

MESSAGE

When an initiated member of the Order of the 14 or 28 has repudiated or deliberately broken or ignored the obligations of the Order, thus throwing off the white mantle of protection and assuming the black mantle of the Father of lies, he or she passes beyond the jurisdiction of the Initiates of the White Lodge; the body of which they were members is no longer bound to them by the law of chelaship, and they are therefore strangers in the sense of co-discipleship. Only through those whom they have repudiated can they again touch the hem of the seamless garment they have soiled.

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STRICTLY PRIVATE.

December 1, 1920.

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COMMUNICATION

TO THE ORDERS OF THE 28 AND 14.

A member of the Order of the 36 who applies for membership in the Orders of the 28 and 14 without a fixed determination to fulfill every obligation thereof, is committing a very grave offense against his own soul. The last mentioned are orders of preparation for entrance to the Order of the Priesthood. Although admission to the latter is not obligatory upon the members of the 14, adherence to the rules of the Orders of the 28 and 14 is obligatory. Neophytes cannot select such rules as seem less binding and ignore or refuse to obey others, and receive any benefit from membership in the Orders. Every rule of every Order of the Great White Lodge is the product of centuries of experience with countless numbers of disciples, and no exception can now be made to their observance in the case of a later enrolled disciple.

By wilful or heedless neglect of obligations assumed a neophyte proves himself incapable of fulfilling more important and more stringent obligations. The neophytes of these Orders should remember that it is what they are that counts with the Initiates who have them under surveillance, not what they believe or disbelieve in relation to instructions given; and what they are is the final result of obedience or disobedience to the laws of life upon which the rules of every religious order are formulated.

A loyal disciple of the Lodge cannot ignore any rule of such order under the pretext that some others of his co-disciples are doing so. He is responsible only for his own observance of the rules in question.

It has become necessary for me to speak very plainly to the disciples of the Order of the 14 as a body. But comparatively few of the said disciples have made strenuous efforts to maintain the law and keep their obligations. The efforts of those who have done so have been deeply appreciated.

As we look into the hearts and faces of those who have borne the brunt of the struggle with adverse forces in the maintenance of the said Orders, and then at the faces of those who might have stood at their side but refused or neglected to do so for some personal reason, we say to one another: "Have the fruits of our labor been sufficient to warrant the expenditure of such force and energy as have been put forth by us?" But again we hear the words of the great Hierarch: "If there should be but seven loyal disciples at the close of the cycle, our work will not have failed."

Think of this, you who are inclined to carp at the efforts of some of your co-disciples! Think of it, you who greedily grasp all that may be given by us, yet who make no effort to sustain the hands which make possible your receiving of the same! Knowing the law, can you expect the reward of work well done when you allow opportunity after opportunity for help to pass unheeded? If there should be but seven at the close of the cycle what part or lot will you individually have in that seven, if you have done naught to increase the number or to sustain others who have borne the burden and heat of the

THE ORDER OF THE 14.

In the "mighty past" the corner stones of all the Temples of the Mysteries were "cemented with blood," symbolic of the great sacrifice demanded of the people as well as the Initiate Priesthood of each Temple.

Instead of a propitiatory offering to an angry God, as such ceremonies finally degenerated into, they were originally understood to set into action one aspect of each of the laws of attraction, repulsion and cohesion. The essence of the blood-offerings were supposed to supply the spiritual energy of attraction—"Demand." The Initiates knew that the energy of attraction was three-fold in manifestation, and by generating that particular motive power, they must inevitably bring into action its negative and neutral aspects—the powers of repulsion and cohesion, namely, Supply and Use.

The time is near at hand when we who have the building of The Temple at heart should begin to realize, that only by the absolute self-sacrifice of some of our most deeply interested members, will it be possible to accomplish the task set for us; and, what is of equal importance, the cycle has once more rolled around when those engaged in the same line of endeavor in a previous incarnation, may have an opportunity to continue the same. For these reasons as well as others of a more interior nature, we are advised to consider the forming of what will be known as the Novitiate of the Order of the 14, and acquaint the members of The Temple with the necessary qualifications for, and point out the difficulties of discipleship in, that Order. No applicants will be available who are bound by ties of duty to the support of others dependent on them, especially if those others are conscientiously opposed to the work. Applicants should be free, in reasonably good health, and capable of taking and obeying the vows of POVERTY, CHASTITY and OBEDIENCE, which are the foundation stones of the Order.

Self-renunciation for the sake of humanity must be the governing principle in all things. While we are taught that perfect renunciation of all things brings possession of all things, we must eliminate the motive of gain from our consciousness, or harm instead of good will result.

No personal invitations can be issued to members to join this Order. Each aspirant must "knock at the door and ask for admit-

tance," and the effort must be due to strong interior prompting. A common home and common interests will be necessities for the Initiates of the Order; but during the one year of Novitiate, commencing from the time of acceptance, Novices can remain at present locations if desirable.

Naturally, the order will be small in numbers, for a time, owing to the fact that we have but a few who are in positions that will admit of such self surrender as is requisite.

When such a group of members consecrated to the work is once formed, it will provide a body of workers for filling responsible positions which only those fully consecrated in body and soul could fill—and so put out of the power of enemies of the work to cry "self-seeking." The world is sadly needing the demonstration of selflessness which such an Order could make, to neutralize the opposite force of selfishness now particularly rampant in all ranks of life.

"Without sacrifice there is no remission of sin." Remission of sin does not mean forgiveness of sin, as is generally understood, but means a changed condition due to the action of natural laws, as above noted. We have all gone far astray. We are parts of one body, and if only a few who are sufficiently alive to the exigencies of the present situation in the world, can surrender themselves absolutely, and work consciously and intelligently for the "leavening of the mass," each human being can be brought in turn to the point where they will willingly be partakers of the Bread of Life—the energy of reconstruction.



[PRIVATE, FOR THE APPLICANTS TO THE ORDER OF THE 28.]

August 15, 1906.

It was directed that an Initiation of the Order of the 28 be held at Headquarters on the evening of August 6th, but the directions were not given until too late to notify applicants to the Order, by correspondence. The following communication from the Master M. explains any seeming neglect. No initiation service of the Order of the 28 can be held by us save under explicit directions of the Master, so, as may readily be seen, we were not at fault in not notifying our Comrades.

Last December a communication was sent to all members of the 36 who had been in good standing for three years, intimating that, if they wished to take a more interior degree of the Temple, and would notify us to that effect, their names would be presented to the Master at the first opportunity. Our hearts were cheered by the responses which followed this invitation, and the directions given us for presenting such names were followed conscientiously, but to our surprise, month after month passed, and no intimation was given us by the Master of the results of such presentation. Although we were so close to the appointed time that it was impossible to notify members at any distance, there has recently been given us the following communication which explains the whole matter.

Comrades, we have no way of sufficiently expressing the importance *to each one of you* of carefully reading and considering the following message. No greater opportunity has ever been offered a group of people in this age than has been offered Temple members. Are we going to become worthy of it?

The accompanying private Instruction, "Creative Force," will be eventually used in commenting on the first of the recent Stanzas of Dzian published in the TEMPLE ARTISAN, but we believe members of the Order of the 36 should have it at once as it is of much importance.

Signed, { FRANCIA A. LA DUE.
 { WM. H. DOWER.

An initiation of those present of the applicants to the Order of the 28 was held at Headquarters on August 6th as directed.

Private

FOR THE CHIEFS OF THE ORDER OF THE 28.

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Michael P. Blanton

When permission was given H.P.B. to give a portion of the Secret Teachings of the Trans-Himalayan Adepts to a select circle of her personal disciples, that permission was granted partly in recognition of her just deserts and partly because it was well known by those Adepts that such Instruction would result in one of two alternatives; it would prove satisfactorily to those who were clamoring for an opportunity to reach Adeptship by a short route that such was impossible, and therefore tend to evolve the quality of patience which is essential to Chelaship, or it would discourage the more frivolous from undertaking what they were incapable of realizing in this one age; and at the same time prove the possibility of attaining to a much greater degree of knowledge by means of Esoteric Instruction than could be reached by modern educational methods, and so give hope for the future.

H.P.B. well knew the details of the plans imparted by its Hierophant to the particular Order of Adepts with which she was associated for the final evolving of an Order which should connect those capable of attaining Chelaship, in the Western world, with the before-mentioned Order of Eastern Adepts; but before she could gather the former into one body, the malignant elementals awakened to action by her personal enemies and as a result of the treachery and desertion of pledged disciples, literally drove her out of her body. Her mantle of labor and sorrow fell on another who was also driven out by similar means before accomplishing the task which had descended to him. The failure of another successor to the same position necessitated a still longer delay.

For the year 1898
Two years ago another attempt to form the said Order was made, and those who have been notified of their eligibility to this Order should now be brought to some appreciation of its sanctity as well as some knowledge of the requisite qualities for Chelaship.

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The people of the Western world - even many of those students of Occultism who are so ready to teach others the Way without ever having walked therein - have not appreciated the inviolability or the irrevocable nature of the Pledges they have given to the Lodge; this they have been told repeatedly without appreciable results. If a brother offends, the offense at once appears to be sufficient cause for condemnation in the eyes of brother Chelas; sufficient cause for denying the spirit as well as the letter of the pledges they have made.

The Students

The self-conceit of some among your number is colossal. A misunderstood or self-repudiated sentence of an instruction seems sufficient grounds to ~~some~~ for denying the source of the instruction and relegating the instrument through which the instruction was given to the ranks of imposters and charlatans. Those to whom I refer imagine themselves perfectly competent to decide what has and what has not been received from a Master; when in reality it is absolutely impossible for them to make a correct distinction.

The dominant fear in the minds of others of sacrificing individual liberty by yielding implicit ~~obedience~~ obedience to given directions is due to the insidious work of the elementals of the lower nature. If that fear had restrained them before voluntarily giving up liberty to a certain extent, through the taking of a solemn obligation, they would not now be amenable to that Karmic law under the action of which many of those would-be Chelas are now suffering.

Give a Signal

You are not asked to ~~take a~~ pledge in the Order of the 28, but the pledges you ~~have~~ previously taken are in full force and you are, ~~and will be more~~ from *So* the time of Initiation, under personal observation of the Master of the Order of the 28. I warn you most earnestly and entreat that if you are not capable of keeping those pledges you will not enter the Order of *That* ~~the 28~~, for when it comes to the decisive point you will be found wanting if a list of broken pledges lies behind you. Be content to follow the lines of slower development if you are not content to obey your instructor implicitly; that is if you do not possess the faith and patience that will enable you to yield obedience and await results in the right spirit.

Despite your pledges, some of you are accepting and acting on the direction of ignorant instructors who have no power to lead you beyond the lower astral plane, and where you may one day find yourselves helpless and without a guide; for he who forces the door of the plane of illusion before he has learned to control its denizens, is, as it were, at the mercy of a wild beast, and the beguiling sensuous beauty of the plane but adds to its danger.

The cycle for the rebuilding of the once great Egyptian Temple which was the original of the one commonly known as "The Temple of Solomon" is fast approaching, a cycle 5000 years in duration, and a Temple, each stone of which not only corresponds to a single individual, but to a greater sub-division of the Universe. Each of those divisions must be represented in the world of things and affairs by one or more Chelas of the Lodge, and all combined will form the Priesthood in its varied capacities.

When those whose Karma it is to enter the Order of the 28 have been tried and proven, their Instruction will be continued - their days of purification commenced.

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Bear in mind that ~~this~~ Order of the Priesthood is not concerned in the services of the Temple alone, but with all the states and conditions of life - and according to the progress made by the disciple will be his final emplacement.

The Instruction given for the Inner degree by H.P.B. was the same as that given for the so-called LOST DEGREE of Masonry for the development of body and mind, and that Instruction will be continued to the Order of the 28 as soon as conditions can be ~~made~~ prepared.

All initiations into the Order must take place at Headquarters or at some point where it is possible to assemble all of the Initiating Officers.

DIRECTIONS FOR FORMING SEVEN POINTED
STAR AND OTHER NOTES FOR INITIATION
OF THE ORDER OF THE 28.

A perfect seven-pointed star must be marked out on the floor of the room. One member of the Order of the Seven must stand at each point of the star. The inner points must be marked by ribbons or strips of cloth, of three colors -- RED, BLUE, and GOLD, twined together and fastened at each inner point, and from thence to the outer points, where the members of the Seven stand.

In front of and between the two first points must be placed a lighted candle and a bowl of water on a small stand. ~~See note below~~
(See note below).

In the middle of the star must be a small table with the seven-pointed-star used at the Initiation of the 36, and in the middle of that a bowl for the Fire Sacrifice. (See note below).

Each one of the members who form the seven points of the star, must wear a loose white robe; Blue Star and Red Star must

each wear a collar of blue and red outside their robe.

White collars must be prepared for the candidates, who will be furnished with these at the close of each Initiation.

As each candidate is initiated, he or she will be led by the Guardian of the Threshold to one of the inner points of the star, where he or she will remain until the close of the service.

NOTE - Where, from lack of proper facilities, it is not possible to observe this direction, a small stand, with lighted candle thereon, may be placed within the point of star occupied by Blue Star, and another similar stand, with bowl of water thereon, within the point of star occupied by Red Star, and candidate led from ^{the} former to the latter in the course of his initiation.

A small table, with lighted lamp thereon, may be substituted for that with the before-mentioned seven-pointed electrical star, and utensils for Fire Sacrifice placed thereon as indicated.

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At the rear of the initiation chamber chairs may be arranged on either side of a central aisle, facing the front; on the

left-hand side initiated members of the Order of the 28 may be seated, while the candidates for initiation may occupy seats on the right-hand side.

At the hour indicated for the Initiation Ceremony, Blue Star and Red Star, followed by the Guardian of the Threshold and those who are to occupy the remaining five points of the star, enter the initiation chamber and advance to their places.

Red Star will then announce that certain questions are about to be put to the candidates assembled, and if for any reason any candidate finds that he cannot answer any question affirmatively, he will quietly withdraw from the room, and the ceremony will then proceed, as follows:

who should rise

Blue Star and Red Star having advanced to a position directly in front of the assembled candidates, Blue Star proceeds to ask the following questions:

- 1 Do you believe in the unity of Life?
Do you believe in a graduated scale
of evolution from the atom to God?
- 2 Do you believe that you have within
yourself, either dormant or active,
the great Creative, Destructive, and
Preservative Powers of the Universe?
And have you decided, after mature
deliberation, to cultivate and use
those powers for the benefit of the

world and all creatures therein?

3 Do you believe in, and will you strive to unite your personal will and desire with the Omnipotent, Eternal Will and Desire, the moving springs of all manifested Life?

4 Do you believe in the principles of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity, and will you strive with all your strength to objectivize these principles in all relations of life?

5 Will you re-affirm the pledges you have already taken in the Temple organization, and can you pledge yourself to obey implicitly the following directions:

- a To work unceasingly, intelligently and faithfully for the up-building of the Temple organization?
- b To give of your time, means and strength for the purpose of making this Order of the 28 the nucleus of a Universal Temple of the People, according to the express direction of the Masters, this Church to be founded on the principles before subscribed to, of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity?
- c Will you promise faithfully and sacredly to do all in your power to

prevent division of interests and opinions between members of The Temple; and if at any time you find you cannot subscribe to any rule or direction, any article of faith or belief, that you will quietly withdraw from the organization, without attempting to create a division of sentiment or bad feeling among other members?

- d Will you promise to return any Instructions, private papers, or pictures, or other articles that may have come into your possession, that have at any time been the property of the organization of The Temple, to the Headquarters of the same, upon the demand of the Temple Guard and Official Head?
 - e Will you promise to accept as FINAL the decision of Temple Guard, and Official Head in any question that concerns the Order of the 28?
- 6 You have taken no pledges to any person-ality, and the breaking of any pledge of The Temple means your own repudiation of the Higher Self or Soul, and must bring upon you not only the contempt of your fellow-men, but what is of infinitely more importance, the contempt of your own soul, as well as the fearful Karma that a deliberately broken oath entails.

You have not been called here to receive your own deserts; not one of us deserves the outpouring of love and confidence bestowed upon and reposed in us; you are here because you with us have come into the *vestibule* of our birth-right. We can squander or keep the treasures therein, as we will. What we shall do with them remains to be seen. Nothing but our own will and desire can rob us of them.

MUSIC.

----- *Rallying Cry*

(BLUE STAR AND RED STAR THEN RETURN TO THEIR PLACES ON THE STAR. ✓ BLUE STAR ADDRESSES G. OF T. SAYING):

We guardians of the Temple Star demand that all watchmen be brought to the Eastern Gates where the first rays OF THE RISING day Star may fall on their eyes.

(THE GUARDIAN OF THE THRESHOLD THEN BRINGS THE CANDIDATES, SINGLY OR IN TWOS, TO THE FIRST POINT OF THE STAR, TO BLUE STAR, AND SAYS):

I bring to thee for placing a polished stone selected by the Great Architect: what wilt thou that I do with it?

ANSWER - I find the stone imperfect: take thou it to the First Mason.

(THE GUARDIAN OF THE THRESHOLD TAKES THE CANDIDATE TO THE SECOND POINT OF THE STAR, TO RED STAR, AND SAYS):

The Master sends ^{these} an imperfect stone ^{or stone} that thou mayest detect the flaw therein: what findest thou?

ANSWER - The blemish of pride and exclusiveness: take thou it to the Second Mason.

(THE GUARDIAN OF THE THRESHOLD TAKES THE CANDIDATE TO THE SECOND MASON AND SAYS):

The Master and First Mason find a blemish in the stone and send it ^{again} to thee for further examination: what findest thou?

ANSWER - I find it deformed by lust and all uncleanness: take thou it to the Third Mason.

(THE GUARDIAN OF THE THRESHOLD TAKES THE CANDIDATE TO THE THIRD MASON AND SAYS):

The Master and first two Masons find ~~the~~ sad blemishes in the stone I bring: What sayest thou?

ANSWER - ^{these} I find it chipped by ambition and avarice: take thou it to the Fourth Mason.

(THE GUARDIAN OF THE THRESHOLD TAKES THE CANDIDATE TO THE FOURTH MASON AND SAYS):

The Master and the first three Masons find many blemishes in the stone^s I bring: what sayest thou?

ANSWER: - I find it perforated with self-^{these}ishness and inhumanity: take thou it to the Fifth Mason.

(THE GUARDIAN OF THE THRESHOLD TAKES THE CANDIDATE TO THE FIFTH MASON AND SAYS):

The Master and the first four Masons find many blemishes in the stone^s I bring: what sayest thou? ^{these}

ANSWER: - I find it a rolling-stone, resting securely at no point in space, gathering but little of the forces of stability, endurance and self-reliance: take thou it to the Sixth Mason. ^{these}

(THE GUARDIAN OF THE THRESHOLD TAKES THE CANDIDATE TO THE SIXTH MASON AND SAYS):

The Master and the first five Masons find many grievous faults within this ^{these} stone? I bring ^{it} to thee for final judgment: what sayest thou?

ANSWER: - I find it full of uncharitableness, and totally unfit for the high place for which ^{it} has ^{these} been chiseled. Take thou ^{it} to the Master, that it may pass through the Fire ^{they}

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of Renunciation: ^{thence} to the First Mason, that it may pass through the Water of Regeneration. So shall ^{it} become purified and fitted for its place in the Pillars by the Gates.

(THE GUARDIAN OF THE THRESHOLD TAKES THE CANDIDATE BACK TO THE FIRST POINT OF THE STAR, TO BLUE STAR, AND SAYS):

I return with the stone ^{that} thou sendest out for judgment. ^{It} is found full of flaws and imperfections. I bring it to thee, that thou mayest cleanse and purify it. ~~them~~,

(THE FIRST POINT, BLUE STAR, SAYS):
My Brother, thou hast heard. Art thou willing to pass through the Fire of Renunciation? And canst thou with humility and sincerity acknowledge and renounce all in thy lower nature which militates against the Divine Light in thyself? *thy selves*

ANSWER - I am.

(BLUE STAR SAYS):- Then pass thy hand quickly through the fire, and say:

I humbly pray that the Divine Light of Good destroy all evil in my nature, and make me one with God, or Good.

(THE GUARDIAN OF THE THRESHOLD THEN TAKES THE CANDIDATE TO THE FIRST MASON, RED STAR, WHO SAYS):

If thou wouldst lave in the Waters of Regeneration, dip the first finger of thy right hand in the water before thee, and make the sign of the Cross of Balance on thy forehead, saying:

May I be cleansed from all impurity, and through the re-creative power of the Great Mother - Water and Father-Fire, be perfected in the likeness of the Great Foundation Stone I desire to serve WITH MY WHOLE BEING.

(ALL POINTS OF THE STAR SHALL SAY):

AMEN, SO BE IT, MY BROTHER!

(THE FIRST MASON THEN SAYS):- Return to the point of Fire, and receive the symbol of Eternal Unity.

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(THE FIRST POINT, ~~BLUE STAR~~, SAYS):- I invest thee in the name of the Master with the symbol of Purity, Unity and Power.

MUSIC.

(WHEN EACH CANDIDATE SHALL HAVE BEEN PLACED ON ONE OF THE INNER POINTS OF THE STAR, THE MASTER MASON SHALL SAY):

MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS: - You have been called to the performance of a great duty, and the receipt of a great trust and privilege. Every point of the star to which you have been led represents a point

in space to which you will sometime be led by another, a far more important Guardian of the Threshold; and on the decision of the Master of those points will be your status for ages to come. A Great Master has said:- He who is faithful in small things shall be made ruler over great things; and on your faithfulness, earnestness and unselfishness in the performance of the duties which this day commence to devolve upon you, will be your future reward. These duties may seem trying and arduous at times, but he who turns his back on this opportunity will search in vain for another through ages of suffering and anguish.

The time for the second coming of the Christ, or Avatar, is near at hand, and on you rests the duty of preparing a place and a people for His reception; a Temple into which He can enter -- not to scourge, but to bless and labor.

The trials and tests through which many of you have passed during the past quarter of a century you have not always understood. If you remember how earnestly H.P.B. urged you to realize that you were not pledging yourself to her, or to any other person, but to your own Higher Self, you can understand many of the tests through which you have passed. You are now in a different position: your tests will come in a way of which you have been warned over and over again, Your power to resist

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the Disintegrator and hold together for a common purpose, a common end; that is, the forming of an Universal Temple for the help, true worship, and growth of the race to which you belong, in the midst of confusion, and during a time of trial such as has never been, throughout the present great cycle.

You have taken no OUTER pledges to this Order, nevertheless you are pledged by the words spoken here, as never before in your lives. You are bound by a tie, the breaking of which is of infinitely more importance than any other pledge, for it is the pledge of the Soul to its brother Souls. The tie that binds the brothers of this Order is infinitely higher than any tie of blood; and injustice, unkindness, unfaithfulness to that which concerns you as an Order ~~or~~^{as} individual members, will bring a dread harvest. On the contrary, the faithful keeping of the obligations assumed, of faithfulness, kindness, justice, will bring you to the gate of another Temple door of much more importance.

I charge you all, in mercy to yourselves, in love for all, never to mention this Order of the 28 to another person not belonging to it, under any circumstances, nor anything which concerns it. Let your lips be sealed.

May the Blessed Ones help and succor us, the Great Master guide us, and Eternal Love light our pathway through the darkness

round about us.

(THE ABOVE BEING FINISHED, RED STAR
WILL READ THE MASTER'S MESSAGE):

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE.

To be read by Red Star.

"Many are called, but few are chosen." Many listen impatiently to the Spirit that prompts to service, to sacrifice, and turn away saying, "Not yet will I serve my God, but some future day," and ~~then~~ so pass on, wilfully, ignorantly, into the great abyss, to sin and suffer until another opportunity comes their way. Others listen to the first faint murmur of the Spirit's voice, and with hands uplifted, cry:- "Here am I, Lord: take me, use me." The cry ascends, and through the fields of space, through the seven worlds, comes the reply: "Another Son is born! Rejoice with me, ye friends of God!" And he is taken to his place 'neath the Golden Banner on which is inscribed in letters of fire

"CHOSEN OF GOD."

Ye are called to answer again today the question put to you many times before, "Whom will ye serve, God or Mammon, Good or Evil?" As the answer flies from your own to the Universal Heart, there is joy

or sorrow in the hearts of those who love, those who serve you, as you are asked to serve those other fragments of the Divine Self, of which you are a part.

My Children, a time is coming when the walls of pride and selfishness and separateness will fall to the ground, and you be left helpless amidst the debris, unless you strive with all the strength at your command to break down the barriers between yourselves and your brothers, and unite for a common cause - the triumph of Principle over Prejudice, the objectivization of the Kingdom of Christ on earth, the acknowledgment, by deed and by word, of the

BROTHERHOOD OF MAN, THE TEMPLE OF HUMANITY.

You have no light task before you. But in the forming of this nucleus you are uniting yourselves more closely with the omnipotent power of evolution and involution, and through you may be poured the force and wisdom that will revolutionize the thought of mankind, bringing down upon earth the "City of the New Jerusalem," suspended now in the heaven above, that is in the Mind of the Eternal, the Absolute Good.

Remember, above all things, nothing can prevent the realization of all that has been prophesied of good, but disunion, strife among yourselves; and this the forces of the "night-side" of life know full well,

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and every little trifle is exaggerated and made to yield enormous results, if you are not continually alert to counteract its effects.

With my love and blessing, I bid you
WATCH AND STRIVE.

HILARION.

PRAYER FOR THE ORDER OF THE 28

GIVEN BY THE MASTER HILARION

To Our Father in Heaven, / to His Angels, / our Brothers of the Fire Mist, / the Masters of Truth and Wisdom, / we appeal in all faith and humility, / for strength, / courage and power, / to fulfill our obligations to God, / to the Higher Self, / and our own souls, whatever be the cost, / to the fleeting evanescent shadow / of that which is our real Self.

We plead for the clear sight / which would enable us to perceive the great realities, / and for strength to tear from our eyes / every bandage of selfish desire / which may inhibit our true development, / now and hereafter.

We plead for power to cast out of our natures, / out of our homes, / out of our Temples of worship / the reflections cast therein by every elemental power / used by the Brothers of the Shadow / to bring discord, hatred or rebellion / into our midst, / either in the far distant past / or in the present, / and for power to recognize and obey the call of the Masters, / even in the swirl of passion, / of labor, / or the world's most inhibiting vibrations.

We plead for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit / that will burn up all within our natures / that is opposed to the good of humanity.

We place ourselves unreservedly / in the hands of those who guide our evolution, / with the strong aspiration / that they will direct such cleansing / and purifying / as may be requisite, / and the reinforcing / and reconstructing / of any part of our nature which may be jeopardized, / or broken down.

Realizing the tremendous issues / which hang upon the unified action / of those who form the exoteric nucleus / of the Temple of the People, / we plead for power to perceive / and to nullify / all antagonistic and injurious elements, / and to make of ourselves perfect vehicles / for the transmission of the building and sustaining forces. / And for all this we plead / in the name of Love and Brotherhood.

*Creeds Disappear
Hearts Remain*



The Temple of the People

Halcyon, California,

September 8, 1921.

Dear Comrade:

By return mail, if possible, let the undersigned know the exact 28 papers that you have in your possession. This is to ascertain whether you have the full number of 28 papers that each member should possess. There are undoubtedly a number of them that you have not yet received, and we desire that all 28 members should have a full set of all the papers belonging to the Order.

Some of them that you have pertaining to the Order of the 28 may not have titles or may be in the form of letters. In that case, if such have a date give the same, and if there is no title quote the opening sentence or at least four or five words of it. This will enable us to know what paper is referred to.

A prompt acquiescence in this request will help us to systematize the work of the Order and possibly put interesting and instructive papers into your hands.

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

W. H. DOWER.