.

VII

Now, as I bring you Lord Maitreya's love, I want it to be more than just "a memory" stored away within your respective consciousnesses. I want it to be a LIVING POWER that you *can* and *will* re-animate and pour forth freely to others.

A gift, spiritually conferred, and a power vested in your lifestream, IS ONLY AS VALUABLE AS THE USE TO WHICH IT IS PUT.

You have felt, for a moment, the master power of love. I have purposely conveyed it to you through radiation, showing that the transmittal of a FEELING is possible and is more lasting than the transmittal of a THOUGHT.

I have conveyed to you the power of revivifying feeling and a conscious knowledge that the Master's feeling can be for you an authority and master presence, until you are fully developed enough to create and sustain your own. If you will accept this assistance and act accordingly, I feel that I will have done much for my children.

WITHOUT VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH

By V. F. Angelday

“Without vision, the people perish!” Why? Because life itself, in its essence, is unformed light substance and since it is constantly flowing, it must have a “vision,” a thoughtform, a receptacle or cup, some definite pattern which will receive it and enable it to express the divine design for which it was created. The “vision”—the mind-picture which your intelligence holds before it, is the pattern into which that life essence will flow. Without that picture, that pattern, that design, the essence is without direction and wastes away. Therefore, without a definite pattern, without a “vision” of higher things, of something better than the present manifestation, without the aspiration of the “upward look,” the energy (life) keeps getting denser and denser as its vibration lowers, and eventually disintegrates, or “perishes.”

All mankind's difficulties come from looking down. To look down is to see disorder, dirt, human selfishness and general unhappiness. To look up is to see, first of all LIGHT, divine order, beauty, perfection, hope and all of good. There is nothing ever misplaced or disappointing or out of order in the “up look.” The sun and stars are always in their appointed place at all hours of the day and night and never fail to appear. They are as dependable as God, himself, and give one a sense of security. “God's in his heaven, all's well with the world,” sang the poet. So, if we would have the same peace as the heavens, we must *look up* and pattern our lives and worlds after them.

Each of the heavenly bodies and all upon them, HAVE NO CONCERN about each other, or anybody, or anything, but fulfilling their own divine plan of existence. The same thing hold true in nature—two trees can be growing side by side, for instance an oak and a pine, and each one, a few feet apart, living on the same soil and water and sunshine, produce two entirely different forms of life and beauty, but they do not interfere in any way with each other. Carrots, tomatoes and celery can be growing in the same garden patch, and each produces after its kind, without any interference or discord with each other. Why cannot mankind do the same thing? They can, IF THEY WANT TO.

If each one will get and HOLD THE VISION of what he or she really WANTS TO BE and is divinely designed to be, and then bends every effort, every day, into the producing of that perfection, there would be no wars, chaos or heartbreak in this dear world of ours. It is because mankind have lost the vision and do not lift even the physical sight away from the petty things of this world and our desire to hold and possess

them, that forget there IS a vision to which we should aspire, for which we were created and which, if we do not express it, remains unexpressed until we do, for no one can express the divine design for another.

Each one, individually, came forth from the heart of the Father, bearing a certain pattern which he, himself, created of the perfection he desired to express in this physical world. He was at that moment endowed with all, and more than he could possibly use, of the substance of the universe, with which to fulfill that divine plan. In the forgetfulness of that divine plan, lies the secret of the confusion and disorder of the outer world today. Many are seeking the possession and holding of “things.” In themselves, “things” can never bring happiness—they are only a means to an end, to bring ease and comfort and joy to us along the pathway of life. This is proven by the fact that you cannot take them with you—the things of this world STAY in this world. What begins here, ends here, for, at best, this planet is but a temporary abode for us all. It is the school-room of the universe to which we come, periodically, to learn how to use divine love to create and expand perfection. In quoting the Law to his disciples, beloved Jesus once said, “Be ye therefore PERFECT, even as your Father in heaven is perfect!”

People often say, “Well, there's nothing perfect in this world.” Oh, Yes there is! The flame of life within your physical heart, without which you cannot exist here, which keeps the body warm and moving, IS THE PERFECTION OF GOD—his reality within each outer form, and SO PERFECTION IS WITHIN EACH BEATING HEART. Since most of mankind are constantly saying, “What is it all about? Why am I here?” would it not be rather sensible for us, ever so often, perhaps just before entering sleep at night, for just a moment, to ask of the flame within yourself (it must be intelligent, since it does for you what you cannot do for yourself—sustains your heartbeat which makes life in your body possible)—“What am I here for? Tell me what YOU WANT ME TO DO WITH MY LIFE.”

Then go off to sleep and forget it and gently, but surely, as you make the call, there will come softly into your consciousness NEW IDEAS, happy ideas, ideas that will give you the joy of living and the hope, and later absolute assurance of accomplishment—the reason for your being in this universe! Everyone has a reason for being. Find out what it is—GET YOUR VISION, the picture of what you are supposed to be and to do—your EXCUSE for existence and using the things of this world.

Start today, in every spare moment, enjoying that picture of what you would like to be, what you would love to be doing, and it must come

to pass as surely as you do it. I call limitless legions of the Angels of Cosmic Christ Accomplishment to assist you in this end.

The Masters Of Wisdom Speak

THE DEGREE OF VISION ATTAINED BY DIFFERENT MESSENGERS

MAHA CHOHAN

“Without vision, the people perish.” This is a strong statement, which embodies a cosmic truth. The vision always precedes the accomplishment, and it is to the men and women of vision that the race owes the impetus for its every forward step on the evolutionary ladder. The power of vision is a God-developed faculty, which is not synonymous with sight. Even the animal shares the capacity to see with mankind, but only the consciousness destined for immortality in a God-estate, may develop and utilize the mystic power of vision.

For the few that have the vision of God's design, there are the many who are dependent on their report, fashioning their lives, their religions, their politics, on the inspiration of the visionaries of the age.

MORYA EL

As man purifies the energies of his individual consciousness, he is enabled to perceive the design of the universe more clearly. He is privileged to gaze upon the pattern and form of “things to come.” He is invited to SEE the workings of the universal mind of God. In such a man, the spiritual faculty of vision is awakened. Once he has been raised in consciousness into, the realms of creative cause, he is imbued with enthusiasm and the positive, joyous delight in “the glories that the Father hath prepared for those that love him.”

Such individuals bring the report of these visions to the consciousness of their lesser-developed brothers and sisters, and are “wayshowers” of the masses, inspiring them by their confidence, instructing them by their knowledge of what is “to be,” and protecting them from blunders by the constant upward-look at the pattern, which only their purer eyes can see, shining in the celestial mind of God.

KUTHUMI

The development of any faculty is relative. The report of any one of the senses is only as accurate as the sensitivity of the instrument. A master musician is able to detect tones and shadings of which the average man would be blissfully unaware. So, also, when the mystical power of vision exalts the consciousness of the neophyte, his description of the celestial sights he has witnessed is a partial truth. The reports of the visionaries of the centuries, vary according to the development of the consciousness utilizing the faculty.

The wailing of the prophets, the soothing vibrations of the psalms, the wrath of Jehovah, the love of the Father—all result from the reports of the “uplifted vision” of individuals whose varying degrees of awareness have resulted in the confusion of the masses and the constant cry of “Lo here and lo there!” Man must not be discouraged from exercising his power of vision—no, nor from enjoying and respecting the reports of the visionary! However, he must be warned that, like the guide on the Mount of Attainment, each new vantage point will yield a new panorama and all the guides are not at one point at one time.

The particular guide whom a number of lifestreams are following in consciousness, will perceive that portion of the path directly concerned with the progress and safety of his charges, and his vision will be sufficient for that group, but there are other groups and other guides so far above them that they look like little specks on the shining apex of the mountain.

PAUL THE VENETIAN

“Order is heaven's first law.” In the realm of divine mind, everything is perfectly designed, planned and executed. Truth IS! The lifestreams chosen for their developed SPIRITUAL VISION, to transmit to the people a portion of “things as they are” in divine mind, are destined to be the guides of certain members of the human race.

Under the direction of members of the Great White Brotherhood, they develop the faculty of spiritual vision to a point where they are able to pierce through the blinding light of God's realm and see, though perhaps dimly, a fragment of the plan, which can be incorporated into fact, through the cooperation of those lifestreams which they have been delegated to guide.

Grasping this “blueprint,” they interpret it to their fellow travelers and, bound together by the invisible bond of common interest and com-

plementary vibrations, they set forth on the mystical journey toward individual attainment and cooperative service in the same cause while attaining.

SERAPIS BEY

“Be ours the fair vision, the fairer fulfillment.” When an individual is privileged to utilize the faculty of vision and witness any portion of the God-design, by accepting it into his consciousness, HE IS OBLIGATED BY COSMIC LAW TO FULFILL OR EXTERNALIZE THAT VISION IN THE SPHERE IN WHICH HIS AWAKENED CONSCIOUSNESS DWELLS.

His usual method is to convey his mystic experience to sympathetic lifestreams, whom he endeavors to interest, to the extent of their cooperating with him in the working out of the manifest expression of his vision.

The clarity of this inner picture, his remembrance of its details and the magnetic power of his own lifestream, will be the predominant factors, in the success of his venture—whether it be the founding of a religion or a government, designing a temple or a city, building a boat or a bicycle. Upon the fulfillment of this vision depends his further opportunity to look upon the design for the kingdom.

HILARION

When a lifestream achieves the spiritual vision necessary to look upon the very heart of God, such a one become imbued with a cosmic desire to externalize the perfection of the Father's will, and is dedicated to a cause which will engage the energies of such an one for, perhaps, centuries.

Thus, when Saint Germain saw the vision of a planet inhabited by God-free beings and accepted that vision into his consciousness, he became responsible, through all succeeding lives, to convey that vision to his fellowmen and imbue them with a like enthusiasm until, one day, the vision would be fulfilled.

During each incarnation a portion of the “blueprint” was recorded in the minds of men, up until the present day, when spiritual freedom is an adopted accomplishment in the consciousness of thousands, and it is only unfortunate that the ways and means of achieving it are still blurred by human prejudice.

JESUS

We, who have seen the glories that are prepared for the unfolding consciousness of mankind, rejoice that the vision we endeavored to convey to our followers, will before long, reveal the truth that all guides upon the Mount of Attainment have reported truly, according to their place on the path.

Because some of us had already proceeded to a point where access to the FULLNESS of God was more readily attainable, does not change the comforting truth that all roads to aspiration lead to the heart of the Eternal.

Blessed be every bold and eager son of man, who has dared to stand on tip-toe and, through the mist of his own evolving consciousness, to look for truth and in the looking, perceives it even dimly. Then, with abiding faith in his vision, he imparts it to his fellowmen and has the courage to set out boldly on the path.

SAINT GERMAIN

Whose is the greater vision? Only he who has passed through the veil of human incarnation can see and know God face to face! Therefore, the Ascended Masters, who have climbed the Mount of Attainment and ascended to God's presence from its blazing crest, can best convey the vision of all truth to men. The long and arduous climb from the base of the mount has been accomplished through the kind and generous assistance of lesser guides who, themselves, perceived but dimly through the mists of their own consciousness.

What appears as the fullness of the cosmic panorama of truth from the five-hundred-foot level, is but an infinitesimal portion of the whole as seen from the vantage point of, say, a thousand feet further on the path. However, without the guide in the "swamps" at the base of the mount, the soul would never stand on the firm ground where the elevation first begins.

Some lifestreams are content, through centuries of evolution, with the same guide, who is evolving just a little ahead of his charges and who, his vision growing clearer, is their day star. This is good! Other travelers change guides when their own vision exceeds that of their former preceptor, loving and blessing his light, but attaching themselves to a guide who can see more clearly, the path ahead.

Finally, the individuals come to a point where their own vision is de-

veloped enough to see through the eyes of the Masters' and such travelers become the "chelas" of the Liberated Host, sharing their vision and accepting the responsibility of making that vision fact, through the cooperation of their own life essence, coupled with that of whatsoever members of their race they can imbue with their Master's vision, enthusiasm, and light.

To those who choose to perceive truth unveiled, the Masters come, and, through the cosmic lens of their own untrammelled vision, the aspirant may share the divine image of God's plan, stepped down by their mercy, to a point where it may be grasped and incorporated into the finite consciousness of the chela. Thus, they have the opportunity of knowing God's will, of working in cooperation with the Brotherhood and sharing in the vision of the Gods, BEFORE their own power of vision is sufficiently exalted to render this service for themselves and others.

THE BRIDGE is one way by which we share our vision with our chelas and they share their life energies with us, in cooperative service to the fulfillment of God's divine plan.

LORD MAITREYA'S ADDRESS TO THE MULTITUDE

You are here to become masters of love. There is no lifestream, in all the great universe of God, who is not, in some manner, a dispenser of the love element. Love is the dual force of expansion and contraction—cohesion and radiation. It is a centripetal and centrifugal force. The lifestream must be anchored in the exact center of his world and the two forces equally controlled according to the requirement of the moment. THIS IS MASTERY.

Love must be able to give of itself in the release of radiation and hold an object in its own orbit so that it neither comes too close, nor goes too far from the governing intelligence, according to the God-design.

This is the most difficult aspect in the achievement of Mastery—to control the indrawing vibration of the love force and keep the balance BETWEEN BLESSING AND ABSORPTION. Witness: If the attraction of the sun draws a planet an infinitesimal proportion too close to the center—it ceases to be. So it is with man in his relation to every living and breathing thing and every inanimate object and every force and power with which he is endowed. Time will not allow me to go into the ramifications of this subject, but, even spiritually, the man who draws knowledge and

power from life and does not give a balance in service—IS OFF CENTER.

We have, in my retreat, a golden bar, about eighteen inches long, which stands on a pyramid whose apex is a hair's breadth in size. This bar never moves, no matter what the planetary changes or earth upheavals may be. It is the manifestation of love, in perfect balance.

Man, in his present-day experiments with the Law and power of love, uses either too much of the outgoing force, which repels the presence of people and things, or, through the misuse of the cohesive power, accumulates more than he can balance in service. The great lesson the soul must learn is BALANCED ACTIVITY.

The activities of love, generated by human beings, pass through three stages:

The first is the parent-child association—the adoration and solicitude of the parent for the infant and the child's affection and deification of the parent, whose model and example it chooses to deify. (The majority of the human race lives within this phase of development.)

Second: Friendship, which consists of the interchange of consciousness the enjoyment of association and the conveyance of more-or-less loyalty and affection, according to the development of the lifestream, each one pursuing his individual path and allowing the strength of his love to go forth only in time of crisis.

Third: The individuals who choose to utilize their love, their association, their talents and their consciousness in progressive service to the race. Here you have a very small percentage of the race.

TO OUR READERS

The Great White Brotherhood and your editor wish to publicly express our gratitude to our beloved manager, Mr. F. C. Pita, for his Herculean accomplishments in handling the layouts, proofreading, distribution, general correspondence, bookkeeping, and all clerical and stenographic services connected with the publication and distribution of "The Bridge," since its inception. This entire service was given to the Masters of Wisdom as a gift of love, and the time devoted to it taken from those few hours normally devoted to relaxation, after the performance of his daily service in the business world.

The rapid growth of "The Bridge," with its increasing demands for service, have been most gratifying to us, but they have worked increasing hardship on our willing and loyal one-man staff in Cuba. We have,

therefore, accepted Mr. Pita's recommendation that the management, printing and distribution of "The Bridge" be transferred to the United States. Mr. Pita, will, however, continue as general manager of "The Press," and has offered his valued services in helping to prepare the great volume of unpublished instruction of the Masters for printing and distribution, as quickly as possible.

We are confident that the above changes will facilitate more rapid distribution of "The Bridge," accommodate our gentle readers, and increase the efficacy of the members of our staff, in their endeavors to serve the Brotherhood, and—through that Brotherhood—all mankind.

Thomas Printz

VISUALIZATION

Visualize the heart and mind of God as a blazing sun, with a light ray directed out from its center, into the heart of every member of the human race. Feel that universal light as the life and intelligence of every man. Remain still until that consciousness of universal brotherhood permeates your feelings. Then visualize that light rise from the heart into the head, making the entire head area a miniature sun. See every man with an expanding aureole of light around the head area, a rapidly-moving succession of electrons connecting the human mind with the divine. Looking again into the mind of God, see the directive impulses arise within that mind and travel along the rays into the intellectual consciousness of man, each according to his specific requirements.

THE DARJEELING RETREAT

The radiation of the Darjeeling Retreat, directed by our beloved Master Morya El, will take place between April 15th and May 14th, and will be amplified by "The Bridge" transmitting stations in Asia, Oceania, America, Europe and Africa. It will help you to tune into this radiation if you read the words of our beloved Master Morya El, appearing in this issue, and in former issues of "The Bridge," in the section, "The Masters of Wisdom Speak." It would help you, also, if you meditate on them during this thirty-day period between April 15th and May 14th. You will thus become a co-worker of the Great White Brotherhood.

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The Homes and Retreats of The Masters of Wisdom
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The Master El Morya, Chief of the Darjeeling Council, is the great being whose responsibility is the guardianship and evolution of the great Asiatic continent and its peoples, as well as the supervision of the governments of the world.

His beautiful home, situated in the hills outside of the city of Darjeeling, is the meeting place of those individuals who have dedicated themselves to the promotion of the highest type of national and world government and international brotherhood, based on the raising of the standards of the individual and the nation to a Godly estate. His activity is the direct antithesis of the communistic doctrines, which promulgate the leveling of the consciousness and personal estate of every man to the subnormal status of the illiterate masses. The great leaders, who have been raised up in the constructive countries throughout the world, are under his protection and guidance, and many of them, at inner levels, attend the council meetings at Darjeeling and benefit by the instruction and teachings of this Master of Wisdom, whose policy is based on the actual spiritual government of the Father of all life, who, with his Spiritual Hierarchy, regulates the progress and evolution of all created beings.

At this time in the history of mankind's evolution, sincere people are seeking, earnestly, to know "God's will," and it is to the feet of the great Chohan of the First Ray, El Morya, who represents the will of God to the Earth, that all must come, in order to understand, more fully, the divine plan and the voluntary part each one may play in fulfilling it. For this reason, the beloved Sanat Kumara has directed the consciousness of mankind toward the presence of El Morya during the thirty-day period begin-

ning on April 15th, so that all who are desirous of absorbing his consciousness and becoming an active and actual part in expanding the kingdom of heaven, may have the opportunity of acquainting themselves, firsthand, with his consciousness, his flame and his ray.

As we drive out of the city of Darjeeling, the road winds slowly upward into the foothills of the ageless mountains that stretch, like unbroken waves of an endless sea, toward the far horizon. Turning off the main highway, we enter a gracious treelined drive, reminiscent of the spacious English countryside, and come, suddenly, upon the exquisite white palace, which is the home of El Morya in India. It is built on the oriental style of the Taj Mahal, and at either end are rounded minarets, that rise a full story above the main building. Through the glass walls of one of these minarets, we are privileged to see the instruments which denote the Master's keen interest in astronomy, the great telescope, and other machinery dedicated to the study of the stars and planets of the system.

The other minaret seems to be an exquisite sanctuary, in which the furnishings are done in royal blue and pure, unrelieved white. As we stand at the foot of the long column of marble steps, leading to the massive golden doors, on each of which is a crest of a great MR, held within a chalice, unseen hands draw the white velvet curtains around the tower rooms and they seem to blend with the white stone of the building, itself.

Our guide pulls the long chain hanging beside the great doors, and a melodious bell sounds, reverberating through the stillness of the countryside. The doors open silently, and the splendor of the magnificent entrance hall is revealed.

The gracefully-carved double stairway arches over a most exquisite life-size tapestry of King Arthur, sitting with his knights, at the Round Table. Into it have been woven the glorious colors that only the Kashmiri weavers could have drawn forth. Looking upward, a great prism in the vaulted ceiling has caught the natural rays of the sun and pours them in a veritable rainbow of color into the hall below. The door on the right is closed, and again we note the crest of the Master woven into its elaborate design. A golden plate signifies, in Sanskrit, that it is the council room of the Brotherhood.

Raising our eyes to the balcony formed by the meeting staircases, we can see the full-length portraits of many of our Master friends and this gallery stretches beyond our line of vision in either direction, leading no doubt to the guest rooms and the sleeping quarters of the palace.

In the exact center of the entrance hall is a beautiful replica of the Taj Mahal, its tallest minarets about five feet high, complete in every detail, and the lily pool in front of it is filled with sparkling, effervescent

water and fragrant lotus blossoms of every size and color.

The door on the left hand side of the hall is open, and we can see an exquisite drawing room, with a fire burning on the grate, and a large vase of roses on the carved rosewood piano, the music still open upon the rack, as if someone had just been playing there. A fine china tea service is set before the fire and, although the whole atmosphere is the personification of splendor and elegance, there is an atmosphere of homeliness and warmth that enters deeply into the heart.

Suddenly, framed in the open door, stands the beautiful figure of our host, smiling gently, his soft brown hair falling in waves on his shoulders. He is wearing the snow white, tapered trousers, and soft-soled, seamless shoes of the East, with the over-tunic which reaches to the knees. Around his waist, is the royal blue girdle, tied on the right side, each end embroidered with the same unique design that we noted on the doors, the MR within the grail.

Coming forward with outstretched hands to greet us, we enter the warm embrace of his loving presence and are happily drawn into the room which we observed from the hall. We note the beautiful oil paintings, a lovely English Manor House hanging over the mantel piece, and woven tapestries containing phrases from those songs which our Master wrote, not so long ago, are grouped along the walls. "The heart that has truly loved never forgets."

A hand-carved desk stands at the far end of the room, framed in a bay window leading out into formal gardens, the soft colors of the English garden flowers blending with the more fragrant shades of the eastern blooms. On the desk is a portrait of the brother, Kuthumi.

We are drawn, by our host, to the fireside and a silent brother serves us refreshment, while our host weaves for us the magic carpet on which we rise mentally and spiritually into the world of his stories and are completely caught up in his consciousness and feeling. While seemingly entertaining our outer consciousness, we find that the substance within our brain, which has blurred the vision of our divine plan and the world plan, is being drawn off, and we can see, clearly, the pattern of our own lives unfolding before us, as well as the clear design of the God-plan for our earth and all its evolving life. The clouds of uncertainty and confusion drop away and we know our purpose and our reason for being, and our place in the eternal scheme of things. Thank you, oh beloved Morya, Master of love, for so kindly and gently revealing to us God's will. May we embody your strength now and go forward to fulfill it, happily, joyously, and in full God-accomplishment, through the light which is the essence of

our very heartbeat!

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"

By D. T. Marches

Many people, serving in the orthodox circles of Christianity today, are abandoning the theory of the "vicarious atonement" in the sacrifice of the Master Jesus, as being not logical in its meaning. They are beginning to perceive the fact that his mission lay in the interpretation of the Cosmic Law as being that of love and the attainment of the kingdom of heaven through its observance.

Nicodemus, one of the great teachers of the Jewish Law, hearing Jesus preach to the people in the temple, came to him at night, under cover of the darkness, and requested him to interpret the Law to him. He addressed Jesus as "Rabbi," which means "Master" and further acknowledged his superiority by saying, "We know thou art a teacher come from God." Jesus then proceeded to explain the Law. He said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see (understand) the kingdom of God." Nicodemus (who represents the intellectual consciousness) did not comprehend his meaning, and Jesus explained that it is difficult for the human consciousness to understand the higher spiritual truths. Then he told them further, "Except a man be born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter (experience) the kingdom of God—(because) that which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of spirit is spirit."

He meant, by this, that the human parents' contribution to this offspring is the flesh body, in which dwells the human consciousness, including all the inherent characteristics of family, nation and race. But the life that animates the body is contributed by the Father-God and contains, within itself, both the nature and attributes of the Holy Spirit.

This life principle is the "permanent atom." Its form is that of a tiny flame, or spark, hidden within the heart. It is the immortal part of man and endures from generation to generation, through countless incarnate lives, as the personality takes role after role in its long evolutionary journey through the universe. Witness the statement, "Before Abraham (man) was, I AM (life is).

The keynote of all of Jesus' teachings is that man is fundamentally a spiritual being, an integral part of God's life, who volunteered, long ages ago, to enter the world of form, in order to individually experience the Law governing existence and so become co-creator with his Father-God.

The episode known as "the fall of man" was occasioned by these

sons of God throwing off the guiding hand of authority and deciding to experiment with creation on their own. This was the first violation of the Law of the One (because there is only one life and one intelligence), and when these God-beings decided to set up a counter-intelligence, that moment was the lower or human nature born and, man's troubles began.

To turn the people back to their divine origin, great beings like the Master Jesus and others volunteered to come, periodically, to take on the semblance of this lower nature in order that they might reach the human mind. Almost invariably, however, the ignorant and arrogant human element, not only rejected the teaching of the Avatar, but imposed violent deaths on their benefactors.

John, the precursor of Jesus, taught the Law of Purification through baptism by water, and all through the Christian Era, people have been baptized, by which ceremony people believe that their "original sin" of disobedience has been eradicated from the soul. However, the transmutation and purification of the lower self has been a slow process and was accomplished, in most cases, at the cost of tremendous personal effort. Therefore, the attainment of man's liberation from the wheel of birth and death has been a long, drawn out affair, and the ascensions to the higher spheres have been few and far between.

The gospel of the new day is one of tremendous joy and anticipation, because under the Dispensation of the Seventh Ray, the Cosmic Law has seen fit to bestow upon mankind the highest gift that heaven could bestow, that is, the knowledge of the Sacred Love of the Sacred Fire, through the application of which man may balance his karmic debt to life, and may raise and illumine his outer consciousness, so that it may blend with that of his Higher Self. He may, by contemplation of the perfect mind of God, refuse all acceptance of imperfection, thereby ceasing to create painful conditions for himself and others and, through the creative power of the Sacred Love of the Sacred Fire, he may create a "heaven" for himself on this planet. Thus, through the gift of the knowledge of the Sacred Love of the Sacred Fire may man experience the fulfillment of Jesus words, "Fear not, little flock, it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

THE MIRACLE OF SPRING

The beauty and hope of the resurrection is pressed upon us all every springtime, as the life and color and fragrance of the early flowers and blossoms transform the drab and uncompromising bleakness of the winter landscape. And so too, will come our individual resurrection from the weary, colorless existence of the limited human being, into the fuller life that Jesus spoke of, when he said, "I AM come that ye might have life, and have it more ABUNDANTLY." What is this gift that brings a more abundant, a richer, fuller life?

We have all examined the small brown seed or bulb or acorn and marveled at the unseen pattern and force that could manifest as the glory of the flower, the shrub, the tree. We accept this recurrent "miracle" because already we have seen its workings, its manifestation, in previous springs, and although we cannot answer "how" or "why" we know it can be done. We accept this miracle. All about us are the feeble life shoots of unhappy and bewildered men and women, beset by worry, ill health, confusion and decay, not unlike the withered and seemingly lifeless seed we hold in the palm of our hand. Can we not hope for and anticipate a "miracle" of resurrection for the souls of men, into the full flower of more abundant life?

Jesus experienced the resurrection. He said we were to share his glory. "The things that I have done, ye shall do also," represents a promise to the race. I am sure it is not for one flower to bloom alone in the garden of God's life, when nature's lesson shows the resurrection and the joyous life of the manifold expressions of its kingdom.

I rejoice in the resurrection of the world of nature, in the young birds and all the little helpless things that have no words, for in them is my hope. I invite the Resurrection Flame, which pulsates through nature in an ordered rhythm and feel it pulsate through the souls of men. I feel it, alive within me, bursting forth through every pore, loosing the "wax" of the tomb of matter, until I am radiant, luminous, vibrant, transfigured. The new shoots of the Christ virtues are nourished and press through the "soil" of my own impurities, which fall from me as the broken earth falls from the vibrant color of the flower. These Christ qualities gain strength and vigor and permanence in the Sun of right-use-ness. Already they are visible and giving the fragrance and beauty and hope of their being to the world around me, and I stand revealed a Christ-man, like unto the Master who trod the path before me and who is among the first fruits in the garden of those who sleepeth, still.

THE MASTERS OF WISDOM SPEAK
THE RESURRECTION FLAME

MAHA CHOCHAN

In the kingdom of heaven, where there is eternal life, ever-increasing opulence of expression, and neither disintegration nor decay are known, the activity of the Sacred Fire, known as the Resurrection Flame is not required. However, for the evolution presently developing upon the planet Earth, the mercy of life has provided such a restorative power for those wise enough to invite it and humble enough to use its vitalizing power.

EL MORYA

The word “resurrection” means to “bring back or restore to a normal condition.” The activity, therefore, is taken out of the category of the “miraculous” and becomes a workable law, by which man is restored to normal! Witnessing the action of the Resurrection Flame through the body of the Master Jesus, we see death give way to life—and know that life, not death, is the normal condition for every man. A natural law, or a so-called “supernatural law,” is equally practicable for every part of life who wishes to utilize it. When man awakens to the fact that the power of resurrection is his, if he chooses to invoke it, he can quickly revivify his flesh, his mind, his affairs, and stand free in its revivifying, life-giving essence.

KUTHUMI

When the mankind of earth abided within the Law of Harmony, neither disease, decay nor disintegration was known to the planet or its evolving life. When mankind first departed from the harmonious qualification of the God-life, the slow process of disintegration began, and man’s vehicles, rather than loosing the soul from the earth plane in the dignity of perfect manhood or womanhood, slowly rotted, until the soul could no longer use the vehicles and, in agony and despair, left the earth. It was then decreed by the Father of light that one of his sons might bring a flame, by which man could again restore his mind, body and world to its rightful estate, and he called this restorative power “the Resurrection Flame.”

PAUL, THE VENETIAN

“Before they have called, I have answered, and while they are yet speaking, I have heard.” The great Eternal Father, looking upon the earth and its children, felt within HIMSELF the need for the restorative power, by which those desiring to resume their God-estate, could do so. And into His aura, He projected the Flame of Resurrection. Here it lived, until one of his sons, contemplating the nature of the Father, pierced through the blazing light of his aura, and perceived this flame of hope and life! And before the throne of the Father, the son asked that he might embody that flame and bring it to Earth, for the acceptance of those who chose to know, again, eternal youth and beauty and life eternal! He was granted this honor, and through the flame in his heart was anchored the quality and nature of the Resurrection Flame.

SERAPIS BEY

Countless centuries ago, before the coming of Sanat Kumara, the mankind of earth had wandered away from the principle of the Law of Harmonious Qualification of God-energy, and then was the first KRISHNA (Christ) vested with the authority and right to bring to the knowledge of those who chose to accept his gift, the Resurrection Flame.

It is the activity of the Sacred Fire, which may be drawn through the physical heart of any lifestream, which acts as a restorative power of the normal, natural God-estate. The focus for this Resurrection Flame was located in the land now known as the Arabian Desert, and here—century after century—God-beings tended, guarded and fed the physical focus of this flame. From its essence, the Illuminati of all ages received, into the immortal spark of divinity within their hearts, the stimulus by which they, in turn, could generate and expand that flame. And through its use, life was maintained in the body for centuries of time, and countless numbers of the man kind of earth manifested victory over disease, disintegration and even death, itself.

HILARION

Within the Immortal Flame of Life, in the heart of every lifestream, is the potential power and nature of God. However, it is so deeply buried in the accumulation of the ages (the sealed tomb) that it requires God-assistance to direct the outer consciousness to its presence, its power, and its activity. For this reason, great physical foci of these God-qualities and powers were established at certain points on the earth's surface, which act in exactly the same manner as the burning fire which stimu-

lates the dry tinder. The tinder (with potential fire within it) would remain ever lifeless without the stimulation of the LIVING FLAME. From the heart center, where these spiritual God-qualities are focused, members of the human race—like living torches—carry the flame to those who choose to expose their consciousness to its vitalizing life. Like all torchbearers, they suffer often the “incendiary's doom!”

JESUS

Having great interest in life eternal, my mother, Mary, and I applied to the Father for the privilege and honor of accepting the responsibility of guarding the Resurrection Flame, in the retreat in Arabia. In order to qualify, a chela must consciously draw and focus, through his own body, the FULL POWER OF THAT FLAME. It is the initiation by which death is swallowed up in life. I willingly offered to qualify for that initiation. The story of the resurrection is well known to all my friends of the centuries. I would like to state, however, that the Resurrection Flame lives for ALL MEN, and that it will surge in a great restoring, revivifying, sweeping action of life eternal, WHENEVER AND WHEREVER IT IS CALLED INTO ACTION. To sustain this flame in the vibratory action which may be assimilated by all the children of earth, my mother and I have remained the guardian powers of the resurrection, and I earnestly hope at this Easter Season that ALL will invoke it through themselves, and all the mankind of earth, and will see and know and feel its restorative action.

SAINT GERMAIN

Oh, that man might recognize the latent powers within the Immortal Flame of Life that beats his heart! On the cosmic tide of springtime, when our Lord Maha Chohan resuscitates the kingdom of nature by tuning into the Resurrection Flame, may every lifestream utilize the magnetic power within his own heart flame to draw as much of the Resurrection Flame as he requires to set his worlds in order, to restore his body and mind to perfect health, and revivify the perfect, divine memory of his natural God-estate! This is my Easter decree for my beloved ones, each and every one!

THE RETREAT OF THE MASTERS JESUS & MARY

The radiation of the Near-Eastern Retreat of the Masters Jesus and Mary will be intensified between May 15th and June 14th, 1953, and will be amplified by "The Bridge" receiving and transmitting stations in Asia, Oceania, America, Europe and Africa. It will help you to tune into this radiation if you will read the words of our beloved Master Jesus, appearing in this issue and in former issues, in the section, "The Masters of Wisdom Speak." The May issue of "The Bridge" will contain a detailed description of this retreat and its current service to life.

WINGS OF LIGHT

By V. F. Angelday

Are you happy? I KNOW you WANT to be, because that is the natural, innate desire within ALL life! You CAN BE, you know, and THIS IS THE SEASON for it! Nature all around us is such a lesson to us all. Everything beneath and about us is joyously coming into a new expression of its being and just as fast as the life within it will allow, is "springing up" toward more light. The plant life, released, at last, from the binding hold of the dark earth around it, exerts the pressure of the energy of its being, FROM WITHIN ITSELF, and with all its might, breaks through the substance that surrounds it and finds the REASON FOR ITS BEING IN THE LIGHT. Then, with one-pointed earnestness and relentless determination, it turns all the power of its nature into bringing into outer manifestation that reason for its being!

Now, when I say "happy," I mean a constant feeling of quiet, content, deep within the heart, a feeling of SECURITY AND CERTAINTY, a feeling of masterful control over your world and affairs that NOTHING CAN DISTURB. I do not mean those flashing moments that, fortunately, in the great mercy of life, come to us all, when there is a temporary surcease from pain and distress, or a momentary relaxation from the strain and struggle for existence. But for those merciful "moments," life could not even be sustained in a physical body. The Western world today has become a constant "drive" to obtain the mere necessities of life—shelter, clothing and food. Most daily lives have become a "wild" scramble to obtain that which simply enables us to exist and stay in a physical body long enough to fill the span of time allotted us for an embodiment.

Everyone is seeking happiness in one way or another, through persons, places, conditions and things, as is evidenced by the tremendous financial resources of the amusement world, beauty shops, pleasure

cards, etc., and the RUSH with which everyone seems to be going somewhere. People “tear” to their work and “tear” home again, rushing to make their trains and other means of transportation. There may be another train along in just a few minutes, but THEY HAVE TO MAKE THE FIRST ONE for no special reason or definite plan as to what they will do with those EXTRA FEW MINUTES, when they do arrive at their destination. Now, life is a stream of constantly-flowing energy and each one who uses it is responsible for its use, every atom of it, and NO ONE and NO ATOM ever escapes!

Did you ever watch a busy highway, with the ceaseless flow of cars upon it—many, many of them going just as fast as the law will allow (sometimes faster, until they are caught), winding in and out of traffic, with but one desire—to “get ahead” of everybody else up front. Stop any one of those cars, if you can, and ask the man behind the wheel WHERE he is going. Very often you will get the reply, “Oh, nowhere in particular, just out for a drive!” Now, as a matter of fact, that one is speaking more truly than he knows, for, in reality, HE IS NOT DOING THE DRIVING! It is the restlessness of the energy around his own body that is doing the driving. He is simply trying to get AWAY FROM HIMSELF and the uncomfortable pressure of discordantly-qualified energy, so qualified by his own thought and feeling.

Now, how do we remedy this? There is always a way provided by the Law of Life, God's great goodness and forgiving love, to correct every unsatisfactory and imperfect condition. That way lies right within one's physical self.” BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD!” No one and no thing can ever be permanently happy until they do know this, until they know TRUTH, particularly the TRUTH of their own existence—who they are, why they are here, from whence they came, and where they are going. Only the knowledge of THAT TRUTH brings peace and that sense of inner security of which we have spoken, that can never be disturbed by the constant, shifting scenes and conditions of our daily experience. That which is here today may be gone tomorrow and who, in the outer consciousness, can guarantee you protection against that change?

There is only ONE PLACE to which you can go which will NEVER CHANGE. That is “The Secret Place of the Most High” within every beating heart—the presence and the anchorage of life (God) within your physical form, ever-present, always ready to acknowledge attention toward it INSTANTLY, to hear and answer every call, no matter how silently or feebly it may be made.

Legions of angels of God's holy truth attend each gentle reader, illumine him, protect him, supply him with ALL GOOD and give him instant

and eternal PEACE! So be it!

THE HEALING PRESENCE OF GOD

Oh, beloved child of God, long have I listened to thy heart cries of longing, yearning, hoping, praying. Long have I beheld thy earnest strivings and been a witness to thy suffering, thy disillusionment, thy disappointments and thy despair. Long have I, thy indwelling spirit, sustained thee, binding thy wounds with the healing essence of my love. Come unto me now, and accept the comfort of my ever-abiding presence within thy heart. Let the heavenly music of my heartbeat replace the noisy din of thy worldly consciousness. Permit now, the boundless love within my presence to heal thy wounds once more, and this time, forever. Yield now, thy tired body and its ills, to me, thy divine physician. Surrender now, thy mortal self and permit me, the Master Builder, to set the capstone upon my divine creation. I am thy eternal Presence, thy Everlasting Self, thy pulsing life-essence coursing through thy mortal form. I am thy breath, thy life, thy very consciousness. I am here, within.

Thou has thought to fashion, for thyself, a world apart from me. This could not be, for I am the Master Builder and I must abide within all creation. Again and again, thinking that thou were alone, heart-sick, afraid, despairing, thou has longed for me, called for me, watched and waited for my return. Yet, never have I left thee, for, indeed, thou couldst not even have searched for me without my presence in thy heart. 'Tis I who knelt beside thee at thy prayers. 'Tis I who dried thy tears. 'Tis I who gave thee courage, pointing ever to the better day, yet ever whispering softly as I comforted thee, "I AM HERE, I AM HERE, I AM HERE."

Turn now within and behold me, thy heavenly Comforter. I am the ever-glowing presence of God within thy being. Come away now from the ever-shifting, ever-changing tide of mortal thought and feeling and desire. Come unto me now and claim the freedom which the love of my heart contains. Accept now, at long last, the healing presence of my peace and know it for thine own. Let my breath be thy breath. Let my love be thy love. Let my all-knowing mind be thy directing intelligence. Come! Let me be thee!

The God-presence, I AM, within me, is my instant and ever-ready help, and there is no other power that can act!

"I AM" the presence of the Sacred Fire within my heart, blazing, surging, expanding, purifying, harmonizing, healing, and freeing me for-

ever from the shadows of human creation!

“I AM” the expanding God-consciousness of perfection within my heart, my mind, my feeling world and within every organ and all the cellular structure of my body.

THE HEALING PRESENCE OF GOD IN ACTION FOR YOU

The beloved Master Saint Germain has indicated that one of the greatest needs of mankind today is healing of the mind, the emotions and the body. At the New Year's council, over half the petitions presented to the Karmic Board by unascended beings, were requests for healing or for “bodies enduring” for the lightbearers.

Since beloved Kwan Yin and the Great Divine Director are both eager to prepare members of the human race, particularly conscious chelas, to be vessels and recipients for the more-than-ordinary concentration of the Healing Flame of God, required to purify the human body, melt away appearances, and transmute the flesh into bodies that are non-recordant to disease, age or exhaustion, it becomes imperative to provide a center from which the cooperative prayers, invocations and visualizations of chelas may amplify the personal application of each one who has a need or problem. At the suggestion of beloved Saint Germain and with the approval of the Karmic Board, such a center has been provided, and you are invited to write to us and let your name be placed within the Healing Cup. The Healing Presence of God, whom we acknowledge as the only healing power in the universe, will be called forth on your behalf. Your testimonials concerning the assistance and healings you have experienced will be joyously received and will be an inspiration to those who endeavor to serve on your behalf. Address your letter to Thomas Printz, P.O. Box 297, Halesite, New York.

DAILY CONTEMPLATION AND DECREE

“Of mine own self I can do nothing, but the Father who dwelleth in me, He doeth the work.” —Jesus

Every individual has a private sanctuary into which he may enter at will, and observe the limitless, universal, intelligent, obedient light of God that never fails to respond to the call to service, and but awaits the direction of the consciousness in order to flow through the personal self into the world of form, joyously becoming whatever is the specific requirement of the individual's daily service to life. Consciously, at least three times a day, enter into this SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH, rejoice in its ever-presence, and let this universal sea of life become a river channeled through the door of your consciousness, molded into perfect health, peace of mind and body, illumination of the soul, supply of every material need, and God-direction of your energies and endeavors.

I CONSCIOUSLY enter the heart of God and rejoice in his ever-presence! From within this pulsating, omnipresent sea of light, I direct the universal, obedient light substance into my world, and I accept it as the health of my body, the illumination of my mind, the supply fulfilling my every need, and the very path of righteousness, upon which I shall proceed about my Father's business.”

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

In view of the widespread enthusiasm, prevalent everywhere, to carry into effect the teachings and instruction given through “The Bridge” and its subsidiary publications, we are now in a position to offer the services of a consultant, who will be very glad to help you organize group activities. This will enable you to join in the worldwide services, which are taking place under the direction, supervision and radiation of THE GREAT WHITE BROTHERHOOD and in conscious cooperation with their cosmic endeavors, on behalf of the forward progress of mankind.

We shall also be glad to advise you of group activities in your locality, if you are desirous of joining other individuals already happily engaged in this tremendous service to life.

All expenses necessary to the establishing and sustaining of these group activities are to be met by the free-will love offerings of those participating in them.

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THE RESURRECTION TEMPLE OF JESUS AND MARY
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In the Near East, shining in the pulsating ethers over the Holy Land, stands the Temple of the Resurrection, whose immortal Flame of Restoration and Resuscitation are guarded and protected by the beautiful Ascended Masters Jesus and his mother, Mary.

The Flame of Resurrection is the hope of redemption of the entire human race, by which the diseased, distorted and disintegrating substance, that has been generated by human thought and feeling and imposed upon the pure God-energy, may be purified, transmuted and restored to its natural, perfect God-nature.

The action of the Resurrection Flame is the quickening of the vibratory action of the light of life within the cells of the body, enabling the inner light to throw off the appearance of limitation and stand revealed in "the glory it had with the Father, before the world was." The substance of the Resurrection Flame flows through the inner bodies of those who invite it, as well as through the flesh structure.

The vibratory action of the Resurrection Flame is controlled by those brothers and sisters who abide within the Resurrection Temple and direct that flame through the physical, mental, etheric and emotional bodies of the neophytes, in answer to their individual invocations for its tremendous power to be loosed through them and others, at their call.

The Temple of the Resurrection is circular in design. The courts, like great cylindrical corridors, circle around the central flame room, where the heart of the Sacred Fire of the Resurrection is focused.

The degree of mastery and light achieved by each brother and sister belonging to this temple, determine how near they may draw to the central sanctuary, the Holy of Holies, because the power of this flame is such that only Ascended Beings can stand in its presence. However, many chelas and neophytes occupy the outer chambers, and gradually, through proximity and through individual application, prepare themselves to approach closer and closer to the heart center, where the focused flame abides.

The Resurrection Flame was first drawn into the atmosphere of the planet Earth by the great Krishna, who, seeing the shadow of human thought and feeling taking form in the consciousness of man, knew that the fruit of that seed would be disease, disintegration and decay, and knew, further, that some means of restoration of these fallen sons of God would have to be provided for, if they desired to return to their natural God-estate.

When a great being applies to the heart of creation for the privilege and honor of ensouling some God quality with his individual life intelligence, he must vow to remain the guardian presence of that flame, renouncing his freedom and joyous release into the higher realms, until some volunteer spirit from the race he serves chooses to relieve him of his trust and become that guardian presence in his place and stead. Thus, it is not lightly that great beings apply for voluntary exile from the peace of celestial glory, to guard and sustain a focus of light and power which can be drawn upon by mankind in their hour of need, especially when, for countless centuries of time, not one applicant from the race even applies for the beneficent radiation of that flame or shows a passing interest in its presence and in the gift which it brings to free life.

However, through the centuries, the great Maha Chohans of each age have availed themselves of the tremendous power of the Resurrection Flame, in bringing the kingdom of nature to new life each springtime, and the builders of form have utilized the powers of the Resurrection Flame in creating new temples or bodies, for the evolving souls of mankind.

In rare instances, those who had renounced the heritage of death and decay as the "natural estate" of humankind, were drawn into the vicinity of the Resurrection Temple and were taught how to draw that flame through their inner bodies and their flesh structure as well, and these became the Brothers and Sisters of the Resurrection.

Many of these devotees went forth and established foci of the Resurrection Flame in remote, inaccessible places. The few seekers of the

race, with sufficient desire for redemption in their hearts, were drawn to these sanctified locations and, when they persevered in the use of this flame, found their bodies restored, their minds illumined and their consciousness prepared to be lightbearers, themselves. These people were able to maintain life in the physical body for centuries and the records of their achievements are found in many of the archives of great civilizations of the past.

The beloved Master Jesus and his mother, Mary, applied to the great Father of Light for the privilege and opportunity of relieving the previous guardian spirit of the Resurrection Flame, offering to take his place and to remain as its guardians, until some other sons and daughters of earth might find it within their own heart's light to assume this wondrous service.

In order to be vested with the power and authority of guarding a cosmic flame, the presence of which is essential to the redemption and freedom of an evolution, the spiritual being making the application must draw that flame, in its fullness, through his own bodies. The Master Jesus offered to render this service at the close of his mission in Judea.

With the help of the present Maha Chohan, whose cosmic service and momentum are builded into the full power of the Resurrection Flame, through the kingdoms of nature, Jesus was enabled to demonstrate the power within that flame in restoring the body to life and the spirit to immortality. He was then vested, by Cosmic Law, with the power and authority, together with the beloved Mary, his mother, to guard and sustain the Resurrection Flame from within this temple, where they render this service to the present day.

From the heart of the temple, where the White Fire of the Resurrection Flame pulsates like a great white lily, the angel devas and cherubic and seraphic hosts of the resurrection are constantly absorbing its substance into themselves and then sweeping outward, at the direction of the Masters who are in charge of the direction of the light rays.

Each of the circular corridors receives of the radiation of the flame, mercifully dimmed so that its light and essence may be absorbed and digested by the beings who serve within that sphere of activity. In each such corridor a Master of Wisdom instructs a group of chelas, who are engaged in the service of learning how to draw this flame, and to project it toward a given objective, holding the beam of their attention as the channel and guide along which the light flows into churches, shrines, hospitals, homes and human hearts.

One of the corridors is devoted entirely to directing the Resurrection Flame into the etheric realm and through the etheric bodies of those who have applied, through their own heart flame, for purification of their own etheric records. The brothers and sisters who direct the flame, in its etheric vibration, are instantly responsive to those calls made by conscious chelas for the dissolving and purifying of etheric records in nations, continents, old castles and places where great evils and injustices have been done to life.

In another circular room, with the willing cooperation of the angelic host, the brothers and sisters direct the flame (with the assistance of the Master who guides them), into the astral and psychic realms, rendering tremendous assistance in dissolving the mass accumulations of discord, which manifest as diseases of mind and body. From this room, also, are directed the rays in answer to the calls and prayers for the so-called "dead" and the purifying power of these rays does much in assisting "earthbound" spirits to rise into the octaves of light and to enter school-rooms of spiritual endeavors, which will enable them to return in bodies of greater purity and light and thus move forward more quickly in the fulfillment of their God-plan.

From another one of these great circular rooms, the brothers and sisters direct the flame through the vast sea of the emotional realm and through the desire worlds of those who wish to rise above the passions of the senses, sublimating the lusts of the outer self and replacing them by "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

From still another room, the directors of the light rays pour the flame into the vibratory action of the mental bodies of the race and through the tremendous accumulation of thoughtforms which fill the atmosphere, impinging themselves in the mental bodies of the people, thus blocking the God-directions of the individual Higher Self.

In the outermost court of the temple are the brothers and sisters who direct the flame through the physical structure of those who desire bodies that are absolutely non-recordant to disease. From this court, also, the nature devas and the elemental builders of form, under the direction of the Maha Chohan, supervise the direction of the rhythmic currents of the Resurrection Flame, that provide the seasons of growth and harvest.

As the Great White Brotherhood freely partake of the gifts and blessings of the Resurrection Temple, as well as share in their distribution and as the mankind of earth are invited to become the guests of the beloved Masters who guard and sustain the flame, there is a tremendous oppor-

tunity to those who choose to avail themselves of its restorative powers by the opening of their inner bodies, as well as their physical bodies, to the transmuting, quickening, raising power, which is provided by the God of love for those who choose to accept its blessings and incorporate its power into their individual lives and worlds.

THE MASTER AND THE CHELA

By D.T. Marches

Many students on the path feel that the ultimate spiritual achievement for them would be to “contact” the Master through their personal ego. Perhaps it does not occur to them that the moment a person puts his foot upon the path, he is immediately placed under the care and protection of a Master of Love and Wisdom, and the beautiful association with the Master begins, although outwardly the student is not always aware of this fact.

The first thing a Master does, when a student is presented to him for care and instruction, is to look down the lifestream of the aspirant and make careful note of his evolutionary endeavors. He makes himself aware of his strengths and weaknesses, as well as his potential reactions under the pressure of circumstances. In fact, he comes to know much more about the student than the aspiring one knows about himself. He is aware of all his hopes and aspirations, and is, in consequence, more eager to reach the conscious mind of the pupil through the awakening power of love, than the sense-bound mind of the individual is to reach him.

The tendency of the personal ego is to lean on a stronger or more outstanding individual, especially on a teacher. Even the apostles leaned on the Master Jesus and he told them, “It is expedient for you that I go, because if I do not go, the Comforter will not come.” Therefore, it is “expedient” that the Master “keep out of sight” while the student is learning his first steps on the path to self-mastery. The embryonic god must not be allowed to become an automaton, which could happen, very easily, if the Master were to solve all the pupil's problems and make all his personal decisions for him.

The Masters, themselves, work under a strict code of Cosmic Law, and if they were not fortified by wisdom, one might say that they actually suffer when they see a loved pupil laboring under the limitation of human conditions which they could disperse by a mere gesture. However, it takes a great and wise love to withhold a gift from a loved, one that would ease a present need, but which would later be a detriment in the

achievement of mastery.

The wise mother encourages her infant in his first attempts to walk, although she knows he will, perhaps, fall and hurt himself many times before he takes his first step unaided. Later on, when the child goes to school, his attempts at reading and writing may be a painful effort, but the wise teacher does not perform these tasks for him, knowing that he will eventually master the art through perseverance and practice. The Masters of Wisdom use the same wise methods in dealing with the student on the path. They realize that a person awakening out of the limited human consciousness is as much a child in cosmic knowledge and self-mastery, as is the little one starting out on his first day at school.

It is only by experience that the student on the path learns that he is expected to proceed Godward on his own power and is not “carried” by the teacher. He learns wisdom by his mistakes and also learns that he must make his own decisions and must abide by the results of his choice. He very often experiences a sense of disappointment when he learns that he is apparently neither “praised nor blamed” for his actions, but if he has the patience to persevere, he will realize that this is all part of his spiritual education and that he is actually abiding “under the wings of love,” all through this probationary period.

It is wise for the sincere student to take stock of his intellectual and spiritual assets; he should take particular note of his “liabilities,” which include all human tendencies and weaknesses and these he should try to eradicate from his consciousness, one by one, because, if they are not removed, they will prove to be the greatest stumbling blocks to his progress later on. Jesus said, “He that overcometh is greater than he who taketh a city.”

In every decision he is called upon to make, if he will listen to the “still small voice within,” he will surely hear the Master speaking to his consciousness, advising him as to the wise and proper procedure to take. As the traveler grows “older and wiser,” he will sense the nearness of this invisible mentor, and although he may not be able to discern him with fleshly eyes, he will unquestionably feel the radiation and comfort of that loving Presence, who is so selflessly interested in his welfare. He will find that the Master whom he has been searching for on the “outside,” actually abides within his heart and is, in fact, “nearer than hands and feet and closer than breathing.”

Study and contemplation of the 23rd Psalm which was given to David at a time of stress by the Holy Comforter, himself, will help the student to realize the “contact” with the Master that he has been longing to experiences and which cannot be taken away from him.

ASCENSION DAY—May 14, 1953

And when the days of thy pilgrimage are accomplished and the record of thy energies is finally written into the substance of Akasha, and the Guardian Spirit of Justice takes the scroll from the Christ Self, who has endowed thee with the precious and priceless gift of life; when the elemental kingdom has spoken and recorded all the substance and energy invested in sustaining thy bodies through the centuries, as the garments of thy soul; when there have been called before the throne all those lives—human, elemental, animal, vegetable and mineral, that thou has blessed and benefited, only then sounds the note of thy victorious achievement and, through the halls of the Lords of Karma will pass thy soul, triumphant, to its just reward.

Ah! how many countless rounds of incarnation hast thou passed through in the endeavor to achieve the fullness of thy purpose, unto the hour when thy Christ Self bids thee arise and, with the hand of mercy, cuts the last ties and bonds of earthly attachments and desires, and thy soul, unweighted by the shadows of the long centuries, surges upward into the embrace of thy divinity and the two become ONE in the ascension into the Light.

On the anniversary of the ascension of the beloved Master Jesus, who has been the way-shower for mankind for the past two thousand years, we ask the Father of all life and the great beings who represent the spiritual sons and daughters of heaven, to bless him for the strength of his lifestream, suffering all the limitations that are the heritage of physical incarnation, and yet not qualifying one electron with the imperfection which would have been a blemish on his spotless soul, at the hour when the call for his great public ascension came.

Knowing full well that not only a life of purity, selflessness and love were the prerequisites to the fulfillment of this example, but also the control of the personal love he felt for his mother, his disciples and his friends, which would bid him stay to guard and protect them, rather than accept his own freedom and let them go, he once again humbly bowed his head to the fiat of the Cosmic Law, and trustfully placing his own life and that of those he loved in the loving hands of the One Eternal Father, he ascended joyously and triumphantly into his universal freedom and cosmic service in God's kingdom.

Beloved Jesus! For this renunciation, for this divine wisdom and trust, for the ascension, for your blessed self, we thank thee and we thank the Father of all life for what thy presence in the universe has meant, and still means, to this planet and to the evolving life upon it.

LORD BUDDHA AND THE WESAK FESTIVAL
Full Moon, May 28th, 1953

On the night of the full moon, in the mystic month of May, pilgrims from all over Asia, particularly, and some few spiritual seekers from other parts of the world, gather together to receive the blessings and benedictions of the beloved Lord Gautama Buddha, whose annual visitation has brought much of the spiritual substance and subtle God-ethers from the higher realms into the atmosphere of earth, where it can be assimilated by the consciousness of the evolving human race.

At the completion of his great mission, Lord Buddha received permission from the Cosmic Law to return once in every twelve-month cycle and bless the people of earth. The members of the Great White Brotherhood and the Illuminati of Earth, responding to the magnetic power of his love, with only the light in their own hearts as the compass, start out on a pilgrimage toward the plateau, where the visitation is to take place.

There is no map, no guide, no assurance of ultimate success in reaching the goal. Each man depends entirely upon the promptings of his own heart flame and follows it across the trackless wastes of the Tibetan Mountains, through the endless burning sands of the deserts across the jungles and morasses of India, and each one, according to his ability to listen to and follow the promptings of his own heart, finds success or failure in his journey. For the one pilgrim fortunate enough to come into the presence of the Masters, thousands return to their homes in disappointment, but the very fact that they have made the pilgrimage has blessed their lifestreams, accordingly, and has builded the momentum which will one day be great enough to warrant them an audience with the Holy Ones.

For twenty-four hours before the night of the full moon, the tents of the nomads begin to rise on the plateau and the vast groups of blessed ones begin to gather and meditate and prepare themselves for the visitation.

This year, however, the presence of the Lord Buddha will be felt and seen in his own glorious Ascended Master Body, rather than the large, luminous light presence which he has projected in previous years. The reason for the tremendous blessing that will be accorded the people of earth is, that when the Goddess of Mercy opened the Temple of Mercy at Peking to the Great White Brotherhood on February 15th, 1953, and the unascended members of the human race consciously and willingly offered their own life and breath to carry the Mercy Flame around the world, such a magnetic pull rose from the earth toward the Great Silence, that all the beings who had entered Nirvana and the heart of the

Cosmic Christ, were stirred, and responded to that call. Among these exalted ones was the Lord Buddha who, with Ananda, following the ray of the mercy call rising from the children of earth, entered the Temple of Mercy in their own Ascended Master Bodies, on the night of February 21st, 1953, and then followed the current and Flame of Mercy around the world.

The Lord Buddha said, that as long as the children of earth, in themselves, desired mercy for all life, he would remain in the atmosphere of earth, continuously, for the next twenty-year period, which forms the spiritual crisis through which our planet must pass, successfully, in order to qualify for its ascension into the light.

This year, when Lord Maitreya, carrying the Rod of Power from Shamballa, appears at the mystic plateau, and the beams of the full moon light up the altar of lotus and lily and reflect on the white garments of the Brotherhood and the chelas gathered in their physical bodies or their inner bodies (as the case may be), the Lord Buddha will appear, together with Ananda, and bless all the august company there assembled with his visible, tangible Ascended Master Presence, and his feeling of the love of God and the nature of God, incarnate, in his blessed self.

MOTHER'S DAY—May 10, 1953

On the anniversary of the day when the human race gives recognition to the service that the mothers have rendered the evolution of the souls of men, let us think of the marvelous opportunity that has been afforded each and every lifestream presently incarnated upon the planet, by the individual who became the open door through which the soul might receive physical incarnation and the necessary garments of flesh, in order to pursue its individual journey toward self-mastery and perfection.

Of the approximate ten billion souls that belong to the evolution awaiting the opportunity to evolve upon the planet Earth, only about four billion are allowed to take earth bodies at one time. This means that for every soul who is accorded the privilege of entering into physical incarnation, two souls are denied that opportunity and must await a future moment when an incarnate soul volunteers to accept the responsibility and individual discomfort of providing the physical garment for such a one. The law of the great universe requires that mankind must complete their evolution upon the planet where they have misused the life energies in the past—if it were not for the mothers of the race, none of the waiting

egos might have the freedom of the ascension, which can come, alone, through learning to control and master the use of energy in and through a physical body. Let us individually ask the blessings of life upon the mothers, who have given us the opportunity to be in embodiment today, and all the mothers who have given us embodiment from the beginning of time.

And let us ask that the great mothers of the spiritual Lords of the earth, the Lady Masters, Vesta, Mary, Kwan Yin, and all concerned with the purification of the feminine aspect of life, be blessed for their service, by the Christ Selves of every member of the human race whom they have served! And may all the pain, the impurity, the suffering and unhappiness that has entered into the mass karma of the women of the race, be dissipated by mercy and through love!

WINGS OF LIGHT

By V. F. Angelday

Mothers' Day! Surely there is not a living being in the earth, on the earth, or in its atmosphere who cannot and should not observe this occasion with a feeling of deep gratitude and reverence.

All that has form in this physical appearance world has required the assistance of some other part of life which preceded its presence here, to be the channel through which it might have a form and recognition in this octave of expression. The feminine aspect of the Deity (the mother expression of the Godhead) has had very little recognition by the general orthodox world, but the truth of the matter is, that the women of the Western world and so-called "Christian" nations owe their greater freedom of expression and place in society to the teachings and example of the beloved Jesus, who on every occasion possible, raised and revered the feminine form and nature.

In the Ascended Masters' Octave, the Lady Masters, who are beautiful as a dream, exquisite beyond description, are loved and revered by all the hosts of heaven, in a most magnificent way. It is the mark of the true "gentleman" (which word, by the way, was coined by our own beloved Saint Germain to respect, protect and stand ready, at all times, to serve the femininity of the race, and it is to be regretted, indeed, that so many of the masculine expressions of life have such a scorn for their feminine counterparts, expressed in so many slighting terms. Such masculine forms may yet have to incarnate in feminine bodies and live under the pressure of their own condemnation.

One of America's "great" men was one day walking with a friend on the street of a rather small town, where nearly everyone knew everyone else. They suddenly met and passed a woman of quite questionable moral reputation. The "great" man knew her by name, spoke and tipped his hat to her as he would to any fine lady. His companion did not do so and asked the gentleman why he so acknowledged this degraded one. Said the "great" man, "I doffed my hat in respect to the beauty of the femininity within her—not to the use she had made of it!"

And so should we all always love and reverence the beauty of life in each other, for who among all the unascended of earth, has made perfect use of that gift?

Did you ever stop, for just a moment, to think about this blessed planet turning day in and day out on its bent axis, bent, mind you, by the overwhelming load of physical pain, agony, distress, fear, jealousy, and all kinds of ugliness and distorted form? Do you realize that the women of the world are the pain bearers for humanity and, because they represent the feeling nature (about 90% of the energy of the aura), suffer much more keenly, as a rule, from the "hurts" of life than do their brothers?

Do you know how much pain is suffered, how many tears are shed, to bring just one human being through a physical birth into this world? Then multiply that by the millions coming into embodiment every day, all over this world, and add to that all the pain of animal birth, and you have a release of energy qualified with that which was never intended to be. Thank God for the great wisdom of life, that always brings a perfect balance in due time, and so compels all life to experience both masculine and feminine existence in the course of the fulfillment of the divine plan.

And so, thank God for Mothers' Day, which brings to our outer mind the remembrance of what we owe some other part of life, who was willing to sacrifice so much of personal comfort and peace and sometimes life itself, that we might have a body in this physical world and another opportunity to balance our accounts with life and right the wrongs of past mistakes.

There is, of course, a "smother" "love" which seeks possession and holding of the loved one to do their will, but better even such a release of love, than none at all. It has been said that mother love, and the intense desire for the welfare of her children, is the closest to the love of God for all his creations.

So—as true followers of the Christ, as sincere lightbearers to the rest of mankind, let us all, masculine and feminine alike, try to feel more kindly toward the feminine aspect of our race and honor the beauty of

the feminine wherever we find it, regardless of the use to which it has been put. So live the angels, in loving, adoring reverence to all life, and thus is their happiness and joy of life sustained and expanded in heaven. One day they must come on earth and dwell among us—this is the preparation for that day.

THE HEALING CHALICE

INTRODUCTION: The Healing Chalice is offered to you, that you may find comfort in your hours of trial and share in the blessings called forth through prayer, meditation and decrees, by those dedicated to this selfless service in your behalf and in behalf of all mankind and the planet, itself.

Offerings from those who wish to share (in their gratitude) for blessings received, are used to maintain, sustain and expand this worldwide service. We believe that God, the indwelling Presence in all life, does bless, heal and supply each, according to the need and according to the acceptance of each heart. It is the purpose and endeavor of "The Bridge" to offer assistance and guidance to those who believe, with us, in the never-failing God Presence, as the source of all supply, healing, and intelligent activity.

All correspondence is strictly confidential. No problem is too great or too small to take to God in prayer and meditation. In writing for assistance, please give your full name and address. Send your letter or telegram to Thomas Printz, Box 297, Halesite, N.Y.

I AM rejoiced! At long, long last, thou has heard my silent voice and thy gentle spirit listens gladly to my soundless music, echoing through the silent chambers of thy sweet heart. Thy whirling senses are stilled, even as the wild winds cease their rushing, as the angry impetus of the storm is spent and the stillness born of God's mercy, settles over all. So now, does the stillness and peace of my heart rest upon thy burdened spirit.

I AM the indwelling Presence of God, and there is no other power apart from me. Good and evil are but the motives of thy soul, imposed upon the pure essence of my energies. Thou art born of thy Father-Mother God, in the divine image and likeness of myself. Thou art my daughter-son, imbued with the breath of my eternal life and beauty and the perfection of divinity. I AM! and thus, thou, too, art become that I AM, for it is thy divine inheritance. Thou art truly the image and likeness of thy Creator, for I AM that I AM.

Long, long ago, I sent thee forth to dwell in the world of form, that thou might grow in beauty and expand thy perfection, with which thou wast endowed. Surrounded by the infinite variety of form in my creation,

thou didst come to make of form, a God apart from me, forgetting that the very form, itself, was but a divine concentration of the essence of myself, the infinite I AM. Wherever thou art, wheresoever life is, there I AM. Within my heart's flame, the seed of creation abides in peace, in wholeness and in perfection. Thou has accepted my creations and made of them false gods, forgetting thy progenitor. Dost thou not see, my child, that thy ills and thy tribulations are but the effects of thy forgetfulness?

Unmindful that I AM that I AM, thou hast clasped thine own creations, born of thine own passions and desires, to thy heart and made of thine own errant self, a God. I AM the Eternal God of Life. 'Tis I, thy Father-Mother God, I AM, who dost release the abundance of all the treasures of my kingdom into thy constant use. 'Tis I who gives thee glowing, vital health and well-being wherever thou may be. Thy self-created gods are but the rulers of thy sickness, thy hatreds, thy greed and all thy limitations. The fierce storms that have oppressed thy valiant spirit are but the breathings of thy false gods, which thou hast nurtured through thy ministrations and by thy homage, through the course of thy many lives, in form, upon this lovely earth.

The hour of cosmic resurrection is at hand, and I call thee home. Come now unto me, oh thou precious mortal flame of my divinity! Let my radiance shine upon thy countenance. Let thy voice become the echoing of my song of joy. Let the gift of my breath lift thee unto immortality. Come unto me, thy Father-Mother God. Accept now the life abundant, which is even now flowing through all creation! Weep no longer within the prison thou has fashioned for thyself, from the substance of thy false concepts and accretions! Thy every heartbeat contains, within it, this moment, all the perfection, all the healing, the abundant release of all that thou canst require or even desire, to meet thy every need. Harken unto me—thy God! Accept from me, now, thy seamless robes of liberation and cast aside thy veil of tears and lamentations. Clothed in thy new raiment, prepare thou for thy journey home, into my eternal kingdom of heaven, from whence there need be no return. Delay thou not, child of my heart. Behold me now! Hear thou my call! I AM thy GOD. I AM come to heal thy wounds, I AM come to illumine thy spirit. I AM come this day to set thee free!

WHITSUNTIDE – May 24, 1953

And when the disciples were gathered together, in the upper room (raised consciousness), the Holy Comforter came upon them, and they were lifted up, each one, and spoke with diverse tongues, and were possessed with the power to remit sins, to heal the sick, and to bring the true understanding of life to many of the sons and daughters of earth. And this same Holy Comforter comes now to each blessed lifestream who desires to be lifted above the mass consciousness of the human race, and who desires, within himself, to become a comforting presence to life. At this season, when the world of Christian thought is turned toward the Holy Spirit, let us all think of the beloved friend who has given to us so much of his love, his consciousness, his understanding, and who stands by our sides now, in our endeavor to learn about the truth which shall make us, each and every one, free, in our individual endeavors to serve life.

DAILY CONTEMPLATION AND DECREE

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father, which is in heaven, is perfect.”
—Matthew 5:48

To study and understand the laws of life and to meditate upon them is desirable indeed, but the active practice of the God-presence, in action, brings the definite manifestation of the good upon which you meditate. Take time, each day, to draw the power of the Presence into action in your world, and for those who look to you for guidance and assistance, as well as for those with whom you are associated. Use the affirmations which follow, to control and direct your consciousness in the channels for good and perfect understanding of the God-presence within

I AM thy Father-Mother God Presence indwelling within thy mortal form! God, the immortal healing presence, is pulsating through my mortal self with every breath and heartbeat, the perfection of divinity. I accept God's divine gift of life, and no thought, feeling, desire, or human appearance shall interfere with the manifestations of its beauty and perfection. Beloved Maha Chohan, thou art the comforting presence that stands by the side of each incoming lifestream! Thou dost stand at the death bed of each child of Earth, to receive into yourself the last breath from the body, and into your arms the weary soul! Thou dost embody all the comfort that has entered any of our lives, through the light of the sun, the crystal purity of water, the fertility of the earth, the generous contributions of the animal kingdom, the kindness of friendship, the love of parents, and husbands and wives and children! Thou hast lifted up the spiritual aspirations from the weight of iniquity, in our souls, that we may desire truth. Thou art the embodied feeling nature of God, himself! On this, the anniversary of thy visitation blessed be thy holy name thy service to life, thy seven sons, the beloved Pallas Athena, heart flame of thy spirit! May the fullness of your great heart desires be manifest through each one who has been blessed by sharing thy consciousness and life and word! So be it!

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The Homes and Retreats of The Masters of Wisdom
THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RETREAT
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Twice each year, at the beginning of the twelve-month cycle in January, and at the end of June, the Great White Brotherhood have the opportunity of gathering together, before that body of divine justice and mercy, who are known as the Lords of Karma.

The beautiful retreat, located in the western part of the United States of America, in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, plays host to the Ascended Masters and their chosen chelas, pupils and aspirants toward wisdom.

The entire service and activity of that spiritual body of dedicated, intelligent God-beings, known as the Great White Brotherhood, is to raise the consciousness of mankind and make it possible for every individual to know perfect health of mind and body, abundance of every good and perfect thing, and to learn what God, the Father, desires that the individual shall manifest, to widen the borders of his glorious kingdom. Throughout the year, in the various retreats throughout the world, selfless brothers and sisters are constantly preparing plans for the furthering of the evolution of the race, and these plans and designs are presented at the half-yearly councils, in order to secure the sanction of the Lords of Karma and the necessary dispensations and grants of energy required to carry the plans into effect.

The Law governing the evolution of the race is that all benefits and blessings must come through the natural door of the consciousness of some member of the race yet embodied and belonging to the realm in which the blessing is to manifest. This is evident, because the long course of history proves, without a question of a doubt, that—although all the inventions and discoveries and blessings existed in the mind of

God and were easily perceived by those who had earned the right to live in his presence—these gifts did not become the property of the race, until one of their number grasped the idea and drew it through the energies of his own world. Even Jesus had to take on a physical body to translate the word of God to man!

It is to secure the cooperation and interest of the constructive students of life, who attend these half-yearly councils, that the members of the Brotherhood present their various petitions and plans. Upon the amount of interest shown by the embodied lifestreams who, in the greater freedom of their inner bodies, are privileged to participate in these councils, depends the extent of the grants and dispensations handed down to the Brothers by the Karmic Board.

For several days before the great audience chamber is opened, the Brothers gather and present to the Keeper of the Records the particular plans and designs which their individual retreats are sponsoring. These plans are fastened on a gigantic bulletin board, and each retreat is assigned a conference room, where one of the Brothers is always in attendance upon any lifestream who has read, with interest, the proposed plan and who signifies a willingness to contribute the voluntary energies of his own waking consciousness to forward such a plan. Thus, before the general presentation of the plans and designs, the Brothers have a comprehensive idea of how many sponsors, from among the human race, will be willing to stand up when the spokesman for the Karmic Board asks, "And who—among the sons of men—will offer you their energies and their consciousness to forward your plan, despite any personal discomfort or inconvenience which such selfless service may entail?"

After all the plans and designs are heard, and the sponsors from among the human race duly noted, the grants are handed down, and those Masters who have secured the greatest response from the hearts of the assembled embodied mankind receive the most energy from the cosmic storehouse, which balances the "pledged" energy of the students.

The glorious being, who has become known to many as the Goddess of Liberty, is the spokesman of the Karmic Council. The Goddess of Justice, Pallas Athena (Goddess of Truth), Kwan Yin (Goddess of Mercy), the Divine Director, the Great All-Seeing Eye of God (Vista) and the Goddess of Love are the present members of this body.

It is suggested that the alert members of the human race, who deeply desire to further the cause of world good, fashion, from within their own consciousness, suitable petitions, which will be courteously heard and which bear great weight in the decisions of the Karmic Board, as they always favor initiative and selflessness when expressed through

the consciousness of unascended individuals. Such petitions should be written down and, after the night of June 30th, consigned to the flames, as their work will then have been completed.

May every member of the human race, embodied and disembodied, attend this great council and offer their energies to the beautiful sons and daughters of freedom, that the planet may quickly outpicture the perfection that is intended for her and her peoples!

THE LORDS OF KARMA

By D. T. Marches

Every soul that has ever taken embodiment on this planet has passed, between embodiments, through the Halls of Karma, which are presided over by a group of highly-evolved beings known as the Lords of Karma.

Karma is the effect of causes set up by individuals on their journey through the universe, from the time they first elected to enter the evolution of this planet, in their desire to become co-creators with God. This karma may be happy or the reverse, according to the causes set into action.

Before the "fall of man," when souls lived in their etheric bodies and had not surrendered their creative centers (thought and feeling) into the use of the outer personal self, there was no need for the services of a Karmic Board, so far as this planet was concerned. Man fulfilled his divine plan in love and wisdom and joy and so passed into the bosom of the Father, without blemish. It was only when man, through willfulness, chose to experiment with the life forces and through the lowering of his vision, created forms less than the perfection of his heavenly Father, that the Cosmic Law, which governs all life expression, found it necessary to set up a Karmic Board, under whose direction the evolving lifestream experiences the effects of the causes set up by itself. This service will continue as long as man elects to live in the lower consciousness, which is termed the "human," and it is out of this pit of self-created misery that the Masters of Light are endeavoring to lead mankind, through instruction of the higher Law governing evolution and creation.

The soul of man is fundamentally pure. It is a projection, or extension, of the Christ Self, into the world of form, for a specific purpose, that is, to evolve, through the experience of cause and effect, into co-creators with the Father. The soul is the garment that the evolving spirit wears.

Be it known that this journey through the world of form was a purely voluntary one on the part of the individual. There are countless millions

of beings, who never desired this experience, living today in the heart of the Universal Father, in the state of innocence and bliss, which human beings enjoyed in the Garden of Eden before the “fall.” These happy beings are also serving life in various capacities, according to their several natures and tendencies, in various parts of God's kingdom.

The majority of people, not being acquainted with the Law of Reincarnation, are inclined to put the blame for their banishment from the “Garden of Eden” on their legendary parents—“Adam and Eve.” It must be remembered, however, that every individual is responsible for his own “fall.” The first initial act of self-will, or disobedience, on the part of the lifestream in the far distant past, started each one on the downward path. Each man was his own “Adam” and every woman her own “Eve.” The first “sin” was that of disobedience to the Law of the One, instead of the sin of lust, as is popularly believed, the “first parents” blaming each other for the loss of their innocence and the children blaming the “parents” for depriving them of the happiness of living “forever” in the “Garden of Eden.” In the light of the new day, each man, woman and child in embodiment must take full responsibility for his or her own “fall.”

The soul is responsible, before the Cosmic Law, for the sins committed by the outer self, or personality, because by the first act of disobedience against the Law of Life, a strange entity was born, which had no place in God's kingdom. This was the human personality, which grew stronger with each act of self-will, until it finally threw off the authority of its creator (the soul) and as time passed, it became a law unto itself, claiming, for itself, existence and rights it was not entitled to possess under God's Laws.

However, all this does not excuse the “soul” because the original sin was committed by the soul and it is the obligation of the soul to again assume its rightful place as representative of the Christ Self in the world of form. This, also, is the reason why the office of the Karmic Board was established—so that man might learn the salutary effects, contained in the Law of Cause and Effect, through the return of the consequences of his own acts upon himself. The admonition of the Master Jesus, “Do unto others that which you would wish others to do unto you,” is another proof of the existence of this Cosmic Law, governing man's evolution on this planet.

At the end of each embodiment, each soul appears before the Karmic Board and the summary of that span is written into the records. At the beginning of the next embodiment, the soul is again summoned before the Lords of Karma and a certain percentage of the good and bad karma is allotted to the individual, it being the office of these merciful

dispensers to see that no one is overburdened with sorrow due to their past misdeeds, bearing out the truth in the old statement, "The Lord fits the back for the burden." It is unfortunate that the "Law of Reincarnation" is not more widely known, as it would explain all the seeming injustices, as well as the "troubles and trials" that beset the human race and would set them to remedy them.

Can the soul, as it stands before these impartial judges at the close of each embodiment, plead ignorance of the acts of the personality? No—because within each individual is a spiritual mentor, or Christ Self, and before any untoward act is committed, there is invariably a silent conversation carried on between the outer self and this "silent watcher," which in outer world parlance is called "the voice of conscience." The soul is the mediator between this preceptor and the outer self, and if it does not hold back the personality from the act, the fault is the soul's. Therefore, both the soul and the outer self suffer together, the consequences of the "sin."

When a person places his foot upon the path, a partnership, so-to-speak, is effected between the soul and the personality, the outer man deferring to the larger wisdom of the soul, and the soul, in turn, listening and obeying the voice of the indwelling Christ, until, finally, the personality is absorbed into the soul. In this way, only, can the lifestream hope to fulfill its divine plan and complete its evolution through the world of form.

The Master Jesus states that "every jot and tittle of the Law must be fulfilled" and it is safe to say that, without the knowledge and dispensations of the new day, it would take eternity for each man to fulfill his destiny, because, while in each embodiment there is a certain amount of debt to life paid off in karma, the individual rarely finishes an embodiment without creating more. Therefore, life on this planet would become almost an endless chain, for most lifestreams.

However, through the knowledge and use of the Sacred Fire in its cleansing and purifying activity, brought to mankind by the dispensation granted to our great benefactor, Saint Germain, it is possible, even in one embodiment, to wipe out the karmic debt of the lifestream and establish a harmonious relationship between the soul, and the indwelling Christ of each one.

There is but one door leading to eternal life, and that is through the Christ Self in each one's heart. The Cosmic Christ said through the Master Jesus, "I AM the open door—no man cometh to the Father but through me." THERE IS NO OTHER WAY!

When all mankind have returned to God's way of life and live accord-

ing to the Law of Love, the great Lords of Karma will be set free from the painful office which they now fill so lovingly and so mercifully.

DAILY CONTEMPLATION

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him, male and female, created he them.” Genesis 1:27

“And the Lord formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.” — Genesis 2:7.

1. The divine image of God, which is man, has been clothed in a form of material substance suitable for sojourning in the material world. It is this flesh garment which is subject to disease and pain and dissolution, not man himself. The garments that clothe his bodies in the outer world are also subjected to soil and wear and he frequently cleanses and renews them, but it does not alter the flesh garment, even though the garments are worn and scanty. The God-image of man's true reality is not altered by the vicissitudes of mortal life, except to be enriched thereby. Take comfort, beloved of the light. It is but the flesh that suffers and not thee. To bring comfort and peace and beauty and healing is God's great desire. It shall be done unto thee, each one, according to thy faith and acceptance and desire. Take now my love and may it make thee whole.

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I AM inbreathing the pure essence of God's healing breath, absorbing it into every particle of my flesh form.

The God-breath within me is expanding throughout my entire body, mind and feeling world and through every avenue of expression in and about me, and I AM made whole.

The God-image of perfection, which is my divine ego ever-present within my heart, now takes its complete dominion and expresses its perfection in my being and world and in all my activities, now and forever.

THE MASTERS OF WISDOM SPEAK
DEVELOPING THE GOD-NATURE IN MAN

MAHA CHOHAN

It has not been without great thought and prayer and contemplation that I chose to gather, within my own arms, the Cosmic Dove, and endeavor to blend her gentle presence into the tumultuous energies of the Western Hemisphere, hoping that within those energies might be formed a canopy of life, by which protection and sustenance of my teaching might endure unto the day, when, from the hearts of many men and women, would rise replicas of that dove, signifying the purified souls awaiting the cosmic baptism of the hour. It is in these days we stand.

EL MORYA

The Cosmic Law allows only that much of the God-plan to manifest in any evolution, as can be drawn through the consciousness of some members of that evolving body. To gain the attention, interest, comprehension and loyalty of unascended beings is the first step. Here, we are required to secure the acquiescence of the Karmic Board before we can employ any extraordinary means to connect our consciousness with the chelas. The more "spectacular" and "concrete" a manifestation is required, to even catch the "passing interest" of mankind, the less is the board likely to grant the request of the Master, because the tremendous expenditures of energy involved in such an endeavor rarely are balanced by the good done.

When a chela can be found, who will respond wholeheartedly, without requiring that we literally do "handsprings" upon the theater of his own choosing, there is a "possibility" of securing a single opportunity to reach through the veil, in a tentative offer of friendship and cooperative service.

KUTHUMI

At inner levels, there are great angelic beings, who are called the "Watchers," for the expanding light within the souls of men. These great brooding spirits are constantly looking at the evolving consciousness of the human race, and whenever the slightest flicker of expanding light, which signifies a desire for understanding and God truth, is seen, the Watcher sends an angelic being into the aura of that individual and this angel brings back the report as to the nature of assistance which the

individual requires. All of this protection of the “sleeping masses” comes under the Second Ray.

Then, when the individual signifies his desire to set foot on the spiritual path, and he is separated from his sleeping brothers by the expansion of his individual God-spark, he must be placed in an environment which will enable him to expand that flame most rapidly. With the cooperation of the Higher Mental Body, a particular guardian of his spiritual progress, through his outer consciousness, is assigned by myself to assist him.

PAUL THE VENETIAN

Mankind little understand how much they owe to the sensitive lifestreams who open their consciousness to the inspiration and beauty of the higher octaves and then, through the dedication of their own energies, incorporate into the substance and form of the third-dimensional plane that beauty—whether it be a song, a statue, a painting, a gift of prose or poetic eloquence. We, who enjoy the fullness of realms of beauty, are eager to share these realities with mankind, but the expenditure of our energies is not allowed by Cosmic Law, unless we can secure the voluntary cooperation of an incarnate soul who “steps down” the gift we offer and through his own consciousness, presents it to the race!

SERAPIS BEY

When the thought and feeling consciousness of man created an outer ego apart from the Higher Mental Body, the soul as a separate entity was born. This soul is the accumulated consciousness resulting from the experience life, both during the time of incarnation, as well as between embodiments. While embodied, the soul dwells in the physical garment, and at inner levels usually functions in the etheric body. Within the soul dwells the Immortal Flame of Life and one day the soul and this flame will again become one and the transmuted soul consciousness will be no more a “separate being apart from the Christ Self.”

The God presence, through the heart, flame ever seeks to draw the soul and the personality together and raise both to the highest possible manifestation in each earth life.

HILARION

Each intelligent being qualifies to live in a sphere of activity similar to the natural vibratory action of his individual consciousness. Thus, every man makes for himself, through the creative centers of thought and feeling, a personal environment—a heaven or a hell. When the individual has learned to master the energy that flows so freely through his own vehicles, he qualifies to enter a sphere of perfect harmony and is qualified to ascend out of the world of form. If the individual does make this conscious ascension, he no longer can participate in the evolution of those in the realms below him, except through the consciousness of chelas and pupils, who volunteer to allow the Emancipated Being the use of their energies toward the evolution of some particular cause. When no such individuals are found, the Master must await incarnation of some pupil to continue his endeavors.

JESUS

I long so to convey that peace that comes from perfect trust in Him to the children of earth, to their parents. I long to have an atmosphere of loving confidence in the power of God—God as the natural atmosphere of every home and school and every institution where the little ones have no fathers and mothers to guard them. If the lifestreams could live in that surety—that security—that acceptance of the Father of good, until they were seven years of age, no appearance could ever completely control their energies again. This is the dispensation my mother and Kuthumi ask of life, and I place before the Karmic Lords my energies as sponsor to fulfill it.

SAINT GERMAIN

In the cosmic order dedicated to developing the God-nature of men and planets and systems of worlds, we are allowed full freedom to turn the attention of our individual beings toward whatsoever sun or star in which we choose to invest our life energies and attention. I have chosen the sweet earth, turning on its bended axis, hopefully raising its face in each daily cycle—for a time—toward the sun! Some day the cry of pain and the petition for comfort will become the song of freedom, and every lifestream will wear the robes of freedom and move forward the God-being, which is their individual and pre-ordained destiny.

WINGS OF LIGHT

By V. F. Angelday

“Oh God! GIVE ME PEACE!” Do you know, dear friend, what those few words represent? They represent the prayer most often prayed by the humanity of this earth in every clime, by every race, in every language. So very often these words are not even spoken aloud, but go up as the silent heart cry of the individual in the midst of his distress.

Does it not seem strange that a quality and condition of life so MUCH desired should seem to be so difficult to obtain and sustain by the individual and the masses, too? Why is this? Perhaps because we are not looking in the right place for it. In our everyday experiences of life, when we need or want something, whenever possible we go to where we KNOW, or, at least, THINK it may be found. Someone has said, “If the outlook is bad, try the UPLOOK,” and this gives us a guide to the place where we may find peace. Why is it, when pain and distress become almost too much to bear, the suffering individual invariably looks UP? Because the heart instinctively knows that above us there is peace—Divine Law and Order and singleness of purpose, to do the divine will and to bless all life with peace.

Regardless of the thought, feeling or religious belief of anyone on earth, who is there who can think of PEACE and not simultaneously identify it with the beloved Jesus who, in actual daily living, outpictured that quality to the point where he became the very embodiment of it and is called the “Prince of Peace.” He attained that perfection, right here in a physical body in the physical appearance world and he said, “The things that I have done shall ye do also.” Therefore, if beloved Jesus attained that state of consciousness here on earth, so can anyone and everyone else who desires to do so. How? By doing as he did. Remember the words of the old hymn, “He the great example is, and pattern for me.” A pattern correctly followed will give everyone who uses it the same result and so what better pattern could we follow than that of one who has become the quality, itself, of that which we desire?

Our blessed Master gave constant recognition to the Father first, before he attempted anything else and spent definite time during the day in which he placed his undivided ATTENTION on the “Father,” as he called his own God-self. That word “attention” is the secret of it all, for what can you have or KNOW in your life without your ATTENTION upon it? Your ATTENTION is your consciousness—that stream of energy flowing in and through your body, mind and world, which animates your physical form, enables you to live, think, feel and in general have your BEING. In

short, IT IS YOU. Whatever your ATTENTION connects with—that instant begins to flow into your world and outpictures there, and with sufficient concentration, even stamps itself upon the actual flesh of your body

Perhaps this is a crude illustration, but your attention is like a hose, which, connected to a water outlet, will carry the new life within the water to a parched and drying lawn, some distance away, revivifying it by the gift of its own life. Without the connection of the water and the lawn by the hose, no good could be accomplished. So it is with the attention—by giving definite time each day to the contemplation of the Prince of Peace, it connects us definitely and at once with his consciousness, WHICH IS PEACE, and so it flows in, through and around us and gives us peace, also.

Very few people will have the TIME for this because the world in which we live today will not let you have it. YOU MUST TAKE TIME to do this—“Take time to be holy” and as you establish the habit in your feelings, you will not want to discontinue it, for it will be the happiest time of your day. When you have drawn ENOUGH of HIS FEELING OF PEACE into yourself, it will do for you exactly what it did for him, RAISE YOU out of EVERYTHING human into ALL THAT IS DIVINE—into all the mastery you were intended to express from the beginning. There are legions of angels of Cosmic Christ Peace and these I earnestly call to surround you RIGHT NOW and abide with you, holding and expanding your peace all ways.

THE HEALING CHALICE

God, the mighty I AM Presence in you, is the divine creative principle manifesting in all form, and I AM that I AM. In the eternal beginning, the magnetic forces of my being generated from within the Christ Mind, individualized ideas into which was breathed my breath of life, each being endowed with my God-will and all the beauty and perfection which is the essence of my being and world. The ceaseless gift of my life pulsates ever through all divine creations, endeavoring to bring into complete manifestation, the faultless pattern of the divine ideal, inherent within each one. Cycle after cycle has left the accomplishments of evolution impregnated within all substance, as it was constantly condensed into material form. As the cosmic wheel revolves, that divine life which went forth, is now due to return to the Father's mansions. The children of my breath and heartbeat are returning “home.” The dense, material forms which they have drawn about themselves, in their physical activities in this world of form, are now being transformed into the more ethereal

loveliness of perfection's realm. Sickness, disease and all distress is but the manifestation, in substance, of the imperfection and limitations of material concepts and sense-consciousness and mortal desires. All imperfections are but indications of transgressions against my Law of Love.

In order that this substance become pure and redeemed into its natural purity and perfection, as it was in my God heart at the moment of creation, it must pass through the Fire of Transmutation. Thus is thy suffering, thy grief, thy pain, a divine opportunity, not only to atone for sins and errors, but to reclaim the essence of my life, that thou dost hold imprisoned by reason of thy transgressions.

The divine life breath that should flow so joyously and freely through thy form, releasing my perfection through all thy ways, instead, has continuously been subjected to the misqualifications of thy mortal mind. Thou hast thought thyself individualized apart from me and yet the very power which gave to thee the thought, was my life, by which I sustain thee. I say unto thee, child of my breath, all that which was not born of my divine thought and design, shall not attain my immortality, for my breath is required to sustain creation through mortality, into immortality.

Come now, within the Secret Place of thy Most High God Self, and wear the light garments prepared for thy homecoming. Come unto the ever-flowing fountain of my heart, bearing thy CHALICE of God desiring. Let thy cup be filled to overflowing with the fullness of my love. Accept now, the flaming, sparkling, rejuvenating, restoring essence of my love breath and drink deeply, gladly abundantly. Let the God-essence of my self become all of thy self and naught else remain. Permit the magnetic love of thy Father-Mother God to draw thee up into the kingdom of thine own heart's sincere desiring, from whence there need be no returning. My breath, my love, my life, pulsing within you through each heartbeat and each flame breath, is laden with the glorious, perfect abundance of all that thou canst ever dream of, or desire.

Pause now, beloved child of my heart, and BREATHE deep into thyself, the flaming breath of God, thy Father-Mother God, the Immortal "I AM" which I am to thee. Absorb the essence of my flame breath into the substance of thy mortal form. Draw it unto thyself and make of it the essence of thyself in me. Breathe it deep into the depths and breadth of thy being, that there I may abide. Let thy mind become saturated with the eternal reality of my being. Let thy mortal self absorb the abundant life, the perfection, the health, the happiness, the beauty and the peace that I AM, and which is innate within every child of my creation. Let the single eye of thy God Presence within and about thee, everywhere, re-

veal the wonders and the blessings and the beauties of my creations. Allow the light, which I AM, to transform thy misconceptions and miscreations into the divine accomplishment of my immortal heart's desiring.

The Healing Chalice is offered to you that you may find comfort in your hours of trial and share in the blessings called forth through prayer, meditation and decrees, by those dedicated to this selfless service in your behalf and in behalf of all mankind and the planet, itself.

Offerings from those who wish to share (in their gratitude) for blessings received, are used to maintain, sustain and expand this worldwide service. We believe that God, the Indwelling Presence in all life, does bless, heal and supply each, according to the need and according to the acceptance of each heart. It is the purpose and endeavor of "The Bridge" to offer assistance and guidance to those who believe, with us, in the never-failing God Presence as the source of all supply, healing and intelligent activity.

All correspondence is strictly confidential. No problem is too great or too small to take to God in prayer and meditation. In writing for assistance, please give your full name and address. Send your letter or telegram to The Healing Chalice, Box 297, Halesite, N.Y.

Isn't it strange that princes and kings
 And clowns that cape in sawdust rings—
 And common folk, like you and me
 Are builders for eternity?
 Each is given a bag of tools
 A shapeless mass, and a book of rules;
 And each must fashion, ere life has flown,
 A stumbling block, or a stepping stone!
 —Anonymous

A TESTIMONIAL

While coming downstairs at my place of business, I was so unfortunate as to fall, severely injuring my arm. X-rays showed that the wrist was fractured in three places. After the bones were set, I was permitted to leave the hospital and I returned to my home, where I sat down to try to turn my attention to my God Presence and control the excruciating pain that almost overcame me.

My daughter carried the news of the accident to the Healing Center for the blessed "Bridge." Those in charge took up my case at once, and as I sat meditating at home, I suddenly felt the exact activities of the light that were being focused upon me and I was permitted to see in detail, the beautiful light rays. The pain ceased altogether and I slept comfortably.

The following day I requested the doctor to take another X-ray. It showed so perfect a condition, that he felt obliged to remove the cast that I was to have worn for eight weeks. He placed a protecting bandage in its place and a few days later upon studying additional X-ray pictures, it was decided that complete healing had taken place and even the protecting bandage was removed. There is no disfiguring bone condition, and I have the full use of my wrist as before, with no discomfort and no ill effects.

I do bless the healing service and those who assisted in the miraculous manifestation which took place for me. What seemed like misfortune was a wonderful opportunity to prove the power of God's healing presence, and I am grateful for the entire experience. I shall send a tangible gift of gratitude as soon as possible. God bless you all. C.K. New York City

NOTICE

As the great Spiritual Hierarchy has had the opportunity of blessing the American people through the united consciousness and gathering of the attention of the peoples at the inauguration of President Dwight Eisenhower, the second great opportunity comes within the same year, through the coronation of Elizabeth II. In answer to her simple request to all peoples everywhere:

"You will be keeping this day as a holiday, but I want to ask you all, whatever your religion may be, to pray for me on that day, to pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve him and you, all the days of my life."

May we ask our gentle readers to join in a prayer for world peace, world unity and divine guidance for those who carry the tremendous responsibility of guiding and protecting great numbers of people in these troubled times.

T. Printz

THE BRIDGE

TO FREEDOM

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The Homes and Retreats of The Masters of Wisdom
SAINT GERMAIN'S RETREAT IN TRANSYLVANIA
July 15th Through August 14, 1953

In the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains stands the beautiful old manor house, which is presently the sanctuary of the Ascended Master Saint Germain.

Here, since early in the Christian Dispensation, certain men and women, interested in studying the hidden laws of nature, and the methods of employing those laws to the evolution of the race, have gathered together and endeavored to bring, through their own consciousness, ways and means of forwarding the progress of good through the mankind of earth.

Here, the early alchemists endeavored to combine the various alloys, to produce the previous metals which have formed the currency of each generation. Here, other earnest brothers pondered over the way and means of drawing, from the universal, the elixirs by which youth, beauty and life, itself, might be sustained for centuries.

Here, was drawn the culture of the early Grecian Golden Age, and, through the long, dark period known as the "dark ages," the wealth of knowledge, invention, discovery, and spiritual truth was carefully guarded and sustained by these brothers for the use of the few, who might apply at the doors of wisdom, and be invited within the sacred portals of this house of wisdom and freedom.

It was within this baronial home, that Marco Polo received the impetus to seek the trade routes to bridge the vast expanse of unknown territory between the European continent and the Far East. Here Galileo learned the truth about his "stars."

And here, century after century, came one whose heart was the

compass, guiding him ever toward truth, and which—even in the heavy bonds of forgetfulness that bound his inner vision round—told him that freedom lay within the moss-grown walls of that old castle. He came to warm his heart and renew his spirit in the presence of freedom, and then walk again among the sons and daughters of men, his garments radiating the strength of purpose and will renewed within its presence.

Here, in great privation, year after year, came Roger Bacon on earnest pilgrimage, and at its doors knocked Columbus, long before his life-plan carried him westward in his service.

And here came the disillusioned and embittered Francis Bacon, stripped of his right to rule Britannia, who then requested to surrender his honor and his name, itself, in behalf of a king who had lost the fortune of a crown.

Century after century, this beautiful sanctuary of freedom, this home of faith and hope, had passed from father to son, carrying always the name of Rakoczy, and welcoming, always, the seekers after truth-unveiled.

And when the end of earthly pilgrimage of the great son of freedom drew nigh, and the voice of the presence of God summoned him home, he set his worldly affairs in order, and returned into the heart of Transylvania, and in the presence of his loved ones, and in the arms of his great friend, he relinquished his spirit into the heart of eternal life—to return no more in the limiting bonds of flesh, but only in the free robes of immortality—Saint Germain! Son of freedom! Shakespeare describes this friendship and passing in the play “Hamlet.”

Because of his association with this sacred home, and because of the love of his great benefactor, this home has remained a focus for the Freedom Flame unto this present day. In later years, particularly during the eighteenth century, when Saint Germain again came before the eyes of the public, he used this home as a meeting place for his friends and students, and here, Catherine of Russia, Lafayette, Von Steuben, Napoleon, and others in whom he had great hope to further the cause which is his life embodied, often visited.

Note: A description of this retreat containing additional information is in the July, 1952 “Bridge to Freedom Journal,” to which the gentle reader is referred.

OPENING THE BOOK OF LIFE

By Serapis Bey

Beloved hearts of very great light, it is my joy to address you in preparation for the half-yearly council, which means so much to me as your sponsor, when I must stand by your side, individually, as your book of life is read and the report of your opportunity and your service is measured, in order that the great Karmic Board, itself, may best judge what dispensations can be given for the balance of the year to other members of the human race.

When the fiat was released that we had a short twenty-year period during which to expand the consciousness of love and light throughout the entire race, it was my joy, privilege and honor to bring word of that decision to the Christ Selves of this evolution, who are presently walking homeward on the Earth.

I remember, well, addressing you and I remember how the Christ Self of each one asked for the opportunity to take over the outer personality and through it, fulfill the divine plan, as well as to assist in expanding the understanding of life through the consciousness of all peoples, in all nations. However, it was not thought wise at that time to give a grant to the entire evolution, because there were not prepared, among the incarnate sons and daughters of God, enough lifestreams to hold a balance against the tides of energy that would rush from the masses, once the pressure of their own Christhood awakened within them that unquenchable hunger and thirst after righteousness.

I was then given the opportunity to select those lifestreams who had made certain preparation in the Causal Body and who had, embodiment after embodiment and century after century, drawn in, through and around them, a certain momentum in the action of the Sacred Fire and to allow this group precedence in this experiment. You have been told how two thousand were first given the opportunity and that the response from among them was great enough for the Cosmic Law to increase the grant, in July, to the two hundred thousand. However, from this point on, we have not met with the success and enthusiasm within the consciousness of the stated number receiving the grant—and here we are scarcely three weeks before the day when I must stand before the Cosmic Board with less than three thousand souls stirring in their sleep!

I am grateful to each one of you, for your lifestreams did respond and your names are already written in the book of life as servers in the cause of the great King, but for the remaining numbers, I ask that you now incorporate your energies in daily calls, that we may not be found

wanting.

Already the great Rocky Mountain Retreat is preparing to become the host to the peoples of earth—the magnetic currents have been set up and will go into motion on the very instant that the vibrations from Jesus' and Mary's retreat cease to become the predominant inner action of the Law on the earth. I am told that the spokesman for the Karmic Board at the coming council will be the Goddess of Mercy, which gives me a great feeling of comfort, as we face this impersonal tribunal.

From the Great Central Sun, itself, is coming a messenger who will sit with the Karmic Board and assist them in their decisions, as well as in the granting of those dispensations which they feel will benefit individuals, groups, nations and the planet, itself.

It is to help—at least the two hundred thousand—to come to an understanding that they may not weave into their own consciousness the human veil that surrounds them, that I come and plead that you no longer contribute (consciously or unconsciously) to this veil; that you insulate yourself against the forces of the outer world and its affairs, which cause the downfall, not only of the innocents, but of the guardian presences who volunteered to save and preserve them, in God's service.

Then, when I stand before the Lords of Karma and when the great Maha Chohan hands me the book of your individual life and I open it and read from those pages, that which you have written, which is the record of the use of your life energies, I can offer it proudly and receive from them those added dispensations which are your freedom—because the freedom that comes through the connection with your own God-divinity is the happiest joy of your life.

With my own hands, at this council on June 30th, I shall go over the bodies and inner consciousnesses of every one of you dedicated spirits and dissolve, by the pressure of my love, the creations of the centuries, but individual self-conscious effort must be made from within your own heart flame, that you do not either accept, or spin again, a new veil in your daily living.

Once you are out and you stand in the light of the Sun and look your God-self in the face, I think the stimulus to your soul and spirit will be sufficient to hold you free from the suggestions that would make you prisoner again.

I ask, as you go forward, that you have no sense of tension in your accomplishment, but that you might understand that I stand sponsor of your life. I have given the good of my Causal Body—the momentum of my centuries of life—in the hope that you might prove worthy of this gift

of love from the Karmic Board, and it is not only you, but I, who must stand before them and render an accounting for that life. Let us, then, proceed in happiness, in joy, in mastery and in peace!

There have been written countless books regarding truth. In our library at Luxor, alone, there are volumes that contain all of the approaches required to achieve the ascension, but the endeavor in which our energies are presently engaged is to acquaint the consciousness of some unascended beings with what we are doing—while we are doing it. It is a lovely thing to know that the Masters are working for a planet and a nation, and it is beautiful to accept our presence in the universe, but to be a part in the activity currently engaging the energies of the Masters while that activity is in progress, is to become like ten thousand men in your efficacy and service to the light.

This is the main purpose and design in bridging the consciousness of the Ascended Host and that of individuals like yourselves, and if we can accomplish a union among a few of you, and through you prove that comradeship, fellowship, brotherhood and cooperative endeavor can be carried on in two separate spheres at the same time, for the common good, we have accomplished much.

To this end, a few of us are presently engaged in sending forth the word acquainting mankind with our activity, and, wherever possible, convincing them that association with the Ascended Masters is not a mediumistic or fantastic action, but the most natural service of life. It is natural for you to sit with each other to exchange consciousness of faith and hope, born of common interests and, in the warm glow of friendship, unfold your inner natures. Is it not, then, also natural for those of us who love you much more than you could love each other, to draw close, and talk with you as we would talk with each other, not necessarily to give you great sermons, but to convince you of our reality, our practicability, our accessibility and our service, which becomes the stimulus to the interest of your life energies and the investment of your lifestreams' present activity in the forwarding of God's divine plan?

I bless you and I shall anticipate opening your book of life in the presence of the Lords of Karma and reading the words that you have written therein—in the knowledge that you have written well.

THE CHRISTIAN CREDO

By D. T. Marches

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary." The opening lines of the orthodox Christian credo is a sweeping acknowledgment of the only one Creator and of Christ, his only son, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born through Mary.

The founders of the Christian Church promulgated the idea that Jesus, the individual, and not the Christ nature, was the only begotten son of the Father, which left the rest of humanity looking up to a perfection that they could never hope to attain by virtue of Jesus' unique position as the ONLY SON of the Father God. Jesus, however, did not confirm this claim of the church, for he said, "Call not me good" and, again, "It is not I, but the Father within, that doeth the works." He never claimed to be different from the companions and disciples with whom he associated, except in the control of his thinking and feeling faculties.

The teachings of the Master Jesus pointed man, again and again, toward the "Father God" and the unification of the individual consciousness with the will of the Father. "Not my will, but thine be done." He endeavored to charge the feelings of the people with confidence and faith in the God-power by which he, himself, performed all the seeming miracles of healing and conversion. "According to your faith, be it unto you," he said on many occasions.

Jesus taught that man is a thinking and feeling being and therein lies his likeness to the Heavenly Father, who by thought and feeling created a universe, peopled it, and sustains it, to this day.

Man lived, for aeons of time, in the heart of God (in the heavenly realm) where his spirit was brought to full maturity, guarded and guided and instructed by intelligent God-beings, who had reached their maturity earlier. When it came time for these embryonic God-beings to go forth and learn—through individual experience—the Law governing creation, beautiful light bodies were prepared for them and thus they took up their abode on the various planets, prepared beforehand, for their reception. Some of them came to the planet Earth and for ages lived happily, fulfilling their divine plan in peace and happiness, returning home after their lesson had been learned.

Everyone knows the story of the "fall" and how these sons of God lost their rights to the Father's kingdom. Down through the ages, since that unhappy occurrence, the Father has sent many emissaries who, by virtue of their understanding of life, have been recognized as "Christ-

men” or sons of God. The one that is best remembered in the Eastern Hemisphere is known as the Lord Buddha, and in the Western Hemisphere as Jesus, the Christ.

Yet, these men never claimed that they were unique in themselves, as being “the only begotten sons of God.” They both taught universal brotherhood and sonship with God. They healed the sick and raised the dead and both said, “What I am, all men shall be.” They have had many followers down through the centuries, but, while the majority have spent whole lifetimes studying their words, very few have imitated their works.

It is now the activity of a body of men called the Great White Brotherhood (a group of emancipated beings from the earth and other planets, who are striving to reach man's consciousness through the veil), to explain again to the humanity of earth the power that lies within his own faculties to create, sustain and expand the divine plan which was ordained for him from the “beginning,” by a loving Father and that all the unhappy experiences that make life unbearable are actually the result of the misuse of his own creative faculties (thought and feeling) and that by learning to control the energy in these centers, he may change the pattern of his life, making it one of health and joy and happiness instead of one of toil and worry and travail.

The Master Jesus, (who is an active member of the Great White Brotherhood), said, during his ministry in Judea, that every jot and tittle of discordantly-qualified energy drawn forth by the individual must be balanced before one could “enter the Kingdom.” This means that every unkind word and deed and thought by which one has hurt any part of life (in whichever of the four lower kingdoms it may be evolving) must be balanced by good. Under the Law of Compensation, this would take aeons of time and energy and in man's present state of ignorance, it would be an almost impossible task.

However, under a Dispensation of the New Age, which is upon us, the knowledge of the Sacred Fire has been conferred upon man. This is an externalization of the Law of Mercy and Forgiveness. Through the application of this flame of love, which man may invoke, his being and his world may be swept clean of all indebtedness to life due to his past misuse of energy. He may invoke this cleansing and purifying flame for himself, his loved ones, his home, his nation and the world in general. It also has illuminating power, which clears the understanding and awakens the spiritual faculties. It is the greatest gift that a loving Father could bestow on his erring children, because it is the power of love divine and it brings peace and health and prosperity and harmony and happiness in its wake. Through lack of understanding, man has been slow to accept

the spiritual gifts held out by the Father, through his emissaries. This is the gift of grace from the Holy Spirit. Take it and use it, and be free.

When man awakens from the dream of ignorance in which he has been so long submerged, he will find the words of the Credo refer to him, as well as to the Master Jesus, that he, too, is a son of God, conceived by the love of the Holy Spirit and born through the immaculate conception of the Father-Mother, exemplified by the Virgin Mary. Jesus said, "It is the spirit that quickeneth—the flesh profiteth nothing."

THE MASTERS OF WISDOM SPEAK

MAHA CHOHAN

For every benefit and spiritual grace received over and above the natural impersonal daily release from the powers of light, there must be a balance paid, and the individual vague, secret thought and prayer force of the planet seldom reaches out of the lower atmosphere, to accomplish that whereunto it is sent. It is, therefore, a rare privilege for a voluntary intercessor to avail himself of the opportunity of unifying prayer force and to place that concentrated heart cry at the foot of the Throne of Grace, holding it up by the very strength of his own compassionate heart, until the "laws that be" must answer him by granting a dispensation for the blessing of lesser men.

EL MORYA

If men made as little effort to secure his daily bread as he does to acquire spiritual knowledge, the highways of the world would be strewn with the corpses of those who died of starvation and privation. The effort by which man secures the satisfaction of his body's wants is so commendable and the effort he uses to apply for spiritual salvation is so pitiful!

No man can be denied grace before the throne of God, if he chooses to condense, direct and project his aspiration toward any being in the celestial realms, but it is sad to say that the average spiritual prayer rises no higher than the topknot of hair that rises above the scalp of the applicant.

KUTHUMI

When the Cosmic Law issued the final fiat that there is but a twenty-

year period allowed, during which the mankind of earth must emit enough light to sustain the place of this planet in the solar system, the inhabitants of each one of the seven mighty spheres began to devise ways and means by which they, the Cosmic Lords, the angelic host, as well as the seven Chohans with their chelas and pupils, might best cooperate in this endeavor.

Lord Maitreya, through whom the outpouring of the Cosmic Christ is destined to reach its ultimate glory through the Christ Selves of every man belonging to this evolution was, therefore, required to hasten the "Second Coming" by several hundreds of years. The spiritual perfection that was attained in the initiation of the Master Jesus, by which he was consciously joined to his divinity, the Lord Maitreya must now accomplish for the entire race.

PAUL THE VENETIAN

It is my particular joy and service to fill the individual cups of consciousness, that are held up by the children of earth toward the fount of God-inspiration. In the great, moving sea of God's mind, are glorious ideas, that await fulfillment through some intelligence functioning in the realm or sphere which will be most benefitted by the development of those ideas. The clarity of each one's raised consciousness determines the receptivity of the inspiration which I am so eager to give, as well as the purity or distortion of its interpretation and development.

I look, always, for those lifestreams who have guarded the entrance to their consciousness down through the centuries and have not permitted their beautiful "grails" to become encrusted by the impurities and degradations of human effluvia, which clouds its surface, making impossible a clear grasp of the vision that I would impart—whether it be a lovely musical composition, a beautiful picture, a piece of sculpture, a useful invention for the benefit of the race, or whatever the lifestream, through its own momentum, has made itself a magnet for from the realm of causes above.

SERAPIS BEY

Every Ascended Master radiates an individual keynote, which is woven into a beautiful symphony of sound and as they move through interstellar space, the mingling of their cosmic tones is an inspiration to all who are privileged to have access to the developed faculties of the inner ear.

These natural songs of the Sun, the planets, the angelic host and the Ascended Masters are, like the perfume of the flowers, the radiation of those beings, which contributes to the music of the spheres, without the self-conscious cooperation of the faculties of the lifestream—because each one may concentrate and focus the gift of song through his own vocal chords or the gift of music through the particular talents evolved by his self-conscious intelligence. When the Masters, the devas, the angelic host choose to concentrate the music of the spheres through cosmic concerts, then, truly, do the highest heavens ring with harmonious sound.

HILARION

It is one of my particular services to life to receive and assist those children of earth who pass from the body with no belief in, or faith in, an “after” life—the agnostics, the cynics, the embittered.

As I, myself, once, long ago, as Paul, the apostle, denied the Christ, and, through his mercy, had his presence revealed unto me, so did I vow, when I received my freedom, to stand by the side of every soul who is also so benighted, that, through the pressure of my own experience, as well as a desire to render a balance to that Christ for his kindness to me, I may render a like service to them.

I would appreciate any calls that unascended beings may desire to make on behalf of those great masses of souls who enter the “gates beyond” alone, afraid, and without the blessing of a prayer to accompany them on their journey. Your calls would do so much to assist us in our care of these unhappy ones.

JESUS

The contemplation of the Healing Presence and the acceptance of the all-power of this Presence must precede all application. Do you know that I often spent hours in adoration of that ever-present healing power, before I left the comparative privacy of my sleeping quarters in order to so fortify my consciousness against the appearance world, that no matter

what life might bring to my attention, I knew with certainty, it had no power before the Healing Flame of the Father that was, then, and now, is, alive within me, awaiting the call to release itself as the master control of the appearance. If I did not so fortify myself, my outer consciousness would be no different than that of other men, and some of the frightful appearances that men had woven into the brain substance, their flesh, or the more ephemeral substance of their mental and emotional bodies, would have caused a temporary vibration within me which would, in a measure, have neutralized my power to bid it be gone. It is not the matter of a moment to so convince the outer consciousness of the all-power of God: it is not the matter of a moment to sustain that positive assurance that there is absolutely no other power that can act. All through life, every man and woman who walks in a flesh body must keep up the application to saturate the outer consciousness with a realization of this all-power. No avatar, no saint, no messenger is an exception to this rule.

SAINT GERMAIN

As the pure, unformed electronic light flows forth from the Presence, it is the consciousness of the individual which becomes the “pen,” and on the book of life is written the story of the use of that priceless energy.

Many such volumes are written by the soul—closed as the last breath leaves the body—and then given into the hands of the Angel of Records to be read in the halls of Karma. Then, when the soul is assigned to a realm in which its light may best be expanded, it must endeavor to rewrite every page whereon the shadows of human thought and feeling cast their gloom over the promptings of the Higher Self. And again, when the soul comes to new birth, is the book given—every page fresh—and once more it writes, but, lifetime after lifetime and century after century is the same “novel” written with but few changes. Finally—when the soul awakens—is the book of victory written, clasped shut, and delivered to the Higher Mental Body or Christ Self who receives it with a prayer of thanksgiving and joy that the long journey is over—and, as the White Fire Presence announces the glad tidings, “IT IS FINISHED,” the triumphant soul enters the portals of the Father’s home to come out no more.

THE POWER OF LIGHT

V.F. Angelday

“Let us get more LIGHT on this.” How many times have you said that yourself, or heard another say it, when there was a question or indecision concerning some course to be followed. “With all thy getting, get understanding” says the Good Book and “understanding” is LIGHT, at least it is one of its attributes. The first fiat that went forth from the great Creator of all the Universe was “Let there be Light” and immediately, Light appeared.

Light ALWAYS appears when called for. That seems somewhat difficult to believe, sometimes, because of the denseness of the substance of earth with which we work and in which we live. Because we do not SEE the manifestation for which we call, the outer mind has the tendency to think that nothing happened. However, “The call COMPELS the answer” and it is just as impossible for a sincere call to go unanswered, as it would be to plant an oak and have a maple come up as a result. Exact causes produce exact results. When Light is called for, LIGHT must appear! In the first place, it is the substance out of which all the universe is made. Without light, nothing is ever created or accomplished, for it is the universal substance of creation. When an individual makes the call, “Oh God! give me light! Give me whatever intensity of light is required to solve this problem for me,” that instant a ray of light, containing the call, goes out from the one in need and arises to the listening ear of mighty beings whose joy it is, through their great love, to answer the heart calls of those on earth. At once, on the same ray that carried the call, there returns, to the caller, the illumination, the love, the comfort, the hope and all that is required to adjust the appearances of imperfection and bring and hold all into perfect, divine order, through divine love.

After such a call for help is made, it would be well for the one in need to consciously get quite still, and consciously WAIT and expect to receive, the FEELING of peace and release from the comfort, tension and distress. It will come, and when it does, we should quickly GRASP it and call to the mighty God within us to hold, protect, expand and permanently anchor it within our feeling worlds for all eternity, so that at least that particular problem does not come up again. Only in this way can we make PERMANENT progress. To just keep solving the same problems over and over again, which is what we have been doing for millions of years, in one embodiment after another, surely is not gathering much illumination, which can be expanded to the point where it illumines—with actual physical light—not only the mind of the individual, but the actual flesh substance of his body, as well, visible and tangible to the physical

sight of all, as did Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. He said, “The things that I have done shall ye do also” and he meant ALL he did. We, who have read and heard that statement so many times, seem to think it means only the GOOD things he experienced—doing the miracles, receiving the approbation of God when the dove descended at his baptism, but there is more to it than that. As we have said before, He is the great example, and PATTERN. A pattern gives the same form to everyone who uses it, no matter who or what they are, or what substance they use to make it.

The Master Jesus spent CENTURIES gathering light—illumination—which served him so well in that final embodiment of his earth life, that embodiment which gave him the ascension. He offers that fully-gathered momentum NOW, to each and every one who will sincerely call for it. “Call unto me, and I WILL ANSWER YOU!” He answers us by and with HIS LIGHT, the actual substance of his own life and if we will consciously accept it, that substance enters into and becomes an actual part of our world. Its nature is to expand and expand, until it has made us all that he has become. Let us make it a point, in all experiences we contact, to say AT ONCE, before the feelings get too much disturbed about them, “Dear God, right in my own heart—GIVE ME YOUR LIGHT on this and show me your way! Then see that I walk within it all ways.” Angels of light attend you at all times, dear reader, and help you to remember this, which will bring you His peace.

REQUEST BY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL FOR THE DEPARTED

March, 1953

“I chose to forego the natural activity of the Archangels and to enter into that which you now know as the psychic or astral realm, and here I have spent the full and greater part of my life, century after century, age after age, in an endeavor to disentangle lifestreams, after so-called death, and prepare them to enter the halls of the Karmic Lords and receive from the God of life a new opportunity, to learn how to control the facets of consciousness which are constantly adding to the veil between the human and the divine.

We are constantly consuming, cutting away, dissolving and removing the effluvia of mankind's own creation, and more unhappily still, the effluvia of the conscious student body who—knowing at least, intellectually, the power of creation that lies within consciousness—yet continues to weave the cocoon which closes them in and shuts out our words from their ears, our presence from their sight, our fragrance from their nos-

trils, our peace from their hearts. Until we can reach, and in some manner, incorporate the assistance of incarnate lifestreams, at least those who are the guardian beings who chose voluntarily to bring the light to the consciousness of men, our task seems endless indeed, as well as thankless.

In the silence of your room, three times a day if possible, make the call that in every twenty-four-hour period during which so many lifestreams pass through the change called "death," no one may enter into that terrific hell of thought and feeling without the prayer and love of an incarnate brother or sister. Nine-tenths of the people who are passing from the body never receive a prayer and do not, themselves, know what to do, here or hereafter. If even one lifestream made this call, it would assist us tremendously. Thank you.

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

SUGGESTED PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

In the name and by the power of the presence of God, I AM, and in the name of the Ascended Jesus Christ! I call to you, beloved Archangel Michael, on behalf of the souls of all the men, women and children who are being released from the body during this twenty-four hour period.

Cut them free, instantly, from the magnetic pull of earth, the things of earth, and all the passions, lusts, and appetites that might hold them earthbound.

Send thy angels of light to enfold them and carry them quickly through the effluvia of the earth's atmosphere, to the realms of light and peace. Here, prepare them, through the merciful fires of purification, to stand before the Lords of Karma, with their robes as white as snow. Accept the good of my own Causal Body as an offering before this great council of judgment, that these souls may be taken, at once, to the schoolrooms where they may best learn the law and re-embody, if necessary, in harmony, to win their individual victory in the light.

Thank you, oh Prince of the Heavenly Host, for your guardian presence among us, for your constant and watchful care of us, not only at the time of so-called death, but through all our days!

"INDEPENDENCE DAY"

Again the great nation, conceived in the mind of God, and born out of the energies of men and women who preferred freedom to life in bondage, celebrates her national Day of Independence.

It is well for all free-thinking sons and daughters of God to ponder on the word IN DEPENDENCE, for until each one comes to such a place, and rests assured in the ever-presence of his own God within, such an one cannot honestly classify himself as an in dependent being!

It was the tremendous faith of the forefathers of the American nation in the power of God indwelling, that enabled them to leave the comparative safety and security of their homes, cross uncharted seas, and carve for themselves, out of a wilderness, a new life, where they might pursue, not only happiness, but the development of the faculty of looking inward for the strength, courage, faith and power to proceed upon their chosen life path.

It was such in dependence that made the early patriots draw forth the fortitude and the courage required to establish the new nation, to perceive the vision of a land of the free, and further to externalize that vision accurately, through the incorporation of their own energies toward this end.

To the beloved United States of America, and all the independent spirits presently engaged in serving her destiny, and who have served her cause through the centuries, we bow in homage to your light, your promise, and your hope to a world that requires guidance through your peoples in this particular world hour.

Thomas Printz

THE HEALING CHALICE

Beloved children of the one God, thy feet are upon the pathway of liberation. As, in centuries past, thou hast sought personal freedom from the oppressions of an unjust monarchy, so now thy souls seek liberation from the oppressions of the passions and desires of thy mortal nature, which art as bars against thy immortal FREEDOM. Thy soul, hearing the call from the inner heart of thy beings, is fired with nostalgic longing to return to its home in the heavenly kingdom of my love. Long has it been since thou hast tried thy wings, in flight into the realms of Christ Consciousness. Scarce wilt thine unused pinions support thy earthly weight in this celestial journey. The dross of thy iniquities and the sins of thy omis-

sions, cling heavily about thee and drag thee down, ere thou canst rise into the cloudless heaven of my realm. Yet, I AM thy Father-Mother God—thyself—thy life—thy very ALL. Come, children of my heartbeat, come, and claim thy birthright. Breathe into thy very selves, my life-giving, life-restoring, resurrecting, flaming essence of divine love and be renewed. Permit thy tired senses to exult in the glorious adventures awaiting thee on thy homeward journeys, where passing pains and pleasures give way to my eternal ecstasies. Thy mortal world is but the manifestation of personal strivings, disillusionments, sorrows and wasted energies. Turn now thy faces steadfastly unto me and follow now the day star of my glowing torch within thy hearts. In its shadowless illumination thy feet shall surely find the heavenly way, nor shalt thou dash thy feet against a stone, for I AM ever at thy side to support and sustain thee.

DAILY CONTEMPLATION FOR HEALTH & HEALING

I AM free, this hour, from pain, disease, limitation and distress, for I AM the perfection of God's eternal love, now manifesting in my mind, my body, my being, my world, and my affairs.

All the God-desires of my heart are now being drawn, by the magnetic power of God's love, into instantaneous and eternally-sustained manifestation in my being and world and I am now prepared to render my perfect service to life and freedom of all.

I AM the joyous expression of God's opulence, God's love, God's health, and happiness, and God-illumination forever sustained and increasing in limitless supply to all.

I AM the healing heart of the Christ Presence, now active within me and all who seek thy light, restoring, renewing, illumining, and resurrecting the perfection of my divine Self.

I AM the divine image of God, now manifesting that perfection in my being and world and for all the children of God, every one, everywhere, in His supreme name, forever.

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The Homes and Retreats of The Masters of Wisdom
KUTHUMI'S CATHEDRAL OF NATURE IN KASHMIR
August 15th to September 15th, 1953

Within the heart of the gently rolling hills of Kashmir, in northern India, the great Lord Maitreya and his pupil, Kuthumi, draw around themselves those chelas and students particularly interested in becoming teachers of men. Here, under the vaulted dome of heaven, the Masters of the Golden Robe open their hearts to the pupils who have responded to the magnetic pull of love divine, and who choose to fan the fire of their own hearts' light in the presence of the Great Ones, whose particular office and service to life is to prepare the consciousness of dedicated lifestreams to carry the word of God—his nature and his purpose—to the children of earth!

Whether under the light of the sun, or the gentle radiance of the moon, the chosen vales of Kashmir, with their carpets of emerald green, studded with the beautiful flowers of the East, the blue waters of her lakes, the sweetness of the bird song, lend themselves to the sweetness that is the embodied nature of the Lord Maitreya and his beloved Kuthumi, as they intensify the feeling and substance of the nature of the Cosmic Christ and convey that nature to the aspirants, who drink in their every word, in reverence and in gratitude.

Throughout the twenty-four-hour cycle, Brothers of the Golden Robe, authorized by Lord Maitreya, are in attendance, and from all over the world there come, in their inner bodies, those lifestreams interested in education, in any phase of teaching—secular or religious—and in the wisdom of the Brothers, each such aspirant is placed in a group where his own particular interest is being discussed and developed by one of the Illumined Ones, who has ascended the ladder of evolution upon the

same ray as the pupil who becomes his charge.

There are circles of yellow-robed figures seated around holy men of Eastern evolution, others listening to the seers and poets and saints of every race and clime. Advanced chelas, as well as Masters, offer to assist in developing the consciousness of those who have applied to the Throne of God for illumination of their outer consciousness regarding the divine will, as expressed through the Second Ray.

Mankind, when they place the physical bodies to sleep, are always drawn toward the central focus which has formed the vibration of their waking consciousness through the day. Thus, it is not difficult to understand how the souls of men are magnetized by these spiritual centers, when the heart and mind and feelings desire so earnestly to find truth and understanding, even while the outer self is pursuing the seemingly mundane tasks of “making a living.” Although these teachers of angels and men pursue this spiritual course all through the year, the intensification of the magnetic power of the Cosmic Christ will make it possible for so many more to visit these councils, as the attention of the Brotherhood and mankind are all drawn toward the hills and vales of Kashmir and toward their illustrious guardians, during the 30-day period when the Master Kuthumi becomes host to the world.

With the return of the great Lord Buddha, guru of Lord Maitreya, who is also a Brother of the Golden Robe, the intensification of the illuminating presence, through all who tune into these great councils, will be a blessing beyond words to describe.

Once, in each twelve-hour-period, Lord Buddha, himself, Lord Maitreya, or Kuthumi will deliver a discourse. At this time, all the smaller circles, with their gurus, disband as individual units and join together at the feet of the Holy Ones, to receive of their love, their light and their blessing.

May the love of Lord Buddha, the wisdom of Lord Maitreya, and the gentleness of Kuthumi enter the hearts, minds and consciousness of the shepherds of the race, the teachers of men, and the souls of our gentle readers, and there abide, until each one faces his own divine teacher—the Christ Self—which is within his heartbeat, learns to recognize its voice, follow its promptings and become itself in action, both here and for eternity.

LORD GAUTAMA SPEAKS ON HIS FORMER EMBODIMENT

June 14, 1953

Oh, beloved lotus flowers, resting on the bosom of the eternal God, I bow before the fragrance of your opening petals, in gratitude for the opportunity afforded me to bring to you my love!

How long have I loved life, and now you, I am told, by those who govern the evolution of this planet, have signified before the host of heaven, that you are lovers of life also. How happy I am to find so many who have signified a love of life.

It is so long since I have spoken with people still wearing garments of flesh, that I can but convey to you, through feeling, my love for you. To love life is a beautiful gift, for it opens to you the gates to immortality. I remember, as though it were yesterday, my early life in that final incarnation in India, when through the kindness of my father, I was protected from the experiences by which I might comprehend the degradation and unhappiness in which life, through my brothers and sisters, was forced to function, and I lived in a false, or artificial Garden of Eden, with my beautiful bride and my young son. I knew, within myself, from the days when I had come from the homeland, what the real and eternal Garden of Eden was like and so it was perfectly natural for me to feel it externalized in the beauty of the palace and the courtyards, and I never saw a sick man, or a diseased body. I achieved my physical maturity without seeing an eye that shed a tear or knowing that there was the sordid exodus from the earth life, which has been called death, and I was happy, indeed, inside my "cocoon." But one day life opened the door and I was "privileged" yes, I say that word advisedly, I was privileged to look upon the conditions that have been created by the misuse of life.

You do not think that was an initiation? Coming suddenly and instantly—not through the course of my growing years, but seeing death in all its sordidness, and sickness and disease, and things which we will not describe, because your lovely Western world has them hidden behind closed doors, but in my land they are the written evidence of karma, and all who run may read.

Then it was that I began to realize my love for that life, and I pursued that love of life through every realm and every sphere, until I attained what has been kindly called "illumination" and I was the first of the teachers, after the veil of maya had shut out the physical sight of the Presence and the Masters from the average man, to enter, consciously, into these higher realms, and through the assistance of Ananda, and later, one of the Kumaras, themselves, place, in worded form, something of what I had seen and knew as truth, and it was in this measure that I

became “the teacher of teachers” and so remain to the present day.

I would like to take you on a journey this morning, inward, away from this world of form, until you stand in the presence of that stream of electronic light, which lives within that holy sanctuary in your heart.

I want you to feel its refreshing, raising, peace-giving, purifying power as you enter into the Holy of Holies, and know that life unqualified by human consciousness. The psalmist has called it “the Secret Place of the Most High.” You have referred to it as “the Unfed Flame” but it is a STATE OF PERFECT PEACE, the center of your own being, from whence comes the vital essence by which your body moves, the power by which your brain functions, the peace that passeth the understanding of the mind, and the love that is eternal and abiding.

It has been my message for twenty five hundred years, and it shall be my message for so long as the sun of light chooses to sustain my individualization—that every man must find this inner sanctuary, and, finding it, abide therein, and then, alone, he is COMPLETE and at peace.

You have heard of the great sacrifice which I performed, to which Mr. Leadbeater and the beloved Edwin Arnold and other individuals have referred. I would like to speak, too, of that for a moment, in order that you may understand, as you become teachers of teachers, and wayshowers of men and women and children, in such vast numbers that I would hesitate to even mention it, lest again we have a tension through your very sincerity of the outer self.

When I stood in the court of Sanat Kumara and offered to take upon myself the necessary disciplines to become the embodiment of love for a planet, the angelic host, the devic and the elemental kingdom, I realized that I would have to make sacred, through this flame in my heart, all of the energies that I had used in all the incarnations I had known. And when you once understand that, it becomes a joy, because you become centered in this Fire of Purification and all the energy that is returning to you through the experiences of the day you sanctify by welcoming it, transmuting it, and returning it to your Causal Body, so that it may go out no more. You do not think that was strenuous—when I chose to so sanctify the energies which were the resulting effects of previous causes sent out to the periphery of my world in ONE incarnation, when it has normally taken hundreds of thousands of centuries. Some of you have felt the recoil of this energy, and you have resented it and battled over it, and you have become depressed over it, and wept over it, when there is no need—it is an opportunity to sanctify the energy of your life in preparation for the days that are yet ahead.

Oh, that wonderful Law of the Circle—the outgoing energy passing

through the secret flame of which I spoke, taking on the quality of your various bodies through the centuries that have been, and now, by the magnetic pull of your own Higher Mental Body, being called home—not to lash, or punish, or discourage you, but because through the doors of your own heart that energy might find freedom. From your heart it came, and through your heart let it pass back into the great eternal.

Blessed souls of light, you have lived millions of years. If I could part the veil this morning and let you see that electronic light flowing downward into your heart, contacting every person within this room, and flooding the city, you would have some concept of the energies that you have unconsciously passed from your body while you are at rest and at peace, not to mind when you qualify those energies with a positive and dynamic feeling.

You have now learned not to invoke those energies to injure life. You have learned how to become harmless. But those previously-qualified energies must yet return home. It is the law of your life, and here is a comforting thought—you can stop it in a moment. You do not have to make the great sacrifice as I did, if you do not choose to do so.

You stood before the Lord of the World and said, “I shall sanctify the circle of my life, through love.” May I refer for a moment to your beautiful Violet Consuming Flame. In the East we have called it the Flame of Compassion and Mercy. It is of such tremendous assistance in this redemption of energy.

I wonder if it has been pointed out to you the approach of the soul required, before the flame is set into action! It is a flame by which you intend to purify your own miscreations and it is joyously and vigorously employed, but first set your own house in order. Forgive and balance your energies toward life before you use it. My son has said, “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

Great numbers have gathered together, and in the power of that flame have asked for release, but how many have first entered into the Secret Heart Chamber and forgiven ALL of life—that is the efficacy in its use for you, my dear and sweet and earnest, lovely flowers in God's kingdom. I shall be done unto you according as you do unto others, and this Violet Consuming Flame has not been manifested in its full efficacy by any of my beloved Saint Germain's children, because the lifestream has not taken time to become the Mercy Flame first in feeling and in thought.

You see, the Law, my precious hearts, is so impersonal, and yet so practical—what you wish for others you must GIVE FIRST, and you shall receive it. You are desirous of knowing freedom, and precious hearts,

that have suffered bodily distress and mental confusion, if they could but FORGIVE LIFE, then through the use of this flame, they could be free in less than an hour!

I thank you for your thought of me. I thank you for your extreme patience. I thank you for your light, because it is your light that made it possible for me to come. Oh, you are so lovely when you are seen with the inner sight, and if I were to ask of the Karmic Board one boon, it would be that you might see each other once, and know the sincerity in the desire for service.

When I wore a flesh body, I had found that peace sufficiently so that those who entered my aura experienced, for a moment, a fleeting glimpse of Nirvana. When I forfeited that flesh body, I forfeited with it the power to so carry that radiation, but I am going to ask now that it be returned, and say with my son, "Oh children, love you one another!"

Love life, trying to serve in whatever capacity you can. Enter into your action of the Sacred Fire first, sanctifying yourself before your Lord, cleansing your heart and your hands of seeming injustices, and then see the FULLNESS of its release.

Good morning!

KUTHUMI, ON HIS EMBODIMENT AS ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Today, being dedicated to the commemoration of Francis of Assisi, the minds, hearts and consciousness of many of mankind dwell with kindness, with reverence and will perhaps, a little awe, upon that phase of my life expression.

Because this mass consciousness is directed toward the experiences of Francis, it stirs the etheric and akashic records within my own consciousness and brings to the for again, the sweetness and beauty that I was privileged to feel through touching the hem of the Christ Consciousness.

In Assisi, I belonged to a class called, by the mind of the senses, "the nobility," which title, however, was shallow and empty of the inner meaning. I well remember, during those gay and carefree days of my youth, how there pressed upon me, from time to time, a passing breath, that contained an illusive scent and feeling of another realm, to which, somehow, I felt that I had once belonged. As this experience intensified, the "richness" of my daily life palled upon my senses and an unrest rose within me, that sent me often and more often into the beautiful country-

side, where my soul seemed to experience a temporary peace and this yearning and searching fire within me was, for the time being, assuaged.

I can remember yet, lying on the green grass by the side of a small but very clear stream and hearing the rustle of the wind in the trees above my head, while my soul, yet bound to the body, hovered on the brink of eternity—reaching, reaching, reaching toward an indescribable and unexplainable SOMETHING of which I knew not, but which my soul, in itself, sought, knowing no restraint of reason.

Those months and years, when the body and the soul were at odds, were strange and restless ones, for, when the body sought its pleasures, the soul was distressed, and when the soul would burst its bonds of flesh, intent upon an individual search which reason could not understand, the body, like a sulky child, restrained its pinioned wings and deliberately set obstacles before its groping, upward reaching. There was no peace within me, and, according to my family and friends, there was no peace around me, nor in my company, for I was torn between allegiance to both these factors, that seemed determined, in themselves, to secure supremacy over my going out and my coming in.

This day I speak of, when the sky was blue and the wind was not aggressive, but gliding through the trees in playtime fashion, the soul within me (which always received the greatest impetus in the cathedral of nature), was in the ascendancy and my outer self, like a good-natured baron, contemptuously allowed it a few hours of freedom. All at once, during her faltering, stumbling flight, searching, seeking, reaching, there came a great light and within that light was the perfume—the fullness of all that my soul had sought.

Within it, also, stood a beautiful being, whose outline became clearer as the trembling of my heart was stilled and then I saw the most beautiful face that ever God created. Then, I somehow knew that in that majestic Presence I saw myself as I was meant to be and the words spoken so many centuries before swept through my memory, “This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased,” and I also realized that this shining vision set before mine eyes was the Father’s example of what all men should become.

The great Master Jesus (for such he was) did not speak, but yet the love that poured from his presence filled me with a courage, a strength and a feeling that, from the shapeless mass which I yet expressed, there could be fashioned such a being as he. I felt the presence of the Father and I knew that in Jesus, the Father had given us a glorious manifestation of himself, hoping that it would bring to our remembrance the glory we had with Him, in the beginning.

The vision vanished and I felt that I was no longer alone, but that I had a purpose and a memory that became the impulse of my life. No longer was there a question, but that all my being must now be bent toward becoming the son. I knew that not only the Father, but also the beloved Jesus filled my spirit from that hour henceforth, and all the miracles that have been accredited to "Francis," are but the blessing of the Holy Trinity, which, through me, endeavored to bring to mankind's attention, again, the example of the beloved son in whom the Father was well pleased.

Perhaps this simple, homely talk may give you, my friends, a little courage or comfort, and, perhaps, in a major sense—"purpose."

May I again offer you the blessing that has become associated with my name!

May the Lord bless thee and keep thee.

May he show his face to thee and have mercy on thee.

May he turn his countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

May the Lord bless thee. Amen.

THE CHRIST-SELF – OUR INNER GUIDE

By V. F. Angelday

"Ignorance of the Law is no excuse!" Many a person has heard those words, to their great dismay, hoping against hope that their feeble excuse, "I didn't know it was wrong" would help them when something unworthy of their better self caught up with them. This sounds rather drastic. Why is it so? Because, the great God of love, who made us all, provided for all his creations a "monitor," a "prompter," a FEELING of warning from within itself, that never fails to give the warning, by an uncomfortable feeling or a "still small voice."

Unfortunately, neither of these merciful gifts from the Father of Light is often heeded. How many times, when we find ourselves in distress because of a certain course of action, have we said, "I HAD A FEELING not to do that," but we did as we pleased anyway, or as someone else pleased, when we allowed them to direct the energy of OUR LIFE their way!

From the heart and mind of God-perfection were we created and sent forth into the universe to create and expand PERFECTION. That perfect pattern of the perfection we were individually to create, came with each one and is held within the Unfed Flame, the flame of life, within the

heart. This flame is the “all-knowing mind of God” and is present and active even in the most undeveloped, culturally, of mankind on this planet.

For instance, the aborigine, the pygmy in the darkest part of Africa, is warned of danger, given a “hunch” as to where to find food, what to do in an emergency and, many times, because of the simplicity of their consciousness, they automatically cooperate with those feelings and have the blessing intended for them. The more “civilized” man so often relies upon his REASON for his guide, and scorns what he calls the “superstition” of those inner feelings.

This “monitor,” this “guide” we speak of is, in reality, the Christ Self of the individual, which the beloved Jesus called “the mediator between God and man.” This Christ Self KNOWS the perfection of the Creator and acts as a step-down transformer for the great power and perfection of that God-self, so that we are never given more to handle than we can bear. It also knows the imperfections of the human self, but realizing no imperfection can ever be eternal, gives those appearances no power and does not energize them by his attention.

THE MASTERS OF WISDOM SPEAK

MAHA CHOCHAN

From out the centuries of darkness, the planet Earth and her people are now standing upon the threshold of a light that shall never again be extinguished, but shall become the cosmic, eternal day, in which the fullest manifestation of perfection for the planet, its humanity, and the planetary chain will be made abundantly evident.

If people could understand the importance of guarding, protecting and purifying their consciousness and the still greater activity of offering that consciousness, without reservation, to the great, almighty Host of Heaven, they would find that, like the sunbeam reflected through a crystal, it becomes even more beautiful in its outpouring. Such a consciousness, gathering the Cosmic Christ into itself, becomes a radiating center through which that Christ Consciousness may flow in ever-intensifying power until the very aura of the individual would automatically heal, illumine, purify and raise all energy that touched such an one's sphere of influence (the hem of his spiritual garment).

EL MORYA

Individuals who understand the Law of Life, even in a very sketchy manner, but who will not apply their knowledge to the best of their individual capacity, will not have the full blessing and assistance of the Ascended Masters and the Cosmic Light in this hour of world crisis.

Mankind might be likened to people caught in a “mass drowning” and even the Cosmic Beings and all who are serving in His name are taxed, to their utmost, in saving and redeeming all. Those who know the rudiments of “swimming” are left to help themselves and others, and the ignorant are given a little more assistance. If those who KNOW how to help themselves do not choose to utilize their knowledge, their bitter and sad experiences will soon press them to a point where they will either “sink or swim.”

If, however, they endeavor to apply that portion of the Law—no matter how imperfectly they may have grasped its meaning—assistance without limit will be forthcoming to illumine them further and to intensify the protection, the supply, the health, they call forth according to their understanding.

KUTHUMI

I tell my chelas to cover all mistakes and imperfections that they might discern in others under the golden glimmering cloak of merciful silence. Wrap its shimmering folds around all such mistakes and, by its magic properties, the Law of Forgiveness will melt them away into nothingness. When you start your day, place its soft and peaceful folds around your shoulders and enter into the adoration of God, clothed in the cloak of the Great Silence.

When, in your service to life, good is accomplished, let the soft cloak of the Silence modestly enfold that service, that it may grow without outer acknowledgment. When you achieve illumination, understanding and mastery, wear the cloak of the Silence and your achievement will shine through your aura to help others. All cosmic unfoldment, all evolution, all of nature's manifestations take place under the cloak of the Silence.

PAUL THE VENETIAN

May I explain to you that the mind of the God-parents of this race are continuously externalizing ideas for the benefit and progress of every sphere and the planet Earth itself, as well as its people, but it requires the assistance of the beloved Maha Chohan to get these ideas coalesced into form and energized by the breath of the Holy Spirit. Then it becomes my humble service to direct those ideas into some receptive consciousness, living and functioning in the sphere to be blessed by the development of that idea into a workable, manifest form. This, perhaps, seems simple to you, but if you could look with the inner sight upon the creations that form the conscious thinking and feeling selves of well over nine-tenths of the human race, you would see that it is almost impossible to even direct an idea from the mind of God into this seething and moving mass, let alone hold that idea with sufficient clarity for the outer mind to set into action the necessary activities requisite to the development and manifestation of that idea for the blessing of the race.

SERAPIS BEY

Music is, in itself, an effect resulting from the stirring of the universal light substance into motion through the creative powers of thought, feeling, action or the spoken word. And yet, although it is an effect, resulting from the vibration of energy waves, it can also be used mightily as a cause to manifest healing when it is properly understood, directed and interpreted.

Music is synonymous with activity in the realm of God's perfection, for every thought and feeling of the Godhead creates a glorious sound and emits a beautiful color, clothed in an exquisite form. Creation takes place to the accompaniment of such beautiful music as would make the heart of man stand still. The rhythmic motion of the planets around the sun contributes to the cosmic symphony and the forward motion of the galaxy is a processional of such magnificent splendor, that words could not attempt to describe its inspiring, uplifting, energizing power. The day will come when the individual, too, rather than adding to the dissonance of earth's broken rhythm, will contribute to the music of the spheres and to the anthem of creation, through the harmonious control of the energies through his own mental, emotional, etheric and physical bodies.

HILARION

Every thought and every feeling—every virtue and every vice—contributes to a “mass consciousness” of that particular quality and into this stratum are constantly pouring the qualified energies of all the intelligences belonging to each evolution. In like manner, each individual tunes into and draws from the “mass consciousness” of the particular thought and feeling he chooses to entertain and intensify through his own mental and emotional bodies. There is also a stratum of the Ascended Master qualities and virtues. Love is but one expression of the many divine aspects of this divine consciousness. When an individual is loving, he instantly tunes into the love stratum and becomes one in consciousness with all who love, throughout the universe. Wisdom is another, and when an individual seeks wisdom, he is instantly tuned into the vibratory waves of wisdom, which is being fed by the mind of God, and being tapped into by all scholars of the world.

It is also true of the discordant qualities, and one cannot entertain an individual thought of jealousy, suspicion, hatred or anger without becoming instantly one with the mass stratum of these qualities, as well as with individuals who are vibrating with those destructive thought and feeling currents throughout the planet. Like attracts like, everywhere throughout the universe. The individual is constantly, through free will, rising and falling through these various stratums as the emotions and thoughts fluctuate.

JESUS

I often think back on the cosmic moment, when the great Lord of the World flashed before our eyes the “plan for the Christian Cycle” and we, filled with the enthusiasm and fire that burns so freely in that realm, where the heavy bonds of flesh do not close in the Flame of Immortality, stepped through into incarnation to bring that vision to fulfillment. You, now, stand, as we did then, able to grasp the vision of a free planet and a free people. The Christian Cycle has closed with a great store of beautifully-qualified energies released through millions of lifestreams, who, embodiment after embodiment, invested their life essence in song, ritual and prayer, to form the glory of the Sixth Realm and an actual ladder by which many lifestreams attained their freedom and victory and liberation from the wheel of birth and death.

SAINT GERMAIN

The natural activity of light is to rise. Those who serve in lowering the blessings and powers of the higher octaves must learn to “embody” energy, condense and direct it through the conscious control of those centers which form the magnetic, moulding and directing power of that energy. The natural agents for drawing, embodying and radiating the divine virtues of God are the angelic host and those devas and elementals who have become builders of form and guardian spirits of religions, races, and movements of every good and constructive kind. These intelligences “step down” the radiation of God's light, softening the glory of the Central Sun (even as the physical sun tempers the light of the Central Sun for the blessing of the earth's evolution). It is my endeavor, now, to teach mankind how to become such conscious foci for the reception and distribution of the spiritual blessings from our octave. This is the purpose of ceremonial on my ray.

THE PRESENCE OF GOD IS WAITING

By Kuthumi

The presence of God is waiting—waiting for the opportunity to serve through you and through me. The beautiful, loving, all-powerful Father of life stands in a constant attitude of listening, that, where he is called he may answer in an onrush of his mighty presence, through the instruments created and prepared by his love, as the chalice of his being.

Beloved children of the Father, could your eyes but see the imminence of that holy Presence, when your innocent forms rise from their beds and place their feet upon the pathway of the day, you would understand the rudeness of the outer self in keeping that Presence waiting, and, in the press of unimportant things, sometimes a day, a week or a lifetime passes and the presence of God is still waiting for the opportunity to fill your cup with grace, with peace, with healing.

Early in my own earthly experience, I learned of that mighty Presence hovering over my insignificant outer self with the love of the Holy Mother for her blessed son, and I realized that the tender care of Mary for the infant Jesus was but a limited expression of the Father's love for me and for all the brothers and sisters scurrying, like ants, upon their self-created paths of misery and woe. Thus, I enjoyed the bliss of raising up my soul, my heart, my being, to that everpresent embodied love—the presence of God—who was waiting, waiting my thought, my call, my silent invocation, that his greater wisdom might direct the imprint of my sandals, and so it was that I became a “brother of peace.”

One day, as the presence of God filled my cup with the healing power of his grace, to alleviate the wounds of mankind's hate, my joy at this privilege was so great, that my heart nearly burst its bounds, as I hastened on winged feet to carry the cup to those who thirsted and thus, every morning became a new joy, for the presence of God had always some exquisite, particular gift for the children of men, and I, most humble and unworthy among them, with soiled hands and shadowed soul, could carry that cup to my brothers. My life became an ecstasy, and withal, a great peace descended upon me, because my exaltation was bathed in the fragrance of love and its emanation was a happiness that comes from being God's messenger.

In the tales that are told, they have gathered a glory around the name of "Francis." You will find, repeatedly, that the presence of peace was a more powerful force than arms or rancor or might or right, because the presence of God, ever waiting, desires, above all things, to establish peace in the sons of men—in their troubled hearts, in their ruffled minds, in their tortured bodies, and so, where want of peace was prevalent, I knew that the presence of God was waiting with hands outstretched, to pour peace, if so invited. I knew when I came to the bedside of the sick, into the presence of the "possessed," that—long before I had come—the presence of God in the afflicted one and myself was waiting, hovering over the supplicant, as the Christ-Mother over her child, and I merely acknowledged that presence and from IT flowed the answer to the particular need of the moment.

And so, my children, proceeding through the veil of human experience, remember—when your feet step upon the ground each morning—that presence of God is waiting to fill your day with the fullness of himself, if you choose to invite him! Remember, when there are those in distress, privation or limitation, that the presence of God is waiting and will release the answer to the particular requirement, if you choose to accept that presence and invoke his aid.

Today, as you read these lines, the presence of God is waiting to bless you, each one, with the fullness of the "peace that passeth all understanding," and I INVOKE that presence to fill you now with that peace.

FAITH

By D. T. Marches

It was Paul who said, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen." Faith is a quality to be cultivated. For the past two thousand years, people have rode into health, supply harmony, peace, etc., on Jesus' faith, but if we are to gain our own mastery over adverse circumstances and conditions, we must begin to draw forth our own quality of faith, through practice. It has often been said, by advanced students on the path, that the people of the outer world thinking seem to be more content and have more of this world's goods than do students on the path, and also seem to get more "answers" to their "prayers." This is because a certain percentage of all the God-qualities are indiscriminately and impersonally bestowed upon life, in general, by the representatives of these virtues and any lifestream exercising the quality of faith can draw that good toward them, for life is no respecter of persons.

The student on the path, however, comes under another phase of the great Law. By his action in voluntarily stepping out from the mass-consciousness, he is expected now to consciously draw forth the quality of faith. He is under the direct tutelage, now, of a member of the Great White Brotherhood and apparently, without his own seeking, is placed in a condition where it is essential that he exercise this quality of faith if he is to succeed in whatever project he is engaged. To some, this would seem like rough treatment, but anything worthwhile was never gained except through individual endeavor.

Jesus said, "Of my own self I can do nothing. The Father within me, he doeth the works." Men must know that they and the Father are one in Christ. Man must learn to identify himself with that inner self. The outer intelligence simply conveys, through the medium of thought and feeling, his desires to the waiting and listening Christ Self, and, through an action of the great Cosmic Law, the Christ Self draws the required conditions and circumstances toward him and makes them manifest in his world.

The man on the path must learn that the only way to the Father is through the indwelling Christ. I AM the open door to the Father's kingdom. Cultivate the acquaintance and enjoy the companionship of your own beautiful Christ identity and draw the gifts of God through that "open door," just as the beings of nature draw the fruit and the flowers that bless mankind, through the same open door, from the unseen realm of God. Conscious cooperation with, and complete faith in the power of your own Higher Self, is mastery. Jesus' power lay in his faith in his own Christ Self. He said, "The works that I do, ye shall do also."

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL, DEFENDER OF THE FAITH

June 19, 1953

When the veil of maya first began to unfold from the consciousness of the mankind of earth, it was like a wisp of smoke, soon dissipated by the strong currents of faith and hope—and only to those of us who know the power of “contagion” did it presage a future menace to the souls of men evolving upon the earth. It has been no easy thing to witness that everincreasing “fog” that finally shut away the visible presence of the Heavenly Host and the music of the spheres, leaving the outer consciousness of mankind groping in the darkness of confusions that result from the thoughts and feelings of the mass of mankind.

It was when this first contamination of the innocents began, that I offered to become the protector of the soul light in the hearts of men—defender of the faith that keeps the spirit moving onward, despite the appearances that seem to prevail. Century after century have I woven the energies of my life into fanning the fires of hope in the breasts of mankind, cutting away the weaknesses of the other self, and BELIEVING with all the energy and momentum of my being, in the goodness inherent in EVERY MAN. In the full freedom which I enjoy, I am enabled to watch the soul light within the heart of this entire evolution, as well as within the angelic, devic and elemental kingdoms and—wherever the light dims, the shadows encroach upon the happiness of the heart—there I AM! INSTANTLY!

Without vision, the people perish, but I say also, without faith they cannot survive to the eternal day when the cosmic angel of the new dawn draws back the remaining folds of the curtain of maya and all men see the kingdom as it exists now—as it always was, and as it ever shall be, only increasing in perfection with every pulsebeat. I AM your FAITH!

Archangel Michael

INVOCATION TO ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

Beloved Archangel Michael, Prince of the Heavenly Host, and Defender of the Faith! In the name and by the power of the presence of God I AM in YOU and in the hearts of all mankind!

FAN the fires of faith in my heart and the hearts of all mankind everywhere! Where the experiences of life, in the physical appearance world, or in the astral realms, have caused that faith to burn low—let thy majestic presence stand constantly by the side of each one requiring thy

assistance! Rekindle the hope and confidence of men in the power of God and the supremacy of his love over all human appearances and all seeming opposition to the manifestation of HIS will through all the kingdoms evolving in and upon our earth today!

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! us all with thy fully-gathered cosmic momentum of FAITH in the ALL-power of the light that beats our hearts! So be it!

THE WESAK FESTIVAL

by Lord Maitreya

May 28, 1953

Oh, my heart's love, my sweet people! I know what you SHOULD be, I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE! I know the desire for comfort that is within you, and every opportunity at inner levels that I receive, I hold you in my embrace, charging you with that confidence in your ABILITY to manifest that Christ Self in action.

Tonight, as the great Lord Buddha, in his own Ascended Light Body, is seated before the lotus throne, emanating a love that would melt a stone, the pilgrims are filing before him and he places his hand upon each one's head, and in that great impersonal loving benediction, gives them a TOUCH OF THE FEELING that is heaven, and they will NEVER forget it. You see, Lord Buddha has arisen to a consciousness which none of us have YET attained, and you know the phrase in the orthodox world, "He comes, trailing clouds of glory." It is a truth, that subtle sweet essence, that sweet anointing, that beautiful elixir of God's own breath that is felt as it is breathed from his body and clings to him and at the touch of his hand at the prostration of the pilgrims before him in his aura, for an instant remembrance of the Father, fills the soul with peace, and with a thirst to drink again and feel, again, that happiness.

DAILY CONTEMPLATION AND DECREES

"Ye shall know the TRUTH and the TRUTH shall set you FREE!" — Jesus. "What is TRUTH?" asked Pilate 2,000 years ago, and it is a pertinent question, even today, in the confusion of the world and all upon it. Truth is PERFECTION and that which is not perfect is NOT TRUE! So says our beloved Pallas Athena, the Twin Flame of the beloved Maha Chohan, and she ought to know, since she is the embodiment of that virtue—the Goddess of Truth to this world!

If we really want to be free, we will listen to ONE VOICE—the inner

voice of our own being, within our own hearts, and that will always give us peace. One must TAKE TIME to ask and to listen for the answer, for every call is answered. There is more to prayer than just asking. There is the “getting still” and waiting, expecting to receive the answer, otherwise the whole activity is not completed. It is like a one-sided telephone conversation—very unsatisfactory.

“My life is God! My life is truth! My life is FREE! I AM my life, therefore I AM NOW and FOREVER God free!

“Wherever I Am, my very presence in the universe is a constant outpouring and release of God-life and light, God truth and God freedom to all I contact every day, in every way.

THIS IS TRUTH! Prove it to yourself. Make it your own in daily living and you will be FREE FOREVER!

THE HEALING CHALICE

Beloved children of the one breath, inbreathing the divine essence of God Being, know thou that within my breath abides the fullness of thy God-perfection. Pulsating within thy mortal forms, the breath of my being imparts its life, intelligence and power for the use of each individual self as it functions in the world of form. I AM that breath. Within it is my perfection for thee. Breath is the divine fuel empowering the motor of thy beings. Within it are the powers of which thou has not yet even dreamed. Man uses this divine essence of my self and with abandon wastes its priceless energies in the dissipations of the flesh.

Children of my heart! Children of my breath! Be thou still and know ME. Breathe into thyself, the flame breath of the Father-Mother God. Love the breath, for within it abides the fullness of all thy hearts' desires. Bless each breath, as it gently enlivens thy mortal forms with its vitalizing presence within thine own separate worlds. Absorb the fiery essence of the breath, recharging all the substance of thy beings with God-life. Renew thyself with each new breath, oh children of my heart. I AM THE WILL OF GOD within thy breath.

I AM THE LOVE OF GOD within thy breath. I AM the cohesive essence of that will and that love. I AM the flaming breath of thine own God-selves. If thou dost will it so, it can set thee free. Permit my breath to stimulate into renewed action the dulled senses which abide within thine own potentialities. Fan the Flame of Freedom which my breath is, until every electron within thy being becomes a star of light. Disease, unhappiness, fear, pain, distress and all the limitations of the flesh are outcasts

in the flaming breath of my being. Either thou must breathe the air of earth, polluted by the wayward desires of other men, or, raising thine own heartbeats unto me, accept the holy breath of me, thy God who made thee, and walk the earth in Freedom's Flame. I AM THY BREATH! I AM THY FREEDOM NOW!

From deep within the Secret Place within thee, breathing deeply of the divine essence of the God-presence which is my Self, feel the expansion of that flaming breath within thee. Let the burden of thy limitations and distress be transformed into the happiness and beauty and perfection, with which it was at first endowed.

I AM inbreathing the fiery breath of God's Perfection.

I AM absorbing the fiery breath of God's Perfection.

I AM expanding the fiery breath of God's Perfection.

I AM now become the fiery breath and flame of God's perfection, and within that healing, freeing flame, I shall abide forever.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Considering we are little more than one year old, the growth and expansion of "The Bridge" has been one of the most phenomenal activities of the Ascended Host among unascended mankind of this earth, in a long time. Because of this, six issues of the first printing of the 1952 volume are completely out of print. We are endeavoring to reprint, but this, too, has been delayed, due to circumstances apparently beyond our present control, among them being political disturbances in Cuba, where the first volume was printed. As soon as is possible, we shall get these back numbers to you. Please forgive us and thank you for your wonderful patience and loving cooperation at all times. Our deepest love and gratitude to you, our gentle reader.

It is our great joy to announce that this issue (August 1953) is an ANNIVERSARY ISSUE, for it is just one year ago that we enlarged our “infant” Journal by four pages. We have endeavored to do the same this year, for you will notice “The Bridge” has twenty pages this time, instead of the usual sixteen.

We have a very great deal of material which, incidentally, has never been released or published by any unascended being in this world ever before, and we would like to give it to you as fast as we can get it printed. If you would like to have us continue permanently with the twenty pages in each monthly issue, you can make it possible by securing one more subscription at once to the Journal. If every one of our gentle readers would do this, it would immediately double our subscription list and make many delightful things possible for you. Your response will determine our future course in this regard. Thank you so much.

The Manager

I AM the flaming essence of the great God Presence, ever blazing with full power within my heart.

I AM the flaming essence of God's love in God's name, which is the liberating flame of life and by which my freedom comes.

I AM the light of God before which disease, sickness, and death shall dissolve as shadows before the light of the divine Sun of my own being.

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The Homes and Retreats of The Masters of Wisdom
HOME OF PAUL, THE VENETIAN – CHATEAU DE LIBERTE
September 15th to October 14th, 1953

In southern France, on the banks of the Rhone River, that flows serenely through the green hills and valleys of the rich countryside, stands the Chateau de Liberte, which is presently the home of the Master Paul, the Venetian, Chohan of the Third Ray and lieutenant to the Lord Maha Chohan.

The natural beauty of the profusely-flowered countryside emphasizes the grace of the buildings, framed in the loveliest of nature's settings. The musical play of the water rising from the marble fountains mingles with the song of the birds and the warm sun unfolds the petals of the water lilies, lighting up the multi-colored plumage of the many birds who find safe sanctuary in the peaceful environment of this beautiful home of the Master of Wisdom.

Through the open windows drifts the music from organ, cello, harp and piano, blending with the song of nature, as these instruments are given voice through the talents of the brothers and sisters who are the devotees of beauty, as well as guardians of the Flame of Liberty, which as been established and sustained in this location since before the sinking of Atlantis.

Graceful marble columns, garlanded with blooming roses, encircle the formal gardens, and the most exquisite statuary, representing the height of the culture of every age, depicts the many God lessons to be learned by the wise, as well as immortalizing the life expression of the great men and women of civilizations that had risen to great heights, only to be again swallowed up in the veil of maya, leaving but some treasure of art, or legend, as witness to their passing glory.

Entering the beautiful spacious hall, a beautiful painting faces us, representing the Holy Trinity—a magnificent being depicting the Father, a lovely white dove with a wingspread of almost nine feet representing the Holy Spirit, and a glorious likeness of the Master Jesus representing the Son.

The radiation from this picture is so tremendous that it envelops the entire entrance hall and holds the visitor spellbound in its presence. This painting was begun by Paul Veronese and was completed by him after his ascension—therefore, it has the unique distinction of carrying the vibratory action of both realms of activity in which he is so vitally interested.

As we become accustomed to the radiation that emanates from the picture and are enabled to observe the splendor and magnificence of the grand marble staircase, the beautiful cherubic and seraphic figures that decorate the spacious hall and the richly-patterned mosaic figures on the floor, we are conscious of a throbbing beneath our feet, reminding us of a strong, definite, vitalizing pulsebeat. This, we are told, is the rhythm of the Flame of Liberty, which has been guarded, protected and sustained by many guardians, since it was first focused at this location by those who left Atlantis, carrying its sacred essence, that love of liberty might be sustained in the hearts of men for generations yet unborn.

The focus of the Flame of Liberty, established at this point so many long ages ago, accounts for the fact that France has been identified with liberty of conscience for centuries and it was hoped, by the Great White Brotherhood, that through the impetus of that flame, the United State of Europe might be externalized through the court of France, as early as the Seventeenth Century during the reign of Louis XIV and Marie Antoinette.

Although Saint Germain endeavored, unsuccessfully, to reach the consciousness of the rulers of France up through the reign of Napoleon Bonaparte, he was enabled to draw the substance of that flame through the living hearts of those men whom he inspired to carry the love of liberty across the sea to the new land of hope for freedom, and through the souls of Lafayette, Von Steuben, Kosiusco, Pulaski, De Kalb, Rochambeau and others, a mystic transference of that momentum of liberty was anchored into the conscious heartbeat of America.

It was not by accident that the people of France were inspired to give to America the symbol of liberty, which stands in our harbor as an expression of their love and friendship—in the outer sense—and as a focus of the Liberty Flame from the inner standpoint.

The keynote of this beautiful, pulsating Liberty Flame is found within

the French national anthem, The Marseillaise, which accounts for the feeling of inspiration which runs through the hearts and souls of all who love freedom, when this song is played or sung.

As we accept the radiation of the Liberty Flame, we raise our eyes and see our beloved host standing, framed, for a moment, in the open doorway leading out into the rose garden. His beautiful presence is so breathtaking, that even the roses that form a background for his figure seem almost dull by comparison. He wears a robe of emerald green, which looks like mirror velvet, over which is thrown a beautiful cape, caught at the breast with a cord of gold fastened by a gorgeous emerald over two inches in diameter. His deep, golden hair, softly waved, contrasts beautifully with the emerald green of his garments and the delicacy of his features is emphasized by the deep celestial blue of his expressive eyes. His voice, as he bids us welcome, carries the melody of the liquid voice of the Presence that soothes and heals and blesses all life.

As the beloved Paul escorts us through his lovely home, we enjoy looking at the priceless treasures of art, the statuary, the oil paintings and the many contributions which mankind has made to the realm of beauty, which have earned the right to be protected and sustained through the centuries, by the guardians of the gifts of mankind's individual and collective genius.

Then, in the cool of the evening, under the light of the stars, we join the brothers and sisters in the lovely gardens, as the music of the spheres is released and flows out upon the perfumed night air, joining the paean of praise and gratitude that rises from our hearts as we absorb the peace that permeates this night of beauty—and individually ask that all students may become such a peace-commanding presence as our beloved Master Paul.

BELOVED GODDESS OF LIBERTY

Oh, beloved, blessed children of God, thinking of you this evening, and then watching you through this glorious service, you will excuse me if I feel the personal pride of a mother in children who have gone far, far, far into the world of form, and yet consciously, of their own free will, return now home, in mastery, in dignity, in honor, and in purity.

Magnificent is your accomplishment, individually, when from our octave, we look through the billowing clouds of maya and the human creation of century after century after century of mankind's misuse of the God-energy of life. Magnificent, indeed, is the power of light within the hearts of those who have enabled them to stand individually and collec-

tively, living according to a code of honor and purity worthy of the Ascended Masters' octave.

Little do you know the strength of your own light! Little do you realize the power of the Sacred Fire within your heartbeat, and I am come to liberate again, within you, those powers of the Sacred Fire which you knew with me in the Great Central Sun before this world and all manifest form came into being.

I was thinking of you the first time you stood before me, before mankind began the long evolution upon the sweet earth. Do you remember in your hearts that day? Some of you sweet, and wholly innocent, belonging to the evolution of earth, choosing to go forth into incarnation upon the planet to achieve mastery of energy and vibration, some of you strong, valiant spirits responding to the magnetic pull of love, choosing to leave the glory of free stars, to be the guardian powers of the innocent whose evolution is upon the earth!

All of you stood within the Temple Flame of the heart of Libra, that you might be blessed with liberty to use your life as you chose, and once in embodiment, to, become part of the great evolution of this earth. Every being who has incarnated—every being who has proffered assistance to the evolution of the earth—has had to accept the Flame of Liberty, which I am endowed to pass through the lifestream before such opportunity is given.

So I know you well, children of my heart, and my flame is woven into the essence of your own heartbeat, and it is my endeavor now to LIBERATE within your outer consciousness, the memory of those powers of instantaneous healing, of precipitation, of levitation, of divine illumination, which you once knew, and which are lying dormant within the electronic flow of your life essence, as it passes from your body.

Beloved children of God, liberty and opportunity are very similar in meaning. Those beloved people from foreign lands who come into your beautiful harbor, come with the hope of opportunity to use their life essence as they choose, to weave out of that essence success, to invest the talents of their individual beings as their own free will might prompt them, and it is so that my symbol, which stands in your harbor, and which stands for liberty to pursue that course which is dearest to your hearts, is a symbol of opportunity, as well.

You, too, stand at the threshold of great opportunity, opportunity to grasp the friendship and association of every Ascended and Cosmic Being who stands in our octave, opportunity to draw forth from the glory of your own Causal Body that tremendous momentum and power of good which is your own individual heritage, opportunity to serve your fellow-

man through the perfection of the vehicles of your own individualization!

Every man makes of his opportunity that which he, through his own free will, chooses! So when you are given liberty, remember that through that liberty, you may develop God-freedom and God-mastery, or you may choose not to draw those powers within the heart of the Presence, and although you are at full liberty to have all that heaven holds, you may remain still in bondage!

I ask, with all the power and intensity of my being, that you may feel within yourself a desire to LIBERATE the God-power within your heartbeat. As I am speaking with you, I ask that you liberate within your flesh body the whole power within your heartbeat and let it, in freedom, fill your form.

I ask you to liberate from your mental body those concepts that have bound you and have limited you from the full power of your Christhood, to reveal to you the perfection of your Presence.

The Flame of my Liberty is yours to use, dear hearts, and I am hoping that you will choose to use it to liberate those God-powers that I see active within that flaming substance, which is your individual God-flame!

In the early ages, before the human creation was woven out of the mind and feelings of mankind, we did not have what today is called a Board of Karma. There were but three of us who functioned as a Liberating Council, before whom came every lifestream incarnating, and at the end of the earth life, again before us came that same lifestream, bringing in the sheaves and a harvest of a life well lived, but there being no discord manifest through any consciousness, there was no need for judgment, no need for balance, no need for karmic retribution! It was only after the laggards from the other planets were admitted into the earth chain, and they, through the power of thought and feeling, contaminated the consciousness of the natural evolution upon the planet Earth, that the need and requirement for a Board of Karma drew forth, from the heart of the Silence, those other beloved sisters and brothers who make up the seven beings, of whom you are so cognizant this week.

Because my lifestream and my flame were given the responsibility of LIBERATING the life essence of all incarnate spirits on the earth, I have been, from the very beginning, the spokesman of the Karmic Board, but this year because of the tremendous assistance that has been given to mankind by you who are conscious of the work of the Brotherhood, you who are conscious of the great Violet Consuming Flame, and you who are conscious of our endeavors to awaken the lifestreams of those chosen to be the forerunners of the Cosmic Christ Age, the Sun, itself, chose to give to our beloved sister, Kwan Yin, the Goddess of Mercy, the place

of honor at the head of the Karmic Council. In that appointment, the earth will see such mercy, compassion, and blessing, such endowment of dispensations, as has never been known in recorded time!

I was among the first to congratulate her in this great honor, and I can tell you, with great personal happiness, that as the two hundred thousand were examined before us and all were passed with merit, it was the lifestream and momentum of the beloved sister, Kwan Yin, and our beloved Saint Germain, who, through the use of that Violet Fire of Love Divine, made it possible for the grant to be extended to include one million lifestreams.

This is a tremendous opportunity for the people of earth and you, my lovely friends of God, who have woven your life energies, day after day into those calls and decrees, with deep and sincere interest in the awakening of the two hundred thousand, are blessed without limit, for, without your calls, this accomplishment could not have manifested. It is one thing for a wholly-free being to ask for dispensations from the heart of the Eternal, and it is quite another for human beings, bound round by their own personal karma and by all the accumulation of their individual effluvia, to choose to step aside from thought of personal gain, and in the dignity and mastery of impersonal service, call for the victory of life through lifestreams with whom they are not even acquainted in this outer world.

I congratulate you, individually and collectively, for your love of the light, and I thank you, on behalf of the great Karmic Board, on behalf of all the Brotherhood, for your lovely service, and as you ponder on the consciousness of liberty, will you be willing to give it freely to all life that you contact? It is a most magnificent activity in freeing yourself from tension, from opinions, and from unhappiness! You know, yourself, how happy you are when someone says with feeling, "You are at complete liberty to do as you please." If you will, dear hearts, in working and serving one with another, trust in the wisdom of the presence of God, and in those of us who are privileged to see through the veil of your human creations into the glory of your own Causal Body—trust us to know that, if we choose through any one of you to render a service, within the life and momentum of that lifestream is a power of accomplishment, and in your feelings, give that one liberty to unfold and develop and mature that God nature which we see clearly and which can be manifest, if some among you have confidence in the God-life that beats the heart.

Have you thought of the great liberty which your own divinity has given you in the use of life, and the liberty which all the Masters of Wisdom give graciously, one to the other? If you will, my beloved children,

set your own mental and feeling worlds in order, and just give LIBERTY to life to expand, you will have the eternal gratitude of the Christ Selves of those other lifestreams who are drawn around you for a specific purpose, and who are endeavoring, oftentimes at great odds, to manifest some measure of God's divine plan.

No unascended being can know what is within the pulsating ethers of the Causal Body, or what is within the power of the lifestream down through those aeons of time, which may yet be dormant, and which, at the psychological moment, can be released to bring great assistance to great numbers!

There is no such thing as happenstance. The workings of this Law are inexorable, as well as impersonal, and as steel filings are drawn to the magnet, so are the souls of light drawn around those foci at one with them, and whom we see can render a specific service in a certain locality, for the good of all.

You are sons and daughters of liberty, you are friends of my heart, and children of my bosom, and as I look into that glorious flame of your heart and as the light unfolds those petals and expands through your form, and the life liberated within, I know that you are Master through the liberating life, which is your true being.

I thank you for giving me the liberty of entering your world tonight and I open my world and consciousness to you, and we shall, I am sure, in the future move forward in a much closer association, rendering greater service to God and our fellowman, in liberating life wherever we see it bound—oh, not only in the distortion of the physical form, but right within our midst, where tension arises.

If you will make the call in the power of the God-life within, and have faith and confidence in that God-life, you can render a service for an entire spiritual community, and I will stand by such a one, if he or she is found among you.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

By D. T. Marches

Let there be light! This was the command that went forth from the Great First Cause at the beginning of creation, and now, again, this fiat is issued to our planet and her people, by the Great Cosmic Law, if we are to hold our place in the solar system to which we belong.

Only a small minority of the mankind of earth is aware of the existence of our great friend and benefactor, Sanat Kumara, let alone his tremendous personal sacrifice in coming to our planet and offering to supply, from his own cosmic consciousness, our deficit in light, which the Cosmic Law demands of any star or planet, as a member of an evolutionary scheme. Our planet fell so far behind in its quota, that she was condemned to dissolution by Cosmic Law.

When the dread sentence was carried to our sister planets, Sanat Kumara, supreme Lord of Venus, voluntarily appeared before the Karmic Lords and offered to generate enough light from his own cosmic consciousness, to make up our deficit until enough of our humanity had awakened to their divine destiny and responsibility to the universal scheme. The Karmic Law accepted his offer of self-denial and love for our sakes, it being the law that he remain on the earth to represent its recalcitrant members, and here he has remained until the present day—a voluntary exile of love from his beautiful star and her people.

Both planets are due to undergo important initiations within the next twenty-year period and the Karmic Lords have issued a fiat to the effect that a heedless and thankless people do not any longer warrant such a sacrifice on the part of this great being of love. Therefore, the people of earth are faced with the unenviable position of finding themselves without a planetary home, if enough light is not forthcoming to satisfy the Cosmic Law within the short period of years allotted to them, when Sanat Kumara returns to Venus.

Awakening people now ask, "What is this light and how may we generate it?" God and love and life are synonymous—and light is the radiation or emanation proceeding from this central core of divine intelligence which men call God. The spirit within man is one with God. The Bible says, "Now are we the sons of God." Therefore, it behooves every man to arise from the sleep of the senses and set about the cultivation of the divine nature which is his birthright. The human nature is a false premise. It is fundamentally self-centered, even in its highest expression.

People say, "Oh, I love God." John answered this assertion long ago,

when he said, “How can you love God, whom you have not seen, when you do not love man, whom you have seen?” The same words apply to all of us today. We must remember that where there is no love, there is no light. It is not required of us to love the personality—we must raise our vision and see only the Christ within, and in doing this, we are enabled to overlook the shortcomings of the outer man. Love is the great crucible. Let us raise our planet and each other through love.

THE MASTERS OF WISDOM SPEAK

MAHA CHOCHAN

When the chela finds the Master whose aura corresponds with his own natural tone and keynote, he there takes up his abode. Then comes one of the most difficult periods for the neophyte because his own jangled and discordant personality may be very uncomfortable within the presence of the Master whom he has chosen to emulate. Many cannot remain and put off their day of attainment by their own self-conscious choice, but those who do remain, eventually find that the vibration of the Master channels their own energy and while they seem to be rather negative absorbers for a time, they then begin to consciously create through their own Presence, as the Master does, and they pass from the state of the neophyte to that of the adept.

Here, in the West, where the search for the Master is a mystic one, when the lifestream chooses the Master, he does not abide long enough within his vibration, and hence we have not found the affinity which is requisite to embody his nature. I would therefore suggest that the contemplation of your Master become the backbone of your application, for results of a permanent and lasting nature.

EL MORYA

You are working to set life free, no matter what the form in which it is bound—life, the great, beautiful, pulsing flame of God, that is alive within the heart, no matter how deeply encased in the bonds of flesh and matter.

If you would serve God and your fellowman, remember that your sole dealing is with life, and look not for gratitude, nor love, nor cooperation from the masquerading garments that life has drawn about its reality.

Salute the God-life within every heart and bend every effort of mind

and soul and will to the releasing and redemption of that God. Hear the mute appeal of life encased in every breast and set it free. Work and toil in that service, touching the wand of freedom to the manifestations of life wherever you meet them, and rest not, until all life is free.

While any manifestation of life is cased in imperfection or pain or distortion, there is part of yourself that is not free, and if not at any member of your body knows pain, is your body is not at perfect peace!

KUTHUMI

The only REALITY without beginning and without end is the world of cosmic cause, within which are points of consciousness known as angels, devas, Gods or men. Each point of consciousness interprets this great universal world according to his particular abilities a writer, painter, artist, pianist, etc. The Master, or Enlightened One, has become ONE with the great universal I AM Presence and dwells completely in the world of the real, projecting forth on the screen of maya a true representation of the divine image.

Unawakened mankind project forth, or externalize in their environment, their physical bodies and their varied experiences, that which their consciousness believes to be true.

SERAPIS BEY

Mankind is a slave to the artificial element which has been created as the measuring rod of growth, unfoldment and accomplishment and which was primarily established to be a guide to the intellect, wherein it could measure the cooperative flow of nature's forces from season to season.

TIME has become the oppressor and the human body outpictures the disintegration and ultimate dissolution resulting from the belief in the subjection of the consciousness to this artificial, mechanical measurement.

In the search for the development of the spiritual consciousness, however, the student must come to the realization that the entity of time must be reckoned with and dismissed from the consciousness as a limiting condition, under which all development lies subjective.

The eternal NOW must be contemplated and entertained as the ONLY quality of being, both with regard to spiritual illumination and with regard to financial freedom, health, eternal youth, etc.

HILARION

The individual soars to great heights when his attention is one-pointedly directed to some constructive quality and he tunes in for a moment to the heights of happiness and bliss, but, through the power of free will, he can likewise tune into any of the viciously qualified strata and then suffer the reactions as they flow into his bodies.

The Ascended Master Consciousness is CONSCIOUSLY SUSTAINED ATTENTION upon the constructive rates of vibration, that never descend below tolerance, harmony, peace, faith, love, understanding and desire for service.

As these qualities are invited and as the individual HOLDS HIS CUP up above the seething flowing streams of human discord, he begins to experience a steady radiation of light and life and thus the Ascended Masters' Consciousness is attained and sustained by conscious endeavor.

You may go with your CUP (attention), where you will, you may fill it at whatever fount you choose, you may drink of the muddy waters of mankind's swill, or you may, through conscious effort, sip the nectar of the Gods.

JESUS

All men choose, consciously or unconsciously, the state of consciousness within which they wish to live, but the awakened chela has the opportunity to tune into and dwell within the Ascended Jesus Christ Consciousness, until it becomes as much a part of his nature as the human consciousness was of the world which, before his awakening, affected his mannerisms, characteristics and reactions.

Having achieved the ultimate glory of the ascension through the sustained consciousness of GOOD, I refused to entertain evil, and that consciousness which I AM, can be a tremendous resurrecting power when drawn through your own consciousness, as a great flame enfolds the lesser and the two become ONE.

If the weight and pressure of the human consciousness finds your soul unable to aspire, the invocation of my consciousness, through your own, can do much to disconnect the lifestream from the contemplation of imperfection and anchor it again into a sustained endeavor to live within the consciousness of GOOD alone, which is the mutual or shared consciousness of every Perfected Being, of angels and Solar Lords.

SAINT GERMAIN

After the personal self is shorn of all sense of importance and vanity, after it finds itself to be nothing, then the spirit begins to raise the consciousness gently, but in a sustained manner, to greater and greater heights, from whence there is no returning to the snares of the senses. This is a voluntary, individual process, in which no other lifestream can interfere. The soul loses all sense of personal responsibility and yet, in losing that sense of personal responsibility for any particular part of life, it becomes aware of a universal responsibility, for life everywhere. This freedom from the chains of serving the personal, brings the spirit to an understanding of the words of our great Master, "When I am lifted up, so are all men," and the ascending consciousness, climbing the Mount of Attainment, becomes a quickening power of the entire consciousness of all peoples.

While one still feels bound to any distinct and separate part of life, he has not yet set foot upon the upper regions of the holy mount. When one stands naked, stripped of all individual attraction, and has replaced love of part for love of all, then the great Cosmic Law, like the winged eagle, swoops downward and quickly carries the individual consciousness on its broad back, to a point of union with divinity.

PAUL, THE VENETIAN, SPEAKS ON HIS LAST EMBODIMENT

Beloved Chelas,

I greet you and congratulate you on your great love and sincerity. It is my desire to express to you a little of my service in this universe, in order that you may think of me and assist me in drawing the understanding of the Third Flame and Ray into the consciousness of the students, and, through them, into the consciousness of all mankind.

I represent the Holy Spirit (the Maha Chohan) in the diversified action of the five facets of the substance and life force that flows from the mind and heart of God and which are directed into the outer channels for mankind's greatest good, through those rays which are particularly prepared to receive and dispense those blessings.

I am, therefore, and have been, for many centuries, guardian of the essence of the Holy Grail, that grail being the individual consciousness of each man, woman and child, which has endured century after century and within which are held the lights and shadows composed of life's experience.

For the most part, these beautiful grails are covered with the accumulation of the centuries, through looking upon imperfection and absorbing it through the senses and through the waste of life energies in imperfect living. These grails, which are the centers through which all active endeavors must flow, are almost useless to us, in endeavoring to translate the ideas of the Godhead into form.

May I explain to you that the great divine mind of the God-parents of the race is continuously externalizing ideas for the benefit and progress of every sphere, as well as for the planet Earth and its people, but it requires the assistance of the beloved Maha Chohan to get these ideas coalesced into form. Then it becomes my humble service to direct those ideas into some receptive form of conscious life, who is living and functioning in the sphere to be benefited by those ideas made manifest.

This, perhaps, seems simple to you, but if you could look with the inner sight upon the creations that form the conscious thinking and feeling selves of well over nine-tenths of the human race, you would see that it would be impossible to even direct an idea from the mind of God into this seething and moving mass. Rather is the consciousness of mankind open to the waves of thought and feeling of human creation, and they relive, over and over again, the etheric patterns of the centuries that have been. When the great Maha Chohan delivers into my hands, my heart and my consciousness the exquisite beauty of architecture, the beauty of music, the beauty that flows through the realm of science and nature, the beauty of devotional activities that have been presented through the world religions and the beauty that is within the design of the Seventh Ray ceremonial manifestations for the earth, it becomes a tremendous weight on my heart, when I look at the incarnate lifestreams and wonder where, among them, I may find some subtle inner bodies sensitive enough to receive even the slightest impression of the divine and glorious manifestation that the Father has designed for those that love him.

Then, unto the other Chohans of the Rays do I impart the gifts of the Maha Chohan. They, in turn, seek out the spirits and souls of men—through the expenditure of such love and patience that the human mind could not comprehend, to endeavor to release a composition, an exquisite painting or a beautiful piece of sculpture, and these few small representations are all that we are able to release from this infinite storehouse, because of the lack of receptivity in the outer mind of man.

In the great endeavor that is now taking the attention of the Brotherhood, in the dissolving of the human veil, and as blessed men and

women, such as yourselves, are lifting their consciousnesses and voluntarily offering to meet us in the “upper chamber,” we, at last, see some hope.

I have, within my own Causal Body, those healing melodies which Serapis secured and which could heal cancer and those terrific maladies that take the bodies and minds of the people and destroy them, but it is difficult, in the tumultuous living of the Western world, to hold an aura undisturbed long enough, or free enough from the pressure of the moving screen of maya, to blend, within that consciousness, enough of that harmony that it might be externalized.

In the age when the great composers received of this infinite impetus, you will remember that life was not lived so rapidly, but here, today, with the multitudinous vibrations of commercialism, I find it most difficult to reach through to the receptive consciousness of even highly-trained and developed chelas, along the lines of evolution which are at my disposal, to assist in service to the beloved Maha Chohan.

However, I shall endeavor, daily, to direct into your open consciousness, the ideas, these beautiful thoughtforms from the mind and heart of the Father that have never been externalized before, and when your consciousness is clear enough to grasp them, they will be externalized on the screen of life without effort of human will.

I accomplished this, myself, before the call came from my own great Presence and I entered into the heart of its eternal freedom (the artist, Paul Veronese 1528-1588). I had studied under the Lord Maitreya for seven hundred years preceding my final embodiment, and I had achieved great understanding of the power that lies within “holding the high watch.” I endeavored, through my humble efforts on the canvas, to release upon the screen of life some of that beauty which might endure and perhaps be an inspiration to the consciousness of mankind in a later day.

It is my endeavor, beloved hearts of light, to give to you a consciousness and feeling of your own individual power to raise your outer conscious mind and meet us at “The Bridge,” and we, who can reach within the mind of God and still maintain awakened consciousness, will draw forth and release to you the fullness of the good that there is therein. You see, the Third Ray represents that connection between the inner realms, which do not directly contact the earth, and the four outer realms, which have contact through the Higher Selves of unascended beings.

Oh, if I could only convey to you the beauty of the planet Venus—the glory of that star, which is my home as well—for she has had no time of darkness. There are suns within her sky by day and by night, and the beauty and happiness and freedom of her people, who render every service and externalize all form through the flame within their hearts, makes me long to take you there. However, the greater love is to make of this earth such a star and to teach you, each one, to turn to that glorious Unfed Flame and let it, for you, form the magnificent pathway upon which your feet may move forward in your daily occupations. Let that flame form the open door between your outer mind and your Christ Self within; let it form a cape around your shoulders, protecting you from the impact of the outer world and those thought and feeling forms which are looking for anchorage in the consciousness of the negative-minded, the depressed and the weary.

Oh, beloved hearts, the star of Venus is the star where every being, ascended and unascended, is a Master of the power of the flame and that flame becomes the battery of the bold. It becomes the fire which moves the body, it becomes the blessing that pours from their hearts and it becomes the glorious, liquid voice of the Presence. It is the light within their life, the smile upon their lips—all the personal self is held within that flame and the flame in all beings who are that unity and that happiness in association, makes, of Venus, truly a star of love.

As soon as you allow your mental and feeling worlds to slip outside of the Presence of your own flame, you are apt to feel the impact of others who unwisely do the same, but if you live within that flame, you will not experience the impact of that which would throw you out of balance. Hold yourself, therefore, within the compass of that flame, and those unpleasant experiences will be no more.

THE OFFICE OF THE MAHA CHOCHAN

In the establishment of the inner court of Sanat Kumara, certain offices were designed which were to be channels through which the God-energies might flow and be directed toward manifesting definite, specific and constructive effects. In the beginning, there were no members of the human race in this court, all offices being held by the voluntary endeavors of beings from other spheres. Gradually, working only with love, Sanat Kumara was enabled to magnetize the interest of the souls of certain lifestreams, to assist in the government of this world from an inner standpoint, and these offices were filled, successively, by various beings.

I would like to bring this point very forcibly to your attention, because the messengership is not provided for the messenger, it is an office into which is placed a lifestream with the necessary potentialities, who may fulfill that office and through graduation, or retrogression, leave the office for another. Over and above the Office of Lord of Lords, stands the Silent Watcher, who, to this planet, is the supreme authority. The office beneath is held by beloved Sanat Kumara. The beloved Manus, the beloved Buddha, Lord Maitreya and myself serve with him, followed by the seven Chohans of the Rays.

Even in my position, I did not, in applying for the honor of becoming the present Maha Chohan, know whether I could fill the requirements. The sphere of influence of a being who holds an office is a great globe of light, and the length of the beam of light from the heart reaching to the periphery of that sphere in every direction, is determined by the momentum and pressure of light of the lifestream, which is built through contemplation, and then through action. When, in my case, if you will excuse a personal reference, which is merely to elucidate upon the subject, I was given the opportunity of training so that when the Maha Chohan preceding me was to vacate the office one of us might be chosen, I did not know whether the beam of my own light could reach the periphery of the sphere of influence required to be a Holy Comforter to an entire evolution—angelic, human, elemental, animal, vegetable, mineral—and, to the divine, as well.

Do you know, many times, after my illustrious predecessor had gone to enjoy a concert or a conference, I stepped into his aura, and just as a child would stand on tiptoes and try to touch the ceiling, I endeavored, with my light, to reach the periphery of his sphere of influence, knowing that my comfort had to be the master control of all the life in those kingdoms. You have seen a fond parent mark a child's heights against the wall—that is the way I used to measure my light when I first stood in

that sphere of influence. My maximum endeavor, to comfort life, was like that of a four-year-old child compared to the capacity of a Christ, and I returned to my quarters and thought, "I will never do it." A being came to me, it was beloved Buddha, and he said, "Son, if you are going to grow to fill that great sphere of influence, you must begin to WANT to comfort life, never mind how you qualify, and that great desire within you, will raise you until you are the fulfillment of the need."

Isn't it strange, how just a word will bring again a memory, a moment that you know so well, and mind you, I had been ascended and living in the heart of God and associated with free beings. Yet, I remember that hour, where I sat, I remember the sound of his voice, and I remember watching him walk off through the trees—and I made my decision, then, that whether or not I was chosen was of no consequence BUT that my energy from thence forth as long as I had a beating heart, was to COMFORT life, and I never went back to measure my spiritual height, until the night came when Sanat Kumara handed me the scroll and I knelt before him and became the representative of God's love. Mark you well my words—the REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS LOVE—for once man or messenger feels himself, instead of the love of God, as the action of the Law, he has closed to door to heaven's grace.

I am allotted only a certain time to speak with you, because the energy I give you brings a responsibility for what you will do with it, and so I measure it well. I measure the contents of the "Bulletin," lest the Cosmic Law demand too much of those who read it. I measure the contents of my message, written or spoken, according to your spiritual digestive tracts, your assimilative power, and your capacity for action, but I shall come again and I KNOW BY THE POWER OF LIFE that each of you shall fill that spiritual sphere into which your lifestreams fit. I give you my blessing and my love.

THE HEALING CHALICE

I AM the divine essence of God within all manifested form. Dwelling within the Sacred Flame of Life, which pulsates within thee, I AM ever releasing unto thee the riches of my kingdom, the kingdom of thy Father-Mother God. I AM the model of perfection, upon which thy self was moulded. Patterned in the image and likeness of God, art thou. Thy imperfections and distresses are but cloaks of shadow thou hast gathered about thee in thy journeyings. Claiming it as thine own, those shadows

have seemed to become a veritable part of thee, clinging like parasites and absorbing thy flaming life essence from thee, in hope that they might sustain their ephemeral being and become, in themselves, realities. Such, oh children of my heart, can never be! That which is not born of flame can never become flame and must fade away into the nothingness from whence it was called into being.

Thy sickness, thy disease, thy sorrow and thy pains are but accretions born of fear and doubt and disobedience to the Law of Love. The plagues and discomforts and distress of thine own world will vanish as thou doest permit the light of thine own heart to shine within thee. Thou has covered the lantern of light within thee with shrouds of thine own weaving, until thou hast lost thy way in the darkness of thine own making. Perchance thou canst not even see my flaming presence, nor hear my call, but my love is a magnet which thou canst not repel, once thy heart is turned toward me.

We, thy Father-Mother God, shall seek thee and draw thee by the magnet of our love, back into thy native kingdom, back into the full glory and perfection of our heart's light and the full manifestation of the divine plan. Feel the drawing power of that fiery love of thy Father-Mother God within thee. Yield thyself unto its comforting, healing, caressing Presence, and be thou restored, renewed, revitalized and made whole again. Once thou hast felt the assurance of thy God within thee, and dried the tears of thy longing and thy pain, thou canst then grasp the shadowy mist which has so long blinded and bound thee, and tear it from thy consciousness. Then, beholding the flaming beauty and perfection which thou truly art, step forth free.

THE HEALING CHALICE is offered to you that you may find comfort in your hours of trial, and relief from sickness, disease, unhappiness, want and fear. Let us share the blessings called forth through prayer and meditation and decrees. We offer you the cooperation of those who sincerely desire to assist you, through selfless service in your behalf. We believe that God, the Indwelling Presence in all life, does bless, supply and heal each one according to their own consciousness, God-desire and acceptance. All correspondence is strictly confidential. No problem is too great or too small to take to God in prayer and meditation. Please write and state your full name, your address, and the full name and need of each one whose name you may wish to send to us for ministrations. Please address all correspondence to THE HEALING CHALICE, P.O. Box 297, Halesite, N.Y.

LIBERTY'S FLAME

Come sons of God! Arise in glory!
 Command the light to rule all men!
 Oh! finish now creation's story,
 Bring God's perfection to earth again.
 Look up! Look up! Let the Christ take command!
 Oh! call for light to banish the sadness,
 That makes our dear earth the dark star.
 Release the powers of blue lightning,
 To free all men wherever they are.
 Come one, come all! Arise and call!
 Make Freedom's Fire all men's desire.
 Arise and call! Light is supreme and master over all!
 Almighty God, I AM in action,
 Come rule the land and rule the wave.
 Oh! Love divine, without a faction,
 Come now, in mercy souls to save.
 As we look up, let the Christ take command!
 Illumine now all earth and her people,
 Release them now from all not of God.
 Reveal the truth about the Masters,
 For they, this very way have trod.
 Come one, come all! Arise and see!
 The love of God, is liberty!
 Arise and call, Liberty's Flame is victor over all!
 Great Central Sun! Our hearts arise to you,
 Possess the earth and all thereon!
 The flame of life in each heart cries to you,
 "Establish here love's great cosmic dawn."
 Mankind looks up and the Christ takes command!
 The power of light is Lord and Master,
 Over all the discords of earth.
 Descend in overwhelming glory,
 And let all know love's true rebirth!
 Our sun and stars, and angels too,
 Ascended Host, our love to you,
 And love to you, Liberty's Flame,
 YOUR POWER REDEEMS THE WORLD!

NOTE: The above lines were written at beloved Saint Germain's direct request and it is his desire that they be sung frequently, especially during this 30-day period. The tune is "The Marseillaise" (national hymn of France).

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The Homes and Retreats of The Masters of Wisdom
HILARION'S RETREAT ON THE ISLAND OF CRETE
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Basking in the warm sunshine on the lovely island of Crete, which lies gracefully on the blue breast of the Mediterranean Sea, is the retreat of the Master of the Fifth Ray, known as Hilarion, Chohan of Scientific Development, and guardian of the many lifestreams belonging to the earth's evolution who have styled themselves as "materialists," "agnostics," and "skeptics" with relation to the belief and faith in spiritual survival, divine intercession and God-assistance upon the journey through the world of form.

The endeavors of Hilarion and his Brotherhood are to draw the interest and cooperation of the scientifically-minded lifestreams of earth into the exact science applied by the Creator of this universe and his messengers and workers in the kingdom, whereby form is created and sustained and order is maintained throughout each galaxy, universe and planet belonging to the divine plan of God, himself. In previous lives, Hilarion was known as Iamblichus, the neo-platonic writer, and Saint Paul, the Christian Apostle and follower of the Master Jesus.

This Brotherhood is also the self-appointed guardian presence of those blessed children of earth who have devoted their lives to furthering the cause of scientific treatment and healing of disease, the doctors, nurses and missionaries, and those interested in research to determine the physical causes of the afflictions to which mankind are heir, as well as the vast army of unknown heroes and heroines who work in the research laboratories and privately, within their own homes, to develop and perfect inventions, formulas, and the many improvements which, added to the present developed comforts and conveniences of mankind,

will hasten the freedom of the race from limitations and privations of every kind and description.

The minds and hearts of the bold explorers into the realm of the unknown are the recipients of the developed perfection of this Brotherhood, and many an earnest lifestream, who has endeavored, in vain, to draw forth the secrets of nature, has been the beneficiary of the concentrated rays of energy from a member of this Brotherhood, who chose to endow such an incarnate lifestream with the privilege of presenting that blessing to his fellowmen.

The retreat of the Brotherhood, pulsating in the ethers is located over the island of Crete. In design, it is like the early Grecian temples, many-columned, gracefully carved, and of extremely large proportions. It looks like the beautiful Parthenon, erected so long ago to the beloved Pallas Athena, the Goddess of Truth, who is the cosmic patroness of this Brotherhood and whose devotees are desirous of finding and externalizing truth for the blessing and illumination of all mankind.

The robes of the brothers are pure white, and embroidered over the heart is a lighted lamp, similar to the old fashioned oil cruet, which symbol was incorporated into the activities of the Brotherhood by Diogenes, 412 B.C., at which time he was among the active members of this order. This symbol signifies, of course, the relentless search for truth, which is the vow and pledge taken by all members of this Brotherhood.

Within this retreat is one of the most ancient schoolrooms dedicated to the training of chelas in the magnetizing of the universal life, and the creating of consciously-directed rays by which form may either be created or dissolved, according to the requirement of the God-intelligences so invoking and directing them. Here is taught the mathematical precision by which suns, planets and individual atoms are created and sustained. Here also, the lifestreams are shown how, by controlled thought and feeling, the speed of atoms, the motion of the electrons and the duration of form, itself, may be governed. Here precipitation and etherealization become the developed faculty of the brother or sister desiring such a gift for the use of the forwarding of the progress of the race.

In this retreat is a great audience chamber, where the Master Jesus and representatives of the great religions that have blessed the race, are given the opportunity of addressing those many lifestreams who either do not believe in God, as such, or who, through disillusionment and bitter experiences with teachers of religion in whom they trusted, not wisely but too well, have lost their faith and conviction in the Supreme Intelligence, the continuity of consciousness of the individual unit, and the important part that each such self-conscious intelligence is to play in the

great eternal scheme of things.

It is suggested that, if the gentle reader knows any individual presently in embodiment or who has passed from this earth plane in confusion of spirit, they petition the beloved Hilarion to seek out such a soul and draw that soul into the aura and presence of his retreat and give back to such a one faith, hope and belief, in the all-power of the Father-Mother God! Further, if the invocation to this Brotherhood of Truth could be made on behalf of the blessed doctors, nurses and individuals whose lives are dedicated to alleviating the distress of mankind, a member of this Brotherhood will conduct such a one to the sanctified aura of this retreat and bless him or her according to his particular requirement and according to the particular channel of service to life.

THE NAME JESUS **By Saint Germain**

I greet you, beloved friends, in the name of the Ascended Jesus Christ. Do these words not strike a chord through your secret hearts? How often in the centuries gone by—when the worship of the One God was denied through the ruling factions of that day—did we gather in catacombs and caverns, hooded and robed, knowing not each other's faces, charlatans standing by the side of Masters, and only the name of Jesus as protection against a fate worse than physical death!

Oh, the strength and power within the name of that blessed brother! Many a saint, releasing the soul from a body on a burning pyre, entered the heart of heaven on that name! Many a discarnate found the mercy of that name, and many a desperate member of the human race found surcease from pain and agony and confusion through its magic, potent power! How often I have pondered on the life lived by that brother, which has made of his very name a natural protection against evil and deception and confusion and all the forces of darkness! So, again, I bring to your remembrance the power within the name of Jesus. Use it freely in your individual applications, where you find questions arising unbidden from within, or pressure from uncertainties pressing upon you from without.

I have come, today, from the heart of that glorious mountain, where the brothers and sisters of heaven are gathering with such great hope and gladness in their hearts, to see the progress which has been made possible through the endeavors of those of you who have chosen to respond to my present endeavor.

Oh, if you could see, as I do, the sincerity and devotion and love within each of your hearts! Then you would love, as I do, each one who has made possible a new opportunity for us to convey to mankind the plans that rest within the bosom of the eternal Father, but which can be externalized only through incarnate spirits desiring to know the will of God.

I remember, in early ages now long forgotten, how I, with others, enjoyed the feeling of God's love—we were like small chickens, enjoying the comfort and protection of the wing of the mother hen. We then had no particular desire to participate in the design and plan of this Great Being, whose warmth of love we absorbed and in whose presence we found such peace, but there came a day when we grew to enough maturity of spirit that our love no longer chose just proximity, but rather desired to further the cause of our beloved Father and to know something of the reason for the outpouring of his great energy.

We were then introduced to the will of God—the design and plan—and we were given the freedom to tie our own energies, graded according to the quality of our nature, into helping externalize that plan. You, beloved friends of life, are at that same point of spiritual maturity, where religion no longer means a relaxation of your own emotional bodies or a personal peace. You have, before the Cosmic Law, offered to participate in carrying the consciousness, will and design of God into the receptive minds of those who have not yet developed themselves to a place where they may perceive that design, but yet are willing to abide in it and harness the individual energies of their lives to forwarding that cause—if a way and means can be devised to reach them.

You have no idea of the tremendous strength of your lives, individually, to have stood through these years and continued to serve, working with an invisible power, living the code of purity and honor which has made you the target for much which I do not care to describe. I cannot commend you too highly for your fidelity and constancy and, greater still, for the fact that you continue to believe in God and good, although your souls have been singed and your minds have been disillusioned!

My eternal, individual, personal, conscious gratitude I offer to each of you, individually, because it is a difficult thing to maintain one's faith in the integrity of a being who, through force of circumstances, must work through the consciousness of another and seemingly oppose the Law of love and justice. Such friends as you make our exile from the glorious peace of heaven a happy one!

You know, yourselves, the peace within the heart, when there is one who believes in you, but until the day that the curtain of maya parts and I may stand before you face to face and prove my presence and reality, I am dependent upon your faith and constancy for our unbroken friendship.

Let me take your hand for a moment, as I have done so often when you laid down those bodies at night time, and draw you out of the atmosphere of the earth, where you can look upon the sun and planets that make up our system, and let you just feel the relief and release that come from standing in that Christ-estate, rather than enmeshed in the problems and confusion of the realm in which you chose to work.

Standing thus, as we have done so many evenings, you can hear the music of the spheres, the song of the Sun, the melody of the planets, and, if you listen carefully, you will hear the overlapping of the tones of the other planets, endeavoring to cover the silence where the keynote from the earth should rise and join that song—for the mercy of life is such that the belt of energy encircling our shrouded star does not allow that cry of pain and agony to interfere with the music of interstellar space. It is just as if one key on the piano did not play. To the discriminating ear of the musician, the absence of that note is evident, but the careful artist can so arrange his chords, that to the average man, it would not be apparent.

The brilliance of the stars and planets is easily discernible to your inner sight, but the appearance of the earth is like a grey, revolving shroud, and that dear earth is what you serve. It is to such concentration of energy that you and I and others have tied our energy, so that one day she may shine like her sister planets and the belt of substance encasing her dissonance will be melted and the song of freedom complete the anthem of our universal composition.

Coming closer, I want to point your attention to the solar devas. If it were not for their intervention, the glorious light from the physical sun would not interpenetrate the human fog that makes for her climatic conditions and often obliterates the clarity of the blue sky that men enjoy. I would point out to you the investment of energy on the part of the beings of nature—the investment of interest on the part of the angelic host and the great devas of form. When you enter into the atmosphere of the earth and you can hear that cry as the earth turns on her axis, and every twelve hours feel the break in the rhythm as it hits the low point, you will see with me the opportunity for service that is within your individual grasp.

I have endeavored for so many centuries to interest a group of people in freeing life. Again, again and again, certain individuals have responded, but to hold the vision before them powerfully enough to keep their enthusiasm stirred through all the long and tedious years of human life is a task for Hercules.

We do welcome every opportunity to speak to your conscious outer minds, to remind you, again, of that which you know and desire in the freedom of your inner bodies—to fan those fires of enthusiasm and keep them burning in the hope that you will endure unto the end, for that is the secret of leadership for those who are working with lesser minds.

To try to paint a picture is well, but to hold it as a living, breathing, palpable manifestation that can be achieved, takes a mighty drive of energy. To keep that vision alive among a corporate group, made up of individual lifestreams whose doubts and fears and selfish interests invert their sight and consciousness again and yet again, is no small task. Just as in voyaging across the Atlantic, I tried through sweat, tenacity and prayer and what is no less important—the contagion which lies within the repetition of a vision until the consciousness of those upon whom you depend to bring that vision to fruition can accept it as a fact—to keep my crew from abandoning our quest. Every being incarnate who has ever drawn forth anything more than the average consciousness which the masses enjoy, has not only had to hold that vision against his own weaknesses, but has had to drive the energy of his own life into the resisting mass-consciousness of the race, and, in ridicule, privation and often bodily discomfort, manifest that vision—if he were able to endure to the end.

I know—for I have been there—but now I am here by your side, willing to fire you with the love of freedom, with hope, with conviction and to assist you, as I have done through the ages, to bring the vision of a world brotherhood into form and being. Proceed in peace, in the name of the One Supreme God and the beloved Jesus, in the name of your own beautiful Presence, and you shall not be deceived, you SHALL become ourselves in action.

The devas came this morning, as they always do prior to a visitation from any member of our Brotherhood, to prepare the canopy of force, so that our feeling of conviction, when released, might saturate your inner consciousnesses before it spreads out into the world. If you, individually, in the coming days and months and years could take your pattern from this and prepare your soul for meeting with us, so much more could be anchored into your inner bodies.

For days and weeks and months, prior to a visitation, the holy men of India, China and Asia proper, prepare their inner bodies in such communion as we now enjoy, so that not one ounce of energy might be lost. The Western world lives so rapidly and you hurry from activity to activity with such little time for preparation of the soul—yet we prepare for days before we come, sometimes for weeks before we come, and we take action in council and decide which one will bring the gift of radiation, to give the greatest assistance. I, myself, go for an hour into the heart of the Silence before I would presume to speak to the sons of men.

We have much prepared for you, individually and as a unit, when we can join you as one body, with the lips sealed and with the hearts open to love, so that these powers of the Sacred Fire through you may manifest, but until that body has learned to hold our words in STRICT CONFIDENCE, we cannot impart these deeper truths. I feel, however, that it will come, for I know you well, love you deeply. Yes, this I shall prove in fact, for I am not a man of fancy. I have worked with inventors, explorers, scholars and scientists, and my entire lifestream is strictly charged with practicality. This, my beloved friends, I shall prove to you in the days and years ahead.

I thank you for the privilege of entering your hearts. I have enjoyed so fully the exquisite music* and long for the day when this song can be sung collectively in every home before the activities of the day begin, that I may return—on its upward-flowing currents—my gift of the Violet Flame, to be the purifying action within that home for the ensuing twenty-four hour period. It gives me more pleasure even than yourselves and I thank you for your individual endeavors in my name.

Saint Germain

*The words and lyrics of the song, "I Love You, Saint Germain," are being prepared for distribution at this time.

THE KARMIC BOARD (I)

Situated in the lower etheric realms is the great white, square building which has been referred to by many as the "Judgment Hall," but which, in reality, is a temple of great mercy and love, known as the Halls of Karma. Through this building passes every lifestream after its release from physical embodiment, and through the same building must every re-incarnating soul pass before it is given its assignment into a new earth body.

There is no lifestream that is not acquainted with the Halls of Karma, and it is often because the sphere to which the soul is delegated, because of its questionable activities in life, that the individual has brought back a dread of "judgment," and has incorporated into the theology of the various creeds, the doctrine of the wrath and punishments of Jehovah.

A thorough understanding of the great service rendered the evolving souls upon the planet, by those mighty beings known as the Lords of Karma, will take this fear of death and judgment from the consciousness and feeling world of the aspirant and help the individual passing through the change called "death," as well as his loved ones remaining yet in the earth sphere, to anticipate the experience and to assist himself in receiving the greatest possible benefit from such experience.

The great process of evolution requires that the soul of man must incarnate in a physical body and learn to master the control and qualification of energies (life) in order to qualify for certain spiritual offices in the scheme of universal evolution. Many beings, of course, never chose to incarnate, but for the sake of brevity and clarity, we will consider only those who voluntarily chose to assume physical incarnation, either as guardians of the human race, or in order to gain experience and mastery of energy as a member of this evolution.

In order to regulate the entrance of these souls into physical bodies, give them an opportunity to develop and mature on the earth, and then release them at the close of a certain cycle to make room for other lifestreams awaiting an opportunity to enter the schoolroom of earth, a board of celestial beings was created, whose many, diversified, and complex responsibilities are concerned with the provision of the greatest possible opportunity for each one of the ten billion souls belonging to this evolution. This body is known as the Karmic Board, and its decisions are final in connection with the disposition of the affairs of mankind, except in the rare instances where petitions are placed before the Suns of the system and "dispensations" are granted to accelerate the progress of the

race. The present members of the Karmic Board are: Pallas Athena, Goddess of Truth, Kwan Yin, Goddess of Mercy; Vista, the All-Seeing Eye of God, Portia, Goddess of Justice, The Goddess of Liberty, the Divine Director, and Nada, the Goddess of Love.

If the soul has come to the end of its cycle of incarnations, and there is a possibility that the ascension may be attained, the messengers of the Karmic Board oftentimes come for the individual before he has finally passed through the change called death. Such an one is examined and if his energies qualify him to attain his victory, he is given the choice of accepting the ascension, or waiting until a later date, in order to re-embodiment and better serve mankind. If he chooses to accept the ascension, sometimes a few days or weeks pass before the silver cord is finally severed, and the lifestream, under the direction of its own great God-presence, then completes its circle of manifestation in the ascension in the light. If this occurs, before so-called death there is usually a great lightness and happiness about the individual, which signifies the anticipation of release to come. The far greater percentage of mankind, however, are not yet ready for this tremendous accomplishment, and it is particularly to these lesser sons of men that the Karmic Board are so exceedingly kind.

At the moment when the soul is about to leave the body, the personage of the Maha Chohan, who was present at the birth of the individual and breathed the first breath into the body, prepares to accept the final breath of the departing spirit. As the Maha Chohan accepts the breath, the silver cord is severed, and an angel or Master awaits the soul, and conveys such an one, usually, to the gentle and comfortable "rest" that is the orthodox heaven of mankind's general belief. Here, after a shorter or longer rest, during which time the blessed soul is allowed to meet certain friends and loved ones who are available, if they have not re-incarnated or been assigned to inaccessible heights, there again appears a messenger of the Karmic Counsel and such an one is summoned to appear before them, and be assigned to such a sphere or schoolroom as they, in their great wisdom, feel will best hasten the development of the God-nature within the individual lifestream. *(Continued in November issue)*

THE MASTERS OF WISDOM SPEAK

MAHA CHOCHAN

If we could hold the attention of any of you as long as you can entertain a hurt feeling or a sense of privation, we would have the open door to your complete freedom.

You, in the Western world, do not know discipline of mind, emotions or body, but, for those of you who aspire to mastery, the easiest way to achieve peace is to throw the full power of your attention all the time on some good manifestation of life—it may be either a God-quality in yourself or another, a beautiful inspiring picture or poem, or a Master's words or likeness. However, you must be constantly alert as to that upon which you allow your attention to rest. For instance, you would not deliberately drink arsenic or iodine, yet you poison your whole lifestream every time that you allow yourself to see or record less than God's full perfection by permitting your life energy, through your attention, to rest upon discordant appearances.

EL MORYA

Reason and intellectual knowledge carry the pilgrim across the plains, where the grass grows green and the sun shines, and now and again, on the horizon, the white-capped Mount of Attainment shines before the dazzled sight of the hopeful aspirant.

Pilgrims on the path oftimes become so enamored of the height and beauty of the mountaintop, that they become almost drunken with joy at their pursuit and it is only the unseen, but ever-present messengers of God who accompany them, that know of the perilous path between their present happy flight and the summit of that Mount of Attainment.

When man first came forth from God, he created a bridge by the beam of his own attention, and he crossed on it from Paradise to earth. After the descent, most men forgot their divine origin, and, as the bridge was built of the beam of their own life energy, it would have become entirely disintegrated—thereby forever cutting off their return—were it not for the strong and valiant souls who volunteered to come and guard them. These guardian spirits while moving with men in the world of form, yet kept their attention on the heights, so that a thread of the bridge might always remain unbroken as a path of return to the Father's home, when the free will of the individual so prompted him to seek that freedom.

KUTHUMI

Every lifestream on the path, sooner or later, comes to a certain point where he begins to turn to the “still small voice” within the heart. At first, the individual begins to rely on intuition, then on inspiration, and, later still, upon that conscious contact which precedes self-conscious mastery, the attainment of which constitutes his divine freedom from all human concepts and all human form.

This is the most difficult point upon the spiritual path and I ask that when you come to the place where you enter into the heart of the Silence—where you commune with your own God-self—that you be extremely wise, alert and careful of the response that you will receive first of all from your own bodies because you are a complex mechanism, a sevenfold being. Now, whereas the glory of your Electronic Body, your Causal Body and your Holy Christ Self can never lead you astray—your lower bodies have voices, this consciousness and this intelligence of their own, and these voices, this consciousness and this intelligence within them, endeavors often to serve its own selfish ends, through you.

One of the chief requirements for spiritual mastery is discrimination. Call to me, if you wish, to my beloved Lord Maitreya, or to the great Lord Buddha for that discrimination wherein you may recognize the voice of the Silence. Know, always, that the prompting which builds up the personality, that which gives aggrandizement to the human ego, is not the “still small voice” of the Presence, but rather the etheric rumblings of your own past experiences, the emotional desires of your feeling word, or mental concepts and precepts from your past lives.

Remember, you have sat in the past before many teachers, who have given forth both truth and fallacy, and into your mental and emotional bodies and your etheric consciousness are builded those concepts, some of them solidified and petrified and lying dormant within them for centuries. As the flame begins to surge through you, these concepts are re-vivified and come forth, and you must recognize them for what they are—not necessarily the voice of truth!

As you proceed into an understanding of the Voice of the Silence, know that that which makes you pure, that which makes you harmonious, is of God. The feelings that stir within your heart that desire to make this star a planet of light, to relieve the burden of your fellowman, to raise those in pain and distress into understanding and harmony, that is of light. That which decreases the personality and increases the power of Christ, that is of God!

THE VENETIAN

The conscious connection between the outer mind and the Inner Presence of each lifestream must be re-established, through the development of harmony and balance in the lifestream. When man took his attention away from that Presence as the directing intelligence behind all activities, he forfeited the natural heritage of his being and for centuries he has groped in the darkness, seeking guidance from all manners of form, rather than God. Now, again, man desires to understand his purpose in being and opens the door through which we may, in time, re-establish this natural, conscious contact with the God-presence. We all bend the energies of our lives to this end.

SERAPIS BEY

The inner bodies of the student must be purified and balanced before he can, with any degree of accuracy, even sense the directions of the God-presence with accuracy. The tendency of the awakening spiritual fire is to energize the records in the mental, emotional, etheric and physical consciousness, and it is often these energized memories that are mistaken for revelations of a mystical nature, which lead earnest hearts astray. Let the sincere aspirant remember that humility, kindness, self-effacement, purity, and gentleness of spirit are the measures of the spiritual Presence in man.

HILARION

If an individual seeking Godliness, health, happiness and supply could first understand the power of sustained attention, and then through self-conscious endeavor wrest the attention away from the many pulls of the appearance world and anchor that attention on the presence of God—God's presence would flow through him on the return currents as the fullness of all he could desire. Saint Germain has said repeatedly, "Where your attention is, there you are; what your attention is upon, that you become."

Radiation and God's love and mercy flow through the universe and man is entirely unaware of it. This outpouring of God's forgiveness affects the just and the unjust alike, but the lever for the man who desires to move forward in self-conscious action lies in the controlled power of his attention!

JESUS

There comes the period upon the path when the inner powers strive for ascendancy and the outer consciousness endeavors to retain its hold upon the temple. He who carries the awakening Christ within his breast and has not yet learned the secret of surrender to that Christ, is restless, indeed. I carried this breathing God-power through every known channel of learning, hoping that its thirst might there be quenched and I would know peace. At last, in the retreat in Arabia, the words of my friend, John the Baptist, became clear to me—in speaking of the surrender of this outer ego to the Christ—"I must decrease that Thou might increase."

SAINT GERMAIN

Reams of literature have been written adding to the store of occult and metaphysical knowledge, but the requirement of the hour is to present simple instructions which can be applied individually and collectively in tying the energies of the mankind of earth to the energies of the Great White Brotherhood in cooperative, current service.

It is not enough to enjoy the mystical experiences of the saints, sages and initiates of the past, nor—vicariously—to thrill to the exaltation of a brother's or a sister's attainment, nor to have a mental perception of the intricate plan of creation. The fact that the world and its individual evolution, for all this knowledge, still remains bound, is indisputable proof that current service, wherein the student is stimulated by the knowledge of his capacity to participate in the services engaging the energies of the Hierarchy at this present moment, is the action of the Law which will prove most efficacious in the forward progress of the race at this time.

SAINT GERMAIN'S MESSAGE ON THE DEDICATION OF HIS BOOK "THE SEVENTH RAY"

Beloved Friends of Freedom:

I greet you, each one, in the name of freedom to all life! When once you are privileged to see and experience, through your own feeling nature, the joy that is within life when it is set free into its natural estate, you, too, will be so grateful for the opportunity of walking through the world of shadow and, with the magic wand of your own God-life, dispelling those shadows, and allowing imprisoned life to rise again to fulfill its God-destiny!

No one really likes to be a “jailer” and yet all unascended beings are, to some extent, imprisoning life within the very structure of the flesh form, as well as within the distorted condensations of the inner bodies, and beloved people of earth know not how to release that imprisoned life within themselves, nor how to unseal the tomb of matter, within which smoulders the spark of divinity!

It is to bring this knowledge to you, who have signified a desire to free life, that I come! I come gratefully, for the presence of many sons and daughters of freedom who, through the voluntary cooperation of the outer selves, choose to assist me in setting life free, greatly accelerates the coming of the new era of God's freedom, when all incarnate spirits will walk in freedom's robes, and all incoming lifestreams be welcomed to opportunity, not to “serve a sentence,” meted out through past iniquities consciously or unconsciously committed by the groping soul!

The PRESSURE OF ENERGY, which is a cosmic cause, and which any of us embody, is so tremendous, that it cannot be stayed once it is set into motion. In August of the year 1934, when the beam of Arcturus struck the earth, the Era of Freedom began. It ushers in a minor cycle of 2000 years which, as you know, comes under my personal direction, and it also completes a major cycle of the Maha Chohan's service to the earth.

In our service, THE CAUSE and its EFFECT are the important issue, and not so much “who accomplishes the actual service,” although, of course, the merit goes to the lifestreams who are the open door for such accomplishment. As this onrushing Christ power surges through the channels prepared for its dispensation, lifestreams are stirred and respond to the vibration, and join such a cause. You are among those who have so responded.

Circumstances, of which you are partially aware, having risen whereby the onrushing Christ power was not given full freedom to act through the lifestreams, we could not stop, but must needs proceed to take advantage of the momentum gained through those able to grasp the vision of imparting the knowledge and translating knowledge into fact, continue to serve our cause—to set life free in every kingdom! Freedom is the keynote of the new day—not license to indulgence, but conscious, illumined free use of life contributed voluntarily to a common cause!

Countless tons of energy have been invested by the beloved brothers and sisters in the Ascended Master Realm, to convey the consciousness of God to the uplifted consciousness of the student body. The dissemination of this knowledge could have greatly accelerated the progress of the

new age, but without “breaking bread” the hungry could not be nourished, and as it is through the consciousness of mankind that freedom must come, we have endeavored to find some individuals willing to “open wide” the floodgates, and allow us to release our word freely to all who choose to accept and utilize it, according to the dictates of their own individual conscience.

To this end, I have made some comments upon the Law, and written some simple words upon the application of that Law, and through the kind and gracious assistance of an old heart friend, these words have been drawn together in the book which we present to you as a simple guide of a friend, to use freely as you choose, in serving the cause of freedom.

Remember the fullness of the Law of Love of Life. Love is an activity, in which the loving one chooses—not for duty's sake, but for love's sake—to engage the energies of life in setting imprisoned intelligence and substance free from the distortions that have bound it through the ages. It is only free, joyous, loving, unrestricted service that shall raise the planet. The world has had the bitter ascetics and fanatics of every religion since the “fall of man” and yet the earth is not free, and only an occasional son or daughter slipped from the wheel of birth and death through tremendous, individual, conscious endeavors.

There are some among you who desire freedom's way, else you would not be here, having broken the bonds of superstition and fear, and walked into the sunshine of God's love and assurance of eternal life. To you, we give the opportunity of walking with us now, and to you, individually, I give full freedom to walk as you will, knowing always we are available for counsel, and that our love is ever with you upon life's way. Yours in loving, humble service to life, I AM.

COLUMBUS DAY, BY SAINT GERMAIN

Dearly Beloved Friends Of My Heart:

From the cramped quarters of a cabin no larger than a small platform, whose seams had sprung through the unequal battle with the relentless seas, I looked through the fogged porthole at the green islands which rose like ephemeral shades out of the morning mist and were the first tangible manifestation of the new and virgin world that my heart had been seeking, for so many centuries—a land rich in natural growth and free from the blood of men's petty strives, where freedom might walk in every heart.

This natural theater I was shown at inner levels and I was promised that it would be waiting when the hearts of men desired freedom more than life, itself, if such men could be found or inspired with the desire to enjoy such a God-quality. With this promise, and only my heart flame as compass, I incarnated in the foothills of Genoa and the certainty that such a land existed grew in me, as my body grew to manhood. Like David Lloyd, I had only the conviction that "somewhere" such a land existed, but the voluntary bonds of earth's forgetfulness made it necessary for me to develop, from within myself, its possible location and then convince a reluctant patroness to sponsor my idea, with nothing to offer which might back up conviction but my own inner faith in the reality of the new world.

The driving force of a God-idea, when pitted against the resistance of man's ignorance, superstition and unbelief, is what makes the spark of the spirit fire into a flame by which accomplishment is manifested. After the path to this new world was opened, other men desiring freedom followed, while I yet worked from within my own karmic chains, ever toward a day when this land might be enjoyed by a new race of spiritually mature men and women. I endeavored to write of this in "The New Atlantic," again affirming my faith in a world brotherhood.

Then, I was offered my ascension by the Cosmic Law before that vision was accomplished. If it had not been for the counsel of the Goddess of Liberty and the Great Divine Director, I do not think I would have accepted my ascension before this new era was established. They promised me that, among the lifestreams yet bound by karmic restrictions, would be found those who might assume my interest in a land of the free and become my body and my very self in carrying out these plans, completing the work which I had so earnestly and sincerely begun.

You are here this morning and others of the early America patriots, are those who stood before the Karmic Board, and offered to represent me if I were to take the ascension at that time. The Lords of Karma accepted your offer, so I owe my ascension, in some manner, to your kindly assistance. Some of you were with me that autumn morning when the Santa Maria rode anchor off the West Indies, and all are friends of my heart from ages that have been. Do you wonder that I love you, that I bless you, that I thank you, and stand with you, again? Just know that the heart of freedom moves with you wherever you shall abide.

THE HEALING CHALICE

The great creative essence of all life which is I AM, the divine God presence which abides within all persona and all things, requires, for the purpose of exter-

nalization, a form in which to function and express its perfection and beauty. Thou art that form, oh child of mortal man, within which abides the Immortal Flame of thine own divinity, I AM. Thine own heart is a "chalice" into which I, thy Father-Mother God, releases, unto thee in carefully-measured rhythm, the sacred breath and heartbeat which sustains thy being. Directly from the loving heart of thine own progenitor flows this ceaseless rhythm, which thou has called thine own. Truly it has become thine own, my child, for it is my gift to thee. Into the shining chalice of thine own heart it flows, fanned into a flame by the ceaseless breathing of thine own pulsating being. My life streams into thee, bearing my joy, my beauty, my qualities and attributes of perfection, to enhance the glory of my kingdom through thee, my sons and daughters of light. In thy willful descent into matter, thou hast forgotten the homeland and the "Presence" of thine own self. Only dimly has thou remembered me, yet the magnetic love within my heart for each of the children of my heart flame, is drawing each one home. Joyous is my heart at the sound of the footfall of those whose pathway leads them to their heaven home.

Within this flaming essence of Mine own heart flame, which flows to thee, abides all that perfection which thou canst so easily attain. 'Tis only thine own fears which frighten thee. Within thine own heartbeat is courage, strength and power to achieve and sustain thy victory, thy triumphant return unto thy Father's mansion, that kingdom of thine own heart's desiring. Bind thy mortal fears and limitation and distress with steel bands of thine own determination. Wrap them in folds of thine own forgiving love and lay thy burden within the Sacred Fire, which blazes ever within the "chalice" of thine own heart. The Violet Fire of Freedom's Love within thine own heart flame shall set thee free, for I AM in thee.

HEALING CONTEMPLATION AND DECREES

The great God-presence which I AM is now flaming within the chalice of mine own heart, and the burden of all mortal concepts and desirings is now vanishing, as the darkness turns to dawn. God's forgiveness and mercy enfolds me now and in the mantle of love, only love remains and I AM THAT LOVE.

Disease, pain, sickness and all limitation are but concentrations of God's divine energy qualified with mortal consciousness of imperfection, and there is no place in God's kingdom where they can abide. Inbreathing the divine essence of the breath of life, I command these appearances to return into the nothingness from which they came and be no more, for I AM returning to my Father's home. In God's holy name, I AM NOW FREE!

**DAILY PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE
LEAVING THE EARTH TODAY**

Beloved presence of God I AM in the hearts of all mankind! Beloved Lord Michael, the Archangel of Deliverance, and your Angelic Host!

In the name of the mankind of earth, particularly those who shall be called forth from their mortal forms this day, I make this call! Let the Angels of Peace stand by the physical body of each soul and hold the atmosphere and feelings where such release is taking place, at perfect peace! Let the aura of sanctity abide at the solemn hour of transition, that the soul may be easily cut free from its earthly tabernacle, and no grief, nor fear, nor sorrow distress it at the threshold of new freedom!

Let the Angels of Deliverance meet each soul! Let not a lifestream belonging to our evolution pass through the veil of so-called death "unattended!" Let each one be taken quickly to the Temples of Mercy and Forgiveness and be bathed in the purifying fires of Saint Germain's Violet Flame! Let them be prepared to enter the halls of the Lords of Karma in dignity, and in conscious awareness, and let each one be assigned to a schoolroom of the Masters and joyously and happily enter into the study of the Law of their own life!

I call to the Lords of Mercy and Love to enfold all those whose loved ones are about to leave this earth, and all those whose loved ones have just left the earth, to melt away all selfish grief and sorrow, and to fill each heart and home with happiness and gratitude for the opportunity afforded the loved one to know freedom and progress upon life's path! So be it!

NOTE: The above prayer is suggested to be given on Nov. 1 (All Souls Day).

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The Homes and Retreats of The Masters of Wisdom
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As the yearly cycle draws to a close, the Lord of the World again invites the members of the Great White Brotherhood, and all the officers of the Spiritual Hierarchy to the HOME of the spiritual court for the planet Earth and her evolving lifestreams, at the mystic SHAMBALLA, whose name vibrates through the souls of both the initiate and chela, bringing remembrance of the perfection of life, which they have vowed to serve!

Millions of years have passed since the voluntary exiles from the planet Venus came to our earth and joined their shining spirits to the wheel of birth and death, in order that they might build together a beautiful city of light, which would be worthy to be host to the great Sanat Kumara and his thirty guardian spirits.

For over nine hundred years, these friends of Venus labored and at last, the beautiful Shamballa, with its glorious temples and lovely arched bridge connecting the white island with the mainland, was completed. Then the blessed laborers knelt in reverence and homage, as the heavens opened and the descent of the Lord of Love, with his court, brought to the earth a new hope for redemption, with an assurance from the Cosmic Law that, for an indeterminate time, the life and sustenance of the planet would be provided through his sacrifice and in the hope that Sanat Kumara and his loving helpers might evolve a way and means of securing the interest of the souls of men, in learning to draw and radiate the light required to keep the planet in the solar system.

Out of his own life energy, Sanat Kumara pledged the Cosmic Law to radiate the amount of light required to warrant the investment of the

energies of both the sun and the directors of the elemental kingdom, in providing a sustained planetary home for a recalcitrant evolution.

A way and means had then to be devised, whereby the natural children of earth and their pledged guardian spirits might be awakened to their own responsibility in creating an aura of light for their planet, which would satisfy the demands of the Cosmic Law and allow Sanat Kumara to return to his own star, Venus, where his beloved Twin Ray, who had promised to sustain his service during his exile, awaits him.

Thus was born the Great White Brotherhood. Slowly, through the centuries, the love and light of Sanat Kumara have drawn the awakening souls of men and women toward SHAMBALLA. Here, in the inner bodies, they first become members of the spiritual court of this King of Kings and as time passes they develop, within themselves, a remembrance, or consciousness of the Brotherhood. It was through this awakened consciousness, that the first illumined members of the humanity of earth prepared themselves to assume certain offices held, up to that time, by guardian spirits from other planets and stars.

Now, the Cosmic Law has issued a fiat that the exile of Sanat Kumara shall be consummated within the next twenty-year period and, if the earth is to maintain her place in the solar system, the sons and daughters of the planet must learn to emit the individual and collective light required to make the earth a self-luminous star of freedom in our system. All those who are interested in learning how to control the energies of their own heartbeat and contribute to the electronic light required, are invited to join the great cosmic council at Shamballa, by directing their consciousness toward it, before they lay their bodies down to sleep at night. Here they may sit at the feet of the beloved Sanat Kumara, himself, and absorb the wisdom and knowledge of his inner court during the thirty-day period when the retreat is active.

Thomas Printz

THINGS FOR WHICH TO BE GRATEFUL
Excerpts From Discourse of Lord Maitreya

Beloved and blessed spirits of God, do you know how much you are loved? Have you thought, in your long and tedious journey through the world of form, of the amount and intensity of love that has been invested in your lifestreams, individually?

From the moment when you were called forth, a sweet and innocent spirit spark from the heart of the Universal Father-Mother God, from that very moment of individualization, love has sustained you!

Love has furnished for you, out of the beautiful electronic light body of God, himself, the electronic form of your own Presence!

Love has drawn, for you, the substance of the elemental kingdom, which has made up for you an emotional body by which you might feel the glorious nature of God, by which you might feel love and harmony and beauty, and every other feeling which is of that nature.

Love has fashioned, for you, from elemental substance a mental body, so you might receive the ideas of the Universal, creating for yourself an individual world, bringing it into fruition according to free will.

Love has created for you an etheric envelope into which you might record the experiences in the use of energy and vibration—building into this etheric body the mastery of light. Love has drawn from the physical atoms of this world the very physical body which you wear.

All of that electronic light substance, beloved children, is intelligent and beautiful, free life that chose to forego its happiness in spheres and realms of perfection for the questionable opportunity of making garments for your souls.

Love, from the heart of the kingdom of nature, fashioned for you this very planet, a platform upon which your feet might stand, fresh water to refresh your bodies and garments, the beautiful firmament, with the blue sky of day and the star-studded mantle of God at night, to give you rest and peace, and give you opportunity to refresh yourselves in your journey through the world of form.

Love, through the great Maha Chohan, drew from the kingdom of nature, into the temples, the tiny elemental forms and trained them to embody themselves in flower, in tree, in shrub, in grass, and the very substance that through nature nourishes and sustains your physical body.

Love has done all of this for you!

Love drew the heart of Sanat Kumara from his own beloved Venus

and helped him to accept this self-chosen exile, that this very planet, Earth, might be sustained and men not be found orphans, without a planetary home!

Love from the heart of Sanat Kumara drew the response from the great Gautama Buddha and myself, in his great desire to create a Hierarchy that might teach man, again, the power and mastery of life within the Sacred Fire!

Love has caused every Master, who has finished the journey of earth, who has stood in the Halls of Karma and who has gained the victory of the ascension, to renounce the peace of Nirvana, the welcome of life on the bosom of the Father, to return to work in this lower realm, to serve and set life FREE!

Love created the Karmic Board, that the creations of your own misuse of energy might not be pressed too heavily into one earth life, but, in mercy, might be meted out century after century, so that the soul within might find opportunity to develop, and not be smothered in the creation of its own thought and feeling!

Love kept the angels in the atmosphere of this earth when they might know the joy and happiness of realms where there is no distress or sorrow!

Love keeps Lord Michael twenty out of every twenty-four hours in the psychic and astral realms, cleaning up the human creations, so that the clothing of every soul might be free of the appetites and passions and the lusts, which do not allow the soul to rise into the schoolrooms which have been provided by that same love, to teach them the way out of their chains of bondage to freedom!

It is love, indescribable, that has created and fashioned, in the inner spheres, those schoolrooms that do not just appear by happenstance—they are thought out of the mental bodies of my beloved Kuthumi, my beloved Saint Germain, my beloved Jesus, and every other Master who has chosen to contribute his thought and feeling faculties to create a focus into which the souls of men might be drawn, that they might be given understanding.

It is love that has provided for you this beautiful sanctuary. It is love in each of you that responds to the magnetic pull in this temple—brings you here despite the pressure of your own aura and your individual world, and the heaviness that lies on your sweet souls, making you feel, sometimes that the task more heavy than that soul can possibly carry.

Oh! my precious hearts, it is love—love alone—that has created and

sustained this universe! It is love that keeps the very elements of your body from returning to the universal! It is love that holds the planets in their orbits, the sun in place in our solar system! It is love that carries the systems in a perfect, rhythmic manner in a path around the Great Central Sun, moving ever, ever onward to a manifestation of glory which your precious hearts and consciousnesses could not conceive!

Oh! If all of this love has been drawn and invested in you, do you not think, then, that you are an important part of creation? When the great Cosmic Intelligence from whose heart and consciousness has come into being and form new bodies for aeons of time, enfolds you with love to sustain and develop your bodies, and through the members of the angelic host, the devas, the cherubim and the seraphim, guard this star and keep it in its orbit—when mighty beings like Sanat Kumara should choose to remain in exile century after century—Do you not think that the light in your heart is loved? Do you not think that you have been created for some great cosmic destiny? Do you not feel that love so invested should now have fit return?

Is it not the hour when the sons and daughters of men shall rise and turning their attention to their own God, ask that they may be shown without mistake what they, as individuals, should do—for what purpose each one was created? Is it not time that the knee of the outer self shall bend before the Holy Christ Self? I am the cosmic representative of the Holy Christ Self and, in all humility, ask that the will of that Christ Self through the outer be done. I think we have come to that day, the day of complete inner honesty and self-surrender, when every man bares his head before his God, bows his knee before his Christ, and accepts the joyous, happy, harmonious responsibility of fulfilling the divine plan, for which love has sustained him for millions of years.

It is not enough to be harmless, it is not enough to be negatively good, to cease to do evil. Those who respond to the banner of the Christ MUST CONSTRUCTIVELY BE DOING GOOD. The Second Coming is individual, my beloved hearts. The shining Christ Self of each one stands waiting, to externalize through the physical and inner bodies which it has sustained, guided, purified and guarded for centuries, a portion of that great divine plan which can be manifested through no other lifestream. Each of you holds a thread in the tapestry of life which must be woven, and great the hour when the cosmic words might be said, "It is finished," and I may offer to the universal this planet and all upon it, and say, "Into thy hands, o Father eternal, do we commend this earth and these God-free spirits."

THE EARTH'S CRISES

By Sanat Kumara

Beloved, infinite spirits of light and life eternal, who hold my ransom within your heartbeat, I greet you in the name of the holy brotherhood, who lives but to set life free!

I bow before the light that is within the flaming presence of your heartbeat, for that light is the hope of the world. It is the assurance of the permanent place in the solar system for the earth, which has been your host for century after century of time. Within that heartbeat is the redemption of the energy that has made a death shroud of her garments of immortality. Within that heartbeat is the divine alchemy by which the cry of pain and agony, which rises into the atmosphere, may be transmuted into the paean of praise and join the great music of the spheres as the anthem of freedom for a star that shall yet shine with the light as of the physical sun!

Is it not right and proper that each and every one of us who live but to serve life should bow before the presence of life within the heart of even the most humble, of even the deepest sleeper? Why? Because, once awakened, that intelligent light, molded by the power of creative thought and feeling, becomes the master control of all substance and all form. I have watched carefully the light in your hearts these past weeks and months, for it is the ransom which you have chosen voluntarily to pay, that, through your own free will, the chains that have bound me in this self-chosen exile of the centuries, might be removed, and, unfettered, I might rise on your love to my star, to my beloved, who has waited for aeons of time that I might fulfill my promise to her when I said, "Adieu," thinking it but a matter of a few short years before I would return.

Standing together in the light of Venus, hearing the songs of the great celestial choir, looking at your sweet earth, I said to her, "Beloved, I go on wings of love to a planet that is in pain and, because I believe in the ultimate goodness of life, that planet one day shall send me home." She smiled and said, "Go in peace, beloved, and I shall do for us both that which you as Lord of this Star would wish me to do, and however long your exile, I shall wait with anticipation your return."

It has been a long time, a long time since the Lemurian Pole Star shone, since the great Kumaras and I swept through the ethers toward the tiny flickering points of light representing my faithful ones, who had prepared for me, Shamballa. It has been a long time since the glory of Shamballa was known across the face of your earth and since you, consciously, through the outer forms that you then wore in grace, walked

over the great carved bridge into the city of the sun and stood before me in the temple, receiving into the braziers that you carried, the Immortal Flame of Life Eternal, which was to burn upon your hearths, within your homes, in your local temples, for the twelve months to come and yet, I vouch that tonight there is not a heart within this room to whom I speak who does not remember, with a thrill in the feeling world, that day!

Friends of the ages, friends of Venus among you, friends of Mercury, friends of Uranus, and friends of Earth! Friends of the Sun, angels and elementals! I bless you for coming to a point of conscious awareness, that makes you desire, within the deepest recesses of your hearts, to invest your sweet energy in creating an orbit of light for this earth and taking upon your shoulders the responsibility that I have carried so willingly, of making this dark star a sun of light. You can understand, you, who have desired freedom from the shackles of human bondage, what gratitude you feel toward the action of the Violet Flame in setting you free.

Some of you have questioned within yourselves, today, the coming of the Lord of the World. Because of a humility in the outer consciousness, or because of an uncertainty in the feelings, you have wondered that I should come among the sons of men. In whom would I be more interested than those who have offered their lives that I may return to my star before she passes through her initiation into greater freedom? You have been told, and rightly, that before I return to Venus, we would walk and talk with the children of earth. We would visit their homes and bless their consciousness, and this night is the fulfillment of that promise.

Beloved friends of God! You, within whose hearts burn the desire for justice, may I remind you that the light of the world is primarily released through the qualities of the feeling nature, which are constructive in intent and which call forth from the lives you contact, happiness, harmony, contentment, peace and cooperation. Those of you who are earnestly desirous of becoming the light of the world may, through the use of the Sacred Fire of your own heartbeat, pour through your feeling world the substance of my own energy, keeping careful watch on the qualities that you allow to generate and radiate through the feelings, because they create either shadow or sunshine.

Though your lips proclaim that you wish to serve the light, if your feelings generate qualities of depression, heaviness, discontent and discouragement, you are unconsciously weaving the shroud of human creation around the planet, rather than weaving the immortal garments of freedom, which give her a permanent place as a shining orb of light. The contagious power within the feeling world, when once understood by the

chela and disciples, becomes the predominant activity in transmuting the shadows of earth into sunshine. You know this, yourself, through the most simple and homely of examples—happiness begets happiness, optimism begets optimism, kindness begets kindness, and, in another, a smile begets a smile and a frown begets a frown.

For one who is a conscious controlling factor of his own feeling world, there are a hundred who are mirrors that reflect what that one, who desires to be master, generates and releases.

Oh, surely, as you walk among the ways of earth, you will contact depression, you will contact unkindness and you will note that it is the predominant feeling of your own world to mirror these qualities on the instant, but later comes the mastery of the electronic light substance that will make you one day a Lord of the Flame.

You must no longer mirror the feeling directed at you or that flows unconsciously through your environment. You must create consciously the vibrations in the feeling body that are a contagious power for good, to be absorbed and accepted by the individuals that life draws around you and which will make them light conductors also.

This is the practical aspect of your service, if you choose in heart and soul and spirit to do that which you profess to do with your lips—and that is, to give me my freedom. The feeling world is the determining factor in the final analysis as to whether—at the close of the twenty-year span when life chooses to remove me from this screen of action—mankind is capable, either individually or collectively, to emit enough light to sustain the place of the earth in this system.

You will excuse my extreme enthusiasm on this subject. I do not mean to shock you unnecessarily, for I love you. Oh, yes, I love you so much more than your own life can yet believe possible. I have proved that love. I have stayed with you, believed in you, covered you with a mantle of my own life and poured out from my own body, for millions, of years the radiance that the earth was required by Cosmic Law to emit.

I shall love you always, here and when I have returned home, but my love is great enough to show you a practical way by which you, sweet hearts and the hope of heaven and earth, may become myself in action.

When first I took up residence in the heart of Shamballa, the earth was in a sorry state. Then it was that the Great White Brotherhood was conceived within my mind and heart, in hope that among the sons and daughters of the evolution of earth and the guardian spirits who had become caught in the meshes of the human effluvia as well, some would choose, at inner levels, to join me, and in some measure help me to

reach the consciousness of just a few, who would choose then to control their energies and become lightbearers.

I had nothing to work with but light and love—and many centuries passed before even two lifestreams applied for membership, one later became the Buddha and the other became the Cosmic Christ (Lord Maitreya). The Brotherhood has grown through those ages and centuries, until almost all the offices are held now by those belonging to the evolution of earth and those who have volunteered to remain among her evolution. It comes now to the hour when my successor is to take upon himself the office of the head of the Brotherhood and the Lord of the World, and I shall pass into my own evolution, again.

It is a custom, when a member of the human race enters into the Great White Brotherhood, that the applicant is brought before Lord Maitreya and there is invested with a blessing of my own blazing star of light and the initiation which takes place unites the consciousness of the outer self with my own body, for all eternity. This does not take place until, within the heart of the student and disciple, there is created an individual star, which, externalized, signifies to the Brotherhood that such an one is ready to merge his own personal life in God's service for the good of the whole.

It is my joy to place that star within each of your auras as soon as your own heart's light signifies that you are ready to accept this blessing and responsibility, to make you a light bearer, vested with the power to change the feeling world of all with whom you come in contact, not through effort of human will, but through the power of the flame which is your heartbeat.

THE MASTERS OF WISDOM SPEAK

MAHA CHOCHAN

The mystic union between Master and chela is a most beautiful experience when witnessed by one whose inner sight is opened, and who, in the role of an observer, can see the blending and mingling of the substance of the auras, which ensues, when such a visitation, and its subsequent outpouring and spiritual radiation, floods forth. The vibration that draws the Master and pupil together, in the very first instance, is natural sympathy of vibration, which is clearly discernible through the color of the aura of both teacher and chela, although the two auras in development may be as far apart as the sun and the flame of a candle in intensity, clarity, power, and vibration. The master, being the greater intelligence, is aware of that complementary vibration long before the chela, and the saying that the master chooses the pupil rather than the pupil the master is a truth, because the consciousness of the pupil, during many of the earlier centuries, when the master is already overshadowing him, has no concept of even the existence of such superior, perfected beings.

EL MORYA

The point I want to stress is that most of the good, the advancement, the sustaining power of the human race has been due to the loving care, radiation and protection of the Ascended Host, which humanity, in its ignorance, has thought was due to their own self-effort. Now comes the hour when those who will not cooperate with and join their efforts to the masters' work will find this radiation withdrawn and, through bitter experience, will realize they were neither self-sufficient, nor even able to sustain their physical bodies.

You have, this hour, within you, ALL the substance, activity, power and primal essence that every Ascended Master has to work with, by which we build worlds, etc., Why do you not get busy and utilize that part of the Law which you know, and build something tangible each day? As Saint Germain has said to you, "Precipitate something good every day!"

KUTHUMI

Saint Theresa said, you will remember, that Christ had no hands on earth to bless, but hers, no eyes through whom to see, no lips through

whom to speak, no feet through whom to carry the message of God, but hers, and I say to you the same. Lord Maitreya, the Christ of the Universe, Lord Buddha, the heart of love, and my humble self have but your bodies, your feelings, your desires, through which we may reach mankind. We stand in the heart of freedom. We stand in the realm of truth and our hands are stretched out to mankind, but they do not even know we exist—they do not know that we having being, but you do, and through you, each one, who is a bridge from the human to the divine, through you can we reach the mankind of this earth and give them back the understanding by which they may set their feet upon the path and return home. The path lies open before them, their Presence stands at the end of its way, but there must be those among the sons of men to point the way and to stand by in the rough places, ease them by love, encourage them by light, and give them impetus of example and manifest works, until they come to a point of enthusiasm in themselves and they become, like you, their “brother's keeper.”

PAUL, THE VENETIAN MASTER

In the Western world, I have not found many lifestreams willing to open themselves to the influence of the Third Ray, with the deep, sincere heart desire to UNDERSTAND the motives behind the actions of their fellowman, and through such understanding, equip themselves to assist to set that fellowman free. Oh, for the tolerant, understanding lifestream desirous of knowing the heart cry of the soul and then, intelligently, helping to set into action those causes which will result in freedom and happiness for each such one!

SERAPIS BEY

Saint Germain says, “As the conscious is to the unconscious, so is the use of the Flame to the recognition of the Light.” This statement contains within itself the distinct difference between the natural conductors (music lovers) of spiritual currents at the opera, who are unconsciously drawn by the musical vibrations, and the chelas who have a knowledge of the activities engaging the energies of heaven and her sons. The audience is what one may call “a great sounding board,” built by their combined presence and attention, a bridge over which the currents may be anchored into a city and blended into the feelings of the people, and the Masters form the directing intelligence by which the cosmic devas and angels connect the spiritual energies from the temples of music with the great devas directly concerned with the location involved. The musical

presentation is often acted out in a music temple, with an Ascended Master or angelic being at every position in the cosmic cast and the orchestra as well. Each one works through his representative artist in the physical company, according to his receptivity, his spirituality, and general capacity to be an outpost of divine melody and song.

HILARION

We will take up a few emotions, for example, possessiveness, a tremendous feeling form that draws the God energy and smothers the object of its affection.

Gossip, is almost the most insidious emotion because through poison sent out, it starts whirls of emotion in the lifestreams of many and soon you have an inner conflagration. Criticisms, condemnation and judgment are also closely related. The silent criticism of seeing discrepancies and faults in others disturbs the feelings of one's own emotional body and sets up causes of discord, which react in physical disturbances, but the spoken criticism sets others' emotional bodies into the same vibratory action and its unhappy effects are without limit.

The really vicious emotions are evident and do not so much affect the aspiring student, such as jealousy, hate, anger and malice. Lust is considered sister to these vicious emotions, and until one has attained the glorious body of eternal light, lust is evident in an advanced student, mental rejection of this statement to the contrary.

JESUS

Where discord appears to manifest, it simply means that the energy that should be pouring forth harmoniously in the love that transcends every human concept, has been qualified by the individual into the discordant appearance, merely by changing its rate of vibration. The energy is the same in love and hate and jealousy, in fear and in confidence, but the rate of vibration makes the difference in its quality. Therefore, beloved ones, no one may say that he is without love, without confidence and without faith, for, if we pour light into hate or fear or lack of confidence, we quicken the rate of vibration of that quality and so change it into a constructive expression.

No individual who has energy or life within him, is without the fullness of God, and light alone is the transforming quality of life!

SAINT GERMAIN

Oh, the vision of the future is so beautiful! If I could but impart it with sufficient clarity, that it would enter into your outer consciousness, I know that I would fire you with an enthusiasm that would never lag again. The drawing forth of lifestreams at certain points of this earth's surface who are willing to set up, through the energies of their own lifestreams, radiating centers which we may use as our own bodies, is a deep desire of my heart. Then, on a moment's notice, flashing that Sacred Fire through these living conductors, we could render the assistance which would hold in balance and check plagues and epidemics and cataclysmic activities and all the various scourges that seem to play upon the screen of life and distress mankind. This had been done through the ages—on Atlantis, in Lemuria, in the civilization of seventy thousand years ago, where we were all gathered together and controlled all conditions by light. There were certain lifestreams who had an affinity for peace, others with an affinity for power, others with an affinity for the flame and substance of healing, and there (gathered together in temple foci) was the nourishment for all the masses who made up that civilization.

THE KARMIC BOARD (II)

We speak now, not of the great mass of sleeping souls, who pass through the Karmic Halls in groups (and who are in rather a somnambulist state during the entire procedure, and are gently carried by spirit guardians, after the mass judgment, to suitable spheres where they may be awakened, at least a little), but rather of the average good individual, who has developed certain God principles and spiritual interests, and so has earned individual consideration, and also the smaller and more select number of chelas and spiritually-developed lifestreams, who have earned the special assistance of the Karmic Board.

Approaching the Halls of Karma, we see the great, high doors open wide. Groups of individuals are entering through the arched doorway, under the guidance of angelic beings—also other single spirits, accompanied by shining beings of light, are approaching and joining the groups ascending the stairs toward the portals. As we draw near the open doors, which seem to dwarf even the greatest beings who enter through them, we are overwhelmed by the great size of the building, and the long corridor that stretches before us, almost as far as the eye can see.

As we proceed along the corridor, we notice doorways opening off the central corridor and over each doorway is the name of a country, "China," "India," "Argentina," and so forth. From time to time, we see

groups of individuals, who apparently have left the body as a member of the race or country indicated by the sign over the door, turn off from the main corridor and enter these small ante-chambers. They are apparently awaiting summons by the messenger of the Karmic Council.

We proceed, however, the entire length of the corridor and finally come upon the great audience chamber and enter quietly, seating ourselves just inside the door.

Before us is a large chamber, not unlike the House of Commons in England, and upon the raised dais, in front, are seven throne chairs, although we are told that usually only four are occupied—the great Lords of Karma acting for each other, and only at the half-yearly councils do the seven members officiate as one.

The seats are all occupied with individual souls, together with their sponsors, or with groups of individuals, together with their guardians and protectors.

A great angelic being calls the name of the individual or group, and they rise, together with the sponsors, if any, and proceed to the front of the room, where the record of the life just ended is read in a loud, disconcerting voice by the Angel of Record. Then the Christ Self reports on what might have been accomplished, according to the natural talents of the individual and the opportunities afforded the lifestream through the kindness and mercy of life and the Brotherhood, who are constantly looking for ways and means by which the soul may expiate certain debts to life in constructive, impersonal and altruistic services.

Before judgment is handed down, and the lifestream or group is given into the keeping of the being who will take them to the schoolroom and enroll them in the active study fitted for their evolution and progress—never with a sense of punishment, but ALWAYS with a sense of developing the latent light in the heart, any member of the Great White Brotherhood may “speak” for such a soul, and offer to take the responsibility for such a one, if he is released into the Brother's custody. If this is done, the individual soul is given to the Master and proceeds to a much higher sphere and receives much greater assistance than that which he has earned by “merit.” This is where the efficacy of the prayers for the “dead” and the supplication for one's loved ones becomes so potent, because by drawing the attention of a Master toward the soul about to enter the Hall of Judgment, always without question the Master will either go in person and offer to sponsor the soul, or will send a representative or chela to speak for that soul and conduct such a one to a proper place where, in time, the Master will visit him and assist in his evolution.

At no time does the Karmic Board punish a lifestream. their complete and entire concern is with the providing of the very best natural conditions for the development of the spiritual nature of the individual. If an individual has lived a very wicked life, it may be necessary that such a one experience the feeling of the quality of energy he has charged into life. This is done in order to impress the consciousness that such qualification is not in accord with Divine Law.

(Concluded in January 1954 issue)

PREPARATION FOR THE PASSING OF THE SOUL

Beloved Presence of God I AM in the heart of this blessed one! I bow before your Presence and your authority over this lifestream and I accept the wisdom of your decision to take the soul home!

I bow before the presence of our Lord Maha Chohan,—the Holy Comforter—within this room, and I feel the radiance of his peace as a blanket of spiritual comfort, which is the master control of all the energies of the soul and those who are near and dear to this heart. Only peace, harmony, happiness and holiness shall manifest through this period of transition! The soul shall pass quickly and gently from the tabernacle of the flesh into the fuller freedom of God's heart.

Blessed Maha Chohan, we ask that you accept the final breath from this soul, even as you gave the first breath at its birth.

In the name of the God of mercy, beloved Ascended Masters Jesus and Saint Germain, who, as Saint Joseph, became the patron of a happy passing, I call on the Law of Forgiveness for all transgressions against God's pure life by this soul, not only in this earth life, but since the beginning of time. I ask the flaming substance of Cosmic Christ Forgiveness to transmute all the energies that were drawn forth through the avenues of the senses—hearing, seeing, speaking, feeling, touching—as well as the more subtle manifestations of evil evoked through the mental, emotional and etheric bodies, which have created the chains and shackles of the soul.

I speak in the name of the Ascended Jesus Christ to the elemental in charge of sustaining life in the physical body and bid you now cooperate with the will of the Divine Self, graciously releasing this soul, without struggle, into the arms of the Archangel Michael and his Angels of Deliverance!

What I have asked here today, I ask for every soul that passes from

the earth within this twenty-four-hour period, and particularly for those who have no one to intercede for them! So be it!

**EXCERPTS FROM AN ADDRESS BY OUR
LORD MAHA CHOHAN**

September, 1953

For the past two thousand years, man has spent much time in the Sixth Sphere, in devotional service and praise to God for his goodness. Here I would have you elaborate on the manifold blessings manifested in your life, mark them off one by one. The words to the "Song of Thanksgiving" render a great service to life in reminding the outer consciousness of the many blessings to which it is heir.

Where would you be without life, without a heartbeat, without a platform of earth beneath your feet, without a sun to shine in the sky, without water? You would not even have a physical body, if it were not for your parents. People say they have nothing to do and yet this application I give you this morning would take you through three hours of acknowledgment and development.

When you have spent a certain portion of time in sending your love and gratitude to God, you might start thinking of the channels that brought you into truth and bless them, each one—the minister, priest or rabbi that baptized you, the Sunday school and patient school teacher, the first one that taught you loyalty and awareness. Then, think of your spiritual teachers, and each lifestream who has opened the door to truth. While in this contemplative mood, you might think of your celestial friends—each being who has opened your consciousness to more understanding.

Think of the Archangel Michael and his loving guardianship. Think of Sanat Kumara, glory be to his name! Think of the Sun God and Goddess, from whose bosom came your own heart flame, on, on, ad infinitum. When you have finished this contemplation, you will find that you have filled your feeling world with happiness and joy and I am sure that you will want to give a balance back to life by sending your love into the Violet Temple of the Seventh Sphere. You will want to become a bridge, giving your energies in decrees and song and visualization and you will want to become an example of what a free man should be!

THE HEALING CHALICE

THOU art the chalice into which my healing flows, oh children of my heart! I AM perfection. I AM life and light and liberty and all that is held

most dear within the hearts of men. It is thine own desirings that have contaminated my perfect gift of life to thee. In mercy and in love, my pure flame renews and restores thee with each breath, and through each pulsebeat within thy mortal heart. I AM the Healing Flame now active within thee, my beloved children. Thou has torn thy flesh upon the thorns growing by the wayside and thy life blood flows freely from thy wounds. In pain thou dost cry out to the Father-Mother God for comfort and lo, the healing Presence stirs within thee and thou art made whole. Man has learned, through practice and experimentation, to assist in bringing comfort and balance and peace to those who suffer, through the ministrations of herbs and poultices and splints and surgery.

My Flame of Healing abides within all these, yet think thee that such ministrations would heal a corpse? Ah! my loved ones, it is within thine own heart flame that my perfection abides, ever ready to create, sustain and maintain its perfection and its divinity. The wound upon thy flesh or within the very confines of thy blessed heart, heals because MY LOVE abides within my creation and renews and restores it in patience and in certainty, as long as thou, thyself, will permit. Couldst thou but see the flaming essence of my love at work within thy form, thou wouldst surely know that I AM thy life, thy strength, thy very being. I AM thy healing now! Abide within my flame and be thou made whole! Thy CHALICE is even now filled to the brim. Acknowledge me, thy God, healed by my great love.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

My beloved I AM Presence
 Grateful am I now for thee!
 Flooding forth life's perfect essence
 Setting all the earth now free.
 Let us see thyself now clearly
 Rend—Oh—rend the human veil.
 Bless the Masters we love dearly
 By their love, God does prevail!
 Thank you for the air we're breathing,
 Thanks for earth and sea and sky,
 Thank you for the many blessings
 Men so thoughtlessly pass by.
 Thank you for a heart that's beating,
 Thanks for home and comforts too,
 Thanks for perfect sight and hearing,
 All through love that flows from you!
 Thank you for the blessed sunshine
 Filling all our worlds with cheer,
 Thank you for the elementals,
 And the friends we hold so dear,
 Thank you for love's great forgiveness
 Thanks for loving mercy, too,
 Thanks for God's great gift of healing,
 Thanks—Oh—thanks for ALL YOU do!
 Thank you for our native country
 Blest America "THE FREE,"
 Lift her people out of bondage,
 Raise their consciousness to thee.
 Hold them in the heart of freedom,
 Seal them in his Violet flame,
 Purify their homes and families
 Through the love of Saint Germain!
 My beloved I AM Presence,
 Grateful am I now for thee,
 Take my body, mind and spirit,
 Take the heart and soul of me.
 Make of me thy perfect chalice,
 Messenger of love and peace,
 By the light of God within me,
 Give ascension's sweet release.

Tune: "What a friend we have in Jesus." The beloved Maha Chohan recently suggested it would be well to sing it in each group meeting, or individually, once a day.

THE BRIDGE

TO FREEDOM

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EDITOR'S GREETINGS

On behalf of myself and the staff of "The Bridge to Freedom," "The Bulletin," and all associated services, may I offer the gentle readers the fullest Ascended Jesus Christ blessing upon their spiritual selves, at this holy Christmas Season. May each one—even as we have done—follow his individual star, find the Christ, and worshipping him, allow that Christ to grow to God-maturity and God-mastery in his own individual world and experience! May the year of 1954 open with the pages of each one's own personal book of record wiped clean in the cosmic Flame of Mercy and Forgiveness, and opportunity for God expression be the open door to freedom each and every day in this coming twelve-month cycle! For the encouragement, kindness, patience, support and understanding of you all, we express our deep gratitude and eternal thanksgiving.

Thomas Printz

The Homes and Retreats of The Masters of Wisdom
THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RETREAT
December 15th to January 14th, 1954

Twice each year, the Great White Brotherhood gather together in the beautiful Rocky Mountain Retreat, in the western part of the United States of America, for their half-yearly council. At this time, the great spiritual tribunal, known as the Lords of Karma, give audience to members of the Brotherhood and also to members of the human race who are endeavoring, in some manner, to forward the cause of God's perfect kingdom on earth and bring into manifestation, quickly, those conditions of mind, body, soul and spirit which will externalize as perfect peace, unlimited supply, divine health, and spiritual illumination for each lifestream destined to pass through the earth's evolution on his way to God-mastery.

At these half-yearly councils, the members of the Brotherhood report

on the results of their activities individually, and the activities which their particular retreat has sponsored and furthered through the last six months. All of those who were given grants and dispensations by the Karmic Board and allowed more than ordinary opportunity to further some such cause, are requested to show how they have invested the life loaned to them, and what actual results they have manifested through their endeavors. Upon the amount of good that has been done, does any future grant or dispensation depend, so all are eager and desirous of bringing as much "harvest" as possible to the tribunal.

All of the members of the Brotherhood and those individuals who are yet a part of the evolving race are allowed, then, to present their individual ideas and plans which they have received in communion with their own God Self and which they believe will hasten the development of the race. According to the interest they can develop in their plans, and according to the sponsorship which each such plan receives, does the Karmic Board allow to further pursue their endeavors in the coming six months.

It is suggested that each student who reads these words enter into communion with his own God Self and, if he feels that there is some way to benefit the race as a whole, he should write his petition down, read it over nightly before going to sleep to impress his outer consciousness and his etheric consciousness of the plan, and then—in the fuller freedom of the inner body—the student will either be given an opportunity to apply for assistance before the Karmic Board to fulfill that plan, or it will be taken up by one of the Great White Brotherhood and incorporated into a cause of a similar.

Immediately after the Christmas Day celebrations, these good brothers and sisters begin to enter the retreat and endeavor to secure interest in their plans to help mankind. The decisions are given by the Karmic Board on the night of December 31st, just before the thoughtform for the New Year is lowered into the consciousness of Sanat Kumara from the Silent Watcher of the Earth.

Those individuals and groups who desire to join together in this period between Christmas Day and January 1st and offer their energies to the Karmic Board and the Cosmic Law, to grant all the petitions and dispensations requested, will greatly increase the opportunity of the Brotherhood to secure grants of mercy and compassion, which will result in tremendous assistance for the race as a whole, as well as for the elemental and angelic evolutions, which benefit by any progress in the conditions of the human race.

THE LAGGARDS
Address by the Beloved Master Lanto

August, 1953

It is my privilege and my honor to bring to you, beloved guests of God, the love and the welcome from the Brotherhood of the Rocky Mountains, whom I serve and whom I represent, to the consciousness of those of you who can accept our presence, our friendship and the mutual benefit of the association between the free and those temporarily bound by form and karma. There is so much I would say to you, for we prepare well for the opportunity afforded us to enter into communication with our friends of the ages, in order that, in the time allotted us by the Cosmic Law, we may give the greatest benefit and blessing, as well as impetus, to your own individual terrestrial evolution.

It seems but yesterday that you, dear friends, were among the heart spirits who enjoyed the freedom and beauty of the natural spiritual evolution which had its height on the continent of Lemuria, where I was privileged to worship at the Flame of God, in love and freedom. You, too, were fully conscious and cognizant of the power of the electronic light which formed your own lifestreams, and from that light, you formed with ease the manifest expression of every desire and every requirement that your bodies and individual service required, and that of your soul's evolution as well.

Within the temples in that sweet and gentle cycle, precipitation was the order of the day, and there was no lifestream who labored "by the sweat of the brow." This gave to us such freedom in the development of our own God plan, because all of the energies that are now spent in the sustenance of the physical body, were then expended toward the weaving of the tapestry of the individual life, pre-ordained to serve on this sweet earth to fulfill its part in the great divine plan, which could not be filled by any other individual.

It was at this time that the Cosmic Law, in mercy, offered the earth to become host to the planetary orphans who had not sufficiently evolved their own light to earn a habitat upon their own natural planet of evolution. Those of us who were the guardian spirits in the temples, and those of you who were the guardian spirits of the young earth children, were told in advance of the coming of the souls who formed the laggards of the other planets of the system, in order that the strength and vitality of our own spiritual energy might be intensified, to withstand the pressure which the consciousness of those lifestreams would bring.

We then entered a period of one hundred years of deep meditation,

contemplation, invocation and separate and collective application, each of us fully cognizant of our responsibility to build a bulwark strong enough to withstand this influx and protect the race which we had come to serve.

The mass of the earth children were unconscious of the coming in wave of human emotion and lived on in their Eden of harmony and peace, as in wisdom, our own lords and guardians wished us to refrain from disturbing their peace unnecessarily, and in those long years while the earth children enjoyed the freedom of that exquisite, semi-tropical paradise, only a few were aware of the impending incoming surge.

Finally, there came a day when all the head priests of the temples were called to a conference, and I went with the others. We were told of the imminent coming of these laggard souls. Shortly after their arrival, there began the long story of the contamination of the innocents, and the weight of the creation spewed forth from the thought and feeling bodies of these visiting souls ensnared even the guardian spirits, and only a few among us retained that consciousness which was our eternal birthright.

It was then that the Cosmic Law, in mercy, sent forth a fiat that our lovely Lemuria should rest awhile beneath the waves. Those among us who could be entrusted with the power required to sustain the flame which had burned upon our altars from the beginning of recorded time and long before that, were each instructed to take a part of the heart center of this flame from the temples, and move it to appointed places upon the landed surface of this earth, which would withstand the force of the cataclysm. So I came into this area (Rocky Mountains, U.S.A.).

Within this great Teton Range is the initial pulsation for the evolution of the lifestreams upon this planet. When first the earth became a habitable home, the Law required that the great Manu descend into the physical appearance world, carrying with him the magnetic Rod of Power, which would be the cohesive force holding the souls destined to incarnate and evolve into mastery within the earth, on the earth, and in its aura.

When a planet becomes ready for habitation, this mystic pole is drawn by one of the guardians of the race, for, without it, the souls would have no lasting affinity for the theater of their evolution. As that directed ray was precipitated from the hearts of the Father and Mother of the system, it became the pathway over which the first rhythmic release of mankind's spirits walked into the world, and took form, together with the guardian spirits and the angelic host, and those other beings

who, through the centuries, have sustained the soul light for the people. That is why the Brotherhood of the Rocky Mountains represent the outgoing force by which the light and consciousness of the kingdom are carried into the world, and why the members of the Brotherhood at Luxor in Egypt represent the raising or returning force by which the soul comes back into the heart of God—thus is formed the balance of the two activities of the two poles—radiation and cohesion.

Into the heart of the Rocky Mountains comes every lifestream who has chosen to carry the light into the world, if not in physical garments, through the inner bodies, and into the heart of Luxor passes every lifestream who has completed the cycle of his own evolution, and has won the right to rise, on the ascending flame, into the heart of God. No matter on what physical point on the earth's surface the ascension is attained, the soul must pass through these currents at Luxor.

Due to the tremendous acceleration of spiritual light, which is felt now through the hearts of men, the mighty temples at the Teton are being increased in size. The entire center of their whole group is being prepared to become host to the ever-increasing spiritually-awakened souls, who wish to dedicate and consecrate their energy to carrying the light and the gifts of God into the consciousness of the outer selves of the human race. It is a magnificent accomplishment, on the part of the brothers and sisters of the Brotherhood, in creating these exquisite temples and halls of mercy, and I am sure you have felt, within yourselves, the pulsation of that mighty activity.

Within the ethers over the Grand Teton stands the Silent Watcher of the Earth, through whose body is directed that ray, of which I have spoken, which holds the evolution of the earth within his sphere of influence and the orbit of his body. From his body, this Silent Watcher has issued forth seven great rays, like unto the Elohim, who have become the seven spirits of that mountain, each one dressed in one of the colors of the spectrum, holding the power which is the impetus to externalize God's will in form.

People have not thought deeply enough about the tremendous consciousness and power of the spirit of a mountain, which, through its own inner spirit, reverses the law of gravity and draws out of the very body of the earth the substance of rock and earth and tree, and holds it against the natural pull which would return it to the lower atmosphere of earth. These beings are living, breathing foci, into which mankind may blend his own energy and find it lifted up by the upsurging stream of magnetic power sustained by the mighty spirit of the mountain.

Just as your own spinal column renders the same service to your body and holds it erect so that the greater currents from the Sun may intensify your soul light, so do those great spirits of the mountain hold erect the spinal column of the earth and the seeker after light and truth finds the impetus of that upward surge of life force enfolding their own inner bodies, raising them towards union with their own Source. I ask you to bless the spirits of this mountain, consciously, for their strength and their fidelity, and for the magnificence of their service as conductors of those currents of force, hope and aspiration, which have enabled the spiritual selves of men to live through the centuries, when the effluvia of man's creation has been so great.

Beloved friends, will you accept my love? It is blessed as it comes out to you from my heart. Many of you were in China when the beloved Kwan Yin walked and talked with our people there, when China was a land where beauty was worshipped, and where a life span would be dedicated to the carving of a single ivory figure, or the painting of a single scene. China again shall stand revealed in all her beauty, and the degradation and the poverty and the famine and the human creation that has turned her green fields into parched clay, and her people into slaves of the appetites, lusts and passions of the outer self, shall be no more. Her people shall live again in the dignity and beauty of the race which has had no parallel on the earth, even to the present day.

Beloved friends, I trust that we shall meet again in the not-too-far-distant future and that as these great audience chambers are completed prior to the January council, we shall have some happy times.

Now that the Lords of Karma have so many petitioners among the sons and daughters of men, it is no longer possible to give the proper homage, courtesy and hospitality to the ever-increasing brothers and sisters within a retreat that, up to this hour, was more than large enough to take care of the few who have lived but to serve their fellowmen. My blessing now to each one of you. You all need precipitation—on Lemuria you knew and practiced it, and you may know it again on this earth. You may hold me responsible for whatever assistance I can give you in bringing to your remembrance the ease and the natural harmony that follows such precipitation, both for your own benefit and that of your fellowman.

MASTER JESUS SPEAKS ON HIS LAST EMBODIMENT

November, 1952

I come to you today, oh, my beloved brothers and sisters, with all the love of my own heart and the blessed outpouring from my Master, Lord Maitreya, from whose side I have come as he stood in the fields of Kashmir this day and endeavored through the outpouring of his feeling of the nature of God, to convey, to the pilgrims assembled, that love which the Father of all life has for his children, a love that is unchanging, and intensified in its pressure and power with every beat of the celestial heart of that great God, which never takes into consideration, in that loving, the worthiness or the merit of the one enfolded in that presence.

The love of the Father has been my message since I was first vested with the glorious opportunity of bringing the joyous words to man, that their Father was not to be considered as a being of wrath, but rather the loving, kindly and considerate one, to whom all had equal access, according to the requirements of their individual hearts.

I endeavored to draw before the consciousness of the people that it is the Father - God's - pleasure for each man and woman and child to enjoy the perfection designed by him, and but awaiting the acceptance of the consciousness, in order to be manifest through the lifestream.

Speaking to you, I speak to old heart friends. Some of you were with us in Egypt and proceeded across the great desert into the Promised Land. Some walked with me around Jericho and your voice joined mine in that immortal shout of triumph, before which the walls fell (the Master was Joshua in a previous embodiment). Some of you were with me in Persia when I, as Zoroaster, contemplated the nature of the Father and embodied his light, and some walked with me as Apollonius from Tyana, as we drew those great currents from the inner realms to prepare for the shrines which have come to be such great powers in the Christian Dispensation, and some of which have not been revealed to the outer consciousness.

Then, before I entered incarnation for my final mission, the Lord of the World, himself, revealed the plan by which an initiate was to incarnate and bring the fullness of the nature of God through his consciousness, his word and his works, which would be the permanent record of Christ, incarnate, for the entire race.

Some of you sat with me around that glorious table. Do you remember the solemn hush as the Lord of the World described that mission, up to, through and including the crucifixion, the resurrection and the ascension? Do you remember the white-robed figures who rose, as one, to volunteer for that service? Thirty-six there were who qualified to come,

and of that thirty-six, my teacher and Master, Lord Maitreya, chose myself, and he chose also my beloved mother, and your great heart friend, Saint Germain (Saint Joseph in that embodiment). We represented the trinity, through which the mission of the Christ could be manifest.

Then it was my opportunity to call forth my twelve disciples, and those other blessed ones who would assist me in a future day. Together we all knelt before the King of Kings, and he placed his thumb on our foreheads, his hand on top of our heads. He blessed us, and Lord Maitreya anointed each one with the spiritual oil of the Cosmic Christ. Then, we were each designated to go into a particular temple, until the Lords of Incarnation could prepare for us suitable vessels timed with the stars, so that all might attain their majority at the proper moment. The beloved Joseph and Mary incarnated long before I did, and some of the disciples, too, and Elizabeth and John the Baptist, and all of those who were to prepare for my coming. As each one left, we gathered together with that strong heart feeling and prayer that we might remember when the bonds of forgetfulness and the pull of the earth life had dimmed our mission, our vow, our promise.

Finally, the beloved Morya and Kuthumi (as two of the three Wise Men), and those engaged in the study of the stars, knew that the hour for my conception and incarnation was about to take place. I shall never forget my parting from Lord Maitreya—the love and kindness in that great and beautiful presence, as he placed his arms around me and breathed a heart prayer that I felt through the consciousness of my own being, for he knew how much depended upon my fidelity to my vow, and how much depended upon my capacity to retain the vision of my service, through those early years when I was not to be particularly favored among the sons of men. My prayer, too, rose with his.

There is no deeper feeling, blessed children of light, than that between the Master and the pupil—it grows through association, through the wonderful knowledge of the Master of the very weaknesses of his chosen chela, and as the chela comes up over those weaknesses and, for the first time surmounts a particular temptation, the joy in the heart of the Master is beautiful to behold. When the chela calls the Master “Father” and the Master the chela “son,” it is as close a tie as that between the Father of all life himself and every Christ who has attained immortality.

This is the feeling in the heart of the Guru when his disciple and student is going forth, depending upon the strength and the light which he has achieved through the Guru’s training, and endeavors to render a cosmic service in which millions of souls will be affected adversely or

otherwise. If there could be agony in heaven, I would say it is in that hour, and all the love and the strength and the light of the Guru enfolds the incarnating soul, and all the hope of the student ties into the heart of the Master, until even after the memory is gone, that FEELING remains of union with “something” beyond and above the consciousness of the senses.

I was privileged, of course, in being welcomed by beloved Mary, and she provided for me, through her aura, that love and that protection and that spiritual sanctity, without which I think I could not have endured those early years, when my consciousness was not yet developed enough to remember my Father’s home, and I shall be eternally grateful for the strength of the beloved Saint Germain, who stood by us. I can see as clearly today as in that long ago, the strong hands working upon the yoke of an oxen, gently and smoothly preparing the wood, that it might not give pain to the creature for whom it is carved.

Then the first glimmer of my memory began to return. Oh, happy, happy day—when out in the fields I lay looking at the sun and, for an instant, there flashed into my consciousness remembrance of my teacher and my connection with the Father God. I remember walking home slowly, and how my mother, looking at me, realized that the Christ Self was beginning to take hold of my small form. So I can feel for you, my children, who are yearning for that connection with your Presence. You know how precious it was—you know how sweet the association, for you feel it, and it is my joy, and that of my great Master, to offer to all of you, our FEELING of ONENESS with your Presence. Let that be our Christmas gift to you.

I shall not dwell on the well-known facts of my ministry, but I shall bring to your remembrance, again, that at the close of this earth life, you are going to experience the joy of the ascension. Oh, how can words describe to blessed hearts incarcerated in flesh, the FREEDOM that is to be yours, the joy that when there enters within your consciousness a thought or a design by which to benefit the race, time nor space nor anything can limit your instantaneous accomplishment!

From one who has passed consciously, in the full waking outer consciousness of daily life under the brilliant sun at noon, and in the presence of those whom I loved more than life itself, into the home of my Father—let me, please, dear hearts, convey to you that all of the suffering, all of the discipline, all of the trials, all of the renunciation of this earth life, are worth that instant when the pull of earth can no longer bind your purified soul, and you know FREEDOM!

Let me warn you that, in your association one with another, you can

prepare for this hour, and the most subtle of your tests will be LOVE! For instance, in my own case, there was Mary, who had taken me as an infant and in the glory of that aura raised my small form, and throughout all my ministry welcomed and accepted every lifestream that I chose to bring home, upon my word that they were of the Father's kingdom, sweet John, who breathed not a breath for himself from the instant that I called him, and Peter and James and all the others whom I knew were not equipped without my consciousness and my presence to live in the fullness of life, and yet at that moment when the call came, I had to decide between the pull of love and the call of the Presence.

Who among you, facing such a choice would know which was the greater service? There are some I know who would say, "It is better that I stay with my own, lest they fall by the wayside," and yet, if I had done that, the world would not have the public example of an ascension, which has been the hope of the Christian world since that time. I tell you, dear friends, that is not an easy decision.

Your call will come, each one! Prepare you for that hour, for that which you love most will be closest to you, and the subtle feeling had best be handled long before that day. In the constant leaving of your every decision to your Presence—"Not my will, but thine be done," you are building that momentum, you will not suffer such a tug of the heart, and you will save yourself much agony and much uncertainty.

I love you, each one, with a love that is deep and sincere, and it is not based on what you are, or on what you have been, but it is based on what you shall become, for I have seen you in the heart of the Father and knowing the glory you had with him before the world was, I but anticipate the hour of your full manifestation of that glory while you yet walk the earth. Let us no longer be backward-looking, through two thousand years of time, for the miracles that can be accomplished today! The world groans with pain and agony, with sickness and disease, and death, and corruption—and you, alone, are the hope of the world! Were I to have incarnated again and again every hundred years, up to the present hour, I would have denied you the OPPORTUNITY to become that which I AM, and there is no Christ being who does not allow the development of his fellowmen into greater glory.

I IMPLORE YOU, in the name of the Father of all life, to set into action those calls by which every one of you may walk through those hospitals and asylums and restore man to his natural estate. If you love me, DO THAT WHICH I HAVE DONE, and this will be your answer to my words spoken this hour.

In the name of the Father, in the name of my own lifestream, and in

the name of the great Holy Spirit of life, I give to you the blessings of love, and the love of every brother and sister who has become the freedom which I AM.

THE MASTERS OF WISDOM SPEAK

MAHA CHOHAN

Mankind, in contemplating spiritual food, so often delegate to the abstract the powers of the Comforter, and yet, the most mundane activities in which the personal self can be engaged are oftentimes tremendous outposts of comfort to the bodies of people, to their mental well-being, etc. All of those great avenues bring comfort to the daily life of the people. For instance, the manufacturers of mattresses and easy chairs, the sun lamp of therapy, the beautiful automobiles, the incinerator, the washing machine, the vacuum cleaner, just to mention a few, are actively engaged in furnishing comfort as much as the kindly doctor, the minister and the priest, the vocational teacher or the inspirational writer. All of these, the great and the simple, have been and are our guests during the time when the blessing of the Cosmic Comforter is flowing freely even to him who "gives only a cup of cold water in our name."

EL MORYA

The Causal Body which surrounds the Electronic Presence is about 100 feet in diameter around the Presence of an unawakened individual. The Presence, which works at cosmic levels, does not receive an expansion of this Causal Body until the physical part of itself consciously cooperates while in a flesh body and sends up energy qualified with perfection, to expand its great life wave. Therefore, the Presence is as grateful to have an individual consciously awaken and cooperate with it, as the physical individual is to have the help of the Presence. When once the student awakens to spiritual things, the Causal Body of the Presence begins to expand, and it is able to do greater things at cosmic levels and has greater energy, fire and power at its command. The Causal Body of the average metaphysical student shows a very large increase over the 100-foot status of the sleeping vehicles.

KUTHUMI

Oh, for a long time the vision has stood before the inner sight of those of us who have renounced Nirvana, to incorporate into the sub-

stance and energies of this earth the glories of the kingdom of heaven. However, again and again as those souls we love so well were summoned by the Lords of Karma, to stand before them to receive their heritage of good and their heritage of evil to be expiated in the life to come, and as those bonds of forgetfulness closed the spirits' memory round them, have we been forgotten, and the pledge of the heart and the love of the lips and the enthusiasm of the soul carrying the weight of the creations of the centuries, found not within the heart the stimulation to proceed. We, who stand at the other side of the great abyss, awaiting the voluntary energies and the stirring of remembrance, thus find ourselves without a body in form.

Can you then feel the depth of gratitude within our hearts when, through those sweet outer minds, you even acknowledge our presence, when, in the deep recesses of your heart, you breathe a prayer for remembrance, and when your feeling, weighed down with the accumulation of the centuries, asks for the fire and the courage and the constancy to follow the vision, and incorporating the energies of the self, helps us to externalize the God plan which is for the blessing of all life!

PAUL, THE VENETIAN

The beloved Maha Chohan requests me to remind the earnest students that the great mercy of life allows the cosmic action of the law of love, compassion and forgiveness to wipe out individually, as well as collectively, the mass karma created within the twelve-month cycle which is closed on December 31st. Where the actual motive of the individual or group was not to misqualify life energy or deliberately do wrong, this blanket forgiveness is sent forth to encompass all who care to accept its relief, release and forgiving mercy from the miscreations of the year. Thus, all life may enter the new year with an individual slate wiped clean of many of the errors of judgment and action which otherwise, by the unerring activity of the Law of the Circle, must return for redemption to its own creative center in some form of discomfort and unpleasantness. Let every lifestream belonging to the evolution ACCEPT NOW the Cosmic Flame of Forgiveness as it circles the planet round, and ACCEPT the freedom from mistakes of the past—and FORGET them!

SERAPIS BEY

The process of the ascension is the divine plan for every lifestream and when man at last stops his willful distortion of God's substance, by finding the figures of his creation sufficiently unpleasant—we have a step in the right direction, but there is a long step between such dissatisfaction and the time when the individual will willingly dissolve his distorted creation, call to the Master Presence for the divine plan and then have the patient humility required to fulfill it, molding the energy and substance of the earth plan, according to the blueprint held in the heart of the Presence.

The blueprint can only be found and studied in selfless humility, and that blueprint will begin to shine through the flesh form, as the individual is sincerely determined to use all his talents and energy only in accord with God's will.

HILARION

The individual who desires to become a fuller expression of the Ascended Master Consciousness may use all his faculties to attract the beams of the gods into his world. Intense devotion and love open the doors of inspiration and the gods speak to the higher minds and explain many of the apparent puzzles and problems of the lower world. As we progress into the New Age, we shall find the inspirational faculty developed by the masses, as it was on Atlantis, only this time it shall remain lasting.

Remember, your senses, each one, are a means by which you may draw the fullness of the Ascended Master Consciousness into your individual experience. Use those senses freely, through delicate perfumes, beauty of surroundings, harmonious music, exquisite picturization, etc., and then rise into the inspirational realm of spirit and talk heart to heart with the gods, in the silence.

JESUS

The Ascended Master Consciousness is one with the all-knowing mind of God as a collective whole and with the component parts of the great divine mind, as expressed through the individualizations of God who have attained PERFECTION.

The Ascended Master's consciousness does not connect with, nor embrace, the imperfect or human consciousness of unawakened individuals, and herein is their wisdom.

Your consciousness is your world and that which you are conscious of becomes a living part of your experience.

To achieve and become the Ascended Master Consciousness, one must take the beam of his attention, fasten it upon the Ascended Master qualities of understanding, and draw back the living, breathing breath of the Master into his world. One must strictly guard the door of his individual consciousness against accepting any limitation—by discussion, thought, feeling, reading, etc. You will remember that Saint Germain stated that if the Masters, themselves, keep their attention on the problems of earth for any length of time, even they would draw themselves downward, in other words, pollute their consciousness with conditions of limitation.

SAINT GERMAIN

What is the CAUSE of freedom? God. The God identity of every man has, within it, the inherent, inbred realization that FREEDOM and GODLI-NESS are one.

The divine fiat of life is expansion, unfoldment, perfection, all of which qualities require freedom in order to manifest. A tightly-closed rosebud requires freedom to become a full blown rose. Even the power of Helios requires freedom to shine. An animal, plant, tree or man requires freedom to breathe. There is no such thing as progress or evolution, or, in fact, being, without freedom. You might say “Freedom is God stretching out his arms to increase. Freedom is God in action.” The quiescent God sleeping through the solar night does not taste of nor enjoy the fruits of freedom, but when the first stirring takes place in the cosmic dawn of a solar system or in the birth of a bird, freedom stirs.

I AM THE SUN OF FREEDOM. It is my great privilege to expand the cause of freedom on the earth plane. It is not a quality which is injected into a lifestream, for love of freedom is inherent within life as is the love of life, itself.

Freedom and expansion are one. Freedom and activity are one. Freedom and God are one.

In this new day, dedicated to the freedom of the entire planet and this system of worlds, you will see the God power stretching forth and bursting the chains of limitation!

WITH THE MASTERS AT CHRISTMAS

The Christmas week, itself, is a time of rejoicing and spiritual celebration and we take the opportunity to visit with each other, comparing notes as to the merits of our chelas, and oftentimes giving the voluntary support of our life merit to a brother in assisting his plan.

The homes at inner levels are all decorated according to the design and pleasure of its occupants, and every temple and home of light has "open house." There is much joy and laughter and harmless merriment. Groups of brothers and angels are gathered together, in earnest conversation, or enjoying a musical of an impromptu nature. Christmas "calls" are made and gifts exchanged. I, myself, enjoy this "holiday," away from the strenuous activities of the year and I know all of heaven welcomes this brief respite from the sense of responsibility and concern for the welfare of our "charges."

In the Second Sphere, my brother Kuthumi has his palace of light, and here is the great Temple of Lord Buddha and Lord Maitreya. The atmosphere of this realm is a lovely, gentle, golden radiance, with no glare. It embodies PEACE and TRANQUILITY.

There is the octave of light, where the disembodied lifestreams dwell who are yet to take incarnation. There are so many glorious spheres, where each lifestream may enjoy and experience what is his particular idea of "heaven." There are vast areas of country, and the more formal city life, with homes similar to the exquisite homes and palaces of Atlantis.

—from correspondence with beloved El Morya

EL MORYA SPEAKS ON HIS PAST EMBODIMENT(I)

May, 1953

I greet you today, beloved friends of light and life, in the name of the one God whom we all serve, in that endeavor to establish upon this earth the perfection which is held within his consciousness, his heart, awaiting externalization through each of you, and every other lifestream belonging to this evolution.

It is my privilege and honor to represent the mind of God, and in endeavoring to bring the divine ideas, which form the stimulus for world movements, I have earned the title of the "fiercest" of the sons of heaven. You know, as we sit in council with our superior, the Maha Chohan, it is not the most pleasant feeling to be called the "fiercest" of the Chohans

of the Rays, and I have endeavored, in my correspondence, to incorporate the word “friendly,” for, I assure you, that is the feeling within my heart—I am a forthright person and my enthusiasm and desire for accomplishment is such that it must be tempered with the wisdom of patience.

Early in the last century, when we applied to the Law for the opportunity to bring the understanding of the Masters to the consciousness of the Western world, I presented our plan to the Maha Chohan, and in one of those beautiful councils where he sits with us, he acquiesced, but he said among other things, “I suggest you take with you the balance of the gentleness of Kuthumi and let him temper your enthusiasm and interpret your words to the average man, so that you do not frighten him, unnecessarily, and do more harm in that enthusiasm, than good.” So we came together and Kuthumi wrote most of my letters and rendered a service which drew us closer and closer in those bonds of spiritual oneness, which you can appreciate are stronger far, than ties of blood, because they endure century after century, not only in the renewed association of souls wearing new earth bodies, but with the inner remembrance of past cooperative endeavor. In such service there is happiness that is akin of the feeling within the heart of the lifestream at the completion of the rounds of evolution, when the Presence calls that spirit home.

Looking upon the work and service and hope in the heart of our gentle brother, Saint Germain, in all the years that he had put into the preparation of the student body to become a vehicle for the cosmic light and the Cosmic Christ, I again applied for the opportunity to assist him in resuscitating the feeling and impetus of the spiritual fire which, rather than glowing freely, was but a smoldering ember—and again I was given the acquiescence of our beloved Maha Chohan if I could secure the cooperation, the interest, the faith and the belief of some members of the human race.

At that time I was privileged to choose several lifestreams and through a dispensation, write them. If they responded, we could continue our endeavors to assist the beloved Saint Germain. A few responded, and, from that small beginning, has grown a correspondence that is staggering, even to my consciousness, for I have never been one who enjoyed the confinement within the transference of thought to the written page. Thus a cause was set up, and, whether by Ascended Being or an unascended being, the effect must be met by such a one. You, beloved hearts, reached forth your hands in friendship and proved to the Cosmic Law that there were among the unascended lifestreams incarnate, those who choose freedom’s way, who were willing to throw off

the shackles of oppression, superstition and fear, and were willing to stand for right and justice, for which I thank you. You have each followed your star.

Oh, how cognizant I am of the endeavor, the sacrifice, the investment which each of you, through your own heart's love, put into your spiritual pilgrimage and, as every man receives according to that which he has invested, so shall the God of Light and Life reward you in the expansion of your understanding and your consciousness, for responding to the magnetic pull of the Maha Chohan's own spiritual vibration.

I, too, followed a star once, long ago, to the feet of an infant, (El Morya, as one of the Three Wise Men, followed the star to Bethlehem, Ed.). I can assure you it was not as glamorous or romantic or beautiful as it is described today, and that the Three Kings of the Orient did not ride, easily, in great caravans of power and wealth. We joined them, true, for travelers in those days seldom crossed those vast expanses of wasteland alone, but we were within garments of flesh. We had studied the heavens for many years, each in his own country. We had no communication, one with the other, and each, when the constellations pointed to the certain cosmic moment, felt the time of a visitation was at hand, and each at some sacrifice, suffering and much ridicule from our countrymen, left the comparative safety of our homes, following a star. There were nights when the clouds covered the heavens and the stars did not shine—just as there are times in your progress upon the spiritual path when your star seems to be obliterated from the sky, and even in your feelings you wonder if there ever were such a “guiding light.”

I can understand this because I went every step of that way, following a star, and I can assure you, with the confidence and faith builded into my own energies, that it was worth the investment of every electron drawn forth from the heart of the Presence and used in motivating the body toward that humble stall in Bethlehem.

Oh, my beloved friends, who have embodied in the West today, you have no concept, yet, of the power within that heart flame to guide you right. I came into this magnificent building this morning from the heart of India, where I have walked a bit of the way with the pilgrims coming down over the mountain passes, following the light in their hearts, for there is no map giving the location of the Wesak Valley. There is only a magnetic pull that cannot be denied, and when the soul is evolved to a certain point and that spiritual pull from the great Lord Maitreya and the brothers who prepare the Wesak Festival is set into motion, involuntarily, the lifestreams prepared begin to move toward that place.

When Mr. Leadbeater presented the description of the Wesak Festival before the West, through his beautiful book, "The Masters and The Path," the intellectual consciousness became aware of the mystic ceremony. Prior to this, however, there was no written record, although it has been performed on the night of the full moon in the month of May every year since the glorious Gautama Buddha achieved the ascension, and everyone within this room, in the course of at least one embodiment, has been privileged to attend. Do you know, beloved ones, that some people have spent forty incarnations, every year endeavoring to reach the valley where that festival is held, yet they have not done so—and yet have not gone home with bitterness or disappointment in their hearts. Do you know how many pilgrimages you have accomplished before you were privileged to achieve the impetus necessary to bring you into this activity? Oh, blessed hearts of the West, may you know that nothing is happenstance, all is governed by Law, and in our great work with mankind evolving upon this planet, we do not so much work with the intellect as with those magnetic currents that draw those lifestreams ready for certain instruction, which we alone can give.

The blessed chelas in the West shy away from the questionable privilege of being placed under my tutelage, and they are happier, by far, if they are assigned to my golden-haired brother, Kuthumi, or to the beautiful, delicate perfectionist, Paul, the Venetian. Serapis gives me some comfort. I don't think he knows how much comfort his positive nature has given me! Hilarion, too, is a power, because he deals with the agnostics, those who pass out believing that there is no God and no life after death. Jesus is going to be a very great surprise to the Christian world, for he is a positive being and wields the fire element with a majesty and a mastery in positive force that is worthy of Hercules.

When we were arranging for the words of greeting this morning, I said to the Maha Chohan, "It is fitting that our brother, Saint Germain, bring the comfort of his presence and I, myself, would be more at peace in the happiness of the chelas," but the Maha Sahib felt that, as I had started this new endeavor, it was right that I speak to you and that you feel my presence with you.

Oh, blessed be your hearts, my children, blessed be your hope, and blessed be the star that has guided you, for it is not an external manifestation. It is an emanation from your own unfolding spiritual Self which guided you on the path of righteousness, and may you each know, as you proceed along life's way, that I am your obedient servant, because I live only to serve life, to set it free. I live to give you the fullness of God's design as you choose to accept it, and I assure you I shall endeavor to

temper my enthusiasm with the love of the Christ, that you may not know me only as the “fierce” but as the “friendly” sponsor of your heart’s love. I thank you.

TO OUR GENTLE READERS

In the first article in this issue you will find a reference to presenting at the conclave in the Royal Teton, December 31st, 1953, petitions to the great Karmic Board which you feel will benefit the entire human race. Besides writing out those petitions on paper, reading them over nightly before entering sleep, it would be very helpful, indeed, to the Great Ones and all mankind too, if our gentle readers were to gather in their respective groups (or alone, if no group is available) for ONE HOUR every night from Christmas Day through New Year’s Eve, calling for the release of dispensations, or whatever is necessary, to enable the Great Cosmic Law to grant, if possible, all the petitions so presented and to raise up from unascended mankind those willing assistants for the sponsors of such grants.

IT'S CHRISTMASTIME

Verse 1

The season of Christmas is here,
 And the love of Jesus is flowing.
 By God's gift sublime,
 All his love divine
 In every heart is glowing—

CHORUS

Oh the angels sing and the joy bells ring,
 And the earth is glad once again!
 As his blazing star drew the Wise Men far—
 His Christ light draws all men!

Verse 2

The season of giving is here,
 And the time of Cosmic Christ blessing.
 God's eternal peace flows with full release,
 With love the earth caressing—

CHORUS

Oh, it's Christmastime and the joy bells chime,
 They draw our attention above.
 Jesus comes to earth, bringing love's rebirth—
 God's victory of love!

Verse 3

The gift of Christ healing is here,
 And all pain and sorrow are ending.
 Give your heart to him—let forgiveness in,
 His world with yours is blending—

CHORUS

Oh, his greatest gift all the world will lift,
 If mankind will make it their own.
 It's the full release of God's healing peace,
 No mortal man has known!

2ND CHORUS

Oh, it's Christmastime and the joy bells chime
 And the earth is glad once again—
 Oh, dear Jesus stay, teach all love's sweet way—
 The Savior of all men.

Melody: Hymn tune "In the Garden"

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A HOLY, HAPPY, HARMONIOUS NEW YEAR TO OUR GENTLE READERS

Through the mercy of life, every individual stands at the threshold of a new opportunity, as the twelve-month cycle of 1954 sends its initial pulsation through the divine thoughtform embodying the will of God for the evolutions that call our earth "home." The destructively-qualified karma of 1953 has been mitigated and expiated through the compassion and mercy of the Cosmic Law, and before each lifestream, the Angel of Record holds a brand new volume of the book of life. Every page is clean and hopeful, awaiting the energy of the individual, who will write thereon the pattern of his thoughts, feelings and activities from day to day!

In the name of the Holy Christ Self of each one, in the name of the great Sanat Kumara and the Great White Brotherhood, in the name of life itself, we decree that all your energies may be God-directed, harmoniously qualified and constantly utilized to fulfill your individual divine plan and a measure of the cosmic divine plan, as well!

LET 1954 see every soul in bondage, GOD FREE!

Thomas Printz, Editor

EL MORYA SPEAKS ON HIS PAST EMBODIMENT (II)

August 1953

Do you remember those days at the court of King Arthur, when we rode out from Camelot into the beautiful countryside and enjoyed the beauties and peace of nature, and how at the end of the day we would engage in the joustings and rough games of the times, which no doubt were unpleasant to the great Host of Light, who tried to overshadow us that we might render a little service?

Looking back over the checkered history of my own lifestream, I learn that the things which gave me such pleasure in those long past days, and which now seem so unimportant, still give pleasure to the disciples and chelas whose hearts are as firmly bound to truth as is mine.

Before leaving Camelot, we would send our scout to find a lovely spot close to a stream, where we could enjoy comparative privacy from prying eyes. Then we would mount our fine horses and accompanied by the ladies, dressed in their exquisite riding outfits, with long veils flying in the wind, we would enter deep into the heart of nature.

Often Merlin would accompany us. You know, of course, that he is now our beloved brother, Saint Germain. He was entrusted then, with the honor of representing the will of God to our consciousness. When he would accompany the knights and ladies, we would all endeavor to be on our best behavior and while listening to the wisdom which he had gleaned from contemplation and study of the Spiritual Law, we would resolve to incorporate it into our own consciousness as greater understanding, but he would no sooner be over the hill, than the more energetic among us would be back at the joustings and the other rough pleasures of the day. I remember, well, the beautiful silk pavilions and bright colors encrusted on the shields and crests of the knights.

I might say to you, in passing, that this new association between incarnate lifestreams and ourselves has not only brought us closer to you, but it has drawn us much closer to our superiors and those exquisite beings to whom we apply for counsel and who previously came into our daily association only on the rarest occasions. So, you see that the drawing in of the consciousness whereby unascended beings and Masters are united, is likewise drawing closer the cosmic consciousness of those tremendous intelligences who, up to this time, worked almost entirely in the nirvanic planes.

We are, therefore, all grateful for the opportunity to be with you in the exquisite countryside of the State of Colorado, where your karma has

allowed you to work out the individual experiences of your lives, where there is so little of the human creation that clings to the individuals who are required to live in the great cities. By reason of the absence of that accumulation, your progress should be much more rapid, and I trust that it shall be.

In India, where we have worked for countless centuries, although the inhabitants are crowded into unpleasant proximity one with another, the natural spiritual aura of the land is such that the evolution of the soul proceeds much more rapidly than here in the West.

There are many of you whom I have served and whom I have loved dearly, for century after century, and it makes me happy to be able to speak with you again. May I thank you, personally, for the inner perception by which you have measured truth, refusing to allow the measure of another's consciousness to limit your service and our friendship and association, for you, and those like you, are the men and women upon whose heart flames we hope to build the foundation of the spiritual edifice which will cathedral the souls, not only of the embodied, but of all those waiting at the door of birth for an opportunity to wear again an earth garment, and find their mastery over energy, through experience.

I would that every man, woman and child might stand in the Halls of Karma and witness the extreme care with which the souls are examined and one out of three given the privilege of taking an earth body—they would not then take so lightly their present incarnate form, nor so eagerly desire to be released from it. Through that door of birth all must pass, until they attain mastery self-consciously, when they will immediately be cut free from the wheel of birth and death, coming home "to go out no more."

Just to live in "resignation" is an insult to your opportunities! When you say you have reached that phase of consciousness where you have become "resigned to the appearances and just make the best of things," you just allow human consciousness to limit your services. This planet swings heavily on her axis and the weight of even one soul's accumulation might be just the added impetus that would strike her from her base. It is thus that the lights and shadows of each soul who enters into embodiment are carefully examined at birth, and again at the close of the life span, when each one is released, for this is the schoolroom where we hopefully await the development and maturity of our disciples and chelas, insofar as the temptations of the outer world will allow.

Around the council tables, at inner levels, you will see the Masters sitting together with their disciples, in the full freedom of their inner bod-

ies, where they vow to accept certain responsibilities to forward the progress of this evolution. These are pushed forward through the Halls of Karma and given the opportunity to reincarnate, which is oftentimes a favor far beyond their merit. Then, we just fold our celestial arms and await the development of the flesh body, the maturity of the mind, the awakening of the soul, at which time some temptation of the flesh usually carries them off into many wasted years of carnal living, through which the intensity of the light begins to dim and they come to a place where they lose interest in our purpose!

We hope now that this condition is a thing of the past, because the Maha Sahib has opened the door by which we may reach your minds, your outer consciousness, your conscious selves! In this is our greatest hope, and in this is your greatest opportunity for conscious service!

I do not wish to bore you with details which perhaps would unduly concern the outer self, but I would like to show you the careful measurement of the energy that is allotted to us by Karmic Law. The Lord Maitreya told you last evening of the rhythmic cycles, whereby religions were instituted and brought to their peak, and of the incarnation of great beings, through whom these spiritual currents could be drawn, whereby the greatest possible good for God and man could be effected in every age.

Now I will show you my service in connection with that of the World Teacher. When the two-thousand-year cycle is opened, when the evolution of the entire race and all the souls therein are measured, the World Teacher devises a plan which can be incorporated into the worship of the masses, whereby the soul is fed and the spiritual centers stimulated, in their endeavors to reach toward God. When this plan is completed, the teacher endeavors to obtain the assistance and service of certain lifestreams at inner realms, who will carry the memory of that divine plan with them through their incarnation, project it upon the screen of life, and interest certain lifestreams in the new endeavor.

It is then my service, as it was that of my predecessors, to find among incarnated egos, as well as those awaiting embodiment, those souls strong enough to grasp the vision of the completed plan of the God will for that age. In this way the incarnating teacher may lay the foundation of the religion in their nation, their continent, and their planet, thus utilizing the energy allotted us by the Lords of Karma, the Sun of our system, and the great Cosmic Law.

It is exactly the same as if you were entering into business and were given a certain amount of money by a bank to invest—if you were wise,

you would think well on how to make each dollar render the greatest possible service in the fulfillment of that plan.

We are given a certain amount of energy to forward a portion of the divine plan, and we can use all of it in the materialization of phenomena, hoping it might interest the minds of the people, or we can carefully spread it out, reaching into their respective consciousnesses through the services of evolved egos, who choose to act as interpreters of our thoughts, feelings and directions. This latter means of communication makes it possible for us to render a greater and wider service. However, it all depends on the type of egos who are in embodiment and the amount of cooperation they will give us, which is the deciding factor in the amount of energy we can invest, and which will enable us to conserve the initial grant, and, in some instances, increase it.

In the early days of Theosophy, when Kuthumi and I endeavored to interest the Western mind in the activities of the higher octaves, we spent a great portion of the energy allowed us by the Law in producing phenomena through Madame Blavatsky. Although we did obtain certain results, the final achievement did not show a balance for the tremendous amount of concentrated energy invested by us in the precipitated letters to chelas, etc. Therefore, in this new endeavor WE, too, have benefited by past experience and are more cautious now in the investment of our own energy, so that the greatest good can be effected, before the full manifestation of this endeavor is attained.

Through our beloved Saint Germain, the development of the consciousness of the student body opens another door to our cause, and the release of the energy of the students through decrees adds to our stockpile of dedicated energy. Would that you could understand more fully that of which I speak tonight, because every ounce of energy that I give you—even as I speak to your individual hearts—is invested in your lifestream by me, and drawn from this cosmic grant. If it bears no fruit, through some balance in service from your own life, it is lost—consequently, there is that much less energy left for the world cause. I hope you grasp my point!

I do not say this to give you a feeling of undue responsibility, but I do wish you to realize that our association with mankind is primarily to forward the cause of world freedom, and this investment of our energy in the potential service of your individual and collective lives to forward God's divine plan, is used in an endeavor to remove the human veil between the octave of heaven and the octave of earth, where the souls of the immortal God-selves have been imprisoned for countless centuries.

Beloved friends, I thank you for your presence in this universe. I am grateful that I stood at the door of the Halls of Karma when each one of you was called and given an opportunity to incarnate, and as each of you stood there, I had the privilege and honor to stand sponsor for your life. This is one reason why you have been able to sense my vibration. I am your Godfather in every sense of the word, and, as Godfather, I am responsible for your spiritual welfare.

I have the reputation of being rather a severe teacher, but that is because I am so intent on God's will, and perhaps, some day, some of you will be glad that I seem unduly emphatic. However, I assure you that I am endeavoring to soften my nature through the love of our beloved Holy Spirit.

As I said before, it is not so comfortable to have the name of the "fiercest" of the sons of heaven. Do you know that when the incarnated sons of heaven are drawn before the Maha Chohan, most hope they will not get into my schoolroom? Yet, now that I have come to the attention of the people of the Western world, my chelas are increasing and I have a goodly number, as compared with those of my more gentle brothers. My beloved Kuthumi has been a great help in softening the intensity of my one-pointedness, and I am putting all my efforts now into the purpose of helping the "shepherds" of the new day in their endeavors to assist him in the education of the children of the race, that they may understand and live according to the divine plan.

So—remembering the days of Camelot and the joy and happiness we experienced in the court of Arthur, remembering the great festivals in the spring when the ladies wore garlands of May flowers in their hair, and the Feast of the Pentecost was celebrated with honor by ladies and gentlemen alike, when gentle country folk, gathering together outside the castles to receive the blessings of Merlin through the power of the Holy Spirit, I leave you with this remembrance—with the heartfelt hope that you may find peace and comfort in our united efforts to bring in the freedom of the new day! I thank you.

THE COURT OF KING ARTHUR
by El Morya

April, 1953

Beloved of the Light, I greet you! Fifteen hundred years have passed across the screen of life since we sat all together around a table, and I endeavored, in my limited consciousness, to convey to you my dream, my vision, of a universal and a world brotherhood!

Ah! how easy seems the fulfillment of a vision when you stand in the freedom of your garments of life and light, and are not clothed round by the bands of forgetfulness and the heavy weight of flesh, with its appetites, its passions, and its lust, when the atmosphere in which you witness the glory of God and his design is filled only with the oneness of harmonious purpose, and not with the variegated shadows that form the effluvia of the consciousness of mankind.

How often you have stood thus, and looked upon some portion of the great divine scheme of ever-abiding perfection and said, as I have said, "How beautiful, how simple, how easy of accomplishment!" Then filled with the hope of drawing into the substance of the earth the glory of the kingdom of heaven, you eagerly rushed toward those who waited to place you within a garment, by which incarnation in this world might take place. Only in those years, when the vision became clouded and the lifestreams who had so freely sworn to serve with you, caught in the meshes of their own karma, began to fall away, did you question, within your hearts, as to whether that mission was idle imagery of your own making, or an eternal truth clothed in the clouds of your own karmic limitations. As the court of Arthur grew, each knight swore by his own heartbeat and lifeblood to serve the cause of right.

You today, each one individually, love "right" but the difficulty came in your interpretation of that which was "right" and soon my voice was lost amidst the tumultuous shoutings of your own natures, for one thought it was "right" to destroy all that opposed good, even through the shedding of blood; another in defining "right" believed it to be the forsaking of mankind and living within the confines of the hermitage; another found "right" in family association—on and on ad infinitum, until the confusion grew to a point where I, myself, as Arthur, no longer knew which interpretation was "right" according to God's code. In that life, if I learned no other thing, I learned that man shall swear not to serve anything but divine love, which can never be interpreted by human standards but only within the honesty of the inmost soul. So the days of Arthur passed and we all wended our way through the paths of life, meet-

ing now and again, sometimes with a sense of remembrance, and oftentimes not even recognizing our closeness in the centuries that had been.

Again, today, we join together to serve the cause of love, and that Holy Grail which is the symbol of the individual consciousness each one of you has brought into this room. It is the cup containing within it the shadows and the light that your soul has accumulated through the centuries. It is my purpose to so purify each cup by the melting away of the shadow, as you will permit me, that when you raise it in communion with your own Christos, you may clearly, distinctly and always receive, through that communion, the direction of the moment; then molding the substance of the universal light within that grail, let it shine forth in mastery over all conditions in which you move.

No longer shall the so-called “elect” carry the grail and the eyes of the profane be blinded to its light. Every consciousness that desires my assistance, desires to know the will of God (for the planet, for the millions and millions of lives evolving upon it, and for their individual and selective progress) shall have my assistance! You, each one, shall become that holy grail, the chalice from whence those who are yet seeking in darkness may drink of the substance of the Father, in confidence and power, and drawing it into their nature, through the very power of the contagion of life and love of God, become, in themselves, grails through which their divinity may pour the fully-gathered momentum of its plan and purpose into externalized form.

I am a man of action! Although I am a product of the Eastern evolution, I have always been violently opposed to vision without accomplishment, and it is for this reason that I have been chosen, presently, to abide as the representative of the will of God for the people of earth, but, how, in the name of heaven and all that is holy, shall the people of earth have the fullness of God’s great love and design, if the “shepherds” themselves are not acquainted with the plan and purpose to which we have devoted our lives and century after century of service?

I am endeavoring to draw back the curtain and allow those who choose to look upon the work of the Brotherhood—to open to the minds of those willing to accept the doorway into the heart of the Universal Father. However, I bring grave responsibility with my gift, for vision without action draws karma that is not of benefit to the soul. So, although the impetuosity of my nature is such that I would, with one wave of the hand, reveal the fullness of the glory of the future, for the sake of the individual soul, I hold my patience lest you (seeing more and abiding

in the knowledge of what is to be done) do not, by reason of your personal weaknesses, assist in its accomplishment. The responsibility of revealing to you the part you might play would be too great for me, in love, to take upon my shoulders.

Little by little, according to the use of your energies, am I willing to bring to you the design and plan of the Father, and the brothers, for his kingdom.

The tremendous assemblage at Darjeeling both startled and amazed us, as this is the first time we have opened the doors of this council to the mass of mankind. Millions of souls, whose heart prayer in the quiet of the night is to know the will of God for this war-torn world, as well as to obtain individual peace and security, came drawn like moths to the flame. The gentlest prayer to know His will is the magnet that draws the soul to that spiritual intelligence who can reveal that will.

In this is great hope, because in the extremity of earth's present chaotic shadows, thousands and thousands of constructive lifestreams are kneeling before the altar of their own Christ, or whatsoever name they choose to call him, and asking that the revelation of the will of God come to the great, to the leaders, to those who are responsible for the control of the masses. All of that is energy in my hand, at my fingertips, and these people SHALL know the will of God! They shall know the truth through those who are presently in positions of authority, and they shall know it through those who are humble and seemingly without authority, for the call from the heart of life cannot be denied. It causes rejoicing in the heart of heaven, itself, that man seeks God's will this day!

Last evening, before the meeting, my beloved Guru, the Maha Sahib, came to me and, placing his arm around my shoulder, he said, "SON, SINCE I HAVE TAKEN THIS OFFICE, I HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH A RESPONSE FROM UNASCENDED BEINGS IN DESIRING TO KNOW GOD'S WILL, AND I SHALL GIVE ALL THE STRENGTH OF MY POSITION TO YOU IN FULFILLING IT!" Words from the Maha Sahib that you take so lightly, fill our hearts with reverence, and we carry them as you would carry the most precious elixir that would give to you the fullness of everything that you desire. Would you believe that, in this last twenty-four-hour period, I have repeated those words to myself, over and over again.

Oh, beloved children of earth, would that you might come to an understanding of the precious gift of the words of the Maha Chohan, who for years has poured out a ceaseless, unending, constant stream of his energies on your behalf—energies that he might have invested cosmically but which he invested through love, that your souls might know light

and your hearts know happiness!

I thank you, beloved friends, for the opportunity of speaking with you, of joining with you and sharing in the communion of the blending of your spiritual natures. May the time come soon when the veil within your own consciousness is parted and you have the doubtful joy of looking upon my physical presence! I thank you.

BELOVED MASTER MORYA

Master Morya, we thank you for all that you do
 In the raising of mankind of earth,
 Blazing forth your light rays through the hearts of the few,
 Dedicating their souls to rebirth.
 Let us ever draw forth from the Presence above
 The God light that illumines all men,
 So they see the good works of the Father of Love,
 And the Masters walk with us again.
 Master Morya, our hearts are o'erflowing with love
 For the light and the truth that you bring.
 Teach us ever to live in the Presence above,
 That through us all the angels may sing.
 Let us all understand and ever expand
 The knowledge of God's Sacred Fire,
 That the earth may be raised to her place in the sun,
 In fulfillment of thy great desire.
 Master Morya, we bless you for being the one
 To assist our beloved Saint Germain.
 To expand his great work as before you have done,
 And to raise us again and again.
 Thou art always adored, thou great Cosmic Lord!
 Stand forth now to our visible sight,
 That we all may be bathed in the light from your heart,
 Dedicated as guardians of light!

(Can be sung to the tune of "Believe Me, If All Those Endearing Young Charms")

THE MASTERS OF WISDOM SPEAK

MAHA CHOCHAN

You will never know the fullness of comfort in your own feelings until you can, at will, direct the flame and be the master control of the energy within and around you, according to the requirement of the hour. For comfort is manifold, my children, and each experience of your daily life will require of you a different activity, in order to be a comfort to those you contact. In some, the requirement may be for peace of mind, in others, the comfort sought may be for the manifestation of supply, in others it may be in the melting of a creation of hate or confusion. All are the manifestations of comfort, but when you have learned to let your own heart flame, like an open lotus, just conduct my substance, then whatever the requirement of your hour, I will give you my momentum and through you will render the service.

EL MORYA

Will you please take your stand against releasing criticism in thought, feeling or spoken word? You see, it makes the purification and cleansing of the earthplane an endless task, if those who know that energy acts according to their qualification of it still continue to pour it forth qualified imperfectly. What purpose to spend an hour with the Violet Flame, and then 12 hours feeding discord into a planet sick unto death with unhappiness?

Your goal is perfection! Your standard of conduct should be perfection! Your Masters express only perfection! Your Presence is perfection! You want to be perfection in action, as quickly as possible! Why not start now! Measure your every thought, word and deed against perfection, and if it does not meet that test, discard it IMMEDIATELY BEFORE USING. Do not release it into the world! Why work for hours consuming distress and then in every idle moment generate its cause again!

KUTHUMI

I am grateful, indeed, that your souls and spirits choose to warm themselves in the fire of my own being, for contagion of enthusiasm and shared vision bring to us, through the "faithful open doors of consciousness," fulfillment! We stand in a realm into which we have voluntarily stepped, renouncing, by so doing, the right to act in the spheres below us, except in agreement with the impersonal radiation that flows, like the

light of the Sun. To this we contribute for the general nourishment of the race and the specific germination of our ideas and plans into such receptive consciousnesses as may, from time to time, magnetize the “floating particles” that permeate the lower atmosphere. These are, in essence, the plans and ideas of the Brotherhood. We rely, therefore, on the natural interests of men and women—and sometimes children—to magnetize our particular ideas out of the atmosphere of earth and, if they are sensitive and determined enough, they sometimes follow that idea through to a good manifestation. However, these ideas can also become “play-things” for the idle mind, if one has not the determination to give them the time and attention necessary for their fulfillment.

PAUL, THE VENETIAN

I commend you individually. I am called, by the sons and daughters of heaven, in a jesting manner, “my brother’s keeper,” for once, long ago, when that question was asked, I, within myself, answered silently in the affirmative and said with a deep, sincere feeling, “Yes, I am my brother’s keeper.” All through the long ages, I have remembered that inner vow, made to no man, but to the flame of God within my heart, I have endeavored in my service to the mankind of earth to remember always, that the heart motive within my brother deserved at least the silence of myself, that I might understand and, hearing that heartbeat, respond in a manner to give freedom and assistance to the flame that is endeavoring to pour through the soul and fulfill its divine plan. Have you heard the song of the Unfed Flame in the heart of your friends and associates, your family, your loved ones, your fellow-workers in this magnificent cause?

It is a beautiful thing to become still enough first to hear your own heartbeat, to feel the power within that Unfed Flame, to know it as the most magnificent, majestic, transcendent, triumphant, victorious power in the universe—in fact, the only power that can act, or would act, except for your dear misguided qualification.

SERAPIS BEY

Now we are coming consciously, again, to the melting of the veil, through the use of the Sacred Fire. We can melt it and dissolve it day after day, year after year, and century after century, but unless we can stop the creative centers within man’s feeling body and his thought world from re-spinning the cocoon in which he sleeps, we accomplish nothing of lasting value. As the elementals at night clear the air of the dust and

unpleasantness of the day's life, and give you the morning freshness with the dew-tipped grasses, so do those beings in the Mercy Temple and the temples of the Sacred Fire melt that human veil constantly, and yet even among the "elect" there is that constant generation of the human effluvia, which is the veil that blots out the consciousness of divinity.

HILARION

The God life of the universe created these lower vehicles to express a divine plan and when the individual will return the government to the God-self within, he will find that this constant battle and turmoil will cease. Instead of each individual's world being an ARENA with these lower bodies seeking to secure one's attention and energy, the individual's consciousness will become an outpouring of God's will.

JESUS

Energy takes on quality through the conscious direction of the feelings of the individual.

Energy, which is light substance animated by the Holy Spirit, is the primal essence from which all draw, without limit.

From the flame, there is constantly pulsating into the universe, the energy of life and the quality imposed upon that energy becomes the responsibility of the individual.

Much has been written on the Law of Love, which is the cohesive power of the universe. It is the magnet of attraction drawing all toward the center, generating and pouring forth the Flame of Love.

Love is the keynote of the universe, and the keynote of every lifestream. When you consciously attune yourself to the presence of love and quicken the action of your inner bodies until they become conductors for the flaming substance of divine love, you will find the very substance of earth drawn toward you for a blessing.

SAINT GERMAIN

All of the mankind of earth must one day measure the word of God by the light of their own hearts and the intelligence within their consciousness, and we shall endeavor ever to assist you to remember to fear no man. Doubt and uncertainty arise from fear, and all of these qualities melt when you can remain in the calm poise of your own God flame and say to all life, not in sentimental, emotional, and spasmodic spurts, but constantly, silently, or when necessary, audibly, "I love you,"

whether it is the individuals with whom you serve, whether it is your service to life in the business world, whether it is the inanimate objects by which your service is performed, or whether it is your own household.

Love is the most marvelous alchemy in the world. You can keep yourself free from so many of these tensions that build if you love your service and let it happily flow forth to accomplishment. Beloved friends, I love you, each and every one, and as you will one day stand free, arms outstretched, hearts upraised, souls purified, you will know I have spoken God's truth to you!

THE WILL OF GOD

The will of God is GOOD!
 To heaven it opens the door.
 It satisfies all the soul's longing for comfort,
 Makes ALL their God-presence adore!
 The will of God is plain!
 It's easy God's plan to fulfill.
 Whatever is lovely, sincere, pure and joyous,
 These ALWAYS bring heaven's good will!
 The will of God is POWER!
 Blest Morya embodies it all,
 Stands ready and willing GOD'S WILL to reveal,
 To any and all who will call.
 (reverently:)
 O Morya, dear Morya, we bow
 Before God's own will which thou art.
 O love us and teach us and raise us until
 Ascended! We're free in God's heart!

Melody: Blest Be the Tie That Binds.

THE HEALING CHALICE

The Christ Consciousness of healing is the activity of divine compassion, mercy and forgiveness, and those divine qualities are vested in the bountiful and beautiful hearts of those sweet sons and daughters of heaven who willingly have answered the prayers flowing constantly from the sick, the weary and the distressed among the wayfarers on this dark star.

To the people in the Western Hemisphere, perhaps the best known and loveliest of these compassionate ones is the lovely Mary, the beloved mother of the Master Jesus.

In the Eastern Hemisphere, the acknowledged Goddess of Mercy and Compassion is the beloved Kwan Yin.

Gathered about their courts and temples are legions of lovely spirits, angelic beings, and Masters of light and love, each a ministering presence of healing and comfort, who draw into these temples the everflowing essence of well-being and perfection from God's heart, dispensing it in answer to calls and prayers from the children of earth.

Calling unto me, thy Father-Mother God, thou dost receive the gentle ministrations of my comforters. 'Tis they who gather the prayers from the hearts and bear them upward into my presence, for many of these petitions and calls are too frail, timid, and uncertain to find their way alone beyond the aura of the individual from whose heart they arise.

Within thine own heart abides my Threefold Flame of Eternal Truth, which, really, gives that heart the rhythm and energy of beating. Thy healing, thy happiness and thy peace abide within the flaming center of my being, focused within thy heart. Thou has forgotten my presence there and so thou has denied thy Father-Mother God the right, the authority and the power to sustain thee in the sweetness of thine own perfection, as thou wert once conceived. We abide in patience until the magnetic love within our hearts, through the ministrations of our heavenly helpers, draw thee at last along the path of light that leads thee home. Blessed are the wayshowers.

Blessed forever are those whose energies are spent in binding the wounds, soothing thy fevered brow and encouraging the fainting spirit.

Let the healing angels and cherubim abide with thee, minister unto thee and through the compassion and mercy of the hearts of heaven, let the Christ be NOW reborn in thee, and be the Master Presence in full command forever!

THE KARMIC BOARD (III)
(Concluded from October and November, 1953)

The Master Kuthumi, if not present himself, always has a pupil present, and he claims almost all those who pass from the body in youth. The Master Morya asks for those who have been active in governmental affairs—even if they have seemingly failed in their tasks. The Master Paul, the Venetian, asks for those who have worked on his ray in endeavoring to bring or sustain peace and brotherhood. Serapis Bey speaks for the artists, the musicians, the architects, and builders of beautiful temples, cathedrals, cities, etc. Hilarion speaks for the doctors, the scientists, the nurses, Jesus for those who have served him well in the orthodox channels, and Saint Germain for the particular lifestreams who consciously or unconsciously have forwarded the cause of freedom. Thus, it is well to have at least a passing acquaintance with these beloved brothers, so that when you stand before the Board, they may say, “This child has served me well.”

Ofttimes, the lifestreams of those who have been benefited by the soul in life are called in to speak for them, in witness, and even members of the four-footed kingdom, and all of this is taken into account. Seldom does a soul arrive before the Judgment Board who does not have at least one lifestream that has benefited in some way by reason of its embodiment.

After the soul is judged, and his light measured, he is taken to some one of the Seven Spheres and here, under the direction of beings particularly prepared to teach him, he unfolds in understanding, until his guardian signifies to the Karmic Board that such an one is again ready for an opportunity to re-incarnate.

As there are about ten billion souls belonging to the evolution, and the accumulation of each is such that only one-third are allowed on the planet at a time, lest the axis of the earth would not be able to hold the weight of such a human accumulation, it takes some time to secure the right to re-embodiment, and the potential worth of the soul is taken into consideration by the Lords of Karma, in deciding which one out of each three shall be afforded the privilege. The guardians of the race and the highly-evolved, usually forego their sojourn in the higher realms in order to “hurry back” to help the race and they are always passed first by the Karmic Board. This sometimes accounts for the lack of physical energy in this embodiment, because they have foregone the period of rest in the higher spheres, which replenishes the inner bodies and refreshes the spirit, in the same manner that a good night’s sleep rests the individual

while in embodiment.

After the Karmic Board has agreed to provide an opportunity for re-incarnation, there comes the period in which the karma of the individual to incarnate must be examined, and a suitable incarnation prepared, wherein a certain proportion of that karma may be worked out and certain opportunities given to right wrongs of past lives and gain merit and momentum of good for the Causal Body. How very carefully is the amount of karmic energy meted out, so that there is not more for the individual to meet in the forthcoming life than his light and strength can master! The saying, "The lord prepares the back for the burden" is fundamentally true, except it was that the "back" and not the Lord earned the burden, but the Lord, in his mercy, "lightened the pack."

When the karma has been allotted, the environment and race chosen, the parents decided upon, then the soul is notified, and the body elemental called from the rest it has secured in its own realms. The soul and elemental are told of the forthcoming embodiment, the body elemental shown the etheric pattern of the body the soul has earned (which it often dislikes tremendously) and then the builders of form, the Christ Self and the elemental begin to prepare for the incarnation, and through the same Halls of Karma passes the incarnating soul into embodiment again.

It is hoped that with the dispensations being granted from the Central Sun and with the tremendous contribution of voluntary energies from members of the human race, that the Halls of Karma will soon be the portals for freedom for every member of our race, and that as the very last lifestream passes through "to return no more" the doors of the Judgment Hall may be closed for eternity, and the great Recording Angels, sealing the door, say, with Jesus, "It is finished. Father, into thy hands we commit our evolution."

IMPORTANT DECREE FOR DAILY USE DURING THIS 30-DAY PERIOD

Through the beloved presence of God I AM in me, I call to the Ascended Masters and especially our beloved Master El Morya. I command (3) this instant and forever through me and all mankind to balance the gifts of instruction and illumination given to the outer consciousness of mankind at this time. Make and keep us all worthy of this great assistance and at all times the open door through which the will of God may manifest.

Concentrate and consecrate the energies through all of our four lower bodies to command and compel the divine plan fulfilled. Intensify and expand without limit, the sincere interest of those receiving the benefit and blessing of your counsel and association, so that each one may return to life in loving impersonal

service at least ten times more God-qualified energy than was originally invested in opening the spiritual door to the octave of the Ascended Masters. So be it!

WINGS OF LIGHT

V. F. Angelday

“I’ll do as I please!” willfully shouted a small child to an elder member of the household, whereupon the elder replied, “My child, you shall do as you please in this house, ONLY so long as you PLEASE TO DO RIGHT!” How wise was that correction and, surprisingly enough, the child accepted it! Now, let us ask, “WHAT IS RIGHT?” You may say, “What is right for one, is not right for another.” True, in some instances perhaps, but on the whole, whatever agrees with “The Golden Rule” — “Do unto others as you would have others do unto you” IS ALWAYS RIGHT!

What is God’s will? God’s will is GOOD WILL TO ALL, the highest GOOD FOR ALL because all that lives, animate and inanimate, is a part of God’s life. When one expands kindness, peace, comfort, happiness, generosity, forgiveness—in fact any or all of the God-qualities—that one IS DOING GOD’S WILL. No individual lives unto himself alone. Sometimes folks say, “I am not harming anyone but myself.” That is NOT TRUE—all life is ONE, and what harms one harms all. One cell in the body cannot isolate itself and live, for if it SHOULD so cut itself off, it would die. So it is with people. No one can successfully isolate himself from life, or he would instantly cease to be. Do you see? Therefore what blesses one part of life blesses all. When a single individual gains self-control over even a part of his world, that benefits all life to a certain extent and if one should allow himself to be distressed for any reason whatsoever (the cause matters not), ALL life is affected to a certain extent.

God created the reality of man from the essence of himself—therefore he intended man to live like him—to emulate his goodness and almighty perfection, sustain and expand it in the universe so there would be more of GOD IN ACTION everywhere. Each creation, so far as man himself is concerned, was given free will like God, himself, given an opportunity to expand greater and greater God-likeness in the universe. Now, if this plan is so lovely and perfect, giving to its creation EVERYTHING that creation could possibly desire for its happiness, WHY DOES MAN RESIST GOD’S WILL? The real truth of the matter is that HE DOES NOT! The REAL man—the life and light in the Immortal Flame of Truth within each heart—DOES NOT resist or fear God’s will. That which fears and tries to defy that will is the unfortunate accumulation of substance

discordantly qualified by thoughts and feelings of the outer mind which KNOWS, mind you, (because it is intelligent) that its existence in the universe is NOT GOD'S WILL and it knows that it MUST cease to be when its creator accepts the will of God—ALL GOOD—as its birthright.

One of the Great Ones has said, "There is really no such thing as failure in the universe—there is only delay!" All came forth FROM God and all shall return TO HIM one day, but mankind by that very free will and power of God with which he is endowed, can HASTEN the day of fulfillment of the divine plan by his conscious, determined efforts to improve himself and bring "good will to men" everywhere he goes. I call legions of angels of Cosmic Christ accomplishment to surround, protect, illumine and supply all who wish to live this way, God's way! So be it!

GOD'S WILL

I once saw a bush, all brilliant with dew,
 And bursting with blossoms, as some bushes do.
 It stood there serene, in its green and its white,
 Successful in being a heavenly sight.
 Not asking a thing, just grateful to live in,
 Devoted completely to what it could give.
 Exquisite in beauty, exceeding in grace,
 How peaceful and perfect it fitted its place!
 Midst the friend and the foe, it seemed only to know,
 But to live and to give and continue to grow.
 The longer I looked, the more I thought,
 For I could see now, the miracle wrought.
 It lived and expanded the light in its heart,
 Not ever once trying to be some other part.
 It followed His plan, His purpose, His will,
 It made me think how my plan I could fulfill.
 That sweet, harmless bush understands concentration,
 And lovingly obeys the plan of creation.
 While man, with God's love and God's flame in his heart,
 Tries to live for himself and be something apart.
 Not my will be done, Oh Father above,
 But thine, as the bush, forever, in love!

V. F. Stillmore

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The Homes and Retreats of The Masters of Wisdom
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The Master Morya is the great spiritual hierarch of the Brothers of the Diamond Heart, whose activity and service to life is the guarding and protecting of spiritual foci which have been created as heart centers of world movements, religions, political eras of great progress, and, generally, with protecting whatever specific God ideas will benefit the race and hasten its evolution and development.

As the Chohan of the First Ray, it is his particular responsibility to receive from the mind of God those spiritual "seeds" which might be developed (through the voluntary contribution of the energies of some intelligence interested in such ideas), into a workable and practical form, which is of blessing and benefit to the race.

From the First Sphere, the Master Morya and the Brothers of the Diamond Heart, direct these God-ideas into the receptive consciousness of angels, Masters, devas, men, elementals, as well as into the atmosphere of all the Seven Great Spheres that form the aura of God. When any individualized intelligence accepts such an idea and claims it as his own, offering the energies of his own thought, feeling and outer self to the development of that idea, a diamond heart is builded around the original seed or idea to protect and sustain it until the individual intelligence can nurture and develop it into workable form. This is the service of the Brotherhood of the Diamond Heart, and they have their focus in the physical world at the beautiful home of the beloved Morya in Darjeeling, India.

From this center, they are able to supervise the development and maturing of God ideas in all avenues of constructive endeavor and to

hold the spiritual focus of the diamond heart around the consciousness of those who have volunteered to develop some portion of God's will for the blessing of the race.

As the beloved Mother Mary is directly concerned with the angel devas and builders of form who create new tabernacles for the souls of incarnating lifestreams, her service to life is the creation of the sacred heart which is the chalice created to shelter the Unfed Flame of Life which forms the life and divinity within the soul. You will see that as the Master Morya and his Brotherhood create, out of universal light, a living diamond heart to enfold and protect new ventures, endeavors, movements, crusades, and world orders, and the beloved Mother Mary creates the sacred heart to enfold the Unfed Flame of the lifestream, that both our co-sponsors for 1954 are well represented by the divine Thoughtform for the Year.

God's will is the delight of the beloved Morya, and the externalizing of that will, through the cooperative endeavors of the incarnate lifestreams, fills his heart with great happiness. As he often says, "I am a man of action," so does his being vibrate with those chelas who are willing to couple their professed interest in the work of the Hierarchy with the practical investment of their energies, talents, enthusiasms, and cooperative endeavors in externalizing that will—every moment! To all who, grasping even the slightest portion of the vision, are willing to "roll up their sleeves" (to quote our illustrious Master) and help to promote the understanding of the divine will and the part the Spiritual Hierarchy play in developing that will through their own dedicated energies, the Master Morya will send a representative of his Lodge and enfold the individual, the design or idea which such an one has received, and the consciousness that nurtures it, within a blazing diamond heart. This is a protection from the disintegrating forces of doubt, fear and uncertainty that rise within the consciousness of unascended beings as well as the myriad powers of disintegration that flow through the lower atmosphere and consciously or unconsciously attempt to dissolve any good design, plan, vision, idea or inspiration before it can be developed and released for the benefit of the race.

Editor's Note—See "Bridge to Freedom," April, 1953, for description of Retreat at Darjeeling.

BEAUTIFUL KWAN YIN

Verse I

There comes to my heart one sweet name,
The blessing of Mercy's love flame,
I sing it again and again,
Kwan Yin, the gift of God's love.

CHORUS

Kwan Yin! Kwan Yin!
Goddess of Mercy above.
Oh beautiful, lovely Kwan Yin,
God's Flame of Merciful Love.

Verse 2

Her mercy of love is divine,
To her doubts and fears I resign.
I claim her forgiveness as mine,
So help me—blessed Kwan Yin!

Verse 3

Her mercy of love is so sweet,
It makes the soul's victory complete.
It brings all the world to her feet,
Kwan Yin, the mercy of love.

Hymn tune: "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love" (sometimes indexed in hymnals under first line of verse, "There comes to my heart one sweet strain.")

HEALING CONTEMPLATIONS AND DECREES

The omnipresent light of God's love, which is my life, is now my instant healing from all afflictions and distress.

The realization of the presence of God within my heart is now my instantaneous healing, protection, illumination and supply!

BELOVED KWAN YIN SPEAKS ON A FORMER EMBODIMENT

August 1953

May the peace of God be upon this household! May the love of God be in your hearts. May the light of God be in your souls! May the wisdom of God be in your minds! May the virtue and purity of God be in your feelings! May the strength and vitality of God be among the members of your household! May the health and well-being of God be manifest through the bodies, the garments which you wear! May the grace of God be in your worship! May the talents and genius of God be manifest through your senses! May the fullness of the victory of your own God-plan be manifest through your souls at the close of your earth life!

It seems but yesterday that this blessing issued forth from our hearts, as we moved from city to city in the great, exquisite Golden Age when the people of China knew such mastery and dignity and peace. At that time, I, together with the twelve ladies of my court, proceed once each year through the larger cities of China and in one of the local temples within the city, gave audience to the members of every household, and conveyed the twelve-fold blessings representative of the very nature of divinity into the consciousness of my people.

Then, retiring again into our glorious retreat at Peiping, we gave audience throughout the year to those people, not only from China, but from all over the known world who chose to bathe in the virtue of mercy, who chose to absorb into their own life essence this one facet of divinity. In the heart of that glorious, sacred shrine and sanctuary of mercy and compassion, the twelve temples representative of the nature of God continue to pour out the Sacred Fire and Flame, so that any heart, any soul, desiring to partake of that nature, entering within those temples, might find itself filled, renewed and enabled to return again to its appointed tasks in its own individual orbit, blessed by that spirit of qualified God life. I long for the day, which is to come again, when I shall be invited and joyously accepted within the homes and the hearts of all people. I long for the day when China shall again manifest the perfection which she once knew, and take her rightful place among those nations that will endure through all eternity.

Again, as we visit your homes, it begins a new pulsation in carrying the blessings of the Sacred Fire into the orbit of lifestreams who choose to invite us. Though at first the numbers be few, the pulsation thus begun shall intensify and increase in the days and years ahead, until it will become the general custom again to invite and welcome the ladies of the kingdom who carry within the compass of their light bodies those particular virtues and feelings which are required to make every man, wom-

an and child of God, Master in grace, in humility and love!

The long journey through the earth's evolution is about to draw to its close. The shroud of earth's pain and agony is being transmuted now into garments of transcendently-beautiful light. Those of us who have chosen to weave one thread into that glorious pattern are joyously and gratefully filled with anticipation, because all the ages of watchful waiting will soon reveal that patience has had its full reward, in a complete evolution of God-matured individuals.

In the very first age, when the mankind of earth took up their evolution upon the planet Earth, guardian spirits came from other planets to join with the children of earth to give the strength of their own God-maturity to that childlike evolution during the period of growth, expansion and unfoldment. These guardian spirits came from Venus, from Uranus, from the shining orb of Mercury, and from other starts. Some were already free—Ascended God beings in their own evolution, like the mighty Sanat Kumara, the great Archangel Michael, and the beloved Manus.

Others were highly developed, God-matured individuals who were yet working out their destiny in great harmony on the planet which was their own cradle of evolution but who had not yet completed the process of their own ascension—yet they chose to come and join the plodding evolution of the earth, and to endeavor to complete their own evolution and ascension through the density of earth's birth and rebirth cycles. Thus, these guardian spirits—some already assured in freedom and others working out their evolution with the mankind whom they chose to guard and serve—walked together in light, harmony and peace, in the era before the effluvia of the creation of the laggards of the system shut away the light and perfection of heaven.

May I remind you of the tremendous sacrifice entailed by those beautiful guardian spirits who were not yet fully free and ascended in their own evolution, but who in order to better serve the race already blanketed under the maya of human creation, were required to take upon themselves garments vibrating at a rate familiar to the evolution they served? They had to tie themselves into the wheel of birth and death with the hope that they might retain, through their consciousness a connection with their own divinity, their own evolution, and whatever God-directed beings chose to hold the focus of light for them in the realms of eternal light.

Some of us remained in bodies of light, choosing not to take garments of earth, and some, dear to us beyond earth's reckoning, chose to enter garments of flesh, hoping to hold connection with us through the

veil. Thus came the first parting, the first separation, with only the light of the heart and intuition of the spirit enabling the incarnate one to remember those of us who remained in bodies of light, one with our Source. The centuries have sped by and those incarnate guardian spirits walking with the people of earth but yet presently so enmeshed in their karma that they do not remember their own evolution and their own spiritual Source, are again raising their heads and hearts, and sensing, intuitively, that they belong, each one, to a great and perfect scheme of evolutionary life. To them and to you who are among them, we come first—blessed be your hearts for having taken the harder road, having come into flesh garments. I think that often those of us who remained in bodies of light and who did not taste of the appetites and passions of the senses, have chosen by far the easier road. It is for this reason that our patience has been so eternal through the centuries, because we know and sense that the very imprisonment which you have endured, was accepted for love's sweet sake!

Looking upon the light in your hearts and seeing the glorious pattern of your electrons, as they flow from your celestial Electronic Body, I am grateful, beyond words, to see so much beauty externalized in the natural flow of your own life.

Dear people, if you could see the beauty in the flow of the energy into your lifestreams from your Presence, if you could see those electrons flowing forth, unqualified by your human creation, to enrich the earth, you would never again clothe them through thought or feeling with anything which would dim the light, the beauty, and the fragrance of their natural expression. It is such a beautiful sight when you see life externalized through the human form in its own natural harmony, its perfume, and its music. This is the way in which each man was intended to unfold that portion and part of the divine plan which he, alone, through his own heartbeat, is destined to externalize.

It has been my privilege this year to sit on the throne, as spokesman for the Lords of Karma. This great office, which has been held by my beloved sister, the Goddess of Liberty, through century after century of time, has been entrusted to me in an endeavor to secure from the Cosmic Law certain dispensations of mercy, which will allow mankind greater ease in walking forward upon life's pathway into freedom and perfection. In this office, I am grateful to say that the great Lords of Karma and the Law of Life, itself, are allowing us, through the use of the Sacred Fire, to melt away those accumulations of the guardian spirits with much greater intensity than has ever been allowed since the third Golden Age when Lemuria opened the doors to the laggards of this system.

As the beloved Maha Chohan has offered through the Transmission Flame Classes, to anchor the Sacred Fire through the heart flames of the students, so have I offered to anchor my fully-gathered cosmic momentum of mercy and compassion, through the use of the Violet Flame, into those hearts that choose to call to me for mercy. Mercy, dear hearts, and compassion, too, are the most positive and powerful of the gifts and nature of God, for it takes a strong man and a strong woman to give complete forgiveness to any part of life which has injured them. It is the weak nature that nurtures grievances. It is the strong that, in deep sincere feeling, can melt away from their own feelings a sense of injustice or wrong and can then, in intense love and devotion, direct that Flame of Compassion into the generative center which has inflicted that wrong. It is through the strong and merciful that I shall endeavor to balance the debts to life and light in these days and years that are yet ahead.

As the half-yearly council has closed (July 1953), and as we face the final six months of this great and decisive year, I am eagerly seeking hearts, souls and spirits who desire to experience the Flame of Compassion from my heart and let it flow freely to give that peace and ease to imprisoned life.

We have sat around the great conference tables and spoken of these experimental groups in the various sections of the country, where the beloved brother Saint Germain chose to focus the cherubic host, in an endeavor to re-establish a brotherhood between angels and men. We watch with great interest the kindly concern and love poured out by the student body to those members of the angelic kingdom who lie within their auras, and who have for the most part, grown and expanded in their light during the short time they have chosen to abide within the students' individual orbits.

We look with interest, too, at the groups established to bless the elemental kingdom, and we see as the elemental beings enjoy the harmony and the happiness of that association, that we have a good foundation for the establishment of a brotherhood among the three kingdoms which have evolved, although closely dependent upon each other, yet with but very little sympathy through the past—the angelic, the human and the elemental evolutions.

One day, as the veil thins, and with your physical sight you may see the members of these inner kingdoms, it will then be a joy to work with them in bringing to fruition the Golden Age. Those of you who have worked through the veil, deserve the commendation of the elemental kingdom, and the cherubic, seraphic, devic and angelic hosts as well as the Cosmic Beings and the Ascended Masters, for your faith and for your

constancy of purpose. You know it is much more blessed to render that service when you cannot see the full release that is set into motion through your application, than when you have the encouragement which the perceptive inner sight and hearing charge into the feeling world as the veil is removed.

May I offer you the blessings of beloved Mary, the blessed Nada and Leto, and of those great sisters of light who represent the cosmic virtues—the Goddess of Truth, the Goddess of Light, the Goddess of Justice, the Goddess of Liberty, the great Goddess of Purity, and all the other members who represent the feminine aspect of divinity.

We come now into close association with mankind through the intellectual consciousness at this time, but as the great activity of the Maha Chohan, as representative of the Holy Spirit working through the Master Saint Germain in the New Age, is directly concerned with the FEELING NATURE, then more and more will we come to the foreground and offer our qualities, not only to the women, but to the gentle men of the race, and as our qualities are absorbed and woven into the nature of the individual, we shall see God-mastery, God-balance, and God-maturity between the feminine and the masculine aspects of the one lifestream.

I have endeavored for many, many centuries to raise and redeem the consciousness of the women of the race who, because of the mass pressures and accumulations of human creation in the world, have fallen below the moral standards which form the natural activity of the feminine aspect of life. There shall come a day in the near future when Temples of Mercy and Compassion will be established in the physical octave of earth, through which the women of the race may be again restored to the dignity which they knew in those early Golden Ages.

May I bless your hearts and souls, and thank you for inviting us into your presence. May I ask that whenever the opportunity affords itself, you may encourage the children of earth to invite us into their homes, their hearts, their feelings, for thus we set up the momentum and avail ourselves of the opportunity to bring the blessings which are our gifts to life, into your world and your experience. I thank you.

**AN ADDRESS BY THE BELOVED MAHA CHOHAN
ON EARLY CHINA
(1946)**

We spent some time going over the glory of early China. Everyone in that empire was as consciously aware of the Presence as the man of today is aware of his hands and feet, and in that beautiful and simple living, each lifestream contributed marvelous talents, glories to the race as a whole, and beauty was literally spilled from the laps of the Gods through the consciousness of that awakened race.

The China of today is in the throes of a great new birth, which cannot yet be perceived by the eyes of man. Within that nation a great spirit is unfolding in a remarkable way. He will render a great service to the people of the future, of which many awakened souls in the East are already aware.

Never forget your calls for this nation and to ask that the strong spiritual egos who have incarnated in China be protected until they come to manhood and womanhood, from every demoralizing force that still swings over them in the atmosphere of that land.

The beloved Astrea and Lord Michael and the purifying hosts from God's legions can well be called into action to remove the blanket of iniquity that holds inert the mighty spirit of China.

She has yet a great service to fulfill to the planet Earth—there are riches within the heart of her mountains that will do much to add to the beauty of the nation.

There is exquisite perfection in the etheric records of the lifestreams of China's great, which must be drawn forth as the great, final perfection manifests throughout the planet Earth, which will blend with the strength of the West in bringing the beauty of the higher realms into the temples, the homes and the garments of the people.

The sweetness of China, like the essence of the rose and the lily, is hidden deep within the heart of the nation and the flower will not unfold until the pestilence, which seems to hold the bud within its vise-like grasp is removed.

THE MASTERS OF WISDOM SPEAK

MAHA CHOCHAN

Much has been written about the Holy Spirit, and yet a full understanding of the “essence of the Holy Spirit” has not yet been set forth. The HOLY SPIRIT is a radiation of the power of divine love—the highest vibratory action that can be achieved by any lifestream in any system of worlds. It is the natural expression of the Godhead and every Perfected Being who dwells within the heart of eternal life. To be imbued with the HOLY SPIRIT is not to receive a foreign power into one’s life, but to raise the vibratory action of one’s lifestream to a point where the life principle of that lifestream exudes the essence which has been qualified as the power of the Holy Spirit.

EL MORYA

BROTHERHOOD is oneness. One-ness is God-ness. When any member of my household considers any part of life apart from him, he leaves the consciousness of the Holy Spirit and in that act of mind becomes again a creature of maya—the screen of falsehood that reflects many selves, one superimposed upon the other.

KUTHUMI

I wish to give you the prompting that always, by the side of the earnest seeker, will stand a brother or sister of the Golden Robe, if you choose to invite him, and as you proceed into an understanding of the voice of the silence, that which makes you humble, that which makes you selfless, that which makes you loving, that which makes you pure, that which makes you harmonious is of God. The feelings that stir within your heart that desire to make of this star a planet of light, to relieve the burden of your fellowman, to raise those in pain and distress into understanding and harmony—that is of light. That which decreases the personality and increases the power of the Christ—that is of God!

PAUL, THE VENETIAN MASTER

The necessity for quieting the vibratory action of the inner bodies cannot be over-emphasized to the student intent upon rising above the consciousness of the outer self. The rapid and erratic motion of the various vehicles through which the soul functions, makes it almost impossible for the clear, concise directions of the Presence to anchor into the consciousness with sufficient intensity to promote action of a constructive

nature that is consistent and permanent. You have all had the experience of trying to make yourself heard over the babble of voices in a large room. This is the position of the Christ Self, awaiting, courteously, opportunity to reach the outer mind and enable the personal self to cooperate with the fulfillment of the divine plan of that one's being. The stilling of the mind, the feelings and the physical body, even for a few moments several times a day, is a commendable practice for the aspirant toward mastery.

SERAPIS BEY

When an opera is sung, the quality which is its predominant theme is greatly amplified by the music temples and their attendants, and from the central focus where such music is presented, angel devas and cherubic and seraphic hosts carry the rays of that opera into the city, state, nation and earth. Great buildings, that have housed the musical genius of the race are, of course, over-shadowed by devas and builders of form, who cooperate with the officiating cosmic temple in this service.

HILARION

The devic kingdom and planetary system created from the heart of God is held within the aura of the Solar Lords, who re-present the Godhead of that particular universe. The aura of the Solar Lords is made up of countless trillions of electronic particles flowing from the heart to the periphery of his particular universe and then returning to their source. This outflow and inflow of energy is referred to in scientific parlance as centripetal and centrifugal force. Thus we see that the inbreath and outbreath of the Solar Logos fills the universe with the essence of his being, which is God—hence the statement of Saint Germain, "There is no nook nor corner where the active presence of God is not."

This life essence flows through all that lives, recognized or unrecognized, active or inactive, according to the individual's conscious awareness of its presence. These electronic light particles are the seed of the universal light substance containing intelligence within them, and which one day will become God-foci of self-conscious, life in themselves.

Men are self-conscious flames from God's heart, projected into this sea of light substance, with creative ability through free will, molding and commanding the body of the Solar Logos into forms of their own making.

JESUS

The Christ is God in action. Every man, woman and child has God within and those who allow the God principle to flow through them, express the Christ, which is not the individual's outer consciousness, but rather that part of life which allows the Godhead to flow freely forth in active expression. The expression of Christ in the world of men is the Holy Spirit!

I became aware of the God within me when I was young in years, because in all my actions, there seemed to be an impelling force apart from my conscious self, that directed those actions along constructive lines. Knowing that this living Presence that dwelt within me was yet apart from my personal identity, I began, as soon as the earth law would permit, to seek the understanding of this propelling power.

Every man, woman and child may cultivate and draw forth this impelling force, although the average man lives so constantly in the "little self" consciousness, that the Christ power is dormant and exerts little influence on the outer actions of the individual. The more awakened the ego has become through previous embodiments, the more alive is this inner Presence and the greater is its influence on the outer consciousness.

SAINT GERMAIN

Transmutation, Trans-Substantiation, Divine Alchemy—when boiled down to their natural activity—are merely the Changing of the Quality of Energy Consciously. All men do this unconsciously, some with constructive results, bringing peace and happiness to the energy of one who is worried or distressed, others with unhappy results, taking the energies of one at peace and by driving discordant feelings into that energy, make it literally "boil" and I have seen energy boil on many occasions!

But, Conscious Transmutation of energy is the activity of the Seventh Ray.

It is the drawing of energy into a form (just as a musket is loaded) and then releasing the "spark," by which the energy is released to accomplish the required results. It is scientifically accurate and when students understand this, better results will be forthcoming. If there is no channel (worded decree or visualized form) the energy is not condensed enough to do the work.

ADDRESS BY BELOVED LORD GAUTAMA

August 1953

Beloved children of the one eternal God of light and life! How magnificent is the intensity of the light within your souls! That light enables, from within your own heartbeat, the petals of spiritual achievement and attainment to unfold from the tightly-closed bud in which your immortal identity has, for century after century, slumbered. It has awaited the kiss of the spiritual sun, that it might arise and, through the inner pressure of its own majestic dignity, stand forth revealed—the Master Presence of God, choosing to wear, for a moment in eternal time, a garment of flesh, to wear it lightly, and move forward as an emissary of the King of Kings, carrying mercy, light, and love to all manifest form.

I breathe in the fragrance of your own unfolding God flame. Sweet is its essence in my nostrils, for it is many, many centuries since I have had contact with the outer consciousness of the peoples of earth. It is many hundreds of years since I closed the book of my earth life and entered into the heart of that realm of eternal peace, where it became my obligation, responsibility and service to life to draw from the heart of the one great Father-Mother of you all, that supreme love, by which universes and planets, as well as individual souls and selves, are sustained.

Here, in the realm of the cosmic, I served with little remembrance of the world of form, drawing that love, breathing in the perfume of the Eternal, absorbing the radiation of God, himself, and, through my own body, directing it, then, into those who chose to be my representatives—the dispensers of those spiritual currents in the lower atmosphere of earth. Through the beloved Lord Maitreya, the beloved Master Jesus, the beloved Patrick, the beloved Rama Krishna, and other blessed and dedicated sons and daughters of God, I was enabled to make the nature of God felt. Around those sanctified ones, were drawn the lifestreams, incarnate, who wished to bathe in that one Presence. Within the aura of those, my chosen, did the disciples and the chelas taste of the blessing of Nirvana, the glory of heaven, and learn something of the way thither.

This was as far as I, by Cosmic Law, was permitted to go, in endeavoring to reach, again, the evolution of which you are a part, until one night, not so long ago, when from China there arose a call for mercy, that came from the hearts of unascended beings, and made a note of sweetness through the cry of pain and agony which represents the sound that the earth and her people release into interstellar space. I heard that call for mercy and on that very call, on the very music created by that desire for compassion, I came back into the world of form. Here I shall

abide, endeavoring, through my own humble radiation, to give the assistance of my own lifestream. May it enable each and every one who has professed, by their presence with us, a desire to become a wayshower, to earn that consciousness of peace and balance that abides within the pursuit of the Middle Way, and that infinite power and capacity to convey, through the energies of their own lifestreams the quality and nature of God to their fellowmen.

Throughout my service to mankind, before and after my freedom, I have stressed, always, the power of radiation as the greatest teacher, the greatest pattern by which man might fashion his individual life. Words are cheap. Millions and millions of words have been spoken and written by sages, saints and teachers, from time immemorial. Millions and millions of words have been read by earnest seekers and aspirants, and joined to the accretion in the mental body, adding no whit to the spiritual stature of the self. But, through the conducting of the qualities of radiation, which represent the nature of the one eternal God, there is always a way and means by which the millions and billions that belong to this evolution may not only be touched but inspired and awakened from the soul sleep of the ages and again encouraged to place their own feet upon the path and walk in serenity, in dignity, in balance, and in peace into the self-mastery which is pre-ordained for all evolving life.

Looking at the descending stream of electronic life, which forms your heartbeat, the most exquisite melody, the most divine music of the spheres is incorporated in the release of those pure electrons that enter into your heart with such rapidity, that millions and millions and millions of them are radiated forth from your body in the matter of one second, by mortal count, and every electron comes to you with a song. It comes to you in exquisite beauty of form, containing within itself, a pattern, which is indicative of your own individualized God-self.

A star, a cross, a dove, a flower, beautiful beyond limit, is within every one of those electrons. If they could only be suspended in their descent, for a moment, that your fleshly eyes could look upon them! Within every one of these electrons is all the potential power by which the Master Jesus healed the sick, raised the dead, transformed darkness into light, and himself manifested the mastery of the ascension, in the physical presence of 500 incarnate lifestreams!

Look at that stream of light, and feel for an instant the potential power that flows through you. Oh, not once in a 24-hour period, not "once in a lifetime," as you say in your world of form, but every instant, millions of those electrons, qualified with that infinite power, pass into

the control of your mental and emotional body and are absorbed greedily by those inner vehicles, pressed into distorted form, externalized into your own aura, and there remain, to be redeemed by your own conscious endeavor one day.

I would like to charge your consciousness with the realization of the power that flows through your heart, containing within itself all the power by which the universe was created, by which the stars are held in their orbits, and the whirling motion of the planets is sustained in rhythm, and the forward progress of the galaxy is directed through universal space. Feel that, oh beloved friends! There is your open door to freedom! There is your healing, infinite and complete, without requiring that you bend the knee to any man. There is the teacher which will unfailingly direct the intellect and move you forward in the right path, through the use of your energy, while yet you remain in the world of form. There is the actual substance which may, at your own discretion, become manifest as the requirement of any hour, for it is intelligent, it is obedient, it is pliable, it is ceaseless in its flow, and there is no limit as to how much you may draw or how you may use it.

I am told by the brothers that your lifestreams are interested in the blessing of the elemental kingdom. It gives me pleasure to point out to you that obedience is the key to your conscious control of substance and form. Oh, this great primordial life that fills this universe is the body of God, himself, which flows ceaselessly from the Great Central Source of this system. It is elemental, but intelligent life. It is directed by the great Father of light eternal, to respond and obey the consciousness which abides within the hearts and minds of man. This blessed elemental substance, therefore, becomes the servant of your thinking and feeling self, and rushes instantly into the obedient form of that which your mind designs out of the universal life. Then, as your feelings pass through it, it becomes a breathing entity, that lives because you have invested it with the power of your own qualified energy.

Beloved ones! In the use of these powers of the Sacred Fire, can you not visualize and feel this light? Let us take, for example, your Ring-Pass-Not, which in India is used so freely, and which now is coming into use to a limited degree in the Western world. As you, within your mind, consciously desire the protection from the passing vibrations of the mental and feeling world of mankind, you immediately set up a magnetic pull upon elemental life, and millions and millions of tiny little beings—so infinitesimal that many of them could sit upon the head of one of your pins—respond to that magnetic call and endeavor to outpicture the thoughtform which you hold of a Tube of Light.

They draw around you, standing shoulder to shoulder to enfold you within that living Tube of Light. That tube, dear friends, is made up of living intelligences, who sacrifice their freedom to dance in the sunshine and play in the grasses, that they may be for you a mantle of protective force. Have you thought that through? When so lightly you say, "Enfold me now in my mighty, magic electronic Tube of Light," have you thought that intelligent life has chosen, in obedience, to relinquish its freedom and to stand in the questionable safety of your aura? Yet that is so! These blessed beings, at your direction, form a wall and with their own bodies repel and press away from you the thoughts and feelings that flow through the lower atmosphere of the psychic and astral realm, which forms the habitation of your flesh.

Then, perchance, if you be endeavoring to experiment with this protective power, you may choose to change the color of this blazing Tube of Light. Through thought force, you think of beautiful, electric blue. You know that is the protective power of beloved Morya's ray. As your very thought goes forth, every one of these glorious electrons, little beings of fire, wearing shimmering robes of light and holding often, within their hands, tiny wands of power, immediately become electric blue—and so they stand, until again your thought changes and you call for the pink of Nada's love, and they clothe themselves in that pink and radiate it out to give love.

Oh, beloved ones, there is so much you can experiment with through the creative power of your own thought and feeling in the knowledge that elemental substance is intelligent, it is responsive, it is obedient, and it is delighted to do for you that which is in agreement with the divine plan.

How many electrons do you imprison in forms of distortion, in the course of a day? Then do you see that, when your thought and feeling forces focus together as they do in a cooperative group, or in your own private application, that thought force draws the electrons and the elementals into constructive patterns, and they rush to obey, for they would much rather be incorporated into your Tube of Light, or into the surging flame of purifying power that blazes through you, to transmute your transgressions, than they would be to form a battering ram of anger or jealousy, hatred or resentment, which you drive and drive and drive against a person, place, condition or thing—battering their very heads and bruising their little bodies while they are incorporated in those vicious vortices of thought and feeling forms. Yet, because their law and their life is to render obedience to man, they cannot let go.

You form a group of mankind interested in the elemental kingdom. For this reason I choose to draw the veil aside and show you how magnificent may be your service, how lightly you have touched even the periphery of the great activity which may yet be manifested through you, as individuals, and collectively. In the realm of the astral or the psychic, there are, imprisoned in forms which I shall not describe, so many countless billions of electrons—elemental, intelligent beings. It is your opportunity to release them and let them go back into the heart of the Sun, back to the Source from whence they came—for you, too, have been among those who have imprisoned them. You may be their redeemer!

Then, as you render that service, and as the inner realms in which mankind move are freed from those pressures, again will come that lightness, buoyancy and happiness which was known in the early ages before the effluvia and mist of thought and feeling of human creation dimmed the light of the spiritual sun, clothed your spiritual faculties in dullness, and made it impossible for you to longer see and talk with the brothers and sisters who are the guardians of this race, and who are the protecting presences from the Ascended Master Octave.

We do not dwell for any time upon the discords of mankind, lest those of you who are sensitive, eager and desirous of serving good, should become self-condemnatory, because of that part you have consciously or unconsciously played in imprisoning life. However, in order to be intelligent in the service which you have offered, we must show you the opportunity that lies within your call and application. Then, the more joyous and glorious is your opportunity, as you couple visualization and worded decree with the invocation of the Sacred Fire, to create out of the universal, temples of light and focuses of flame, which shall for all eternity remain as a living memento to your life in physical form.

Oh, blessed ones, the power of the creative fire within you is so much more intense than you can yet conceive to be possible. Take a group of this number and let them join together, and at the direction and inspiration of the leader, create a thoughtform which would be a benefit to a group, to a locality, to a nation, to a planet—even to a Master like our Lord Sanat Kumara. As the electrons and elementals fill in your thoughtform and make of it a living, breathing being, one of the great mighty angels and devas might choose to ensoul it, enter it and sustain its light, wearing it as a garment until accomplishment of that for which it was created, could be manifested. It has been done often.

You do not know, yet, the power that is within your own personal blessing. For instance, many a time, when I walked along the dusty

roads of India, when men and women in the sore distress of the outer senses came into my presence, I rejoiced in the glorious opportunity of invoking a blessing. Many a time, as I stood and turned my attention to the God of us all, I felt the sweet onrush of that power, which came from heights inconceivable, surge through my own feeling world, and then out into the body and consciousness of the supplicant. Many are the times I have seen an angel enter into that blessing and go with the one who had asked for it, as he walked again back into his own individual orbit.

Oh, this universe is filled with angels, devas and beings pressing earthward, endeavoring to find an opening through some heart who chooses to call forth the blessing of God upon the suffering. They rush through the opening which is made through your thought, your feeling, and even your simple worded, "God bless you." It is not just this human vehicle which you are, which says that word or that phrase. It is the release of the Infinite Power of the Universe, eager and desirous of enfold-ing the one who requires that blessing. Do you see? You are holding the key to the universal blessings of the great Cosmic Christ within your own worded expression, your silent gesture of benediction, your thought and your feeling.

I have taught for centuries through the power of radiation, and not through the spoken word. I have endeavored as I have studied your consciousness, to give you, in some small measure, a way and means by which you, too, may become radiating centers and, connecting with the feeling of the Ascended Masters, let that flow forth through your own energies to bless life. Is it a fit balance that the music of the spheres, that enters into the hearts of men with every heartbeat, should go forth again in a scream of pain, a cry of agony and distress? Is it not rather the paramount requirement of the day, that the energy that enters the heart in purity, be blessed in love, and return to the universe in a great anthem of thanksgiving, for the opportunity of the use of life?

How beautiful is the soul that raises its heart to God in gratitude, for the gift of life, of intelligence, for the opportunity that lives within the constant electronic flow of energy into the heartbeat. What could you do without life? How could you enjoy your friends, your families, your associates? How could you enjoy the beauties of nature and all the glories that have made your experiences on this earth pleasant, if it were not for that flowing essence, which is life? Father, forgive man that he desires, sometimes, to shut off the flow of life, that he is embittered because life, in its great kindness and mercy, has considered him fit to abide within the chalice of his physical garment.

For know you this, with no uncertainty, while the presence of Almighty God sustains a physical form, there is a design and plan which can, through that form, be externalized for the blessing of all. At the very instant the God-intelligence no longer sees an opportunity to expand some portion of its God plan through that form, the life flame is withdrawn. There is no happenstance in this release of life—that priceless, precious gift which contains within itself the power to become Master. It is an eternal proof of the wisdom and kindness of the Universal First Cause that chooses through you, each one, to manifest more of the glory of the kingdom.

I have stood in that kingdom. I have stood in the presence of the God who made you all. I have gazed at the exquisite perfection of that Being, and, as I come again to earth, I shall, with every cell and fiber of my being, endeavor to convey to those who choose to listen, the nature and love of that God.

I thank you, beloved children of God, for the unfolding flame of your own divinity, for the strength within you, that has brought you into our presence, for your love of mercy and compassion for the rest of life. I thank you for your sensitivity to the presence of the nature kingdom, and I assure you, that those who love elemental life will know peace in their own bodies, harmony in their minds, and supply within their own governing use and control—as they continue to bless that kingdom, which has given them not only the physical form, but the subtle inner bodies, as well. Even your Electronic Body is made up of tiny electrons, little beings drawn from the Sun, who gather around the flame of love in the heart of your Presence, and forego the freedom of the realms of light to provide the shining vestment of your immortal I AM Presence. God bless you.

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TO THE BELOVED MOTHER MARY

We dedicate this issue of "The Bridge To Freedom" to you, blessed Mother Mary, in honor of your appointment as co-sponsor for the year 1954.

As the new cycle opens its doors to the inflowing substance, radiation, and instruction from your own cosmic heart, may the gentle readers so regulate the vibratory action of their own inner bodies and flesh garments that they may receive the fullness of the outpouring which is yours to give. May they, through the sustained harmony of the vibratory action of their own energies, be at all times in a state of spiritual grace and natural conductors for those blessings, healings, and gifts which you may, from time to time, desire to direct to them and through them to mankind and all evolutions progressing to God-mastery in, through and around the planet Earth.

May the Marian Year manifest the fullest Cosmic Christ accomplishment, not only at inner levels, but also in the physical appearance world, where it is so much required to kindle the faith in God and to receive the subsequent cooperation of the souls, so convinced, of his all-power in forwarding the divine will for all created beings—perfection, mastery, beauty, harmony, peace—individually and universally as well.

In gratitude for the privilege of serving with you, I AM,

Thomas Printz, Editor

The Homes and Retreats of The Masters of Wisdom
THE TIBETAN RETREAT OF THE MASTER HIMALAYA
March 15, 1954 through April 14, 1954

In the heart of the great Himalayan Mountains, which lie like a cosmic crown on the brow of the world, there is set a cosmic lotus, in the personage of the great God Himalaya, Manu of the fourth root race, and guardian of the wisdom of the Lemurian, Atlantean, and Eastern cultures.

This great personage has drawn, through his own Light Body, and sustained, the cosmic ray which anchors the Father activity of the Universal First Cause upon the Earth, even as his great brother, the God Meru in South America, sustains the cosmic ray which anchors the Mother activity of God upon the planet. These two cosmic rays form the spiritual matrix, directed by the Elohim from the heart of the Silent Watcher, around which the substance and energy was drawn to create the physical planet, itself.

The cosmic ray guarded by Lord Himalaya has been the predominant spiritual activity governing the progress of the evolution of the race up to the year 1953, at which time the Cosmic Law directed the pressure of energy through the Feminine Ray guarded by the God Meru. Thus was transferred the magnetic pull from the East to the West. This will result in the attraction of the spiritually-inclined egos toward Western incarnation and the gradual infusion of the spiritual interest and nature of the East into the Western consciousness and culture.

During the thirty-day period dedicated to the Retreat of the Blue Lotus, in the heart of the Himalayan Range, the great Himalaya—teacher of Lord Buddha, Lord Maitreya and beloved Kuthumi—will bless the pilgrims and visitors with the cosmic flame of his peace, wisdom, balance and love and will give the benediction of his centuries of momentum of God-direction to those consciousnesses which open themselves to his instruction and counsel.

The Retreat of the Blue Lotus is located within one of the great mountains, high in the Himalayan Range. To all outer appearances, the entrance to the retreat is just a great bare, rocky mountain crest which, seen from afar, has the outline of the head of the Master, himself. Within this retreat is the magnetic power of divine love, which has drawn pilgrims from all over the world into the mountain vastnesses of Tibet in search of truth and illumination. In the face of almost unbelievable privations and personal hazards, the seekers after truth have braved the icy blasts, the almost bottomless chasms, the perils of wild animals and nomadic tribes of savage intent, to answer the call from the heart of the

Blue Lotus. Some have been rewarded by being admitted into the mystic Brotherhood and accepted as chelas by those Gurus who, themselves, had gained their mastery at the feet of the Lord of Wisdom and who chose to show their gratitude by taking, to themselves, pupils in his name.

When the pilgrim has earned the right to enter the presence of the great Himalaya, the paths which lead to the entrance to his retreat are opened before his feet, and he is guided invisibly toward the foot of the great rocky promontory, where the face of the rock suddenly glows with celestial radiance and takes on the form of an open-ended cross of white fire, similar to the representation of the Holy Eucharist in the Christian Communion Service.

As the eyes of the pilgrim become accustomed to the blazing light, the opening in the rock is apparent, and standing serenely in the doorway is the personage of the God Himalaya. He is the embodiment of Eastern dignity and serenity. Like Sanat Kumara, himself, the wisdom of the ages is in his eyes, in the gentle courtliness of his bearing, and yet, the impression of strength, youth and constancy fills the atmosphere around him. As the pilgrim looks upon his gracious presence, from his aura unfolds the mystic garden, profuse with tropical flowers, singing birds, and swiftly-flowing sparkling rivulets, that could not exist at such high altitude except in the magic presence of this being of love.

As the pilgrim is invited, by the inclination of his head, to enter the outer chambers of his retreat, each one removes the shoes from his feet, in reverence and respect, for the honor of being drawn into that glorious presence. Within the outer chamber is the beautiful lily pond, upon whose tranquil bosom floats the sacred Blue Lotus, symbol of the Blue Flame Lotus, which is guarded in the heart of the retreat, deep in the center of the mountain and which is the heart center of the cosmic ray spoken of above.

Each pilgrim is allowed one request while in the presence of the God Himalaya and while contemplating the Blue Lotus, he knows that the magnetic power of pure divine love will activate his desire and bring to him the embodiment of that desire. Think carefully and deeply and pray well before making such a request, for you deal with Cosmic Fire!

Blessings, children, as you begin the pilgrimage into the heart of the Himalayas, long my home and that of my brothers. I shall be waiting you there!

EL MORYA

THE NATIVITY
By Beloved Mary

December 1953

Beloved children, knowing the priceless quality of life, having stood in the free realms and seen the heart of the Sun, itself, generate and send forth the electronic light essence which forms the silver cord of every man, woman and child belonging to this evolution, we have a great respect for consecrated life, which passes through the consciousness of the individual and receives the blessing of the voluntary energies of that one's own thought and feeling, going forth into the universe carrying a greater blessing than that which came from the heart of God in its primal essence. You are the lifestreams who consecrate life, and who have created out of that consecrated life beautiful thoughtforms. Into each such form is woven the electronic pattern of your own particular lifestream. Into these forms are woven your songs, your colors, and your tones.

The ladies of heaven are tremendously interested in the expansion of the healing activity through unascended beings, because healing is primarily an activity of feeling. Healing is conveyed through harmonious feeling, and a feminine activity in the Ascended Master Octave always gives a pressure of feeling, of comfort to life, preceding the entrance of the actual healing elixir which performs the service.

As you are gathered here, we are endeavoring to build into this forcefield our combined radiation. The forcefield is extending out over your entire city. Through this forcefield the healing essence—which is our gift to life, our momentum of service—may enter into the consciousness of men, women and children who are praying tonight, who are calling to God for assistance and who require healings of mind and of body. Will you, therefore, join your energies with ours in bringing to your mind's eye and consciousness the memory of those lifestreams whom you know can benefit by such healing currents? Will you feel the fullness of our love flow to them!

When you have served that purpose, will you feel, then, the impersonal healing currents flowing throughout the entire world, particularly to those lifestreams who know not how to pray, who have seemingly lost faith in God, who are in desperation of mind, and spirit, and who require the faith of some other unascended being to hold them within the heart flame of our Presence until we can anchor our energy into theirs? Beloved ones, those of you who love God, those of you who believe in the Hierarchy are blessed, indeed, for there is a portion of your world that is always connected with us. There is a part of your consciousness—a nook or corner some place—wherein is always tucked the memory of our

work, our names, our love—but there are many millions who have no belief, no trust, no hope for a life beyond the grave, and who live day after day the weary round of existence, hoping for the annihilation which, they believe, comes at so-called death. It is for these people that I implore you to pray, to make the call on their behalf, to keep the spark within them alight until that hour when we may prove ourselves, through you, to them.

You see, we have a double purpose—we are preparing you to be ourselves, manifest in form. We are preparing you to step down our radiation, our consciousness, our qualities, and our miracles of perfection. We are trying to hold the masses until you are ready. That great mercy of life is such that there will always be the advance guard, who will be in contact with the presence and the person of the Masters, and then the advance guard, in turn, through the representative of the Masters, carry the instruction to the masses. This conserves our energy, and it renders the service of mercy, in tempering the light and fire of our beings to a point where it is comfortable for them to receive it.

There is so much in graded radiation which mankind, and even the blessed students, do not yet understand. For instance, around the beloved Sun, itself, stand the twelve Great Beings who represent the virtues, the nature of God. They have been in the outer world represented as the Signs of the Zodiac, but in their original perfect representations, they are beings of tremendous power. It is their great privilege and honor to soften the radiation and the glorious splendor of the Sun God and Goddess, so that even the angels, the cherubim and the seraphim can receive that radiation into their beings without being overwhelmed by its presence.

Then the cherubic and seraphic beings, the Archangels, in turn, soften the radiation of that splendor, and carry it from sphere to sphere, onward on its outward course to the periphery of the universe. We, the Hierarchy that stand around Sanat Kumara, and represent the guardians of mankind, again take into our own bodies that blazing light, and temper it according to our own nature and offer it to the chelas, who have become the most highly-developed consciousnesses incarnate. These chelas throughout the world, in turn, embody our nature, embody our light, share our consciousness, our plans and designs, and then carry them to those lower on the ladder of evolution. Do you see?

In this manner the great glory of the Godhead, the divine ideas, the exquisite perfection of the Eternal, is gradually expanded and its light, as it passes from sphere to sphere, is clothed in the atmosphere thereof, in the bodies of the intelligences that dwell within it, and stepped down to

a point where those in the sphere below may enjoy it without being overwhelmed by its presence.

The beloved Gabriel spoke to you of the fear that is aroused in the atomic consciousness of mankind at the visitation of the angelic host, and that is, unfortunately, a fact. The tremendous concentrated power of the Archangels, the Ascended Masters, and those beings who have cosmic momentums of light, shatters the emotional body of the unprepared. It also has a stirring effect on the slowly-vibrating physical form. It would neither be kindness nor mercy for us to inflict such a shock upon the mankind of earth without the preparation required. It is that preparation in which you have been engaged through the past years, and the reason for which these groups have been formulated at the present time, to prepare those who wish to meet us in the upper chamber and eventually stand in the Master's presence.

I, myself, in my life's investment in Nazareth, know well the experience of dwelling with the living presence of the angelic host. Before I took embodiment, beloved ones, I had studied in the Temples of Nature, and I had studied in the temples with beloved Raphael and Gabriel, and the other members of the angelic host, and I had become a Master of sorts in the control of my energy.

When our beloved Lord Maitreya, standing in the exquisite beauty of his Light Body, described to us the mission of the lifestream who was to come to the earth, and who was to draw through his flesh, his emotional, mental and etheric bodies, the perfection of God, as an example to mankind, we were all fired with the enthusiasm which is so much a part of the inner spheres. You, too, have experienced that enthusiasm. You, too, have risen as a man to volunteer to be a part of a great drama. You, too, have offered to submit to the bands of forgetfulness, and to take the bodies that the Lords of Karma would offer you and to pass through the veil of birth, in the hope that you might fulfill a vision—seen so clearly on the cosmic screen of life when you wore not the heavy, dense robes of flesh.

I was among those who volunteered. I was among those who stood forth and said, "Yes, I am willing to go to prepare a body for this teacher. I am willing to hold the divine, immaculate concept of his Godhood, whatever the conditions of earth I may face." Then the beloved Lord Maitreya smiled. Who can describe to you the beauty of the smile of the Cosmic Christ, the light in those glorious violet eyes, the kindness and tenderness that is within them? He said, "Daughter, you know not what you say! However, we shall give you opportunity to prove how well you can draw forth a divine thoughtform and hold it before us assembled

here.”

I stood before the Lords of Karma, before my gracious Kwan Yin, and others, including the Goddess of Liberty. Lord Maitreya projected into my mind, in their presence, a miniature figure of Helios, and I held that image in my mind—the immaculate concept of the Father. Then as I stood, the winds blew—the winds that were generated out of the consciousness of the Initiator, which endeavored to disintegrate that form. The spiritual rains came and the hail, and my consciousness was almost shattered by the impact of that force. It took all of the energies of my light and all the strength of my concentration to hold that tiny image, no larger than my finger. I prayed with all the intensity of my being to the flame within my heart, to let no force within me or without me destroy that image. I stood thus three hours—three long hours.

The mighty Hercules directed his Blue Flame and Ray. All of the Elohim became the power of my testing. At the end of that time, Lord Maitreya said, “It is enough. She has earned the opportunity.” I kneeled before him. He placed his hand on my head and said, “Mary, child of God, you have done well, but the winds you have felt and the power that has been released, are nothing to the creations of the mankind whom you go to serve. May the God that beats your heart sustain you, and our love enfold you and keep you safe.”

Then it was that I asked a boon of life, that Gabriel might bring to my remembrance the vision when, after taking earth life, I would be called upon for my great initiation. I remember yet his white-robed figure, his strength and love and power, and he said, “I promise.” I remember the love in Jesus’ eyes, the tenderness in his sweet countenance. I remember the love of Joseph, before any of us left the inner realms for that earth life.

Then we were taken to our temples and there abode until the cosmic moment in the stars signified that our physical birth was at hand, that we were to be called upon the screen of life, that our place in the great drama was ready to be filled, and that we were to walk forth. I remember thinking deeply on the figure of Helios and on the Electronic Presence of Jesus. It was the last thought I held, as the Angels of Incarnation wrapped my spirit round and I slipped into the black abyss, awaking in the arms of my mother.

I remember those early years, I was scarcely three years of age, when Ann and Joachim took me to the temple. I remember looking at the great height of those pillars. I remember feeling that “aloneness,” as I saw my parents walk down the steps and out through the gates, and I

found myself a small soul in a great world.

I tell you these things because I have lived as you. I have prayed. I have known the buffetings of human thought and feeling. I have known the wonderings and uncertainties that rise unbidden from the soul. I have questioned within myself, in those early years in the temple, whether that strange vision in the back of my mind was of my imagination or whether it was fact. Remember, I was raised by rabbis and by women strictly orthodox, who had no use for visionary girls and fantasy, who were engaged in preparing the women to become the mothers of the race. I learned in those early years to keep my own counsel. I learned when I saw the angel faces and heard the sweet voices of those lovely ones, to ponder them in my heart.

Then came the time when the temple would no longer hold me, when I was to go forth, and all of heaven, with bated breath, awaited my initiation. Ah! I remember that day, when Gabriel, with all his love and light, stood there by my side, and oh, how eagerly I grasped the flash of flame from his glorious consciousness, within which again was revived to me that divine image both of Helios and Jesus. As a drowning man grasps at a straw, did I grasp at that vision. "OH, GOD," in my heart I thought, "IT IS TRUE!" From that moment on, though the winds blew, though bigotry and hate and impurity were driven against me, I knew. I held that concept, and later I held my son within my arms—a beautiful child!

Excuse my enthusiasm, but even as I talk to you my heart is so filled with love for the privilege of that experience. I remember well the coming of the beloved Morya, Kuthumi and Djwal Kul (the three Wise Men). I remember well, recognizing them instantly as friends from home. The gold they brought, Joseph and I used in the long journey into Egypt. It helped us through those years of exile. The frankincense and myrrh I saved for a sadder mission in Joseph's garden. All those days are gone. All that I have in remembrance is the strength that I drew in holding a concept, which was externalized as a being who showed mastery and God-divinity to all men. I saw him grow mature and wax strong. I saw the first day that he, too, had a visitation and the Christ Consciousness was awakened in his mind. I saw the light within his eyes, and I knew, then, that no longer would Joseph and I have to hold that concept alone, that he, too, now, would incorporate it in the blessed trinity of action and externalize it. I remember well when he had attained his maturity, and he would come home with friends of his heart's choosing. Our quarters were small and humble, for we lived a simple life. Almost every day he would have a new disciple or friend. "These are of my Father," he would

say, and smile, and I would be a mother again. Yet that experience was marvelous, for it has enabled me, through all the ages, to love mankind, to understand each one—all the many various types and kinds of people, within whom beats the living heart of God.

On a hilltop one day I was given into the keeping of John and John was given to me. The white lips of one I loved more than life, reminded me in those last hours that all the world were my children, and I have never forgotten that admonition.

I remember a happier day, on a similar hillside (Bethany), when the resurrected body of that same beloved one achieved the glory of the ascension, and for a time we said “good-bye.” I remember walking down the hill with John and the other disciples, and we counseled together as to how best to give comfort to those who had been his followers. We lived many years then, endeavoring to build into our lives the teachings that he gave us, endeavoring to share his nature, until I, too, was called and freed forever from the wheel of birth and death, and John joined us soon thereafter.

From this realm, now, we come again to help you who want it, to receive the immaculate concept of your own perfection! It seems so difficult to you, and yet, it is not. You are told, and have been, told that you are made in the image and likeness of God, himself. Looking at you, I see that image, and it is BEAUTIFUL in the extreme. All you have to do is accept it, and then hold to it with all the strength and vitality of your being. I will help you, for you do not have to hold it against the forces which I was called upon to do. Then, as that concept of your divine image takes hold in your feelings, you will know it is a lie to experience age, disintegration, disease or death. It has no place in the universe of your Father, or in you—his honored son or daughter—and you will, as I did, bring forth that perfection and fulfill your mission in honor. It is for this that I have inaugurated the Sons and Daughters of Mary. It is for this that I have asked those of you who choose to incorporate your individual energies with me, with Jesus, and with Gabriel, particularly, in drawing forth, daily, a remembrance of your divine origin.

Now, you say, “Yes. But there is a feeling of the appearance of age, and various things.” Won’t you PLEASE endeavor, daily, to just take those concepts out of your mind, just as you would take off outer garments that have become soiled and distressed, making a RITUAL of accepting yourself with all the faculties of your God-nature, your sight, your hearing, your beauty of form, your inexhaustible strength and energy, and then the God power and mastery of the Sacred Fire to set your fel-

lowman free! That is the immaculate concept, and as you hold that within yourselves, watch your senses, for they will report to you again, again and again that which is not true. In all the dignity of your being remember me, and say 'NO, IT IS NOT TRUE! I will not accept that the God who made me and has sustained me through the ages has designed me so!' At first it will require repeated endeavor, but if you will persist, you will begin to get a joyous realization in your feelings of your Christ Self.

For one year now, my children, you have "prattled" (excuse me) about the Holy Christ Selves of mankind. I want you now to think, "What is this Holy Christ Self to me?" I want you to think of its face, its eyes, its shining hair, its beautiful hands and symmetry of form.—its nature. I want you to ponder upon it and contemplate it. If you will ask Gabriel, Serapis, myself, and those of us who work in the Fourth Sphere and with this Holy Christ Self, to help you, we will do so. Then can you not play with the externalization of it, even if your feelings don't follow it fully at first? Can you not practice the imitation of the Christ, until you become it? Can you not walk in the dignity that you feel that Jesus, or perhaps myself, manifested, in the serenity, in the confidence, in the power of the Lord? Do you see? It is practical!

Nineteen fifty-four is going to prove you emotionally, prove you in spirit. I am endeavoring, with my beloved brother, Morya, to bring action into the feelings of the students. I am endeavoring to do so kindly, gently. He will do so, I am sure, with more fire, but with no more sincerity or love.

I give to you now the remembrance of my initiation. I give you the joy of my victory. I give you the momentum of my centuries of devotion, dedication, loyalty and consecration to the externalization of the God-image for myself and every man and woman and child on the planet. Will you accept it?

Kwan Yin and myself are dedicated to holding that concept, particularly for the women of the race who are called the "social outcasts," who have broken the moral code, and who have seemingly lost the dignity which the feminine aspect of life should externalize. We spend an hour every day holding that divine picture of the Christ Self over every one of those women! Can you not do as much for them and for yourselves?

OH, WORKING WITH THE DIVINE IMAGE IS SUCH A HAPPY EXPERIENCE! Working with your own is a joy, but I want you to have our FEELING of working with the divine image of others.

I thank you for your presence. I thank you for drawing all of us la-

dies of heaven into your atmosphere, and I trust that, perhaps, in some simple measure, I have given you the homely story behind the nativity. Thank you.

THE MASTERS OF WISDOM SPEAK

MAHA CHOCHAN

Helios and Vesta, the beings of the Sun, through the natural process of living, radiate electronic light from the heart center of their beings through all seven spheres. In each twenty-four-hour period, they emphasize the gifts and powers of one sphere, particularly, through the great Elohim, Archangels and Chohans who represent that sphere and ray.

This accounts for the fact that individuals are more vitalized on the day when their ray is accentuated, because all of the faculties, powers and capacities of the lifestream are used as facets by which their ray is externalized in that twenty-four-hour period. Individuals who are not members of the ray which is active in the twenty-four-hour period can also magnetize those currents through themselves by WEARING THE COLOR OF THAT RAY during this period if they choose to do so. (Note: For daily color, see "The Initiations of the Seventh Ray.")

EL MORYA

The light is there—buried in the hearts of the people! It is the service of the workers in the vineyard to breathe upon the smoldering embers, within which lies the flame and the Light of God that Never Fails. Through every lifestream THAT LIGHT SHALL BLAZE, which is the answer to the Cosmic Law's demand.

Herein is our hope, for who can draw water from a stone, or blood from a turnip! How could any man draw forth the light of the world from the evolving life, unless within that life was the potent fire of creation, whose natural radiation is light! It is not enough in this final hour to be lightbearers—each one must become a contagious spiritual firebrand, whose presence IMMEDIATELY catches up the sleeping spirit of every man and, through association, makes that spirit arise, throw off the shadows that have dimmed the radiation of its natural estate, and become also a contribution to the light of the world!

KUTHUMI

Whence comes the human mind? Are the human mind and the human brain synonymous? No!

First: the channels or rays that proceed from the brain represent the senses, viz., sight, hearing, smell, taste, touch, intuition and the divine ray of God from the heart that chooses to pour through these senses more and more of God's divine plan—the senses being the instruments of creation. However, through distortion and inversion of the Law, the senses began to draw into the brain structure the various reports of the world without. They, in time, became the magnetic pull of the imperfect manifestations from the outside world, until the central point where the senses' focus in the physical brain became a conglomerate mass of impressions reported to the brain by these faulty senses, and this conglomerate mass became the human carnal mind.

This mind has no reality—it is not true, but yet it forms the beliefs, concepts and motivating power behind the acts, the thoughts and feelings of the people. The human mind is not synonymous with the brain—which is a physical structure made up of atoms and cells, but it is a mass of thought and feeling consciousness drawn into the brain, which then works back through the senses in the outward motion, as the controlling power of the lifestream's experience.

PAUL, THE VENETIAN MASTER

HARMONY is essential to restoration of balance in the vehicles of mankind. Sleep at night and so-called death have been the only means by which the atoms that make up the vehicles of the race were given respite from the bombardments of thought and feeling of the conscious mind. The body elemental, the builders of form, and the Holy Christ Self required this assistance to sustain any semblance of balance through the envelopes provided for man's expression on earth. To receive that repolarization and purification, while fully conscious in the waking state, is the joyous experience awaiting mankind in the near future, when we secure the cooperation of qualified musicians, who can ascend into our octave and draw forth that prepared music which will repolarize the atoms, not only of the flesh body, but of the emotional, mental and etheric bodies as well. Music Temples will be provided and the individuals who so desire may bathe in that radiation and find healing, peace, purification and balance. Already the melodies that can give this assistance are prepared and they will be given to those lifestreams who qualify to receive them and who can guard them by their own momentums of purity and loving wisdom at all times.

HILARION

For man to struggle to acquire the power of precipitation is a travesty, for there is no moment, waking or sleeping, day or night, when even the most ignorant and ungoverned human being is not precipitating. The forces of the four elements precipitate and even the animal kingdom send forth a radiation. Therefore, the fundamental principle to be learned is not HOW to precipitate, but WHAT to precipitate and how to CONTROL that which is precipitated.

Now, precipitation is a power that is in constant use, but ungoverned except by the Higher Mind and it is the divine plan that all men shall bring forth perfection, through the conscious controlled use of this faculty.

SERAPIS BEY

The octave in which each being has his "natural" conscious expression is earned as the consciousness develops, matures and expands, until finally the Ascended Master Consciousness engulfs the "separate" self and the individual becomes an Ascended Being. The happiness of this experience cannot be described in words, but in accepting the ascension, the individual intelligence, rising into a higher sphere, forfeits his contact with the sphere below him, except through whatever voluntary channel he can sensitize and which offers, consciously or unconsciously, (through radiation) to expand his particular God-project in that lower sphere.

Everywhere a sensitive and harmonious lifestream can be found, the Masters endeavor to expand the radiation of the God life, and, if possible, impress the God-ideas of the Higher Spheres through the consciousness, to bless mankind. This is the "unconscious" conductor. In a much wider degree, we have the "conscious" chela who is not only a conscious conductor of radiation but also an intelligent co-worker with the Masters and angels, in developing and maturing their individual God-gifts in the sphere in which the chela dwells.

JESUS

Individuals, from time to time, are of the opinion that there is no need for a mediator, or bridge, to connect the God-self with the outer intellect. These people are honestly and firmly convinced that, as the Presence is connected through the Holy Christ Self with the heart of every lifestream, an outside means of communication and spiritual guidance is unnecessary.

To these people I say—having been a mediator myself and having served the Hierarchy to carry the word of God to the masses—the purpose of a mediator is to convey the truth from the heart of God to the outer minds of individuals who have lost their personal and direct contact with their own divinity. When this purpose has been accomplished, no meditation or transmission of consciousness is required, but until this point is reached, the outer minds of men, unable to rise to the inspiration of their own Higher Selves, are benighted, and through the mercy of God are given enlightenment by those who have attained a degree of evolution wherein they may climb the mount of attainment, assimilate the truth and carry the knowledge of that truth back to the pilgrims on the path. The wise pilgrims will avail themselves of the cup thus offered and, in so doing, their climb up the mount of attainment will be less arduous.

SAINT GERMAIN

Ah, looking at your planet with the inner eye, and seeing the smoldering sparks of divinity, shrouded round with the shadows of human thinking and feeling, I so long to breathe upon those sparks until they rise, master, and emit their natural light!

Too long has the glorious light, which is mankind's own heritage, slumbered, while the light of other worlds, and other beings sustained the planet's place in our solar system. If there were no light within the world, that would be one thing—but a planet alive with potential fire, sleeping on for millions of years, resting on another's light, is an outrage before the Cosmic Law, and it is but mercy, divine, that the patience of God has not been exhausted with our recalcitrant race.

Enough! We who have chosen to accept the responsibility for the sustenance of earth's place in the system SHALL, through love, draw forth that light from the hearts of men—and to do this, we must reach their consciousness and interest their energies in cooperative service. This is the opportunity of the hour!

THE HEALING CHALICE

March 1954

Oh, beloved children in the world of form! In this cosmic hour of Christ realization, open wide the portals of thy hearts! Receive unto thyself, through the divine offices of my sweet Mary, the mother of the beloved Jesus, who so magnificently manifested the truth and reality of the Christ Consciousness in all its supremacy, beauty and perfection in action through the human form—the vision of thy God's own plan for thee. Long have I, thy Father-Mother perceived thee in the fullness of the perfect sons and daughters of the Christ, which I Am. Looking upon thee now, I behold only thy light and that beauty, which is truly there. It is clouded over by the effluvia of the tears and tribulations of the mortal self, but it is shining dimly through the veil that hides from thee the full realization of my presence within thee and from the knowledge that thou art ever dwelling in thy Father's kingdom and in his loving care.

The pure soul of the divine Mary entered into her physical form, carrying with her, into conscious life, extreme sensitivity to the heavenly realm. Thus she was privileged to re-create the image of perfection, the divine concept of the Christ beauty, not only for herself, but for the mighty Jesus, for whom she was the protector and progenitor. I, thy Father-Mother God, now beseech you, children of my heart, hearken unto her gentle offer and accept unto thine own sweet consciousness, her realization and her acceptance of Christ perfection, indwelling within thine own being. Therein is health and wealth and beauty and all perfect manifestations of the God-plan of thine own immortality. In her dear name, accept it now, for thine own selves and stand forth in the joyous freedom of that complete acknowledgment. I AM that immaculate concept of thy true identity. I AM thy reality.

Within the electronic substance of the fire breath which bears thee life, exists my divine conception of life for you. Within the substance of light which beats your precious heart, flows the divine concept of my perfection for you, each blessed one. Each breath and pulsebeat is a flood tide of my perfection surging forth through each one of you. Permit the loving heart of Mother Mary to now evoke within the consciousness of thy self, the understanding which is hers and lead thee into the full acceptance of perfection, which you truly are. Truly, thou art in me as I am in thee, thy Father-Mother God, now revealed in shining glory!

BELOVED MARY, ON HER LAST EMBODIMENT

December 1953

Beloved children, beloved friends, speaking to you brings to my mind and heart memories of a very sweet association which we shared in forming a spiritual canopy for the life-experience and flowering of a soul and spirit, the fragrance and perfume of whose being still forms the hope for millions—he whom the world has called Jesus, and whom I call yet “my son.”

I would like to bring to your remembrance a little something of our application, in order that you may understand that all service to life is a discipline, a self-denial, an application and a consecration of one's own energies and the vehicles and instruments through which the soul seeks expression. It is not merely happenstance which places in the role of protectors and guardians of the race, certain lifestreams who are destined to remain in the memory and in the hearts and consciousness of peoples through the ages.

Before my son was given the opportunity to draw forth the Christ-nature and to incarnate as the Master Presence of the Christian Dispensation, many of us gathered together at inner levels and, seated around the table with the beloved Lord Maitreya, we were shown how the consciousness and life of some son or daughter of heaven could be woven into mastery over form, substance and appearance. There were many brave and brilliant spirits who stood forth and asked Lord Maitreya for that opportunity, but my beloved Jesus was the one who was accorded the honor. Then there were chosen from the volunteers those who would accompany him, and be the strength of his endeavor. I was given the opportunity to come and prepare a place for him through the manifestation of a physical garment fitting for such a God-being to wear.

You do not, perhaps, fully understand what it is to receive into your consciousness a divine image, in all the full freedom of the inner spheres, to see a being who is the exact manifestation of the Father in grace, in dignity, in love; then to submit to the bands of forgetfulness, to take incarnation, and to live among the world of form where there is little to remind you of that perfection. You hope that at the cosmic moment when you will be called upon to renew your vow and manifest it, that you will have held your consciousness free enough from the impregnation of the appearance world with its distortions, so that you might draw the actual substance of this realm, and manifest a temple, perfect, pure and beautiful enough to house the son of God.

I had been trained in the nature temples for many centuries, in the

drawing of elemental life, in the creating of flower forms, and in forming intricate designs of trees and birds. I was well along on the path of mastery towards holding the form against the disintegrating radiation which like the wind despoils that form, unless will and strength and love encompass it around. Even with this momentum of accomplishment, I asked for greater assistance, and then it was that the beloved Gabriel, the Archangel, promised that he would come and bring to my outer consciousness a remembrance of the full grown figure of the Master, in order that I might hold that through the nine months required to bring that form into the world.

Do you wonder that I love him, and your beloved Saint Germain? He also offered to give the strength and power of his momentum of gathered concentrated energy, and as Joseph he gave me not only protection but the stimulus of inspiration in my service. So I was enabled to bring forth the vehicle for the Master.

All during the course of his incarnation, constantly were projections directed toward us to destroy our faith, and to destroy the picture which we had drawn of the God-image. It was required of us in the small hours of the night, after the world had retired, to recreate that divine image and hold it - pure and perfect, in order that the fullest manifestation of the God-power through Jesus might bless the race.

I tell you this for one reason alone, that is, because you, each one, have an opportunity to receive into your own consciousness the divine pattern of your own Christ-Self – that image which was made in the beginning by the great eternal Father of life and his beautiful complement, your own eternal mother. This electronic body is fashioned out of fire, eyes as brilliant as stars, hair filled with sunshine, the entire form manifesting the perfection and symmetry of universal beauty, and within the heart the pulse beat containing within itself all the power of creation, that is the REAL YOU. You have forgotten that image, you have forgotten that pattern. The forms you wear today, the limitation in which you find yourself, are manifest proof to life that you no longer hold within your concept and consciousness, the immaculate form created from the heart of the father.

When the beloved Serapis endeavored to secure a dispensation to allow certain members of the race to become the Christ, I vowed within myself that if given the opportunity, I would bring to the remembrance of man the power to hold the divine concept. Then looking upon it, training the thought to accept it, training the feelings to rejoice in the freedom and perfection which each man can externalize.

I do not speak from afar off. I do not speak from a star or sun. I

speak as a woman, who wore a body like your own; who knew privation and want; who felt the fear and uncertainty of having the one she loved most walk forth each day, in the knowledge that before him lay a trial, the like of which none of you, nor your loved ones will ever be called upon to pass through. I knew the way my son must walk. I heard the sound of the nails within his hands and feet. I saw the water and the blood gush forth from his side, not once, but all the thirty-three long years of his blessed life. Yet despite that, I was required to hold the concept of the master form, victorious, triumphant over death. I was required to mother every lifestream that he brought home – the disciples, the apostles, the homeless, the unwanted. I was required to maintain that peace, to hold that serenity which gave confidence to those who wished to believe, but who at the slightest tremor of uncertainty, would rush back again into the security and sanctity, so-called, of the orthodox temples.

So when I speak to men I speak as one who knows that by trust and faith and confidence in God, THE GOD-IMAGE CAN BE EXTERNALIZED if you are constant. I saw a being I loved more than life, rise from death triumphant, and ascend in the presence of hundreds of individuals, into his God-estate. This you can do, for yourselves, for your loved ones, for your fellow servers, and for the race. It is all a matter of how much you love God. It is a loyalty either to divinity, which has waited for millions of years to externalize itself through you and your families and those in your environment, or it is a loyalty to appearances.

I am desirous, through those individuals who are willing at least to experiment with the endeavor, to direct into your consciousness, as Gabriel did for me, the divine concept of yourself. I am asking that daily, before you start on the course of your outer living, you think for a moment of God's intent for you. It is surely not of a decaying form, a limited consciousness subject to every passing feeling and thought. CERTAINLY THE GOD THAT MADE YOU, DESIRED PERFECTION FOR YOU AND THROUGH YOU, AND THIS IS THE IMMACULATE GOD CONCEPT. If you can FEEL this, beloved friends, you can externalize it, for yourself first, and then in your dealings with others help them also, for there are many types of individuals that you contact along life's way, in your family life, your business life, or your great cosmic service. They are no different from the types of individuals with whom I lived and with whom we walked. And may I say we had one room, one small room in a humble cottage in which to live, for thirteen men and myself. So I know what it is to brush shoulders with individuals! *(Continued in April 1954 issue).*

AMTF PUBLICATIONS

Archangel Uriel, referring to the teachings of the Bridge to Freedom, said on May 16, 1954, "Genesis and all of the succeeding Biblical Law is being written again. It is a Bible made up of the energies of the Archangels and the Ascended Masters, that will stand for the rest of the civilizations being brought forth on this planet Earth."

ASCENDED MASTERS AND THEIR RETREATS, 448 pp. Compiled from the teachings of the "Bridge to Freedom" by W. Schroeder. Presented in the first part are biographies of 107 Ascended Masters. Details include the tests, trials and initiations they had to undergo during their last embodiment to gain the ascension. The knowledge gained from the personal experiences of these Masters will help the students in successfully passing similar tests and initiations and in gaining their freedom as well. The second part of the books contains many details of 31 Ascended Master Retreats, including those that were active during the historic Transmission Flame Services which greatly helped our planet during critical times.

THE LAW OF PRECIPITATION, 256 pp. Compiled by W. Schroeder. How to successfully meet your daily needs. Using a step-by-step method, this book describes, in detail, the necessary building blocks in manifesting your wishes. In addition to describing the theory of precipitation, dozens of examples are given, showing how individuals have used this information to their own advantage. Included are 30 episodes, illustrating how William J. Cassiere, a messenger appointed by Saint Germain, used the laws of precipitation in healing others.

MAN, HIS ORIGIN, HISTORY AND DESTINY by W. Schroeder, 368 pp. Using a variety of sources, this title presents mankind's unrecorded history. Much of this material has not been researched before, and it has not been available to the general public. Written in chronological order, the reader learns of the conditions prevailing during the advent of man on Earth, including his origin, his age, the place where mankind first embodied and the coming of the laggards from other planets, causing the "Fall of Man" on Earth. Fascinating highlights of the Lemurian and Atlantean civilizations are given. Also depicted are accounts of the unchronicled history of Jesus and the oracles of Delphi. Archangel Michael's report of July 17, 1959 on the division of all of mankind. The new criteria is given that will be used in dividing mankind into two separate groups, one of which will find embodiment on a newly-created planet. The significance of this new process for the students of this teaching.

UNVEILED MYSTERIES, by Godfre Ray King, 288 pp.

This book contains Mr. Ballard's first experiences, following his meeting with the Ascended Master Saint Germain on Mount Shasta. We are happy to present to the students a full, unabridged copy of this priceless book, which heralded in the New Age. The new edition contains biographies of the Ascended Masters Saint Germain, Guy Ballard, and David Lloyd. A Chinese translation is also available.

THE SEVEN MIGHTY ELOHIM SPEAK ON THE SEVEN STEPS TO PRECIPITATION by Thomas Printz, 304 pp. This book contains the unique and historic account of the principles employed in the creation of our planet, by the Builders of the Universe, known as the Seven Elohim. The Elohim explain how these principles may be applied by today's students in their daily affairs. Explanation of chakric centers and how to purify them. Why group activities form a magnetic field of energy that can be used by the Ascended Host.

THE INITIATIONS OF THE FIRST RAY, 304 pp.

Description of the initiations necessary to gain the ascension, with emphasis on mastering the initiation of the God-virtues of the First Ray. The history of the "Bridge to Freedom" Organization from the very beginning all the way to its dissolution, including how the dispensation for the "Bridge to Freedom" was obtained, and the purpose of this endeavor.

The history of the AMTF, including how the teaching of the "Bridge to Freedom" was saved from falling into oblivion. We added the article "The Teaching of the 'Bridge to Freedom' and Other Groups." Here we are emphasizing that none of the persons, considered today as channels, supported the effort of saving the teaching, or republishing and distributing it.

El Morya's trip to the birthplace of Jesus, as one of the Three Wisemen. In the chapter, "The Spiritual Caravan," El Morya extends an invitation to students to join him in a global effort, bringing in the New Golden Age. Why the "Bridge to Freedom" was established and the tasks of the Bridge Builders of today.

THE INITIATIONS OF THE SEVENTH RAY, 304 pp. Description of the initiations necessary to gain the ascension, with emphasis on mastering the initiation of the God-virtues of the Seventh Ray. The Law of Karma including the Karma of Omission. The Law of Forgiveness.

How to establish and conduct Ascended Master Teaching Groups. Featured are primal requirements for an efficacious service, and the respon-

sibilities of each group member, including its leader. The book is an indispensable aid for those involved in group activities.

Beneficial Radiations (weekly cycle, 2000 year cycle, radiation of the Elohim and other Ascended Beings, the retreats of the Ascended Masters, and the 12 temples around the Sun, also called "the Zodiac"). How to take advantage of these radiations.

MEMORIES OF BELOVED JESUS AND MOTHER MARY, 416 pp. These dictations by Jesus and Mother Mary, presented in chronological order, give the reader a complete account of their last embodiment. Many of the events are not given in the Bible, such as early life experiences of Jesus and Mary, Jesus trip to India and details of his ascension. Jesus explains the true purpose of his mission. The reader learns of Mary's journey to Europe, including her travels to Fatima, Lourdes and Glastonbury. Mother Mary explains the Law of Healing and the establishment of healing centers.

THE ANGELIC KINGDOM, 448 pp. This new title contains ALL of the dictations by Ascended Beings on the subject of angels, including text from the booklet "Archangel Michael and his Helpers." These dictations allow the reader to get a comprehensive view of the activities of our unselfish, loving, helpers from the Angelic Kingdom. Each of the Archangels radiates one of the virtues of the Godhead, such as protection, illumination, and peace. This book contains personal addresses to the students from members of the Angelic Kingdom, showing them how to use these virtues for achieving their own freedom.

MANIFESTING VICTORIOUS ACCOMPLISHMENT, 304 pp. (formerly "I AM Discourses," by the Cosmic Being Mighty Victory). It was Mighty Victory who was able to set the Occult Law aside. This tall Master from Venus embodies the God-Virtue of Victorious Accomplishment. He has offered to assist students to manifest this God-Quality in their daily affairs.

We added dictations by the Cosmic Being Mighty Victory, given through Geraldine Innocente. These dictations complement the discourses previously given through Mr. Ballard, demonstrating that all of these published dictations came from the Great White Brotherhood, as presented through their accredited messengers.

21 ESSENTIAL LESSONS by W. Schroeder, in 2 Volumes. These graded instructions contain a summary of the teaching and all information necessary, if applied, to make the ascension in this embodiment. They

are written in an easy-to-understand manner. A must for both group leaders and dedicated students, who study alone.

Volume 1, 336 pp. It contains the basic concepts of the teaching, such as the I AM Presence, the Violet Flame, the Protective Pillar of Light, the Law of Karma and why and how we should decree. It also describes the functions of the elemental and angelic kingdoms.

Descriptions of the God-virtues of the Seven Rays and how to attune to Ascended Masters, Elohim and Archangels.

Volume 2 (320 pp.) is intended for those students who wish to become chelas of the Ascended Masters. It describes the functions of the Hierarchy (Governing Board) of the Earth, how their messengers to mankind are selected and group activity. It is also explained how a chela may achieve the ascension, by successfully completing the various initiations and by performing the required service to God and to mankind.

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