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### WHAT WE BELIEVE:

The common ground of belief is very general and brief in statement. Within this framework there is no restriction imposed upon private opinion nor the right of the individual to follow the light of truth to any conclusion which may seem to him to be valid.

Our common conviction consists of the following principles:

1. That man and the universe are primarily spiritual existences and that the significance of objective form is a manifestation of an unseen reality.
2. That through some cause or causes, which may be variously interpreted, man has become blinded so that generally he no longer realizes his spiritual being in an effective sense.
3. That as a consequence of this blinding man has become involved in all the personal, social and national difficulties that we see surrounding us on all sides.

4. That means exist whereby it becomes possible for man to acquire a realization of his true nature.
5. That by this realization, and only so, is the finally effective key attained whereby man may know enduring happiness and adequate understanding and may have the power effectively to resolve his metaphysical, religious, personal, social and national problems.

## THE PURPOSE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF MAN

The primary purpose of the Assembly of Man is to make available in an effective way the means whereby men may come to realize their own true nature. To this end several activities have been instituted to meet the needs of human beings on various levels of understanding and feeling and of different degrees of maturity. These activities include class-work and private study covering a broad range of spiritual, intellectual and ethical interest; training, designed to awaken a broader and deeper consciousness; and group-activities related to objective constructions.

All of these activities, while having collateral values, are primarily designed to the end that man may attain liberation from a widely felt and all-encompassing bondage which, in turn, is the cause of his unhappiness and of his great restrictedness in practically all directions.

## LIST OF THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSEMBLY OF MAN

The activities of the Assembly of Man fall under two classifications. The first of these, known as the "Open Court," consists of various activities open to the general public without membership in the Assembly of Man being a prerequisite. The second is known as the "Inner Section" and is designed to meet the needs of those who have been invited into and have accepted membership.

### THE OPEN COURT

The Open Court activities are as follows:

1. Public Sacred Service: This is a service having the primary motif of devotion, but includes the reading of certain instructions so selected as to reach both the heart and the mind. The form in which the service is held is simple but symbolically significant. Opportunity is given to the members of the audience to ask questions relative to the instructions, but there is no general discussion. There is no formal creed associated with this service.  
Sundays at 3:30 P.M.
2. Public Classes: There are two public classes devoted primarily to the study of the laws, forces and forms operating behind the scenes, as it were, in the drama of life. The spirit underlying

this study is increase of understanding in freedom without dogmatic coercion. One class is concerned exclusively with the "Evolution of Worlds and Men," while the other is occupied with a variety of special topics.

The first class meets on Tuesdays at 8:00 P.M.

The second class meets on Fridays at 8:00 P.M.

3. The Children's Section: This part of the work consists of a series of simple instructions and symbolic stories combined with a simple ritual. While this work was designed to meet the needs of those who are immature in years, yet many adults who have visited these meetings have reported that the work was clarifying even to their own minds. We find that children respond readily to this work.

Meetings Sundays. Time optional.

4. Correspondence Courses: This is work primarily designed for the needs of those who are so located that they are unable to attend the meetings of groups. Lessons are sent by mail dealing with the class of subjects studied in the open classes. Questions are sent with lessons and the answers to these are corrected and annotated so as to guide the student in his study.

For information address Headquarters.

5. Book Department: Books may be had on spiritual and occult subjects at fair prices. Also the demand for rare books will be supplied if it is possible to do so. List of Assembly Books will be sent on request.

Address Headquarters.

6. Summer School and Camp at Tuttle Creek Canyon, Mt. Whitney, Lone Pine, California. This camp is located in a canyon of the Sierra Nevadas of rare and massive grandeur. The summer climate is exceptionally fine at the altitude of the camp, which is about 7,500 feet. The air is dry but cool even during the warmest period of the summer. At the same time it is never unduly cold, even at night. The life at this camp is predominately an outdoor life. There are plenty of lofty heights surrounding the camp and cold streams of the purest water fresh from the snowy heights cross the grounds. The camp life is partly devoted to physical activities and partly to class-work and training. All this is in a setting especially favorable to the unfolding of inner consciousness and understanding, far away from the rush, noise and turmoil of town life.

For information address Headquarters or the local group in your town.

## THE INNER SECTION

Detailed facts concerning this part of the work cannot, of course, be given here. It consists of graduated work designed to meet the needs of students who have associated themselves with the Assembly of Man. There are graded instructions, group training and special individual training all of which is designed to further the primary purpose of the Assembly of Man in a much more effective way than is possible in the Open Court work, where the student's or visitor's interest may be only general or casual.

## THE D. OF P.

This is a seven year's training course for selected and qualified students. It is for those for whom the primary purpose of the Assembly of Man has become the central interest of life and who are willing and desirous of doing all they can to further that purpose. Naturally these students receive closer attention than others as they have given more of themselves. Also, as must naturally follow, the progress in consciousness-unfoldment and understanding is greater than with others.

## THE AJNA ASHRAMA

This is a retreat, located near the Summer Camp, and is devoted to more advanced work.



## MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Assembly of Man is attained through invitation only. Yet in sending this booklet to you we are implying the hope that you are one of those who may be invited. From what you have herein learned of our primary beliefs, our purpose and our activities you can form some idea of whether you are in sympathy with us. If you avail yourself of the privileges of the Open Court you can learn more, and we on our part can come to know you as an individual with your special needs and interests. We are glad to add to our members, but membership is not for those who are of light and trifling minds, who are insincere in their hearts and are incapable of fixity of purpose. Those who are found worthy will be invited into membership if they show themselves to be interested.

## COMPASSION

O Compassion! more than the other loves of men,  
less than the High Indifference;

Calmly standing by and waiting; years, centuries,  
milleniums;

Taking to Thyself the suffering of all; transforming  
toward Joy;

With Light restraining Darkness; with good, evil;

Refusing release while others are bound; melting  
differences:

Accepting impurity; giving purity:

Bound by no law, yet acquiescing in bondage:

Available for all as the light of the sun; yet forced on  
no man against his will:

Needing naught for Thyself, yet giving to all need;

The Base of all hope for this humanity so low,

Pure Radiance Divine.

Sweet art Thou, unutterably sweet; melting within  
me all hardness;

Stirring inclusion of the low as the high; the evil as  
the good; the weak as the strong; the unclean as  
the pure; the violent as the considerate; none  
left out.

Awaking new understanding and patience beyond  
Time;

Arousing forgetfulness of the petty, in the grand  
sweep of the noble:

Equalizing regard, yet exalting true worth;

Reaching beyond all contradiction.

To Thee I sing, glorious Spirit; grandest God man-  
kind can know.

## THE WELL OF IGNORANCE

I dip into the well of Ignorance and pull forth toads,  
slugs and blind fish.

I offer them Light and quickly they slither back into  
the slimy darkness.

I pour acid into the pool and hold tempting baits  
above its rim.

Goaded, they come forth and glimpse the bait.

I lead them to a cleaner pool and a darkness not  
quite so dense,

And then on to a greater cleanliness and a clearer  
Light.

In time, slowly they build strength to endure the  
Light and a desire for cleaner waters.

Finally, one here and one there ventures out of the  
pool into the Brilliance.

It is a long slow labor, but in the end, I will win.

By the AMBASSADOR GENERAL