

Message to all Students of Life.

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It has been often said, even a small effort consciously put forth for the attainment of occult, secret or spiritual knowledge, produces great karmic results. The very first step brings the student to the tree of knowledge and then he has no alternative but must eat of the fruit. He cannot retrace the steps he has taken, he cannot refuse the Fruit of the tree, he cannot return to his previous state of ignorance and irresponsibility, he cannot turn back. Apparently two paths open before the eyes of his soul and, whether he will or not, he must choose between them. The one leads to selfish, the other to unselfish attainment. For a short distance the Paths run side by side. In either case bodily purity, abstinence, concentration, devotion and indomitable will are absolutely necessary and essential. But there is a point where these Paths cross, and he who has chosen the path of ambition, who is dominated by an ever increasing thirst for power, must eventually be swallowed up in the whirlpool created by those desires and go downward to unconsciousness, for only the good can endure.

True, the soul has another opportunity, but only after long ages and aeons of time when the cycles will once more bring about the conditions for its manifestation.

The unselfish man, though entering a narrow path filled with the briars and brambles of his lower nature, will find that path gradually enlarging, growing wider as it winds upward, until at last he will see that it is broad enough for all the children of Infinite Love.

Many students of occultism and others have entered the paths that lead to the Great Temple Gates, in front of which the Sphinx of Wisdom has stood guard for ages. Some have reached a point where every effort however directed will produce enormous results for good or ill. A great danger and a great opportunity now confronts them. If guided in their course by mere sentiment or self-interest, their descent in the scale of involution will be rapid. If able to see and seize the offered opportunity, there are heights immeasurable before them, with help and power to scale them.

Some twenty-five years ago H.P.B. first came into notice as a teacher. She belonged to the advance guard of those to whom through karmic opportunity had been delegated the power of imparting the new rate of vibration to Humanity in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. She brought a priceless gift to bestow on all who would accept it and she would have been the last person in the world to think of placing in the exclusive possession of a few that gift which was meant for all.

The sole purpose in organizing the Theosophical Society was to use it as an instrument for keeping before the people the principles

she advocated. She expressed a hope that the organization might be maintained until the last quarter of the coming century, so that the Master's agent, then to appear, would find an instrument ready to his hands. But the name, "Theosophical", was no more to her than numerous other names. She adopted it upon the suggestion of one of her number, a scholar well known to many. She knew that any form of organization would be transitional only, giving way to and becoming part of a greater one when the universal truths she taught became more generally recognized, so that the plane for work might be broadened and the movement given wider scope.

The essential thing is not to preserve a mere name and form of organization but to maintain the basic principles of occult philosophy and provide a body of intelligent, capable students and workers who will be able to recognize the agent of the Masters when he shall come in the last quarter of the twentieth century, for, under the law of the Iron Age, only the last twenty-five years of each century are available for such work!

This means that the torch must be kept aflame for the coming seventy-five years; but so long as the Flame is kept alight, it matters little by what name the torch is called. An extinguished torch, a few charred splinters cherished under the name of Theosophical Society will be worthless in the sight of the new Messenger, the bearer of the Flame.

Those who are striving to keep life in the moribund body of the T.S. under the vague notion that it must be made to survive into the next century are wasting time and energy by their purposeless and futile efforts. The various organizations, the disgruntled members of the T.S., each of which seems to regard itself as the original body, looking upon itself as orthodox and the others as heretical off-shoots, are in danger to-day of becoming as creed-bound as the Christian churches and other religious sects! And while they are thus torn apart and antagonistic, the real work of the movement, more far reaching than the interest of any organization, remains unaccomplished.

Conditions are such that this work can now be done only by the united effort of all who appreciate the fact that the fundamental truths are identical, and that the creeds, dogmas and forms must vanish before the greatness of the whole. For the time has come when the Temple of our common Humanity must be objectivised on the material plane, must have its literal counterpart in the physical world and contain within itself all that can aid in our evolution during the twentieth century, physically, morally, mentally and spiritually.

It is the work of the Masters to restore to mankind its lost spiritual heritage, that has been misunderstood and travestied by some who have undertaken to erect a structure of stone, imitating the architecture of the ancients in which they propose to revive the external rites of the lesser mysteries of Greece. Such an undertaking would be fatuous even if it could be carried out. Extant literature gives but little information concerning the lesser

mysteries, while the Greater Mysteries, known only to the Initiates, have never been divulged to the profane. This attempted revival of the ancient mysteries can have but one result upon those engaged in it - to place them under the sway of dark forces that dominated these mysteries when they became degraded into sorcery and phallicism, their rites becoming mere mumery and their festivals unclean orgies.

The Real Temple is Humanity itself, whereof each unit is a living stone, each Initiate a Master Builder.

The new movement (H.P.B.) as inaugurated by the White Lodge of Masters is designed to unite all true students of occultism, no matter what their present affiliation may be. It should comprise three departments, spiritual, ethical and economical. Membership is confined to those who are seeking spiritual knowledge. The instructions given out supplementary to those furnished in the Secret Doctrine are especially designed to enable the esotericists to resume their interrupted studies. The Lodges of the members are known as "Squares" and each composed of four or more members. The second, the Brotherhood of Man, is largely educational in scope. This again might be divided into three aspects, the first to enlighten and prepare the members (Novitiates) for admittance to the inner Temple Degrees: the second, to enlarge the ideas of the people in general in philosophy, ethics and right government: and the third, to bring them to realization that no (division) exists between right Ethics, right Philosophy and right Politics. In reality, all true advance on the physical plane is dependent on right political action, and without a correct understanding of the vital inner underlying such political action, the whole scheme of life on the physical plane is chaotic to the average mind.

In order to arrive at a correct solution of the problem it must be carefully studied. If appearances are to be believed, there is something wrong among the present civilizations and we have first to find out what it is, who or what is the cause of it and whether or not there is a right remedy for it.

A model government should be organized as a Choral Society, where each singer consents to be taught, governed and controlled for the sake of the renditions of a great Orchestra that shall express to the listeners the spirit of the Masterpiece.

There is a great unrest in the heart of the people. Vast changes are imminent. Governments, thrones, etc., are tottering like card houses. Here in America the seething fires hidden only by smouldering underbrush, are almost ready to burst into flame. The word has gone forth for reform. You cannot stand still. In the great work now inaugurated, you must either take your place with the advance guard, or fall back into the position of a camp follower, for you have plucked the fruit from the tree of knowledge and eaten of it, you have reached the state of responsibility through growth and you may not recede from it. The organization is under the direction and supervision of the Master H. but he is not alone in the work. No member of the White Brotherhood acts independently of the others, for the Lodge is a unit and its members always work in accordance with cyclic laws.

The Master himself has been little understood through the erroneous conception of those who should be better informed owing to long instruction and contact with those who at great sacrifice and much persecution and suffering have once more brought the concept of the Great Lodge before the Western World.

To be a Master is to have gained the Mastery, first of his own individual self, second, the forces that rule the cosmos, third, of all art, science and philosophy. Having won such Mastery, having once become identified with the whole, is it reasonable that such an one engaged with the fate of a world or a system of worlds, would find the time or opportunity to prove his existence and power to those who with preconceived opinions to the contrary, were simply trying to prove his non-existence of incapacity? as one of the absolute necessities for the recognition of a Master lies in one's ability to first recognize the Master interiorly. Every effort of the latter would be in vain so far as the doubter himself is concerned.

The true disciple would not require exterior proof, however much desire would be gratified by such. But here as elsewhere such desires are granted when they no longer controll us but are controlled by us.

In considering the present disrupted condition of the T.S. and the rapid disintegration going on in each of them [the divisions] the true student is apt to become bewildered and loose his sure footing unless he takes into consideration the possibility of the failure of the leaders! - of those who have been given a great karmic opportunity and who have ignominiously failed to be true to their high duty! For up (to) the last rung of the ladder of life a fall is possible and unless a leader is perfectly impersonal and unselfish and has killed the snake of ambition he or she is even more liable to failure than an ordinary member because the temptations are intensified!

When failure does occur with one of the heads of an occult body, which has been under the direction of the Great Lodge, certain effects inevitably occur.

There is a great unrest among the members that compose that body; then a great stagnation takes place because the inspirational Force, the currents of life and love from the Great Lodge, have been shut off. It has then ceased to be a true occult center and it must either break up entirely or stagnate on some sandbank of purely material effort.

When members feel impelled to resign from or leave such a body, it does not mean failure to keep any pledge made of the Great Lodge or to the Higher Self. It means the reverse, for the Higher Self KNOWS! It is simply endeavoring to make the personality keep the true pledge, to follow the light of the Higher Self, the Master within, which is not the light or shadow of any personality on earth.

A great test is in truth before all true students now, a test whether they exercise the divine faculties of the Soul, be true to themselves and the Great White Lodge and go on to Consciousness and union with it, or whether they will stifle the soul's intuition and conscience and follow blindly in the darkness of Ignorance those who have gone aside from the true path to wander in the jungles of

their own insatiable ambition. At this time several organizations are putting forth the claim that they are in communication with and working under the order of H and other Masters. All that need be said is that such may easily be known by their fruits, and as the time of fruitage has already come, the fruit may appear or not at all.

The karmic forces that have been let loose in the world will cause the rapid deterioration, overthrow and disintegration of all organizations, institutions and possibly nations not in line with true evolutionary progress. If members cannot discern intuitively where the real Lodge Force is working, they have but to watch the ~~xxxx~~ course of events soon to be precipitated on the outer plane in order to perceive from what center the force of the Master is radiating.

There is no royal road to conscious union with the Great Lodge of Universal Life, for every Soul, atom, planet in the Cosmos must win its own crown. The present is, however, a period of special cyclic opportunity for advancing the evolution of worlds and races, and all whose hearts are rightly attuned can do an enormous good in helping to usher in the new order of things on this earth.

The results of the action you will take in regard to the new movement will be far reaching. The Great Lodge offers you this opportunity for conscious action with it in evolving the new humanity. What are you going to do about it? Will you crucify the new Saviour afresh and cry out, "Not the man but Barabbas"? Or will you put time, strength and good will at the disposal of the Master and go on ~~xxxxxxxx~~ toward the accomplishment of the great purpose indicated herein?

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PROPHECY



The laws governing all Prophecy are as scientifically exact as are the laws of Attraction and Repulsion. The energy, direction, and scope of a given cause, will invariably determine the effect of that cause.

A Master, or so-called Prophet, can predict an event more or less accurately, according to the knowledge he has acquired of the laws governing potential force. An exact prediction is a solution of a universal, mathematical or geometrical problem.

The predictions made by Psychics by means of glimpses into the astral envelopes of the earth, ~~can never be depended upon~~; such glimpses may be reflections of past or future events; or they may be but thought-forms generated in the minds of mankind.

To correctly determine the final result of a particular cause, the prophet must be able to estimate correctly the force of the desire or motive behind the cause; or, in other words, the energy set free by the spiritual will; the points of contact it will make en route; the exact direction and length of time occupied in transit; and many other things not possible to enumerate at this time.

Each minor or contributory cause set in action by means of the points of contact before mentioned, produce lesser effects which must ultimately affect the major result to some degree; these effects are manifest in the seemingly uncontrollable events of daily life, but the major cause of any manifestation of life and action stands out pre-eminently through perhaps a whole series of incarnations, and its strength and potency will eventually bring all minor causes into subservience. At the close of such a Cycle of manifestation, or major cause, the minor or contributory causes will also have run their course, and their effects be lost in the greater effect.

A true Prophet will be able to find the first or major cause in the history of man or nation, and work out the solution to a mathematical certainty, thus safely predicting the final outcome; when it would be absolutely impossible in some cases for him to disentangle some one or more of the contributory causes from the many, and trace their ramifications or effects to the primal cause.

For instance: Take the case of a nation or a soul. With a perfect knowledge of the governing impulses set into action at the birth or inception of either, I might be able to follow the course of that primal cause, and safely predict certain great catastrophies and their results, through one or more cycles of evolution, when it would be well nigh impossible for me to predict the exact result of some trivial movement made by a man, in some one incarnation, or an event, the force of which could only manifest a few hours or years.

Only a God whose intuition was universal; who could in an instant see both the cause and effect of every atom of force and consciousness in manifestation, could perfectly disentangle the great mass of minor incidents which make up the lives of men and nations; and such a God does, not descend to prophecy unless some great end is to be gained thereby.

My children, believe me, I could desire that not only a few, but that every Temple Neophyte might prove himself, or herself, not only mentally competent to understand, but sufficiently alive to the importance of the messages I have sent you, both in instruction, and otherwise, as to impel them to action in every field where human endeavor can avail to protect and save not only themselves, but their more ignorant brothers.

3 ~~The Siren Sisters—Indifference, Unfaith and Indolence, have long been lulling the people of this and other countries into a false sense of security, that will be broken by disaster so appalling, so widespread in its results, that but few, if any, of the human family will altogether escape its effects.~~ This is one of the instances to which I have referred before, where there can be no possible mistake in prophecy. Every true Master who has passed this way before, has given more or less intimation of the disasters which the close of this Fire-Cycle would bring about. Each one has based his predictions on the same mathematical certainty on which I base my own, the same knowledge of the primary cause and its sequence.

It requires but a slight review of the main incidents in the history of the world during the time that has elapsed since I came to you to re-establish the Temple work, to prove the reality of the danger, and the necessity of the warnings I have given you.

The final meeting of the colossal antagonists of the present Cycle draws nearer year by year. There is possible escape for you and your children, for the Karma which has decreed such disaster has also conferred much power on those who have won in the battles which have taken place with the powers of darkness during this Manvantara. I refer now particularly to the seven Masters to whom evolution has delegated the work of the Temple in all its ramifications; but, MARK MY WORDS, while it is quite possible to draw a person out of the path of a cyclone, if he will be guided,—if he insists on remaining in its path, we would not only be powerless to save him, but must share his fate if we persist in remaining at his side.

The soul-blind, self-seeking leaders of the common people, political, sociological and religious, will be responsible for many terrible catastrophies ere this Cycle closes. The people are now awakening to the dangers facing them in many directions; but, in their ignorance of a possible solution of differences on high moral grounds, or because of their loss of faith in the integrity of said leaders, they are in many cases inclined to take back the power into their own hands, and they are often wiser, less selfish,

and more capable of dealing with the opposing forces, than are the leaders they have raised to thrones of power. Coincident with the disasters due to the play of Nature's terrific forces, will come this great struggle of the people, which will not close until it would seem as though Nature and man had conspired to destroy an offending world.

As before said, I cannot draw you out of the path of the storm if you insist in remaining in it.

In order to create a common social Aura in which may appear the great leader and Saviour of the present Cycle, you have a great work to do,—for you have to prepare conditions in which He may be able to exist, and at the same time prepare a PLACE OF REFUGE for yourselves and children. To do this you must faithfully ~~follow~~ such directions as are given you. If you permit the demons of Doubt and Distrust, of Lust and Selfishness to swerve you from the path you have entered, neither my Brothers nor myself can give you any appreciable assistance.

In order to live under a governing power which will render to each man and woman the fruits of his or her labor, and furnish equal opportunity for all, you must build up that government from the foundation, little by little, and on lines of true harmonic proportions; and the sooner the work is commenced the better for all concerned.

The ancient Egyptian Mysteries, the early Christian Church, the Masonic Fraternity, are three of the seven great divisions or connecting links by which physical man—as you recognize the term—have, at different periods in the world's history, been enabled to contact to some extent, and receive assistance from, what you have been taught to call the White Lodge. In each instance, division, dissension and emulation have followed close upon each other, with disruption as a finality—all of which is due to the passing out of the real substance or soul of the organic body, thus disconnecting the interior link which bound each to the Lodge, leaving nothing but the mere shell of form and ritual, and in some instances destroying even these by altering them in such a manner that the forces of Color, Form and Sound could no longer harmonize with the spiritual energy which supplied vitality.

The Egyptian Mysteries were degraded and finally disrupted, through the misuse of high spiritual powers by the Priesthood. The Christian Church, partly from the same cause, and partly through the unwarranted act of the Councils which expurgated all of the fifty-two Gospels which did not authorize their power over the masses, has lost spiritual power. Copies of these Gospels were saved, however, in spite of all efforts to destroy them, and will again be given to the people when they are ready to receive them.

The connecting link between the Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity was lost during the time of the Crusades, when the members of the higher orders descended to every known crime to carry out their purpose.

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The Cycle has once more rolled around, when the re-establishment of a Degree strong and pure enough to sustain the higher vibrations of the Lodge may once more be formed, thus bringing back to that Fraternity the Spiritual guidance it requires to make it a world power, second to none. Within its ranks are those who dimly perceive this truth and are working toward that end.

Each Temple member can do his or her part in establishing the vital centre from which such vibrations can be sent forth to the end of the earth; and, however trivial any primary effort put forth by those at the Temple Headquarters may seem, for the time being, to the minds of those who do not as yet understand the great purpose behind every such effort, and who do not realize that such a Centre must grow naturally and normally to secure stability, and even approximate perfection, we can only say it will be worth their while to WAIT, WORK AND OBEY.

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The ultimate design of the Lodge is to make of the Temple a composite, living picture and example; alive with the germs of a new civilization, a pattern for the newly evolving race.

I say again NOW what I have said before; it is useless to give you directions and information you can obtain at the cost of a little exertion, from countless manuscripts and books written by old Philosophers and Alchemists. A repetition of words, phrases and formulas would be utterly worthless without the Key which would open those closed doors. I cannot give you that Key until you have proven yourselves capable of safely and judiciously using it. If you cannot, and will not, render your hearts and bodies pure enough, and your minds clear enough to use such knowledge without detriment to yourselves and those about you, I must wait until there are those who can; but, in the meantime, all that I have before intimated must come to pass, and if you would be of the 144,000 of which many prophecies have been made, you have but to live accordingly.

It would be a source of great satisfaction to me could I prevail upon you to study all prophecies made by the Masters in toto, as well as singly; for as it now is, you frequently single out some one sentence without considering the bearing other prophecies, or parts of such, may have on that particular sentence; and, because it is not fulfilled according to your interpretation of it, you are impelled to deride or repudiate not only the prophecy, but the Seer himself. You are the losers—but I must still suffer in your suffering.

HILARION



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TO MEMBERS OF THE TEMPLE.

Those members of the Temple, who have intuitively caught, at least to some degree, an interior view of the underlying spirit of our instructions relating to the tempest gathering on the horizon of this particular cycle of the world's progress, will not be surprised when the call comes, as it soon will, to begin to lay the foundation for the work on the Western Coast.

The principles of centralization, upon which any lasting work must be built, demand exterior conditions in form and function corresponding to the mechanical principles of a fulcrum and lever, by and through which, interior generating force may operate. We can supply the power of the fulcrum, you must furnish the lever, if we are all to work together in harmony and to the best advantage of those concerned. It is impossible to create such a center of leverage from a distance; the wielders of the lever must be on the spot selected for operations. In the case under consideration, the selected spot is a certain tract of land in the State of California, and necessarily we must designate the individuals who must place the lever and give the first impetus.

As no suitable shelter or accommodations are available for those who must give this impetus, such should be provided by those who will ultimately reap the greater benefit. For most urgent reasons, the work on the foundation of this center should be commenced as soon as is possible. It is not necessary to construct an imposing edifice at this time. A medium sized cottage would furnish the necessary space for accommodations and also room for convocations and Temple services. This should be built on, or very near, the site set apart for THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE which is to be built later. The reasons *in toto* for hastening this preliminary work have been given you in other directions and instructions relative to the rapidly approaching crises in the lives of men and nations.

Truly, a man must be blind who is not able to see the signs of the approaching storms, interior and exterior, which will harass and destroy peoples and nations, at no far distant time.

In the year 1901, Neptune, the god of destruction,—objectivised in the planet known by that name,—entered the sign of Cancer. The appearance of that great Master in that particular position or house, always indicates the destruction of

existing conditions upon this planet; and while, to the unenlightened, such wholesale destruction—the result of nature's leveling processes—would appear to be malignant and evil, it is rather the reverse. You cannot build a new and more perfect house on the site of an old one without first tearing down the latter.

Jupiter—the great Blue Star—will be the Architect for the new building or nation which is to be the home of the New Race; and the Secret planet, symbolized by the Sun, will be the Progenitor of that New Race.

The height of Saturn's power, both good and evil, for a short cycle, has now passed, and is fast waning; by next January the reconstructive influence of Jupiter and the Sun will be evident, and before that time a Temple center of some kind should be under way of establishment on the Western Coast, for the purpose of conserving and concentrating necessary energy, for each year the power of Neptune will grow stronger, and the beginning of the year 1910 will witness a general upheaval, a tremendous crisis in the history of the whole world. As each year passes between this time and the above date, the disintegrating power of Neptune increased by Saturn will become more evident to the occultist. The masses of the people cannot fail to see and suffer from the effects of this power, and will account for it to their own satisfaction in various ways.

The Entity, the malignant power of which I have so often warned you, to beware,—the great disintegrator,—is this ruling spirit of Neptune, but it must be remembered that this as well as every other planetary spirit has two aspects, and when the positive aspect is dominant, that which might appear as evil to those who must suffer from the effects of such action of forces, is not evil in reality, but simply the manifestation of surplus energy striving for equilibrium.

To those who do not yet comprehend the value of correct astrological predictions, nor our reasons for emphasizing the present positions of certain heavenly bodies, I would say: Every great center of life has its ruling Spirit and attendants. These ruling Spirits constitute one particular degree of that which we term the Great Lodge; they are in conscious communication with each other and with the attendants—another or lower degree. The laws of cyclic development demand the performance of certain duties, constructive or destructive in character, by such Rulers—for the benefit of the universe and its constituent parts. The times and seasons for such

performance of duty are known to all of them, and this knowledge is transmitted to the lower degrees of the Lodge, certain Hierophants of which detect in every movement of the habitations of such Planetary Rulers, an indication of necessary work to be done in some particular direction. In certain positions, requisite force and power can be more effectually exerted on distant planets, than in others; naturally, as all force follows the line of least resistance, the above mentioned Hierophants know at a glance to what planet any other planet is directing any special force, for he has been taught by the laws of correspondence that each position governs some particular form of energy.

I have heretofore refrained from emphasizing the truths of astrology because of the tendency of occult students to go to extremes, and for the still greater reason that the Initiates alone are able to perceive an exact science in astrology, by means of their knowledge of the secret planets. As they may not reveal the names and locations of these planets, it is impossible for the ordinary astrologer to make exact calculations.

If the Temple children will heed the directions given them and prove their loyalty and devotion to the Lodge and its agents by their lives and by their strict adherence to the spirit as well as to the letter of the pledges they have given us, we can protect and guide them through the coming great crises,—if not, we are helpless as far as they are concerned, for they, of their own free will, by disobedience will have placed themselves outside of the Circle of protection, to the gate of which Evolutionary Law has brought them in this cycle.

It is very easy to “pooh pooh” our statements; very easy to convince yourselves that you are in some way being imposed upon, or that the cry of “wolf! wolf!” has been heard so often that its power is gone; and in the meantime all we can do is to lift up our voices in warning, and work for the gathering of the Sheep into the fold—there to remain till the storm has spent its fury and the Sun once more shines forth, bringing into manifestation those waiting Souls who will herald the coming of the new Avatar.

If an appeal is made for your help and co-operation in the “Temple Artisan” or otherwise in the near future, we trust that it will not fall on deaf ears, for every member of the Temple is bound to listen and obey as far as lies in his or her power.

With the center established and a band of earnest workers about that center, preparations can be pushed as rapidly as possible under existing circumstances for furthering given

plans for industries which will afford employment, and therefore homes, for those who are at present unable to make any decided change.

Remember, it is the initial impulse, the first concentrated all-powerful *push*; the *start* in the right direction, which must furnish the dynamic energy for any movement or work. You have, so to speak, to fasten each individual piece of gearing to the great engine of the White Lodge; oil up the minor cogs and wheels of your personalities; get your fuel together; build your fire, and the engine will do the rest.

The cries of the Temple children have not fallen on deaf ears. You have been repeatedly told that a pledge given to and accepted by the Lodge, invariably brought trial and testing upon the disciple,—for such is the Law; but the trials of the present epoch are in excess because of present cosmic conditions.

Much physical suffering from various disorders of the blood, such as rheumatism, heart and kidney disturbances, will be peculiarly noticeable; and in nearly all cases among the Temple members, these disturbances of the blood stream are, and will be, due to the action of the forces generated in and emanating from the planet Saturn within the last seven years,—for the contact of those malignant forces with the blood corpuscles in the bodies of those who have had a higher vibration imparted to their blood by coming into closer relations with a higher order of life, creates an acidity in the blood, to which are due the above mentioned disturbances.

Many bad conditions at present existing, will be changed with the advent of new planetary influences, especially in the cases of those who do not come directly under the adverse influences of Saturn and Herschel; but my Children,—never lose sight of the fact that however severe, or, of whatsoever character, are the trials and tests of daily life, they are Karmic in action and in the end beneficent. Our sympathy may not seem to afford much help when you are in the trough of the sea of suffering or desolation, but those who have reached to any degree beyond you, have trod the same paths you are now treading, and they do not look down on you from a superior height careless of your interests, but are one with you in an ever-increasing sense—complete in Compassion's heart.

HILARION—

A MESSAGE.

As you have been told, there is now in operation an Era of construction and development in material things which will probably last about three months. After that time there will doubtless be nine months of semi-depression, the effect of the return wave of the energy imparted; so it is for the interest of all concerned that as much should be accomplished in that three months as possible.

I have warned you all of what is coming. Many of you do not accept that warning. Others have accepted it partially, and some few among those whose intuition has been more largely developed, are able to personally observe the black clouds upon the horizon of time.

I would advise that those among you who are in a condition to do so, should use every possible endeavor toward the obtaining of land and establishing a common centre at the point designated by me, that you may have at least a resting place for the soles of your feet when the storms shall be upon you. The fact that some of you disregard my warning or disbelieve my words, does not alter the fact of their truth and verity. If you only use the precaution and care in saving yourselves from possible disaster that you now use in the ordinary affairs of life, such as insuring your lives, property, etc., it will be a sensible procedure. You should be willing to at least take what you consider some risk, when those whom you profess to honor and obey place such a great alternative before you as has been recently brought to your attention.

You must be well aware that we cannot help you without your consent. We cannot teach you if you will not listen. We cannot save you if you will not be saved. You also must be aware that in the present conditions of the world, the Centre of which you have been advised cannot be formed without your earnest and cordial co-operation. *It is work that belongs by Karmic right to you.*

If members of the Temple would place in the hands of the proper person, a seventh or even a tenth of their whole income for one year, *the preliminary conditions for future attainments* which I have so strenuously urged, could be made.

When I say I cannot help you without your consent, I am voicing an irrevocable law,—the law of supply and demand.

You do, whether consciously or unconsciously, demand of us by aspiration or by spoken words, the opportunity to advance your own interior and exterior evolution; and when you make that demand, we respond, and in some way indicate exactly what step can next be taken in the furtherance of your own desires. Then we must await your obedience to these directions and your further demand, before taking further action. Such advice in general relates to the latter clause of the great law, for if you demand of us, you must supply an equivalent to a lower or more needy form of life, or harmony between the two poles of the one law is endangered.

Common sense will tell you that unless you obey those first directions, you cannot make a second demand with any possibility of its acceptance and answer. This is as absolutely true, as is the well-known fact, that clean hands, a pure heart and boundless charity, are the first requisites of a would-be occultist. Nevertheless, there are those who, devoid of even the first requisite, do not hesitate to pick and choose from such direction as we have given, only such as would seem to conduce to their financial and physical well-being,—absolutely repudiating all else.


Alas! that I must say that there are also those who stand with one hand outstretched to us for help, and,—figuratively speaking,—a naked sword in the grasp of the other, only waiting to receive the first before striking a blow with the last which may maim or destroy a brother's happiness or a sister's honor. You cannot, like the ostrich, put your head in the sand and imagine you are thereby protecting your whole body. The law will compel you to *face the world*, and its great problems of life, whether you will or no.

You can do more in the next three months by united effort, to establish the Centre of which I have spoken than you will ever have another (single,) opportunity of doing.

Some of you will have passed from the physical plane within the next ten years; but remember, you must come back, and you must decide to what you will come back,—whether to a great opportunity, or to the same old conditions. Many others whose Karma is being rapidly precipitated, will see the day when their hearts will be filled with gratitude, if they have now made or are making the right manner of provision for those days which are surely coming! For but few among the

many strong souls now in incarnation will accept Devachanic bliss.

A long wail is being sent up by some of the members of the various divisions of Theosophical endeavor, as to their ability to personally judge where and how the Initiates of the right hand path are now working. To such of those as will listen to me, I would repeat the old axiom:—A tree is known by its fruit. "The fruit" in question of each of these divisions lies in the instructions and directions that are given to them. The occultist must be a philanthropist in the very widest sense of the word, and where the laws of true philanthropy are being most widely taught, there they may be sure is directed the force of the Initiates of the White Brotherhood.

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CAUSE AND EFFECT

"As ye sow, so shall ye reap." When, by means of culture and concentration, the door of Spiritual perception (the spiritual energy resident in the Pineal gland) has been opened and aroused to action by that vibration of the "Great Breath" which operates through the Pituitary body, the consciousness of man passes unimpeded into and through the various critical states of matter which separate, or rather join, the several distinct states of consciousness; and one may observe at will, the semi-intelligent individualized lives which have their habitat in those states of matter, and which are sometimes called the handmaids of Karma. The law of Karmic action has been so little understood, and its phases of operation so travestied, that I have determined to make another effort to bring to your attention the existence of innumerable grades of living creatures which were originally created by yourselves and others, and which are under the control of the Seven Sublime Lords of Karma—Godlike beings with a Cosmic mission for creating, adjusting, and balancing all forces in manifestation. Once having been created by the human race by means of thought and word, these lives naturally rise or sink to the level of the beings who created them, through their subjection to the law of affinity.

Many ancient myths and legends refer to spoken or written words as jewels and flowers, or poisonous plants and malignant elves. Few among modern interpreters will admit that such myths and legends convey wonderful scientific and spiritual truths, and are therefore unable to see any connection between them and the law, "As ye sow, so shall ye reap"—the law of cause and effect as applied to words whether spoken or written, or to the deeds of man—all of which is due to their inability to observe the actions of their own creations, the Karmic handmaids. In order to throw a little light on the subject, we will take certain portions of the Pledge given by Chelas to the Lodge, on entering one of its degrees.

"I promise to give of Time, Money, and Thought, all I conscientiously can, for the support of the Temple work."

First, consider to Whom or What you address these words. In nearly all cases they are addressed to the highest Being or Beings the chela is capable of cognizing, and they are carried and registered by the higher light and sound-waves into the consciousness of that Being. Invariably before the chela has brought himself or herself to take such a Pledge, he has, consciously or unconsciously, made a demand for help, or aid in personal development, and in making the demand, he has given a promise to pay, for such in the law. It is a foregone conclusion that the Lodge will give such help, whether or not the method is apprehended by us. If the chela repudiates or neglects to fulfill that promise, the law itself compels its fulfillment by setting in action the handmaids which he has created. The Being to whom the promise has been made, is a conscious, active part of the Godhead—a World-builder, and the Temple, with its constituent parts or members,

is a part of It. On the higher planes, substance is interchangeable; therefore, a debt contracted between any two parts of the Temple, puts the World-builder in the position of creditor to itself and its constituent parts; and, as on the plane of real life, personality as you know it, disappears, such debts, if not paid to the personal, lesser creditor, will be collected by the Greater Creditor, and when collected, may assume entirely different characteristics.

Therefore the repudiated debt of time, thought, and money will be collected perforce; it may be by shortened time, by lack of power for thought, by loss of money, or by some other corresponding method.

The Karmic handmaids live a certain definite time, i. e. as long as the force which has precipitated them into being, endures—which is long enough to permit them to accomplish the purpose that the law has determined; then they return to a state of undifferentiated force, to be recalled in other forms on demand, until their particular cycle of necessity is exhausted.

Thinking it of less importance, another chela may fulfill all other obligations, but neglect or refuse to fulfill the one which claims Love, Protection, and Obedience, for and to the representative of the Lodge; such refusal or neglect incites to action other grades of the same class of Karmic handmaids, and the love, protection, and obedience when refused to a representative, and bestowed unworthily, or where it is not appreciated, only serves as a whip-lash to punish the recreant, or rather to awaken him to a sense of neglected duty.

Do not mistakenly imagine that there is anything unjust or arbitrary in such action of Karmic Law. It is simply the fulfillment of the law of Justice or Equilibrium; for, by your pledge of chelaship, you have called for the precipitation of Karma, and it is in response to that call that Karma acts so unerringly and swiftly.

The unpledged portions of the human race are as amenable to the Law as are the pledged chelas, but the action of Law is slower, and consequently less violent in effect. A chela who comes under the personal direction of a Master of the White Brotherhood for the purpose of developing more rapidly than the remainder of his race, always provokes more rapid precipitation of Karmic action.

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That which in the nomenclature of the Secret Science is termed "the Eighth Sphere," is, in reality, the seventh sub-plane of the seventh or physical plane. It is the fiery furnace of transmutation, the purgatory of the Catholic religion, and it in turn manifests seven lesser states or degrees. The envelope or aura of the degree which more nearly approaches the state designated as the physical, is created by the effluvia which arises from all physical matter in a condition of putrefaction or suppuration, as well as from all the excreta of past and present animal life. In common parlance, it may be termed the plane of evil odors. The effect of the action of such effluvia upon the inner consciousness of a human being is akin to the effect produced in the sense of sight by a soiled red veil between the eyes and the sunlight,—that is, it veils the mentality in what to a Psychic would seem a cloud of reddish-hued mist, through which all things are observed.

As all mental energy attracted to the elementals which comprise that, as well as all other states of force, increases their power of action, by supplying vitality, the Initiates have acted wisely in refraining from calling attention to the denizens of the lower spheres more than has been actually necessary.

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THE TRUE AND THE FALSE.

If there is any one accusation beyond the power of the average human being to prove, and consequently the most useless to make, it is the accusation that has been repeated over and over as fast as any branch of Theosophical work was projected, and which has torn each such branch into fragments, namely, the accusation of the delivery of "false messages."

The ignorance displayed by a disciple and his or her followers in making such a charge against an accepted disciple (a so-called leader) is phenomenal, in view of the fact that so much information has been given by the White Lodge to the disciples of the same, which would make such an accusation impossible of acceptance by those who had thoroughly absorbed an idea of the first principles of occultism.

When all is told, it is remarkable that an intelligent, sincere student of occultism should have any difficulty in determining the status of a real or pretended disciple of the Masters. By a simple sum of subtraction the question could be easily settled; take away all other qualifications, gifts, possibilities, etc., etc., and see if there remains an active devotion to first principles, and compassion for the human race. No matter how great the erudition, how much power over nature's forces, what he or she may be in the estimation of his or her followers, an agent of the Lodge cannot wilfully injure another human being by word, deed or thought, and retain his or her position. Whatever else he or she may be guilty of, or capable of doing, his or her devotion to and compassion for the human race must be the keystone of the arch of endeavor for spiritual development; and if deficient in these respects, the die is cast.

Paul's Exposition of Charity (I. Corinthians XIII.), fitly defines the essential qualifications for an accepted disciple of the Lodge, and it is plain to even a clouded mind that a qualified disciple is far and away above the commission of an act which would incapacitate any other human being for contact with the Lodge. The first word offered in wilful condemnation or abuse of another, the commission of a deliberately cruel, unbrotherly act, would change the status of even an Initiate of the White Lodge. You have an irrefutable test always at your command; a very little observation will inevitably bring the truth to light in respect to the position of a disciple.

According to the Judas of his day Jesus had a devil when attempted to give his Father's message to the world; and according to the Judas of her day, H. P. B. was similarly afflicted, as has be

every torch bearer since the beginning of time, and will be to the end; but knowing all this, is there any necessity for you to ignore the evident signs of the same inhibiting, destructive forces in yourselves or others, or forget your own responsibility on other lines?

If you have ever known what a Master is, you could never be deceived by the specious falsehoods of the present day Judas.

Any good judge of human nature can pick out a capable, trustworthy, efficient helper in his own line of work, and he would be a poor, unstable character who would take the word of his janitor or bellboy as to the power and ability of that selected helper to keep his books or be faithful to his business interests, or even to decide whether his messages to his subordinates had been given correctly or not; and if the helper had been hired for the express purpose of keeping his books and to deliver the messages, the employer would not be apt to care whether the employee ate beef or pork for his dinner, or wore cotton or woolen clothes. The continuous employment of that helper would rest upon the ability of the latter to perform efficiently *the class of duties for which he was employed*, and for nothing else.

The rock upon which so many investigators split is due to their refusal to apply the same principles in the selection of a teacher for any one line of occult research that they would use in selecting a suitable employee for any class of exterior work.

An attack made upon any accepted neophyte by one of the lesser disciples (supposedly at the instigation of a Master,) on account of some jealous, ambitious or vindictive personal feud, would impel any fair-minded person to repudiate that Master, and he would be justified, if the latter were the chameleon-like, unstable, unreliable, creature often described by those who fall in behind the deserter or traitor,—who is almost invariably one who has been reprimanded or personally hurt by the contents of some true message, and who therefore sets up the cry, “false message”—in an attempt to justify himself.

You can take it as an axiomatic fact every time, that it is some one who has made an unreasonable demand for some special personal recognition and has been refused, who sets up such a cry, and endeavors to draw to him others whom he believes to have suffered from the same cause; it is never the one who has passed the supreme test of Discipleship.

If not able to obtain the books or manuals which will furnish the necessary data for illustrating the exact correspondences between the twelve great divisions of the Cosmos which manifest exter-

iorly throughout every Messianic cycle—(the twelve major divisions of mankind)—we can at least gain much valuable information in that respect by taking the twelve disciples of the Master Jesus as illustrations, and faithfully devoting our attention to all that can be obtained in reference to their characteristics, qualities and methods of work. We will not only always find the same necessary qualities in evidence around and within the constitution and orbit of every Saviour, but we will find them, in lower degrees of intensity and power, in the orbit of every Master and every selected Agent of such Master, and they may all be symbolized by the names: Simon-Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (the son of Alphaeus), Simon-Zelotes, Judas, the Brother of James, and Judas Iscariot; and no one of these divisions is more in evidence on the physical plane than the Judas power. With the first vibrations of a Messianic cycle, like the hydra-headed monster it represents, it appears and draws to itself all the sustenance it can secure from every weak, miserly creature that can be influenced by selfish desire, tempting those poor Souls to reach out for the paltry thirty pieces of silver, or something which could be represented by the same; it may be revenge, ambitious preferment, faithlessness, covetousness, or some one of countless other things symbolized by the thirty pieces; and if our own ears were not sealed, our own eyes blinded by something of the same nature, we would never be at a loss to recognize and deal with such limitations in our associates.

There are countless messages given out pretending to come from some one or more Masters, which were never seen or heard by such Masters, but they are not supplied by appointed Agents of the Masters. Such agents know all too well the results of such actions, and if they were not restrained by love they surely would be by fear, if such a temptation should ever come to them. But what temptation could accepted and trained disciples have for giving false messages when it is in their power to obtain the true messages, when any direction is required, or information desired? People are not often tempted to grasp a handful of chaff when they can grasp wheat just as easily; but the Judas force throws a veil over the understanding of those it can affect and the real facts are forgotten or overlooked, in any instance where a vital issue is at stake and a treacherous blow is to be struck at the Masters of the right hand path.

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THE SEPARATION OF THE SEXES.

Non-recognition of the fact of the differentiation of all force and substance of the spiritual planes by rabid monotheists paves the way for great ignorance in the cases of the majority of the masses of mankind. The character of such differentiation as well as the law by which it is governed, is incomprehensible to the less thoughtful among the students of Mysticism, for nature furnishes so few analogies to aid the mind in forming a right concept of the particular substance, —Akasha—now under consideration, which is set into vibration and therefore in process of differentiation, and but few, even among the most competent teachers of the Secret Science, ever attempt to convey an idea of the same, the majority preferring to confine their teachings to the exposition of the basic unity of the upper triad of the seven-fold division of matter, force and consciousness.

The generally accepted idea of the nature and operations of divine law corresponds to the nature and operations of man-made law, save in one respect—it is supposed to be unchangeable; but this is only true as regards its basic principle; while in operation, it also has its evolutionary and involutionary aspects, and these are generally ignored.

There can be but one aspect or division of cosmic law, as well as one plane or state of substance evolved in one Maha Yuga (Great Age). The first three major differentiations or aspects are the basic principles of the forces of Expansion, Attraction and Cohesion, and these three are pre-eminently active on the spiritual planes at the beginning of a new era of manifestation, and in reality are three of the formless, sexless beings, the first-born Sons of God, which comprise those planes, as the phenomena, the lives, all of nature's exterior handiwork, comprise the physical plane.

These formless, sexless beings in their descent (differentiation) during an evolutionary period, and in the interim between the third and fourth planes, create, or rather evolve, the aspect of the One Law known to us as the force of Repulsion, which first manifests on the fourth or soul plane, and with its coming prepares the way for a separation of the sex principle, hitherto undifferentiated; which separation is fully accomplished on the fourth plane, and obtains thereafter on all lower planes until the incarnating monads of any one cosmic system in manifestation return to the fourth plane on their involutionary descent. In the descent from the fourth plane, on the descending side of that same cycle, further differentiation of both law and sub-

stance occurs in the same order and sequence. The conscious executors of Kármic Law, the forces of Repulsion, Contraction and Suction, are pre-eminently active in the differentiation of sex.

It is at the highest point in the evolution of any human race, and of the matter (cosmic dust) of the planet upon or within which the race is evolving, that there also takes place a corresponding change in the laws which control these particular phases and degrees of matter.

The tendency to draw apart and separate, hitherto more powerful in all molecular substance than the tendency to draw together and cohere, as was previously apparent, has by that time been overcome, and each succeeding race becomes more capable of controlling the inertia which manifests as a result of the unequilibrated action of the separated forces, until the third quarter of the cycle of development is passed, after which time, and on to the period when a new cycle of the same evolutionary spiral has been reached, all the more highly developed individuals of the race then in manifestation, have become, and will remain, double-sexed, i. e., possess all the power and lasting qualities of both the male and female sexes. Organic changes will take place in form, passion give way to compassion, and creation of species will be accomplished by the power of Kriyasakti—Will, and Yoga—Concentration.

It is quite possible that the constitution and operation of these laws and conditions of Spirit-Matter, may be unintelligible and uninteresting to the average student. A full understanding of the same would require much study, but even a moderate amount of application would result in a better understanding of the correspondences between the great cosmic operations of Divine law and the conditions and lesser laws which are controlled by the same, and in which the human monad is engulfed and by which it is governed, and no subject commands more interest or is hedged about with more mystery than is the subject of sex, and the laws which control the same.

As long as investigation of sex is confined to the diversified aspects of that great principle, it will never be understood, for each fresh discovery by the unenlightened only adds to the mystery. The unity of the Cosmos and its cyclic radiation or reflection of itself, first into two distinct divisions of two diametrically opposing energies (lined up as it were on two sides for an age-long battle, but possessing the power to temporarily hold a truce,) meet and coalesce, and then separate again, and, as a result of that coalition, forcing into manifestation a new, a third form of energy, the first differentiation of the sex principle, must all be taken into consideration. It is because of the re-

of the action of inexorable law on all forms and degrees of matter, and therefore on the sex principle, that promiscuous sex relations between the men and women of any race on the ascending arc of a cycle of development will forever be "against the law." The closer a race comes to the highest point in such cycle, the greater will be the tendency toward monogamy and the stronger will be the effort put forth by the members of each sex, to seek and find the true complement of each individual, among the members of the opposite sex, and the greater will be the abhorrence of unchastity, and the efforts for self purification. On the descending arc of the same cycle, when the separative, the differentiating aspects, of the One Life, are in full operation, the reverse is the case; which accounts for the approval of and general indulgence in polygamy, and the repudiation of all moral obligations in relation to sex; for at such periods the necessity for furnishing bodies to the newly incarnating Egos is of primal importance, and such necessity no longer obtains after the lowest arc of the cycle is passed, when there is a reversal of the action of the governing laws, as the three aspects of the One Law—Contraction, Cohesion and Conservation, are more pronounced, and continue to increase in power, until the close of the cycle; for all the souls in Devachan, or the Astral Light, which have the karmic right to come into incarnation during that particular cycle of evolution have been embodied by that time, and with the close of the cycle will have either won the right to control sex in themselves in another incarnation, or will have lost their opportunity, and therefore must take up the same old struggle again when their Devachanic period of rest is concluded.

So many other conditions are involved with the conditions of sex, that it is practically impossible to gain a right concept of the latter without giving an equal amount of effort to the study of all. For instance, temperament, which at present cannot be easily understood apart from sex, as well as innumerable other conditions of the mental and psychic nature.



day? In some instances fear of material loss has blinded your inner eyes to the truth of the action of the law of reciprocity, and you have brought on yourselves the dread karmic results of that fear.


I have never ceased warning you of the final effects of division between co-disciples, yet my pleas have often been forgotten or ignored, and a force of disintegration has frequently passed out from different points of these interior orders to the outermost verge of the Temple organization. This force is set free by unjust criticism and disloyalty, primarily due to some misunderstanding of the motive or act of a co-disciple. Membership in interior orders will be of no benefit to a neophyte unless devotion to the cause those orders represent exceeds that of self-interest.

It seems exceedingly difficult for some disciples to realize that each human soul must suffer the rebound of every act committed for or against a co-disciple, and that the effects of that rebound are serious or the reverse according to the degree of relationship existing between the soul and the order to which it belongs. Where the rebound jeopardizes the standing and development of a neophyte of the White Lodge, it is a very serious thing.

I have no alternative but that of forcing these truths upon your consciousness, or bearing the results of karma precipitated by my neglect.

The vision of a sub-plane of life in process of disruption is before your eyes today, and if the members of the Order of the 14 are unable to perceive the necessity for keeping one center of that plane intact in the interval between the passing of one aspect of that sub-plane and the birth of another, they can have gained but little from the instruction given them. Such a center can only be kept intact by adherence to the laws given for that purpose. In the Order of the 14 there is a foundation upon which may be built such a center as I mention.

In all sincerity,

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