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## INTRODUCTION

If the New Order of the Ages is to be established during the present cycle, the minds of those who are to become members or citizens of that new order must be enlightened and awakened to the grave fallacies that have held men enslaved throughout the ages.

The tentacles that bind man today are stronger and more inflexible than ever before. Man's intellectual advancement and inventive achievements in many fields, though admittedly noteworthy, have by their very reactions bound him more securely than at any time during recorded history.

The greatest and most far-reaching of these fallacies is the universally accepted idea that man must choose between two all-important achievements. Man may, by his efforts and application, succeed and reach great heights in a material sense. This success includes possessions, high position, worldly honors and everything that is usually considered desirable in life. To achieve this success he must devote all of his time to reaching the set goal, to the neglect of his Spiritual nature.

In reverse, his conception of what life should be and the attainment to be achieved, may lead him into Spiritual activities. Here he may believe it necessary to devote his every effort to the awakening of the "Soul" that "God breathed into his nostrils as birth," and bring that Soul, by means of a Spiritual or second Birth, into Consciousness.

He is told that to attain to this degree of development he must transmute his gross self into a "temple" wherein God may dwell while he, as a result of his desires, efforts and experiences, changes or transforms the son of man into (like unto) the Son of God. In accomplishing this, he erroneously believes that he

must free his mind from everything that has to do with earthly well-being, possessions, honors or high position.

These erroneous ideas have governed men and their activities throughout the ages, despite the positive command:

"Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." - Mark 12:17

This is a clear, simple and positive statement that man owes as much to himself as he does to God. He must devote as much time to his material self and its responsibilities, as to his Spiritual self. The present text is devoted to making this plain. It explains the Way, the Truth, and the Life, so that all who will shall be able to walk in the "way of the Lord," or the Law. In doing so, man receives all of the benefits, material and Spiritual, of the Reaction of the Law.

This is the Law of Justice, the Law of Balance, the Law of Equilibrium; the Law that supports heaven and earth. If the Law is obeyed, it will help man first of all to become a Man, and then, according to God's own promise, a god, or like unto the Sons of God.

Men throughout the ages have listened to the expounding of the Law; but have obeyed the desires of the flesh. They have had an occasional clear vision of the "kingdom" or Spiritual reality, but the flesh was too strong to permit them to seek the kingdom and have all other things added thereto" ...and why? Because they had been led to believe, did believe, that they could not function on both the material and Spiritual plane at one and the same time.

They believed that if they ate of the "fruits of the tree of knowledge," they could not also eat of the "Tree of Life." Therein

has been the fallacy. The desires of the flesh being too strong to be denied, even though submission meant Spiritual death.

The satisfaction of these material desires promised immediate pleasures, or what were considered as benefits, while those of the Spirit were to materialize some time in the future, like the promise of the “return of the bread cast upon the waters.” Men closed their eyes to the promised benefits of the future, though knowing them to be the only realities, and accepted those of the immediate present.

The Science, Philosophy, Religion (Spiritual concepts) of the present text - it is all of these - are based on the most Ancient of teachings, the Wisdom of the Ancient Priesthood and the inculcations and promises of the Nazarene, who made the most positive statement that man, if he would obey the Law, could have all that the material and Spiritual had to offer. Here is his promise:

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” - Matthew 6:33.

Interpreted in simple, every-day language, this tells man that if he desires to obtain for himself everything that is most desirable, most lasting, most certain to bring health, strength, peace and possessions, he must seek to understand the Laws of God, i.e., do that which is Right. He must Obey The Operating, Reacting Law. As a result of this obedience in the spirit of willingness, all things worth while and to his benefit will be drawn to, or accrue to him.

The Law itself is simple as illustrated by an every-day, common example: Suppose a business man is in need of money to carry on his business or increase it. When applying to his bank for a

loan, HE MUST COMPLY WITH THE LAW, the rules and regulations governing such loans, and he will obtain it.

Strangely enough, man never questions the justice of these rules and regulations. Yet he ignores or evades Laws no less definite which, observed and followed, would bring him far greater and more lasting benefits.

The basic fallacy of mankind, except for a very few, has been the conviction that success is concerned only with achievements on the material plane. This suggests, inclusively and exclusively, prosperity in business; success in a chosen profession, a special line of endeavor - perhaps in the arts or music, or social achievement. Unfortunately, the term “success” has seldom been associated with Spiritual attainment. Just as unfortunately, and quite as erroneously, it has been taken for granted that success, as commonly understood, also brings peace and happiness to the successful person. The reverse is generally true.

A man may be ever so successful in a worldly sense, be the owner of houses, lands, jewels; be highly honored - a social lion - possess great authority, “lord over all he surveys,” yet be ill at ease, lacking peace of mind, burdened with a guilty conscience, depleted in health and generally distressed. Despite his possessions, his position in high places, such a man may be in truth, the most miserable of failures. Any real success must include peace of mind as a first essential.

There must be a clear vision beyond the immediate present; a happy family life, the assurance of real (dependable) friends, and the ultimate goal beyond the immediate present life. This is the balanced, complete and satisfying success which the Science, Philosophy and Religious concepts of the New Order of the

Ages must teach mankind.

To attain prosperity in business affairs, prominence in social life, in the professions or in the arts, holding high position, wielding power among men, at the expense of health or peace of mind, is to fall far short of success. Such a success is certainly not to be sought by the wise man of the present age.

To be found wanting in the vision of that which is greater, more lasting and more constantly satisfying than anything obtainable in the business, social and professional world, is actually to be a failure. Unquestionably, the Master-Teacher, the Nazarene, at the beginning of the past age, had this in mind when he propounded the question:

“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own Soul?” - Mark 8:36

This question proposed for discussion some nineteen hundred years ago, has been almost completely ignored with the inevitable and unmistakable results: while there are a few great successes in the material world, there is more enmity, maliciousness, dishonorableness, degeneration, lack of law and order, more misery and sorrow, than could conceivably have existed at the time this question was asked.

As this was foreseen, the prophecy was made that there was to be a time, a New Order of the Ages, in which many would begin to see the wisdom of gaining knowledge of the Divine Laws, and following the revealed concepts of the Laws governing two-fold success (material and Spiritual) without intruding upon the rights of others or working to the disadvantage or detriment of others.

Admittedly, one may achieve worldly, material success in

almost any phase of physical, mundane life without giving any consideration to Spiritual verities. Man can, if he so elects, wholly ignore the Science, Philosophy and Spiritual concepts (Religion). There can be no actual peace of mind for that man, no unadulterated satisfaction, no real happiness; therefore no true success unless the Spirit,<sup>1</sup> the feeling, the governing mood of a Spiritual Consciousness overshadows all endeavor; illuminating, hallowing every desire, as the rays of the sun shed their light over all things upon the earth.

The basis of true religion, the ennobling phase of life, is the spirit of devotion, an inspired adoration of all that is, anciently called Isis, symbolic of the “she” or “mother” side of God’s creation. Isis symbolizes the mother of all things and the highest degree of feeling of which humanity is capable.

Love, devotion, adoration, sympathy, tenderness, kindness, fellowship, friendship companionship ... unless these feelings are present in all man’s plans, he is lacking in Ideals; his plan of life will be ephemeral, unstable, and his success will be literally sprinkled with the gall of bitterness. The reference here is to the inner, exalting, uplifting, cleansing feeling that is the basis of adoration; a sensing of the beautiful, the feeling that wells up within the true mother when she holds her beloved child in her arms. It is not to be understood that this spirit of devotion has any reference to loud and long prayers, nor to the giving of alms to those who, by all the Laws of Nature and of God, should exercise the manhood to provide for their own necessities, what ever these may be. The drone, like the unbearing tree cursed by

1. The word “Spirit” may also be defined as “feeling on an Idealistic, yet practical level. An anxiety to accomplish certain specific things of a Spiritual or Love nature. It is an ‘in between’ the Spirit and the Spiritual. It is actually undefinable and most frequently felt as an urge.”

the Nazarene has no right to existence.

The Spiritual side of life, as opposite to the material, is the exalted, heavenly (uplifting), enlightened (filled with light and love) in heart and mind. It is best contacted and appreciated through the medium of prayer, prayer being the expression of desires and Ideals. True prayer finds expression in continuous constructive effort within its own sphere. Prayer is the act of doing, living, feeling. Under the Divine Law, Every Act is either a prayer or a curse. It is this Science, Philosophy and Spiritual Concept in which all men should be instructed.

In this concept of the Laws of the New Order of the Ages, we find the basis for the achievement of success on all levels, including the attainment of Soul Consciousness. Here we find the impetus for every activity based on honesty and constructiveness, and for perpetuating the welfare of all within the Law of a religious way of life. Every constructive, exalting act is a prayer because it is the expression of an Ideal and brings about a practical manifestation. Thoughts, desires and deeds of kindly service are practical prayers - these are the tools with which "we labor in the Master's vineyard."

Thus, the life of the tiller of the soil, the humble (ungrumbling) toiler, roughly clad... the mechanic...all those who render any form of useful service, represent the highest phase of prayer. Any activity beneficial to the laborer and essential to mankind universally, if performed in kindly feeling and love, is both practical and a Spiritual expression of the highest form of prayer. Expressing itself through a constructive activity of mind and body, it fulfills a need in the proper functioning of universal life.

The spirit of the deed, the feeling in which it is performed

determines the classification of the action. As is the action or effort, so will be the Reaction to the one making the effort. Like the ` Biblical "bread cast upon the water," it always returns.

That success is most lasting and most secure which continually has in mind, benevolently and not selfishly or hypocritically, the welfare of the Soul, the commanded:

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God..." - Luke 12:31.

The highest and noblest service in the interest and the benefit of the Spiritual self and toward the attainment of Soul Consciousness, is possible only as we follow the dictates of Natural Law. Man must use all things: his energies, talents and possessions toward a useful, constructive end, and above all, toward the awakening and development of the Christos, culminating in Sonship or Soul Consciousness.

Man finds the Christ - not in some far-off sphere, but right here on earth, within himself - by making of that self the commanded "Temple" wherein God may dwell. As this is done, the humble son of man, by obedience to the law becomes a Son of God. In the process of attaining this Sonship, the Christos will become known in the New Order of Ages, as a Manistic Individualization, a glorified manhood achieved by glorifying God. This is the command of the Law, the end of all achievement.

What, in this grossly material age, can be greater, nobler or more sublime, than the attainment of a real, vital, unswayable manhood? Such manhood is something almost wholly unknown in the present era of weakness, inertia, imbecility, dishonor, disloyalty, irresponsibility and downright slavery to the now so numerous self-constituted "leaders" boasting authority founded in might, rather than in right.

The betrayal of trust by those in authority, by religious leaders of almost all denominations, the flagrant and ever increasing acts of violence generally attributable to the “anti-Christ,” - these are driving people by the millions away from the formal established churches.<sup>2</sup> Thinking men and women are unconsciously demanding both a new leadership that is unswervingly dedicated to God and the Divine Law, and a new adaptable, applicable interpretation of the Ancient Laws of human behavior and activity.

Here presented is a Science, Philosophy and Religious (Spiritual) concept that may readily be applied to the everyday physical, material and Spiritual needs of all seekers for a better way of life. Although seemingly turmoil reigns for the moment and God, it would seem, has all but forsaken man - as man has forsaken God - the Eternal Law is in operation, and the Godless, the Anti- Christ, will be destroyed by the Reaction of their own actions. The operating Laws of the New Order of the Ages are surely, though perhaps slowly, coming into operation.

More and more men are sensing and seeing the Godlessness, the dishonesty, the betrayals, the dishonorableness and degeneration of many of the leaders and those in power. They are watching the debasing and destructive results, and are beginning, as Tolstoi said, to “bethink themselves.” They are becoming more and more dissatisfied and intolerant of empty words, empty promises, empty forms of worship, and demanding vital truths and equally vital, constructive activities and procedures in all

2. It is gross misconception to believe the larger attendance noticed in many churches is actually a return to belief in the Cross as the way to Salvation and in the Christic Spirit. On the contrary, investigation indicates it is all too frequently due to the preaching of foreign ideologies teaching a seemingly simple method to escape not only Spiritual responsibilities, but material as well.

human affairs.

Forms, however beautiful, promises, however fair, are acceptable only to the non-thinker. Only the thinkers, or those awakening to realities after their long sleep of illusion and delusion can truly be “saved.” They have advanced to a new concept, a practical interpretation of man’s duty to himself and to his fellow man. THEY DEMAND OF THEIR LEADERS ACTIONS THAT HARMONIZE WITH PREACHMENTS AND PROMISES. The heart of mankind is beginning to cry out and it will not rest or be silenced until order is restored: the Divine Law followed by Priests and leaders of men and those in high places.

The needs and longings of the heart can be satisfied only with what which is real, lasting, eternal; that which comes from the heart and not with the trumped up and empty promises of men. That part of man which is imperishable...that which we know as the Soul...can be satisfied by nothing that is wholly temporal. Within man, usually buried deeply and under ages of debris, may be found all that brings satisfaction; the peace that is a treasure beyond price to those who rightly esteem it - as gold is to the world for which men curse themselves and die.

The concepts taught in the Arcane, and what is known as the Science of the Soul, in no sense underestimate the requirements of the material, physical man; the “Caesar” of Biblical teachings. Here man learns unequivocally that the requirements of the physical material self shall be selected from that which can only benefit others. Whatever is meted out to the physical self shall be on a par with that rendered to the Spiritual self...thus maintaining a balance.

The inculcations of the Spiritual Laws of the present age must wholly satisfy the reasoning and conclusions of thoughtful men while comforting the heart with logical conclusions. The present day interpretation of Natural and Spiritual Laws aim to instruct by means of logical principles that can be applied in all the duties man is called upon to perform. This mode of action becomes a material-Spiritual activity which will be the foundation of all activities in which man engages. It will be the activating principle of a man's every undertaking, all on a natural, normal Spiritual foundation that includes nothing arbitrary, radical or irrational.

Too long mankind has accepted as an uncontradictable fact that a truly Spiritual life is incompatible with material, social, professional success, or the fulfillment of the duties of high position or office. This is a wholly wrong conception due in large part to two seemingly contradictory statements in the Bible:

“Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and to God, the things which are God's.” - Mark 12:17.

and:

“Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” - Luke 16:13.

The word “Caesar,” means “that which is of the material world.” the word “mammon” means the wrong, evil, destructive use of money - in itself not evil - in the accomplishment of an evil deed.

The error, or misconception, also became prevalent because men have been led to believe that the flesh, even its natural demands, must be denied and sacrificed, that the Spirit may be exalted. This implies in its concept, an abuse of the whole physical, material man, and itself works evil, hence is a sin and wholly at variance with the Divine Law.

Mankind, almost in toto is still bound by creeds, dogmas and mass opinion. An increasing number, however are gradually awakening to the fact that Spirituality and true worship has its beginnings in the realms of the heart, culminating in constructive - NEVER destructive action. the Axiom:

“As a man thinketh in his heart so is he.”

is only partly true and should be revised to:

As a man thinketh in his heart, the thought giving birth to desire; and desire followed by action, so will he become.

Thought, however noble or exalted, is only of the moment and then passes on into the limbo of forgotten things. One may have the thought of a house, the mental picture of what that house is to be, and may even possess the material for it, but unless the thought becomes desire, and the desire is strong enough to induce action, there will be no house.

This interpretation of the Laws governing or underlying Spiritual activities, makes it thoroughly compatible with the demands of a business career and every manner of material activity, so long as a man's actions are motivated by honesty and a willingness to comply with Divine Law. Actually, it assures success because such a one will not be guilty of any action that will have a harmful Reaction. Nor does the law ever demand of man that he allow himself to become the victim of dishonorable people, or to sacrifice himself for the benefit of those capable of helping themselves: possessing, as he does, the divine and inalienable right to demand an exact justice.

It cannot be too frequently repeated that to succeed on the material plane of action, and at the same time make an effort to attain to Soul Consciousness, is BY NO MEANS EITHER

INCONSISTENT or CONTRADICTIONARY. On the contrary, one is essential to the other so that a balance may result. This fundamental truth, previously stated, is clearly expressed in the Nazarene's statement as also in all Arcane Teachings:

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness [a comprehension of the Law and its application] and all these things [all things else] shall be added unto you [as a result of the universally active Law of Compensation or Exchange]."

- Matthew 6:33.

The interpretations of the new concepts in this New Order of the Ages recognizes the Law of Karma, but simplifies it as the Law of Justice; likewise as the Law of Compensation. It is in perfect harmony with the Nazarene's edict:

"...For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."  
Galatians 6:7.

One does not modify the other. Instead, one adds positiveness to the other, commanding acceptance and compliance.

The present text is in no sense intended as a medium to proselyte or to convert a single human Soul now belonging to any one of the present active religious denominations. However, it is a medium to exemplify and simplify the concepts of the Age-old Science, Philosophy and Spiritual teachings. It offers an easily understood and readily applicable interpretation of the Divine Law in harmony with Natural law.

This work is directed especially to those millions who once held membership in one or the other of the formal churches and who gave up their membership because they could no longer accept the interpretations of the laws and their application to the daily pursuits of life, as presented in the interpretations by

the various denominations of the present day.

If these are sincerely and honestly seeking a concept they can accept, a concept that harmonizes with both Natural and Divine Laws - this volume presents a wealth of information.

It explains the Laws of Justice and Righteousness; denies men nothing that is to their welfare; yet, at the same time, clearly indicates the path leading to Spiritual Consciousness; the literal consummation of the Biblical Spiritual, or Second Birth, and, at the same time, clearly outlines the path to freedom in every department of daily life.

Throughout the entire text there is considerable repetition. This is deliberate and with a purpose. Just as in Opera, for instance, there is the theme or motive, repeated time and again throughout the entire Opera, to firmly impress it upon the mind of the hearer, so with this effort, the purpose sought is to impress firmly and irresistibly upon the mind of the reader the operating Law in its multitudinous applications. Each time this Law is explained from a different point of view and for a different purpose, always having as its intent an acceptance of the Law taught and its application to the reader's or Acolyte's material and Spiritual welfare.

In some instances new terms are used, for the reason that because of the many rapid changes occurring, many terms, phrases, appellations now in use may soon be discarded or forbidden, and it is expedient that substitutes be prepared and made use of in advance.

Atheism and the Anti-Christism are rampant. The Lord of Light is betrayed by many of those who pretend to be His servants. There are concerted efforts by well organized and

powerful groups to destroy what they call the “Divinity” of Christ, but which we call the Spirit of Christ; the Christos hidden in man. Because of the desecration of the name or word “Jesus,” the ancient forms are used: that of Christos for the Living Christ who must be awakened by the Second or Spiritual Birth, and the Nazarene, Master-Teacher and Lawgiver of the first century. These names, being in essence, the Christ personification and Spiritualization in the hearts of men, cannot be eradicated or prohibited by legal enactments or malicious acts of men.

However evil some men may be, however bent on the destruction of all that is highest and most desirable, whatever means devised by them for their purpose, it is erroneous to believe or to claim that the nations they victimize, though they be utterly destroyed, have been destroyed by the evil acts of such men.

History of the many nations which once flourished and are now decadent proves that these nations were not destroyed but that THEY GRADUALLY FELL INTO DECAY BECAUSE THE PEOPLE OF THOSE NATIONS PERMITTED THEMSELVES TO BECOME SLAVES TO THEIR OWN WEAKNESSES; FAILED TO NURTURE AND KEEP ALIVE WITHIN THEMSELVES AN IDEAL TO UPLIFT, INSPIRE THEM AND GOAD THEM ON TO GREATER GOALS. THEY LACKED THE DESIRE AND EFFORT TO BRING INTO MANIFESTATION THE MIGHTY TALENTS HIDDEN WITHIN THEMSELVES, AND, MORE ESPECIALLY, THEY PERMITTED THE DIVINITY - call it Christos OR WHAT YOU WILL - WITH WHICH THEY WERE ENDOWED AT BIRTH, TO REMAIN DORMANT

OR DIE OUT.

If America, once a republic paying allegiance to the Spirit of the Christos and the Ideal of man's freedom, falls, it will not actually be due to the machinations of those engaged in an attempt to destroy religion, faith in God and the Spirit that IS Christ, but because men, due to their inertia, have PERMITTED the enemies of God and man, to take over. In truth, men and their freedom are not destroyed by others, they DESTROY THEMSELVES AND ALL GOD GAVE THEM, BECAUSE OF LACK OF VIGILANCE IN GUARDING SO GREAT A TREASURE.

The New Order of the Ages, A Science Philosophy and Spiritual concept, called the Science of the Soul, deals largely with the Spirit inherent in normal man and which, if awakened as commanded by the Divine Law, BECOMES the Soul brought into Consciousness. The process whereby this is accomplished is called the Great Work, because it deals with all that is highest, greatest and alone is eternal. This process divides the activating incentives governing men's every action into two categories.

On the one side are the PASSIONS - those feelings which are degrading, demoralizing, debasing and destructive. These are many and varied. Perhaps the most general are anger, envy, avarice, jealousy, hatred, maliciousness and ill-will. There are others of course, too numerous to mention, but known to all because their REaction is depressing, a lowering of morale, an incentive to inertia, a desire to do harm or destroy, the ever-present desire to GET EVEN. All of these lead to weakness, dis-ease, failure, inharmony, sorrow, Spiritual suicide; the giving up, as a result of denial, of man's Divine birthright. They are the

## DEVIL IN MANIFESTATION.

In opposition are the emotions that have their birth in the center of feeling. The greatest, most sublime and exalting, uplifting in their tendencies, profitable to body, mind and the Spiritual self are love, affection, friendship, kindness, generosity, devotion, adoration, forgiveness and FORGETFULNESS IN FORGIVENESS.

All of these are exalted feelings that create uplifting vibrations. They lift up the body and mind and awaken the Spiritual self, the Christos within, and wisely direct, give health and well-being to the body: success in material affairs and affairs and, at the same time, impart Immortality or Consciousness to the Soul.

In the Arcane, the hidden mystery of the Great Work, the terms "Son of God," Philosophic Initiate, Occult Master, are more or less synonymous as are those of Soul Consciousness, Philosophic Initiation, Illumination and Christification. They are all ends achieved as a result of exalted desire, continued effort to awaken the hidden Christos into Consciousness, as well as to bring the Biblical indicated "talents," man's possibilities and capabilities, to the highest degree of development. In each instance a two-fold development is essential: that of all physical and Spiritual potentials. The differentiation in terms is due to the direction of the development.

### The Church Formal and the Church Christic

The Church formal is an organization of those of common ideals, common needs, human association. As long as there is one human being who has not come into the understanding of the dictates of the Divine Law, such an association or institution

is essential to his advancement. The benefits to be derived from such an association will depend entirely on the wisdom of the leadership and the desires of the individual and his willingness to obey the Divine Law.

The Church Christic is actually the "temple of the living God." It is the Gnostic, or Church of the knowers. It is individual. Every one who obeys the Divine Command to prepare, or BECOME such a temple by means of eliminating all possible evils - the Passions - from within himself, and at the same time makes consistent effort to awaken the Christos within himself so as to become Soul Conscious is, in himself, Individualized, the Church of Christos, of God. To deny this is to deny God Himself:

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you." - Corinthians 3:6

This is NOT a normal state, it is a BECOMING by desire and effort and the gradual elimination of weakness and all that is debasing in its nature. This is the GREAT WORK. It is the Mystery of the kingdom of heaven and "given," a COMING UPON, of the few who OBEY THE DIVINE LAW.

Ages change; a new cycle follows the old. In natural order and by Spiritual design, the New Order should begin with the benefits, advancements and Spiritual attainments achieved during the old and advance from there. Unfortunately, during all of the past ages, the change of Cycles began in a DYING not a living age, and all because of the inertia of the masses in failing to recognize their Divine inheritance and to freely exchange effort for the retention of the freedom of body, mind and Soul. Inertia in each instance took the place of vigilance,

and the inheritance was lost.

The past age ended no differently than did all the other ages, yet these signs are significant: Great advancement is reflected in inventions that are as two-edged swords, destructive and constructive. Greater material and Spiritual knowledge are in evidence, but *unapplied* or *misapplied* due to universal *inertia*. Freedom is given up without a struggle, or sold for a mess of pottage. Morality has reached a new all-time low; there is an almost complete loss of Spiritual verities; almost universal irresponsibility, dishonor, or lack of honor, treason - all the signs of a decadent and dying humanity.

All of this was foreseen ages ago and clearly visioned by the Nazarene, the prophets and the founding Fathers of the Republic "overshadowed with wings" and by those who visioned the possibility of a New Order of the Ages for those living within its circle. There was also the possible destruction of the great mass and the beginning of a new race from the small remnant who chose to obey the Divine Law, thereby surviving the devastation. All this is clearly foreshadowed in Revelation.

Relative to the statements toward the end of the text having reference to the New "Bible," men's religious blasphemy, public prayers, Biblical inculcations in public schools, organized efforts to destroy religion, the elimination of the cross as a symbol of salvation, the hidden attempt to make criminal the use of the term "Jesus"...these facts may be readily verified by referring to the revised Bible, daily newspapers, magazines and public speeches. Truly, "all who have eyes to see," can see and "those who can read" may be informed.

All that has been said might make it appear that the

accomplishment of the Great Work, the attainment of Soul Consciousness, is well nigh impossible for the weak mortal, and that great sacrifice is necessary. This is not so. All that is really necessary is that man be his best self. There is need for a change in character.

The undesirable and unworthy must be gradually eliminated - changed - transmuted into - what is commonly called "a sweet" nature. Man must free himself from criticism, intolerance, interference in the affairs of others, and that universal weakness - babyishness - paralyzing *self pity* - another name for *selfishness*. Man needs to devote less time to gratifying new "wants" often unnecessary and even detrimental, and to find more time and opportunity for constructive work to be done. Especially to be desired is a gradual but certain replacement of the passions which never served any good purpose, and a transmutation of these passions into uplifting and Godly emotions.

"LIVE THE LIFE and ye shall have the fruits thereof" - is the command and the promise. A prime necessity is to accept and become conscious of the fact that the body, the physical, material self, is the "ground" or "soil" to be prepared for the "sowing." the Will and Desire inducing effort are the "sowing"... and in the sowing is the assurance of reaping or recompense for the effort made.

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## 1. THE CHRISTOS - THE CHRIST

It is written that when the Nazarene, the Master-Teacher of Galilee, generally called "Jesus," asked his disciples: "Whom say ye that I am?" Peter answered him and said: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." The Nazarene replied:

"Blessed art thou, flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." - Matthew 16:16,17.

Flesh and blood, the material self, is not and cannot be conscious of Spiritual things. Only that which is Spirit is able to comprehend that which is of the Spirit. This Spirit is the God part hidden WITHIN every normal human being. It is almost universally unawakened. and unconscious, because VERY few are those whose desires are great enough to cause them to make the effort to awaken and bring this Spirit into manifestation.

When this awakening is accomplished, then another part of the Great Work is well under way; that of transmuting by purification into ennobling emotions all that is of the body, the physical self, the gross passions.

This brought about, the body becomes - Biblically speaking - the TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD, and as a result, God dwells within that temple.

Spiritual things, Godly things, can become known only to the Spiritual. It is therefore truthfully written that only God the Father, who is in his heaven, could have made known to Peter the real nature of the Nazarene.

The Spirit within man is man's unawakened or awakened Soul. It was known by the early, pre-church Christian Fathers as the Christos. These early men of God taught, even before the word "Christ" was known, that within every normal human being there existed a Spark, or part of God, in the form of Light

or Fire, and that each human being, might, if he so desired, awaken and bring into manifestation this Christos or Spiritual self.

It was promised that in doing this, he would become an individual church or temple for this Christos, having by effort become the living Christ within man. This was to be accomplished not by mere belief, or faith, but by effort, and is clearly indicated by the statement: "Know ye not that ye are the Temple of the Living God."

The Nazarene, throughout his entire ministry, made every effort to convey this knowledge to all who would listen to him. It was this: That if man, as a result of his own constant effort and desire did everything possible to live in harmony with the Divine Law, in thought, desire, and feeling, he would rebuild his material self - body, spirit and mind - and would, at the same time, be building the temple wherein God, the Immortal self, could and would dwell.

In so doing he would also awaken the dormant or buried Christos into Consciousness, attaining an at-one-ment with God; becoming a Son of God - Christos transformed into a Christic state. This Christos awakened and become conscious, would make known unto him the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, a secret knowable only to those who obey the Divine Law.

To know God, to become conscious of the Christos within, is possible only to those who, by their Spiritual awakening, come more or less fully into unity with the Soular selfhood conveyed to all men at birth in an unawakened or unconscious state.

During the many centuries between the ministry of the

Nazarene and the present age, the true conception of the Christic mysteries has been lost to all but the few endowed with a keen desire to become that which God desired them to be, and who made, or are making, every effort to obey the Biblical command to develop all their "talents." the Nazarene was fully conscious of this, hence the statement to his disciples: "To you" (that is to the few), "it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to others: (because of their unwillingness to follow me, that is obey the law I teach), "it is not so given."

Throughout the ages only the few out of the millions have come to know the "Mysteries of the kingdom of God," and have had "all other things added thereto." This has been so only because of man's basic weakness - his selfishness - his desire for glory, temporal power, the plaudits of men. Man preferred the material things of earth that would give him ease and demand of him the least effort and self-denial. All this had the tendency to bury still more deeply the Spiritual "Talents" and the Spark of the Divine, the Christos, which he inherited in embryo (unmanifested form) at his birth into the material world.

Unfortunately, throughout the ages, mankind sought the attainment of intellectual knowledge - cold and unfeeling - and scholastic achievement, irrespective of its ultimate desirability or possible Spiritual benefit. This again had the effect of burying the Christos even more deeply within the Biblical "tomb," and gave rise to a tendency to question all things, even God, leading man toward atheism rather than toward Eternal Truths.

The greatest enigma is not in the fact that the "mysteries of the kingdom of God" may be revealed only to those who obey the Divine Law, and that this will "bring to man ALL things else,"

without loss of anything material or spiritual, but that most of mankind refuses to recognize the Law. By non-recognition man defies the Law, attempting to secure by self-destructive means that which might be possessed lawfully, with blessings, instead of the absolute certainty of losing all; including his Spiritual inheritance.

The Divine Spark from the Divinity Himself, the Christos, which by desire, effort and obedience to the Divine Law would become the Christ, the Son of God, is inborn in every normal individual. This Christos is not a human, material element. The Christos become the Christ is the individualization of God in man; the unity of the Christ Child and the Godly Father, the end and aim of life.

Individualization, despite every effort made by men collectively to prevent it, means rising above the mass, and attaining the only reality in this or any other world. The effort to attain individualization is the only means of individual Spiritual survival. It is the eternal warfare between Satan, symbol of destruction, and the Christ, symbol of Eternity.

The "Christ," or the Nazarene becoming Christic or the Christ, is not a term limited to one person, nor does it represent an experience which took place only or uniquely in the life of the Nazarene, known as Jesus of Nazareth. The Christ is the Spiritual or Conscious Individual Soul realization that may be attained in the LIFE of eVERY MAN, IF HE WILL OBEY THE LAW LAID DOWN BY THE MASTER-TEACHER OF THE FIRST CENTURY.

This Law is now Reinterpreted for all peoples of the present or Manistic Age - the NEW ORDER of man. To become

Christ-like, Christified, Soul Conscious, God Conscious, is to reach a STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS possible to all who willingly meet the conditions essential for its attainment. It is the Christos, Spark of God, the Divinity, awakened and brought into INDIVIDUALIZED CONSCIOUSNESS. Mankind should not forget the absoluteness of the Divinity and His Laws, a knowledge available to man throughout the ages. This knowledge has produced world teachers of Divine Law, such as: Osiris-Isis, the Master-Teachers of Greece and other Countries, the Nazarene called the Christ, and lastly, he of the New Order, Manis; all of these representing one great achievement of attainment: Manhood glorified, God made manifest by, and in, man.

In its incarnation, or as a result of its incarnation in humanity, this Divine Spark becomes unconscious and non-individualized. Through deliberate effort on the part of the possessor, this Divine Spark is awakened and gradually brought into Consciousness as an individualized entity. Anyone or anything that interferes with man's efforts to individualize himself retards his progress toward his ultimate attainment; his material welfare and Spiritual destiny. Such a one acting in defiance of the Divine Law tends to eclipse or short-circuit man's full development of his Biblical "talents," as demanded of him by his Creator.

In its primitive or original state, this Divine Spark is an emanation or separation from the Godhead; just as the germinal seed in the acorn is an emanation from the parent oak. In the final, fully awakened and developed state, after being brought into full Consciousness, it is the manifest Son of God, a Divinity become such by its own efforts and there fore in its own right;

just as the acorn, just as the acorn, self-planted or by design, in proper soil, under proper conditions and with no inimical interference, becomes the giant oak, a perfect pattern of its parent.

The teachings, examples of life, and accomplishments of the Nazarene were not, in themselves, the reason either for the fame or the defamation attending his life and ministry. The potent ideals he pronounced and frequently demonstrated, became the incentive for those who heard him, to follow in his footsteps.

His Spiritual Ideals were the secret of the influence he exercised among men, as also the fact that he would not deviate one jot or tittle from the Path laid out for him or the dictation of the Divine Law - the Father's Will.

Prophets before him had, at least in part, taught the same Arcane doctrines; had healed the sick and even raised the dead. In every generation of men, seeming miracles had been performed, but prior to the ministry of the Master-Teacher none had dared preach the Way, the Truth and the Life as openly as he did; nor dared condemn evils as fiercely and consistently as he did, and all without the slightest fear for his own safety; knowing, as he did, that death would be the penalty.

None of the prophets and teachers since Egypt's greatness and glory had dared to teach that every Soul in human form would be responsible solely to God, and not to other men, whatever their position of earthly greatness. He taught that each Soul born into the form of man, is a trust, actually a pawn, for either the payment of evils done, or a receiver of the reward for its faithful stewardship i.e., for the "talents" placed within the Soul as a test for man's obedience to God or His Divine Law, or Defiance

of the Law. These truths, these expositions of the Divine Law could be taught, revealed, exemplified, demonstrated, and personalized only by one who actually LIVED in harmony with them; had become ONE WITH THE LAW and had no regard for the safety of his own life. John in the Wilderness gave voice to only a few of the pronouncements and paid with his life, just as the Nazarene was to do later; all because he thought not of himself, but constantly had in mind the welfare of humanity. Both recognized the wondrous benefits that would accrue to man if he would obey the Divine Law, awaken the Christos WITHIN himself - the God IN MAN - the God WITHIN his inner temple into Christhood in accord with the divine dictate "Ye are," that is, may become "the temple of the Living God if you will obey the Law.

To actually know - not merely believe in - the Christ, this God-in-man, or in the temple, it is, first of all, necessary to so live and make effort as to bring the Christos into Consciousness. It is then that this Christos, or the Soul, may attain to Divine selfhood, i.e., individualization; freedom from the domination of other men who are not living in obedience to the Divine Law, as well as from their own evil and destructive tendencies.

The Nazarene, like other men before him who had chosen a similar path, was enabled to attain the supreme Consciousness of being, or Cosmic Consciousness, in the one incarnation in which he was born as Jesus of Nazareth. The one all-important difference between him and those before him who as the sons of men had, according to the Biblical statement, become the Sons of God, was in the fact that he was willing and ready to forfeit his life to prove to all men that they had the opportunity to do

as he had done. In other words, to so live that the death of the body, the material self, would have no effect upon the Soul, the Divinely-awakened Consciousness within.

It was written, presumably by his oldest disciple, but no matter who, that the Nazarene was tempted, "like as we," (all men), "and yet was without sin." So concerned was he with his mission on earth that he was obedient to the Divine Law above all else. This statement presupposes - and who is there with authority to question it - that the Nazarene was destined to meet the same temptations, and was actually subject to the same passions and the same laws, natural, moral, and ethical, as are other men.

However, his one great desire, his ideal, was so strong and so overwhelmingly predominant that it held the desires and appetites of the flesh in subjection until he succeeded in TRANSMUTING THEM IN THE DIRECTION AND FOR THE PURPOSE of HIS ONE GREAT DESIRE.

As a result of this ONE, all-predominant desire, he was able to keep himself free from the bondage which every selfish and ignoble desire imposes on all of mankind, as also from the dictation and domination of other men. As he was free from selfish desires, he could not be bribed, threatened or by any means induced to do that which would retard his progress and the full development of the "talents" with which he was born, or thwart the mission he had set out to accomplish.

The Christ - a principle in being - is synonymous with the awakened Christos, BECOME the Illuminated, Conscious Soul. It is a part of the fourfold nature of the perfected man, is in intimate relationship with every other department of man's nature and therefore active in the dictation or direction of man's

every thought, desire and act.

The incarnate Spark of the Divinity breathed in at birth - at first latent in every normal human being, but capable of being awakened, developed by thought, desire and action into a state of Individualization, or Individualized Consciousness - has then become the Conscious Soul of man. Developed and Illuminated, it has BECOME Christic, hence as a Son of God. Therefore, this attainment to Consciousness or the Individualization of both the person and the Soul - this reciprocal, hand-in-hand progress constitutes the state of Christhood.

Stating it another way, the unconscious Soul is the germ of Divinity, i.e., Godhood, in an undeveloped form. It is the Spark or part from the father of humanity which is conceived in humanity through material-maternal conception; capable, by desire and effort on the part of the possessor, of being nurtured and “fanned” into a Flame or fiery state - God Himself always having appeared to man as a Light or a Fire - culminating after a time in Soul Consciousness or Christhood.

### THE MIND

The mind of man came into being or existence at the moment when body, spirit (which is life) and the Flame that is the Soul in embryo merged into a single unit, then man became a conscious being, capable of thinking and reasoning - a reasoning being; hence a “human” being different from all other creatures - a man. This mind is the analyzer, having the ability to reason, decide and judge between right and wrong. The mind is responsible for nourishing and fanning the Soul Spark into a Flame or Light; this Light ultimately becoming the Conscious Soul.

The mind is actually the architect, as well as the builder, of the Soul. The mind must select the material, this material being thought, desire and incentive to action. To the mind, the reasoner, selector and director, is delegated the mission of developing the inner Spiritual self, the germ of Divinity, into Christhood, or Sonship. In other words, the mind is the medium for the development of the “talents” with which man is born. The mind’s choice is tremendously far-reaching; a choice between selfishness and carnality, and their opposite, idealism and idealistic accomplishment affecting both the, as yet, personal self and humanity.

### THE BODY

The body, lowly as it may be, is the foundation upon which all must be built. It is the world wherein all operations, all activity, must take place. It can be, and should be, a sacred sanctuary; made so by the marvelous alchemical processes through which the threefold operations in man - mental physical and Spiritual - become elevated, ennobled, unified and harmonized in a perfect centralization of Idealistic Individualization on the one hand, or a cesspool of evil and destructiveness on the other. The choice is the responsibility of the person not yet become an individual. The penalty or blessings are upon the Soul within, which, though as yet not conscious, must of necessity accept the burden or the blessing.

The body, in the Divine tragedy of humanity, though lowly and earth-born, the Biblical “worm of the dust,” is both the battle ground and vehicle for all Spiritual operations. It furnishes the crude material and fuel, in its carnality and gross passions, for

the process which makes possible the building of the Spiritual or Soul. Were this not true, then the God Father erred grossly in the creation of physical man.

The body is not erroneously and ignorantly to be considered as an undesirable accident; bitter experience through which the Soul must pass; but an essential in developing Divinity out of humanity; the means for the experience as a result of which the "sons of men BECOME as the Sons of God," knowing by the experience "both good and evil."

### THE SPIRIT OF LIFE

The spirit, concerning which there is such great confusion, is the link holding body, mind and the Divine principle together. This spirit is the life force or activating principle animating all living things; even the atoms of steel. It is the life equally of the tree, the vegetable, the beautiful flower and man. It is interchangeable between the animate and the inanimate. The spirit is life. It is the life and the heat of the flame. It is the warmth of the body. It is even, indirectly, the activating principle of man's deepest feelings - love.

Without the spirit there could be no warmth; without warmth, there could be no life; without life, neither affection nor love; both the earth and the heavens would be void. As spirit, it is neither felt nor seen; yet it pulsates through the fiber of everything that is.

The universal confusion relative to the word "spirit" is due to its dual usage; defining as it does, the life of all that exists; not seen, nor felt, but activating all that is material, and, at the same time applicable to all that is highest, most Divine. Spirit

(capitalized) has reference to God the Creator, the Cosmic Soul and the Cosmic Consciousness, the Divinity within man, the essence that is friendship, affection and highest of all, Divine and human love. Spirit is all that is eternal and never changing. Why should this be so? Because no other word than "Spiritual" has yet been coined by any man throughout the aeons of time that embraces and includes the universality of all that is highest, greatest and best in both Divine and human nature. The term "Spiritual" is applicable to all that is. It embraces everything that applies to all that is Divine and above, just as the word "spiritual" (not capitalized) includes and embraces everything that makes material things possible.

The solution to the problem is not difficult if those in search of the ultimate, of the Way, the Truth, and the Life, will bear in mind that the uncapitalized word "spirit" has reference to the life principle, while the capitalized word "Spiritual" has reference to all that is Holy, Divine and Eternal; including the affectionate and love nature of man; the Divinity that is hidden within himself and generally known as his "Soul," as well as the eternal self-created Creator known as God, the Father, the Christos and God in man.

These, in brief, are short descriptions of the various departments of man's being while on earth. If any of the four natures of man are out of balance there is inharmony, and where harmony is lacking peace cannot exist. Peace being a state of heaven, the lack of it constitutes the "hell" of man's earthly existence. His first duty then, is to establish harmony.

Mind is the executive of the entire corporation known as man. It is the architect responsible for the biblical "temple not built

with hands,” that is, to give residence to the Soul after the Divine Spark has been awakened and brought into Consciousness.

Mind is also at one and the same time, the awakener of the embryonic Soul and its gradual development into that Consciousness. It must therefore receive prominent consideration in this volume devoted to the Biblical ten “Talents.”

Mind is the womb in which is born every thought and desire of which man is capable. Perhaps it might be said that physical needs give birth to desire, but desire is part of the mental process itself. It therefore is the duty of mind, by means of its reasoning ability, to analyze and judge every thought or desire at the moment of its birth and retain and direct it if good; or reject it if it will serve no useful, constructive purpose.

Every thought the mind thinks, or that comes into the mind, is a vital, living reality if retained. It is a vibratory (living, active) force possessing in itself either constructive or destructive power. Whether permitted to enter the outer ether or retained, every thought becomes a part of the inner self, either lifting upwards that inner self, or degrading (damning) it to the degree of its potency for good or evil.

If the mind of man is filled or activated with the feelings of gentleness, sympathy, affection, love, devotion or adoration, he radiates the vibrations of these feelings. He surrounds himself with them as with a brilliant light; manifests them in his every movement; in his voice and by the look in his eyes; but greater than all these, the vibrations are impressed upon the Divine Spark within himself. This Divine principle acts as a film upon which everything man deeply thinks, desires or does is irrevocably impressed.

Likewise, as certainly - if possible, even more so - the opposite feelings of ill-will, hatred, malice, of resentment, jealousy, unforgiveness, feelings of resentment of unjust treatment and the many other evil passions, create a vibratory force which manifests in man's every activity.

These impress themselves upon the “record” within, are unconsciously sent out in the manner of a radio station, and finding no resting place, return to the sender with increased force and are the cause of his weaknesses; his illnesses, his failures, his lack of peace of mind and happiness. They cause him constant discontent and mental distortions but he blames everything but himself for his many afflictions.

#### EMOTIONAL VIBRATIONS

All of the varied gradations of emotional vibrations known as affection, love, good-will, kindness, generosity, forgiveness and the many others, are constructive, ennobling, elevating and Spiritualizing and, to tell the truth, they also build health and vitality. All emotions belonging to the category of ill will, hatred, malice, resentment, avarice, unkindness and similar feelings, are degrading, debasing, destructive and depressive upon the mind itself, the body and the Spiritual self, even though that Spiritual self is still unconscious.

The Nazarene devoted much effort in teaching man to recognize the great powers inherent in the emotions of friendship, good-fellowship, compassion and gentleness combined with firmness, graciousness and sympathy. He was positive in his inculcations that kindly motives, good works, clean thoughts and lofty desires, would always yield a desirable harvest, basing this conclusion

on his edict: "As ye sow, so shall ye reap." His recognition of divinity, his daily ministry, his simple life, was the most positive evidence that his own heart was filled with the feeling that is akin to love, and an understanding of truth illuminated by the clearness of his outlook on life in all its aspects.

Basically, the Soul is the fountain, the source, of every shade of that which we know as friendship, affection and love. Friendship and affection are phases of that which is most eternal in the human Soul: Love. Each of these has its own application. One fits in where the other does not.

The passions that include hatred and malice may fundamentally be phases of these destructive feelings, may be in head and heart alone, but their evil and degrading influences are, in the first place, directly upon the Soul and then upon the person to whom directed. The vibrations resulting from every thought and deed, whether good or evil, constructive or destructive, impress themselves upon the "record." That record is the Soul.

These impressing vibrations are the Biblical "Recording Angel;" they never sleep nor do they miss one jot or tittle. The good, or Godliness, manifested as love of truth, beneficence and readiness to forgive, open the inner door of the hidden Great Within to the unfoldment of the Christos hidden or buried there. Every one of these exalted feelings creates its own vibration and bears fruit of its own nature, be this sweet or bitter.

Try to sidestep as we may, the fact remains that MAN IS THE CREATOR OF HIS OWN DESTINY, hence IS THE CREATURE of HIS SELF-MADE FUTURE. Moreover, perhaps regrettably, to a lesser or greater degree, he helps in shaping the destiny of all whom he contacts and as a result,

to the degree of his undesirable or evil example and influence, will be forced to pay the penalty. This is an irrevocable Law few realize.

Practically everything in our environment was drawn to ourselves by means of the attracting vibrations we created. We function, both consciously and unconsciously, in hope, a peace akin to happiness, goodness and kindness, or their opposites. The soul itself is revealed to the degree of its progressive development; this development depending on the intensity and consistency of our desires.

If the personality, the as-yet undeveloped individuality, is evilly inclined or led astray: (1) It dwarfs, cripples and retards the Soul's progress by its feeling of envy, jealousy, hatred, malice and all of the other degrading and stultifying passions, whether man realizes this or not. (2) It has, at THE SAME TIME, a like effect upon man's physical self, mind and body, (3) as also his material or economical welfare.

The three departments are affected as a single unit. It were far better for men to finish their journey on earth halt and blind and otherwise physically imperfect, but whole of Soul, than to finish life's brief existence physically perfect, but imprisoning a Soul still in darkness.

The Biblical "temple not made with hands" must be built by thought, effort and desire. If the desires are of the right nature, then the hidden Christos will also, and at the same time, be brought to an awakening and the means toward this end are goodness of a positive nature, kindness of disposition, not merely of act; wisdom directing all efforts. All this is plainly foreshadowed in the few and simple words uttered by the

Nazarene:

“Know ye not that ye are the temples of the Living God.”

- Corinthians 3:16.

Yes, there is an ever-present God ready to direct man's every effort. Millions have read these words, and untold millions have heard them, but few have been impressed by their inconceivably vital importance to themselves and all humanity.

Uncounted numbers have been told that hidden within their being there is a part of their Creator, a Spark to be fanned into a consuming Fire; a flame that will consume within the self-being all that is unworthy, undesirable and retarding to their every effort. If this Christos is permitted to grow in stature as did the body, man will come into complete control of the direction of his own destiny here and hereafter.

“Know ye not” ... No, mankind does not know. Men have read the words. They have heard them spoken innumerable times. But, like surface water on earth that fails to nourish vegetation, neither the meaning nor its implications “sank” in, and therefore they derived no benefit. Others have listened to the words; have given thought to them, but foolishly led themselves to believe that they might have the benefits by faith; as a result of some one else doing his own work, and theirs in addition.

They should have been impressed by some potent means that: “...Ye are the Temples of the living God,” but that entrance to the temple is impossible until that temple is made clean and prepared for its Glorification by means of pure thought, lofty desires and deliberate and consistent efforts.

This preparation or building of the temple includes within its command: “Judge ye not.” A man's behavior, his

efforts, his habits bespeak the man. A man judged by his actions may be indifferent to all refinement and all honor. Such actions are to be condemned, as within him there may be awakening desires not yet strong enough to direct his actions. This no man may know because only “God and he” can know what is in his heart. Moreover, we who cannot see within him, cannot know what the inner directing forces may be; nor the reason for his actions; therefore, we may not judge the man, though we condemn unworthy acts; nor may we excuse ourselves from equally great evils because he, our neighbor, is guilty of them.

God is no respecter of persons; nor can he be deceived. Both your neighbor and you will be judged for what you really are, not for what you appear to be or try to make others believe yourselves to be, but for the thoughts, desires and feelings harbored within and your acts in the world of action. God created man in His own image; His creation was perfect. But man, having been given free Will so that in his activities he might be like God, saw fit to abuse this privilege, debasing all that is good and noble, and seldom thinking or acting in a wholly noble and constructive manner.

In this betrayal of so great a trust, man, following in the footsteps of his fellow man, instead of God or the Law, and nations following in the lawless footsteps of other nations have “sold” themselves into slavery. Their own free Will has become the evil Will of their dictators and thus must continue until the “man who sleeps within” awakens and commands obedience to the Law operating for the good of all men, to the degree of the Willingness and Readiness of the individual to obey Divine Law. Men, all men, including ourselves, “see as through a glass darkly,”

and terribly dark it is! Seldom, if ever, are we actually aware of what manner of spirit (self-being) dwells within us, until we begin to awaken from our long sleep in darkness and vaguely sense the actualities of what life was intended to be by Him who called us into being. It is not until the inner, better self has partly awakened and we see a glimmering of truth in the distance, that we begin to be conscious also of the Spiritual self hidden within us. It is then that we hear His “voice,” not in words, but by promptings, and there is an inner incentive to mend our ways and to learn of life as it may be for us if we are willing to fulfill the contract of our destiny.

Within each and every one there is awaiting, patiently, but expectantly, that which is greater than all else in the world; greater than possessions, honors, powers; because with the awakening of the Christos, as a result of our desires and obedience to the Law, we will become, by degrees, one of those of whom the Nazarene said:

“Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but others are taught in parables, that seeing they might not see, and hearing, they might not understand.” - Luke 8:10.

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God [build that Temple within so that God may dwell in it] and all [other] things will be added unto you.” - Matthew 6:33.

Never did He say: “If you would have honors, power, possessions, be great among men AND IN THE SIGHT OF GOD, cheat your fellow men, enslave them, defraud them and take possession even of their loved ones, and you shall be great in the land of thy God.” Nevertheless, men by their actions, almost universally have translated the command of the Nazarene to mean just this

and nothing more.

Within every man, ever present, is a watchman that no power, no force, no man, no temptation can lead astray or cause to betray his duty. This watchman, the “Recording Angel,” transcribes into the “Book of Life” of every man his every transgression, and is just as faithful in entering therein man’s every goodness, be this of feeling, desire or effort. This is the “book” of accounts, and each Soul must answer for every act during its pilgrimage here on earth.

This is not as grim as it would at first appear. Nor is it as difficult as it seems to refuse to bear ill-will toward one’s fellow man. It is not too difficult to prevent one’s self from taking possession of that to which one has not earned the right. It is not too difficult to “bethink” one’s self, instead of seeing only the evil in man, to see the good; weigh the good against the evil, and act accordingly.

Feelings become habits. With each better feeling another is born until we look for something to be bitter about. With every smile we see on a trusting child’s face, we will see another, perhaps on the face of the woman we meet around the corner.

Evil gives birth to evil, goodness and kindliness to goodness and kindliness. The common saying: “Birds of a feather flock together,” is based on an eternal truth and can readily and correctly be applied to our every thought, desire and act.

Love, not the passion generally so called, but the actual Spiritual feeling of love toward all - called “goodness” for want of a better word, is the key to the eternity of existence. It is to every stumbling, struggling creature as a beacon light from both above and within that will dispel the dark valleys of life with its

rays and bring the Soul into greater Light. In time and orderly progress it becomes the Soul's Consciousness; God Glorified.

## 2. THE DIVINE IN MAN

Man is NOT man because of his form or being born of woman. He is man only to the degree of a development within himself of the elements of affection, kindness, sympathy and compassion, and his capacity to think and reason. Every normal human being, that is to say, every one born into the world who has within himself the capacity to feel for others sufficiently, so that the cruelty of the beastly or carnal nature is held in subjection in dealing with his fellow creatures, is a normal human being.

There are, even in this day, in various parts of our earth sphere, literally millions of beings having the form of the human being, who are not human because they lack humane feelings, the capacity to actually love. These are more directly related to the animal than to the human kingdom, and in them despite their human form, there was not born the Divine Spark.

Their nature is innately suspicious, treacherous, cruel. So much so, that their ferocity is greater than that of the cruelties of all cruel animals, for animals seldom if ever, kill except when it is necessary as a means of obtaining food or to protect themselves or their young. This cruelty and inhumaneness, not to say ungodliness, on the part of man, has been amply illustrated during the recent fifteen years of warfare.

When we state that in every normal human being there exists the Divine Spark, a particle of the Godhead; a lesser Light from the Great Light, we have reference only to those whose development throughout the ages has been such as to give them the capacity to love; to love both individually and in general. With this, or AS A PART of THIS CAPACITY TO LOVE unselfishly, there is also the capacity for deep and sincere affection; true undeviating friendship, loyalty, kindness, compassion, generosity and

## JUSTICE UNDER ALL CONDITIONS.

When the Nazarene stood at the well at Sychar and requested a drink of water of the Samaritan woman who was condemned and abhorred by nearly all of those who knew her, he quickly sensed and intuitively felt the potential love nature of which she was inherently possessed and which had led her, as it had uncounted other women throughout the ages, into a life of sin - sinning having reference to a MISuse, or MISdirection, of a capacity, ability or capability. In her case it was the MISdirection of her creative forces; a sin of which all too many are guilty, and because of which the world as a whole today so gravely suffers.

According to the Biblical narrative, this Mary not only gladly and willingly complied with the Nazarene's request, but listened respectfully to his teachings. She accepted them without question or suspicion and became a convert in fact, not in mere faith alone. In doing this she proved that, at heart, in HER FEELINGS, she was neither evil nor vicious, and that her capacity for good was as great, if not greater, than that of any of her sisters.

This change from being a woman of the street to a sincere follower of the Nazarene and the Christic life, illustrates true conversion. An actual change not only in thought, but also in desire, an acceptance not by faith alone, but by faith FOLLOWED BY ACTS. This is true conversion, the only actual conversion.

As a result of her conversion she also gained the means and the method for the transmutation of the creative forces formerly abused and debased, into the divinely potent forces of love - a love that induced her to offer her all; affection, kindness,

sympathy, generosity and ALL that is possible when human nature is transposed into Divine Nature.

The transformation of the woman of Samaria is a lesson to all who will accept it as proof that the great evils within can be changed into the fuel which gives birth, life and strength to the Divine Fire WITHIN, provided the nucleus, the Divine Spark, exists hidden, possibly deeply buried within, waiting to be aroused and brought into a flame of Life, Light and Love.

Mankind is more certain to learn by example than by inculcations, however lofty they may be. The people of Samaria, having full knowledge of what manner the woman of Samaria had been, the life she had led, and the great change wrought by the influence of the Nazarene, were, in turn, led to follow in her footsteps. In this Biblical example of true conversion or change in life, we are brought face to face with a great eternal fact:

The Nazarene did NOT lower himself to the woman's status of life in order to convert her; to change her mode of life. Instead, he, by his strength, his sINCERITY, his NOBLENESS OF PURPOSE, lifted her up to his conception of what life should be, and HOW TO LIVE IT.

By this one example in the Nazarene's life and ministry we are brought face to face with two glaring modern fallacies:

(1) That men can be made good, noble, kindly, and trustworthy, can become possessed of love, kindness, gentleness and generosity, by means of force, and:

(2) That the individual - having in mind a personality - or a race, can be uplifted to the status of the higher, by means of the higher lowering themselves to the plane of those they would help.

Even in the unawakened and undeveloped state, there is a

Soul, a Divine principle in man, though possibly still wholly unconscious, as illustrated in the story of the Magdalene. The problem: Is there within that being a sense of what we term “good,” and which embraces in its meaning, possibly not actual love, but the capacity of affection, friendship, kindness, and ABOVE ALL, pity?

Are these feelings of sufficient depth to prevent viciousness, cruelty, uncontrolled lustfulness or beastliness? No beast of the field or woods would stoop to acts committed by beings parading in the form of men, as in the butchery committed in Russia during the early part of the century and which hangs as a Karmic curse upon the race that committed these crimes, and ALL WHO HAD DEALINGS WITH THEM OR THE VICIOUSNESS OF BEINGS IN HUMAN FORM DURING THE LATE WARS.

Within the generous and charitable human being there exist the Divine Spark, which by the exercise of kindly, nobler feelings and the necessary desire and effort can be brought into life. These like Mary, will become “greatest in the kingdom” for which the Nazarene was laboring.

The humane being comes into the knowledge of his Spiritual possibilities and capacities, only by the result of an awakened desire. Following this experience is born a willingness, aye, anxiety - as in the case of Mary - to make the necessary effort; the Will given birth by the desire and effort, succeeds in awakening the sleeping, inert Divine Spark and ultimately brings it into manifestation and consciousness.

As this honest and sincere effort is made, all pretense, subterfuge, petty and bold hypocrisy, deceit and above all, self-

righteousness, will be cast aside or, more correctly speaking, will serve as fuel, by conversion, to give life to the Divine Spark that is to become the Soul which shall know no death.

As progress is made by the gradual development of the “talents” or forces hidden and dormant within, the likeness of the Soul to its Divine counterpart will become apparent. Its origin in the bosom of the ALL Creator, the Cosmic Soul, will be recognized. As man undergoes the process of regeneration all doubt will pass and he will be as certain of Divinity as was Mary after accepting the Nazarene’s direction and assurance of her complete redemption.

The assurance of the DIVINE IN MAN is contained in the Biblical assertion that “God breathed the breath of life into man and he (man) became a living Soul.” This statement is a simplification of the original text which had its beginning and was taught in precept in the Ancient Mysteries in Egypt, long centuries before the life and labors of the Nazarene.

The term man implies a human creature who through eons of gradual development not only attained to the human form in “the image of his Creator,” but became possessed of the Divine attributes among which is feeling; making of man a man. But for the birth of this feeling, it would have been impossible for this creature to display the God-like qualities of love, affection, kindness, sympathy, devotion and adoration; and an understanding of the sorrows and suffering of his fellow creatures with a desire to help them.

By the inbreathing of the “breath of Life” and a part of the eternal Spirit, i.e., the Divine Spark, man was given “seed which, if planted, that is, NURTURED, would awaken (grow)

and by desire, effort and action, become DEVELOPED INTO A LIVING SOUL. This “seed” or Divine Spark could not be a LIVING SOUL until it had attained Consciousness; and this Consciousness could be made possible only as a result of acceptance and by awakening, as did Mary, the desire to so think, FEEL and live that the seed of the Divine might grow and develop as does the human seed into the child; the child into the youth; the youth into the adult, himself a creator of his kind.

When man has attained to Soul Consciousness, then has he “been born again” of the Spirit, as was his body in his mother’s womb. Then, and then only, is he a Living - a Conscious Soul. Then only is he fully aware of both good and evil; become, as a result of his sufferings, his desires and his experiences, as like a Son of God. Until this inner Consciousness is attained, man may honestly, sincerely and unquestionably believe that he possesses a Soul, but he has no knowledge that this is true. After he has attained to this Spiritual Consciousness, then he is as certain of it as when, awakening in the morning, he gazes out of the window, sees the shining sun, and he knows that it is daylight. Paul speaks knowingly of this REgeneration when he tells us that:

“He was caught up into paradise and heard unspeakable words which it is not lawful for man to utter.” - II Corinthians 12:4.

Here he tells us in simple words that after much traveling i.e., after great and continuous effort, he was able to free himself of all that retarded Spiritualization. Purified of all guilt of consciousness, or conscience, he achieved inner peace (paradise) and then, like Solomon, he came into a knowledge or understanding (knowing good and evil) of such import that he was not allowed to speak

of it to any who had not so attained; to whom the “Mysteries of the Kingdom of God” had not (as yet) been revealed.

The “breath of Life” has nothing whatever to do with the Spirit or the Soul. The breath of life is the principle of life. Without it nothing can live. It is to the body that which the Light is to the Soul. A sharp and never to be forgotten distinction is to be made between the “Soul of man,” and the “spirit of man.”

Both the “breath” which gives life to man and the Spirit emanate from God and are part of His creation. The spirit, that is, the life of man, is of itself, unconscious and its expression is possible only through the actions of man. It is a means to an end. It is to the body as gasoline is to the engine. The Soul, or Spirit, on the other hand, is an eternal principle, and though man may destroy himself, his personal self, he cannot destroy the Soul any more than he can destroy the spirit which is his life.

The spirit which animates man does not possess the eternalizing power of forces insofar as man is concerned, though in another sense it is eternally existing - passing from one thing, one being to another. It is an element, non-individualized, unconscious.

The spirit if man is eternal in that it existed before any individual being ever breathed it in, and it will continue to exist as long as there is any living thing, be this man, animal, tree or flower.

The Divine Spark, being a part of God or the eternal Flame, is invested in man for the purpose of individualization. It possesses the inherent possibility of becoming an eternal entity individualized, Centralized, self-existing, a Son of its Creator. Coming, as it does from God, it has the inherent Right to development into the Spiritual image of its Creator; with all,

though in a lesser degree, of the creative powers possessed by the Creator Himself. These are the Biblical “talents” that are man’s inheritance, but must be brought into manifestation by man himself; God will not do this for him, nor can any other man do it for him. Hence the dictate: “As ye sow, so shall ye reap.” Not as another may sow, or be forced to sow for you, but ONLY as you sow.

All things in nature have dual qualities represented by good and evil; by God and His opposite, the Devil. Man has free Will and is at liberty to abuse and debase the Soul; but in doing so he destroys himself, NOT the Soul.

Nothing in existence is of a single nature. That which can be ennobled, exalted, raised on high, is equally capable of abuse, demoralization, degradation, degeneration, hence the terms we use to describe states of becoming: Degeneration, REgeneration. That which is capable of doing good, or being of service, of benefit to man, is equally capable of evil of every nature, even to the destruction of man himself, but in this God provided a proviso: Men may destroy the bodies of other men, but they cannot destroy their Souls, and in destroying the bodies of their fellow-men, except when necessary for self-protection, they destroy themselves, body and Soul. All this is illustrated in the Nazarene’s statement:

“The Soul that sinneth it shall die.”

This statement is a simplification of the original text and was translated to make it understandable to all men. The Soul, being part of the Divine, cannot actually be destroyed. What is meant, is that he who sins Soulfully shall be bereft of his Divine Self and return into nothingness. He himself, shall be lost. This is the

Law. The Law is founded in Justice:

Justice dictates:

“As ye sow, so shall ye reap.” - Galatians 6:7.

That which ye do, ye do not only to others but more especially to yourself in a twofold manner: In suffering or loss to yourself; and in being compelled to compensate those whom you deceived or defrauded.

All that exists, all that grows and manifests, is evidenced in the eternal functioning of the Law. This Law is basically “Action and REaction.” Action sets up a vibration of the nature of its activity. It performs its function and returns to the actor, or creator of the action. Life itself, the result in inbreathing the “breath of life”, is activity. Activity is vibration. Vibration creates heat. Heat is life. Where heat ceases to exist life becomes extinct. Every act creates its own peculiar activity and this activity is a vibration. This vibration cannot be neutral. It is either constructive or destructive.

Mental activity, thinking or desiring, determines the trend of life insofar as we are concerned. By thoughts and desires man sets into motion an activity which is for physical and Spiritual benefit, or the gradual, sometimes violent, destruction of himself. Man cannot truly benefit his physical self without at the same time benefitting his Spiritual self; nor can he make effort to benefit his Spiritual self without at the same time benefitting mind and body. Here again, the action is dual.

Thoughts and desires of kindness, compassion, affection, together with other ennobling feelings, firmly established in the mental sphere of our being, and becoming the activating motives of our every action, will gradually transmute all that

would otherwise be destructive to ourselves and others.

Man, in the department of his intellectual center and his conscious mental activities, is responsible for the development of the Soul, the Spiritual self dwelling within him. Through normal unfoldment, by means of his reasoning ability, the Soul self will ultimately become a potent center of constructive vibratory forces capable of disintegrating and then raising the slow, heavy, degrading vibratory currents due to unbalanced carnality and materiality.

The Divine in man, and there is a Divinity in almost every man to a lesser or greater degree, may be centralized and intensified to a high degree of force by which to gain the gradual ascendancy over every carnal tendency. It would be incorrect to say "material tendency" because much that is material, unless it is of a destructive or degrading nature, is essential to the development of man's fourfold nature and the "talents" inherent in him.

It is most certainly possible for the Divine nature to transmute the carnal and material into that which is uplifting and to man's advancement. At present, in the lives of most men, the earthly and carnal desire for self-satisfaction, sense indulgence, thirst for power and dominion, high places and glory are actually, though slowly, consuming the Divine; leaving not so much as a shred of it for the attainment of Soul Consciousness and Immortalization - the aim and end of man's incarnation on earth.

It must not for a moment be concluded that the Divine Spark itself is destroyed. At the end of a continually destructive, vicious, malicious, and murderous life, one bereft of all pity, sympathy and compassion, such as has been common over

large portions of earth during the past forty years, the Divine Spark, if it originally existed in these fiendish ones, will return to its primary abode, totally divorced from the personality it inhabited. At a later date it will again take up its pilgrimage in a new personality, with the hope of better results; the possibility that it will be cherished instead of abused; and be brought into the Consciousness of its Divine origin.

As part of the Infinite, the Divine Spark, even in the most beastly men, it is indestructible. Nevertheless, having incarnated or imprisoned, much after the fashion of the Godly man being imprisoned or enslaved during life by the most vicious enemy who would do all but destroy him, and at last gaining his freedom by the elimination of those who held him imprisoned.

The development in man of the Divine element as a potential Soulual Light foreshadows the gradual growth of the Soul into an individualized entity; into an individualized Center of the human-Divine Consciousness; the primary reason for the Soul's incarnation into the human form.

If the grosser elements of man's nature are permitted to continually and consistently overshadow and overwhelm this Divine element and keep it buried beneath the rubbish of materiality so that its potentially Divine qualities cannot unfold and manifest, it becomes as a seed sown upon a bed of stones. It lacks the conditions that permit it to germinate; like the grains of wheat found in Pharaoh's tomb, which though lying there for thousands of years, contained within themselves the potentials for germination and reproduction. These wheat germs remained, during all the intervening centuries, in their native, undeveloped state - mere potentialities.

So long as the carnal nature is decidedly in ascendancy, the essentials of Divinity in man constitute little more than a nucleus around and about which an accumulation of carnality has collected and buried it, as under the Biblical tomb. If it is forced to so remain until the transition known as death, the accumulation that held it imprisoned, is rent asunder; symbolized by the great storm during the Nazarene's crucifixion and death. The mortal and evil, the "chaff" of Revelation is thrown back into the great "melting pot" of nature.

The Divine essence, the undeveloped, Unindividualized sleeping "God," is returned to the haven of the All-Father, to rest and then return on another journey; seeking to find the right medium that will help it, the "son of man" BECOME as one of "the Sons of God, knowing good and evil." Such pilgrimages must continue until the Soul has an opportunity to pass through its "second birth," that of the Spirit, which no Soul can avoid if it is to come into God, or Cosmic Consciousness.

In the exact proportion that a man awakens to his capabilities, recognizing the possession of the "talents" hidden WITHIN and develops these "talents" while expressing the Divine nature of his being, will he manifest and portray his Cosmic progenitor, not alone in his Divine nature, but also in the material world of action. He thus becomes an active dual being; functions with equal facility upon both planes in thought, desire, feeling and action, and not by procession alone.

A potent reference to this is found in the first Epistle of John: "He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar and the truth is not in him." - John 2:4.

For a man to profess to be a Christian, that is, that the Christos is within and has become the Christ, basing such a claim on "faith" alone, without conscientious obedience to the Laws formulated or interpreted by the Master-Teacher, is to openly proclaim himself a liar, blasphemer of the worst kind, heaping another "sin" on the already burdened Soul. Added to this direct and unmistakable statement in John is found the advice:

"He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk even as He walked." - 1 John 2:6.

Empty confession of faith not based on action is damnation. The personification of the Christos by works, is the Law. Obedience to law in thought, desire and action can alone bring about Conscious Individualization; Sonship with the Father.

Love, kindness, compassion, sympathy above all, and sincerity are among the essentials, while the "feelings" in particular are essential for the development of the Divine in man. These are the Souls's emotions confessed to by the multitude, but having no actual existence in the "heart" of the confessants. According to the Nazarene, those who profess, but are not guided in their actions by the Godly emotions, are "Liars and the truth is not in them," not can they know the ecstasy that the actual possession of these tender passions bring to those who do know them.

Constructive thinking, lofty ideals, consistently uplifting desires and constant effort in the right direction create vibrations of power, unity and achievement. This is the key to human achievement; to the awakening, development and manifestation of the hidden "talents." Love, synonymous with the highest Spiritual emotion of which man is capable, must be the incentive in all efforts having in mind all achievement other

than the purely material, and even in every day affairs, love is the power that can turn many a failure into success.

The possession of this impersonal love in our activities is to manifest in every endeavor the tenderness, yet firmness that can not be swayed; the tenderness accredited to mothers who love their offspring, and to angels. We never tire of being of service to loved ones in need, even though it be a weakness to become slaves to the whims of those we love. Reason must govern in this as in all other of our activities.

To the degree that the Soul is awakened from its Adamic sleep or dream - the earthly illusions and delusions - man becomes more sincere and compassionate, gradually casting aside all cant, hypocrisy, self-righteousness and pretense. As this takes place man begins to manifest his higher emotional nature by making every effort to further the interests of humaneness, righteousness and justice.

Such a man will avoid becoming a crank, cold, judging almost without feeling, making life generally miserable for those who will not agree with his conclusions and methods of action. The real agent of righteousness is not a self-appointed reformer, but an advocate of the Divine Law, the Righteousness of God, seeking the welfare of all men and being careful to in no way interfere with their God-given free Will. In this it is the Divine Nature, the Christos, that dictates their efforts toward a more desirable life for mankind.

The Christos is the Divine nature in man brought to a degree of awareness and development that will permit its manifestation in a man's life and work. When the Christos manifests in Spirit (feeling) man personifies outwardly the Spirit which, as a result,

and through the process of development, has become like a pure white Flame of the Holy Fire in which God Himself always appears to men, as well as upon the Altars in the Holy Temples when the Priests officiating are IN TRUTH MEN OF GOD. That this Christos, this Divine in man, may appear unto man, and manifest through him, he must walk in the manner that the Nazarene walked, taught and lived; he must be obedient to the laws of Love, generosity and forgiveness, and so prepare the way for the Spiritual, the Second birth, the coming of his Savior. This obedience to Divine Law is the highest form of worship, because its birth is grounded in, and maintained by, FEELING.

“God is Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and Truth.” - St. John 4:24.

A correct rendition of this would be: “...must worship Him in feeling and sincerity,” with humble, contrite heart and with an honesty that would permit them to gaze into their own eyes while they worship.

True worship is devotional and reverential, by its very nature. It must be linked with sincere desire and constant, unremitting effort toward the development and manifestation of that WITHIN the devotee which he as a personality received from God at birth.

There will then be a glad willingness to perform the works that the Law prescribes or dictates. It is alone through the process of growth and development of the inner self, the Divine Spark by means of thought, desire, and action that true development is made possible.

Sincere worship demands of man a fair and just estimate of his real self; seeing himself as he actually is, and not as he would

like others to think him to be. The true worshipper seeks to obey the ancient command: "Man, know thyself." He makes no effort to hide from himself any weakness or undesirable quality that is part of himself. HE WANTS TO KNOW, SO THAT KNOWING, HE MAY CORRECT HIS WEAKNESSES.

When man has the courage, the manhood, the ready-willingness to face HIMSELF, and see himself as he really is, and matches this with a wholesome desire to meet squarely his petty littleness, it will then become possible for him to actually understand himself. This, in turn, brings a unerring knowledge as to the means and the method to be followed in making the necessary and desirable changes, enabling him to become that which he, in his heart, desires to be.

In the process of re-establishing himself, man gradually comes to see himself as he really is, and not as he thought himself to be. He also cultivates the ability to classify motives and desires and determines his greatest need in the work he has set out to accomplish. If there is that in his nature which demands "an eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth," he will not hesitate to take whatever steps are necessary to uproot this tendency because he will also have recognized that the undesirable will be replaced with something much better and more to his benefit.

The feeling of consciousness of humaneness and compassion must be born neither of weakness nor fearfulness, but from an inherent desire to be inspired and guided by such a feeling

This feeling may lead to weakness unless there is born with it a sense of justice; the companion of righteousness and humaneness. To illustrate: One who sincerely sought to follow in the footsteps of the Nazarene and the Law, engaged in the

transaction of a deal in real estate in which he was the buyer. The seller succeeded in defrauding him of a considerable amount of money. Recognizing the commands of the Law of justice, this man took active steps to recover the money wrongfully taken from him, without a thought of malice or resentfulness.

The seller being a life-long neighbor and friend, he continued this friendly relationship as though no wrong had been committed. Feeling this lack of resentment and well-earned disgust on the part of the one who had always been a friend, the seller became so imbued with a feeling of self-guilt that he gladly returned the money he had unjustly taken.

If an act of injustice is done us, it is our duty under the Law to do everything in our power to see that the wrong is corrected, but it must be without any thought or feeling of resentment, malice, "getting even," or other ill-feelings; nor should we become suspicious of others because one person proved to be dishonest. The wrong righted, we should forgive and forget, but it should be as a lesson to us to be on our guard and to always investigate before entering into any business or legal transaction. Not to do so is to be partially guilty, if a wrong is committed.

The desire of a forgiving nature, a heart of sincerity and humility, for a clear vision of the Law applicable to our particular need in any given crisis, for guidance and inspiration in our daily tasks, should be two-fold.

First, that the inner self, the Christos, the soul, become awakened and active. Secondly, that the channels into which we should direct the Christic potentials become clearly defined and readily understood.

A decided and well-defined hunger of the Soul is the evidence

of an inner growth, a healthful activity, AND THE ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH HUNGER BEING ULTIMATELY SATISFIED. The Divine longing was not implanted in man's nature merely to taunt and torture him, but as a prophecy that its realization would be assured as a result of obedience.

The Divine in man makes of him a miniature world, a Microcosm, capable of evolving toward an ultimate goal. Moreover, as the Sun is the life and the soul of the great universe, the Macrocosm, so may the Soul become the sun (Light) of man's little universe; it being written: "And now the sons (the offspring of little worlds) of men, have become as the Sons of God." To manifest the ideal in character and the idea of the Divine-human as the aspirant's right by Divine inheritance. Man ultimately attains that which he truly and consistently WILLS to become, provided he works unceasingly toward the accomplishment of his desires.

The new interpretation, the Manistic version of the Law is readily stated in a few words:

Now I think. By constructive desire, my action harmonizing with the Creative Law, I BECOME.

Thought is neither more nor less than the AWAKENER. Desire is the logical sequence to thought. Keeness of desire is the incentive to action. Action is the creator, the producer, that which brings into manifestation.

It follows that desire which BECOMES WILL, based on, and guided by wisdom, is the highest expression of the Divine in man. In proportion as man cultivates the Divine within and frees it from the carnal, not necessarily the human, he advances

toward Christhood.

This is attainable only as the Christos is awakened and "brought forth" from its tomb that it may have all of life. This is what is meant by "being made manifest, man manifesting the Christ," as portrayed in the life of the Nazarene, who by willing obedience to the Law, manifested the Father.

Man attains to his highest ideal and develops his Divine nature by coming into harmony with the vibratory forces of the Spirit ... love, kindness, compassion and the other feelings which, in themselves, are Godly, hence Divine.

Of these, there are myriads - as many and as varied as there are human emotions. To desire the true virtues - not those of negative goody-goodness - to develop the graces of heart, kindness and tenderness, to persist in the recognition of the Divine Law as the only REALITY ... this attitude of mind, plus a practicalness in mundane affairs, attracts to man spiritual resources from Nature's great ocean of vibratory forces and potencies, harmonizing with the inward desires and proportion to such a man's requirements and best interests.

It is essential to begin the Spiritual life by taking the self firmly in hand, with a firm resolution to do our best toward overcoming prejudice and limited self-opinion, placing ourselves under the discipline of the Divine Law. Awakening of the Divine within will be brought about as a result of inner feeling and the spirit of willingness to obey the Law. Obedience to the urge of the Divine nature within will ultimately lead to the awakening of the Christos, the personification of the Christ; the individualization of the personality; the transmutation of the son of man into the Son of God.

### 3. SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

A properly balanced development is the result of harmonious cultivation of every department of man's being, including all of the "talents" with which both nature and his Spiritual self have endowed him.

This development, a gradual growth, is possible only by a deliberate, conscious effort and will gradually and ultimately lead to what the Ancient Priesthood termed "Initiation."

Later, in the Christian Mysteries, this process was known as Christification, or the BECOMING of the "sons of men as the Sons of God." In the modern, though less generally known terminology, it is called the Manistic state; a sonship with the Father. To accomplish this, there must be brought about harmony in man's manifold or fourfold nature; the equilibrium symbolized by the scales, of body, spirit, mind and of all Spiritual qualities inherent in man.

The one and only means of entrance into the vast realm of the mysteries of being, constituting one phase of the Biblical "kingdom of heaven," is through conscious and consistent effort to perfect the self by right, i.e., the Biblical "righteous" living which embraces correct thinking, true idealization of desires and constructive action in all the affairs of life.

There is an erroneous idea relative to this wholesome development, one far more destructive to the inner Spiritual self than that of being creed-bound. This is prevalent even among many people earnestly seeking "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." It is the delusion that Spiritualization, i.e., the awaken and Illumination of the Soul, is attainable through a process or method of becoming negative and by that means coming under control of disembodied souls who have passed Beyond,

but who, due to their grossness, have never been able to leave the earth level.

Control by an exterior power or being is in no sense a development. It is the direction of what already exists and is not an elevation. Soul growth is possible only by an inner awakening and expanding of the faculties thus far dormant into a fuller Consciousness of Life, Light and Love.

Man must awaken and bring into manifestation the "talents" given him at birth, must develop a consciousness of the possibility of attaining, by atonement - correcting the evils - leading to at-one-ment with the Infinite. This process is Arcanely or Occultly known as Initiation.

It is the exact opposite of becoming vampirized physically and Spiritually by any form of external control. Soul development is the result of establishing an INNER control over all thoughts, desires, and finally all actions on our part and the direction of all our forces toward a given end in harmony with Divine Law.

In the beginning of time, with the thought for the creation of man, the Creator established irrevocable Laws governing man in detail, including the material and Spiritual self. These Laws have obtained throughout all time and cannot change, otherwise God would be a changeable Being, no different from man. Without such Laws there could be no Order, and chaos would long since have marked the final chapter to man's existence.

Beginning at the moment that the Word - the first fiat - the thought and desire of the Creator, became flesh in a new and different creation, the Laws governing both the evolution of the material man and the development based on thought, desire and act of the Spiritual man, have been active,

immutable and invincible, for reason that they are both correct and just. Obedience to these laws will ALWAYS bring about understanding, i.e., WISDOM, and peace of mind, a phase of heaven. To disobey them unconsciously or deliberately, must forever result in sorrow, suffering and failure, even in the material affairs of life; this is the punishment that man inflicts upon himself as a result of his disobedience.

A positive and not forgettable distinction is made between what we know as (a) evolution, and (b) development.

(a) Evolution is the constant urge in Nature; a tendency toward progress and advancement; a normal growth; progression, without outward help from any source. Evolution is applicable to the unit man and to the species in every form of expression or manifestation capable of changing. It is a slow process, requiring ages, to bring about what might be accomplished in man's lifetime through directed development by a Spiritually awakened mind. Such development is in perfect harmony with the process of evolution.

(b) Development, however, is the intensification of Nature's evolutionary process by means of conscious, deliberate application of KNOWN LAWS ON THE PART OF MAN. Although the principles and laws of development must be in accord with evolutionary laws and principles, the former, because of the intensification of known methods, bring about the almost miraculous, particularly in the Spiritual realm.

The wonderful changes and improvement in plant and animal life brought about by the scientists' intensification and direction of normal conditions and growth, are illustrative of how methods for development can be practically applied.

Similarly, the procedure for awakening the Divine Spark, i.e., the "seed" which is to become the Conscious Soul, is based on definite Laws, applicable to the Spiritual self. Thus, by known conscious, intelligent and systematic efforts on the part of the seeker for Spiritual Consciousness, known as Soul Illumination, by the application of the Law for such growth, Soul development is accelerated so that what would otherwise require aeons of time or many lifetimes, will be brought about in one short incarnation, as demonstrated by the Nazarene.

The encouragement of conscious, intelligent, sane, systematic methods for the soul's awakening and development does not presuppose a mushroom growth and is not to be confounded with the spurious and highly dangerous methods now in vogue. The desired results are to be obtained only by consistent, steadfast, patient obedience to both Natural and Divine Law, the Natural law applying to the physical self, the Divine Law to the Spiritual self. One is as important as is the other because the welfare of the one is dependent upon the other. One who knew well, said:

"Man shall not live by bread alone [materiality in its various aspects - that which is applicable to the physical alone], but by every word [Spiritualization; that which is also potent to the Soul] that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." - Matthew 4:4  
To live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God is figuratively speaking. It has DIRECT reference to the Laws which God formulated or called into action, for the express purpose of awakening the Divine Spark of Himself which is inbreathed into every normal human body at birth. That man may benefit by the "word," i.e., the food for the Soul, requires

his awakening to both the possession and the responsibility of the Divine hidden within him. There must be a sincere desire to bring this Divinity within into manifestation to co-exist in full harmony with his material and physical self.

The greatest, deepest and most intense desire of every man's heart should be, and ultimately must become, a constant longing and search for all that is highest, noblest and most exalted. Material, mortal, carnal man, groping and stumbling in the dark when he becomes even partially awakened to his possibilities and responsibilities, will grasp at every opportunity for advancement and self-betterment.

Be his immediate environment ever so undesirable, man would choose to live on and on, if he could. This desire for physical existence, unfavorable and miserable as it may be, is in fact the cry of the buried Soul, the John in the Wilderness for continued existence, a striving for recognition and the means of escape from its long imprisonment.

To respond to this cry is a step forward. To become thoroughly conscious of the well-defined hunger and longing of the Soul for higher and more favorable environments and means for its development, is a wholesome indication of what may be. Even in the first degree of its awakening, the early stages of its unfoldment, the Soul seeks to free itself from all pretense and affectation, all that would tend to retard it, and to rise above the frivolities of a purely physical, selfish existence; being perhaps as yet unaware that whatever will free the Soul will, in every respect, equally benefit the physical, material self.

As the Soul rises more and more out of the entanglements of its own weaving, its enslavement to the carnal in its physical

environments of both former and present existence, it gains in strength and purpose. Its true nature becomes more and more apparent and directing, while its desires are felt more and more by the mortal self. There will be a conflict for a time because there is travail; the second birth is approaching and there cannot be an abiding peace until this is fully accomplished.

During this process, gradually, slowly, the confusion of thought and desire disappear. Conflict of motive gives way to certainties. Hindering influences and cloying attachments of the personal plane lose their power. Thus, almost imperceptibly, the Soul evolves by means, or as a result of the aspirant's conscious, deliberate, consistent efforts.

As the Soul develops and advances into the likeness of its Creator, it attracts to itself the assistance of everything that is harmonious with its purpose. It becomes conscious of a new existence, much as the body becomes conscious of a new existence, much as the body becomes aware of new life in the air it breathes, in the sunlight falling in glorious golden rays across its path, in the lightning's flash, which, for an instant thrusts aside the veil of darkness and permits mortal eyes to glimpse that which is generally hidden from all but the Spiritually awakened.

After man's carnal self, at the urge of the Spiritual self, has become even partly transmuted and uplifted, his inner vision will begin to open and he will begin to see the Light, though as yet as "through a glass darkly," and slowly become capable of deciphering mysterious messages the Light is endeavoring to convey to him.

It is well to be fully aware that there are dangers in the path of Spiritual development. As a result of development, a new power,

force and energy previously unknown is developed. There is danger in every form of power. Its misuse is certain to bring disaster. He who seeks to become an aspirant should remove the faults within himself which cause even Spiritual forces to be dangerous, holy though they be.

This danger persists so long as man attempts to develop his God-given “talents: to become Spiritually conscious, but fails to remove from within himself base passions and the evils of the carnal nature. These must be removed by transmuting them into the nobler elements, while making every effort to bring the Spiritual self into consciousness.

For every noble purpose to be attained there is an evil to overcome. This is a Law. Wherever God is, the devil, symbolic of evil in every form, lies in waiting to divert the aspirant from his intent, and therein lies the danger to those who would forsake the world, i.e., absolute materialism, to seek God. As the aspirant strives to walk in the straight and narrow path leading to his ultimate attainment, there will be many things to retard his progress. Even the Nazarene had to meet his “devil” on the mountain; even Peter, called the “strong,” met and, for the time being, was conquered by the tempter.

In addition to the hampering influences of friends and foes alike, as well as the numerous external environments, the many subtle demands of the physical, carnal, material self will be certain to make every effort to retard the Soul’s progress. Being of the earth, earthly, the material body naturally finds great difficulty in harmonizing itself with the demands of an inner urge for self-purification and self-justification for all its acts.

Because of this conflict, the body requires special attention

from the very beginning on entering the path culmination in Soul Consciousness. The manifold forces and powers which are part of the physical being must be wisely directed into proper channels and focused along constructive avenues of activity.

Every need of the body and mind should be carefully selected. It is well to bear in mind that everything that is of help toward Spiritual development is ACTUALLY TO THE BENEFIT OF MIND AND BODY, AND TO MAN PERSONALLY IN EVERYTHING THAT CONCERNS HIM, or is a benefit and NOT A DISADVANTAGE to him.

The Nazarene, as a Master-Teacher, made every effort to teach man that he must SUBDUE all things, and not be overcome by any. It is man’s duty, an absolute imposition upon him, that he must learn to control all conditions that affect him and not permit them to control him. It is wisely written:

“He that controls himself is greater than he who taketh a city.”

To be controlled by any desire, by any person, by any force, IS TO BE ENSLAVED TO THE DEGREE OF THE CONTROL. It is by the knowledge of what we seek to become, by positive, constructive thought, by righteously directed motives, by a mode of correct living, all very simple though by no means easy, that man gradually subjects all things beneath him. In doing this, he becomes master of himself, his destiny, the “talents” inherent in himself, and above all, and most desirable, free from every form of slavery, an INDIVIDUAL, a self-conscious Immortalized being. In the words of the poet:

“Lord of all he surveys.”

Achieved self-development is the establishment of Law and Order in man’s own thought kingdom. It is in effect the decreeing

that kindness, compassion, tenderness, sympathy, and affection must be, and will be, the activating principles of every activity, coupled with absolute justice in all affairs between self and other men. It is the development of a strong steady Will, ever obedient to the Christic or Manistic Ideal. It means to make certain that every thought shall be kind and exalting, radiating a helping, healing uplifting influence upon all coming within its radius, and the building of a wall against all evil, degrading, destructive influences from without.

All that has been said here relating to the attainment of Soul Consciousness should not, for a moment, lead anyone to think or feel that the aspirant is to constantly, at all times, and under all conditions, give his thoughts to Spiritual attainment and the means thereto. This is an error to be carefully avoided, as it would lead to excessive self-centralization.

Just as physical exercises so vital to mental and physical health and well-being are to be practiced regularly for a moderate length of time - possibly fifteen to thirty minutes several times a day - just as business affairs are to be attended to during the Biblical eight hours a day, and as recreational and other affairs require a proportionate concentrated period of time, so sufficient length of time should be devoted to exercises for the purpose of awakening and bringing into manifestation the Divine Spark.

As physical culture exercises should be practiced with regularity and adapted to individual requirements, so the means and methods essential to Soul Culture should be selected and directed with intelligence and practiced with systematic regularity. Regularity is order, and order as heaven's first Law is a Spiritual necessity. Recreation which means the discontinuance,

for a time, of any special work, is necessary in any type of business or profession and is of equal importance in the realm of individual Spiritual development.

Life, to be complete and as ordained by Divine Law, must be devoted to a useful occupation, profession, business or some form of constructive activity and allotted the required time. On the other hand, Spiritual development, the equalization of the Eternal in man, is as important as all things else combined, dynamically stated in the command:

“Render unto Caesar that which belongs to Caesar and unto God that which belongs to God.” - Luke 20:25

Spiritual development never requires more than an hour's time out of the days Twenty-four, and in case of necessity, may be even less.

After a certain degree of inner growth has once been attained, everything that has been achieved as a result of properly directed desire and effort rightly belongs to the aspirant and is at his command. It is his by right of conquest of overcoming, as a reward or return for his faithfulness, his obedience to the Divine Law, and his progress is step by step as he continues in his efforts.

Having utilized constructively, to the benefit of himself and others, all that he has attained, the aspirant must either press forward or retrograde, there being no such thing as standing still. Knowledge is limitless. Step by step as he advances into higher planes of action, and progressively enters the storehouse of experience which brings him wisdom in even greater degree, he will also develop a power, a force, an energy that will help him to attain to even greater heights. This is the mode of procedure, of “using” the Talents” on which the Bible lays so much stress.

Man: body, spirit, mind and the degree of Soul Consciousness attained, is the temple of Spiritual states and spaces. Some of these states and spaces may be active; others wholly latent. Life, as it is lived today by the majority, seldom includes any thought, desire or activity for the awakening and development of these spiritual states - mental and Spiritual "talents" - hence they are left dormant throughout life and again Biblically speaking, are taken from those who failed to use them.

This can only mean that those who fail to follow the commands of the Law leave the world with no higher degree of development or advancement than they possessed when they came into it.

In the advancement of the aspirant there is a broadly marked line of demarcation. Often after the aspirant has gained a knowledge of the direction of forces and powers as a result of obedience to the Divine Law, he is tempted to misuse or misdirect them. It is at this point that the tempter - the symbolic devil - must be met with firmness. This is not always easy, as so well illustrated by the experiences of the Nazarene and Peter.

Nevertheless, if it is the aspirant's desire to advance, to attain step by step, and not to retrograde, the tempter must be met and turned away with resolute purpose to proceed and progress despite all opposition. These temptations are not peculiar to Spiritual attainments, but in all the affairs of life and the penalty for falling into temptation is always certain and inevitable.

All who sincerely seek to become Soul Conscious will not only be willing, but anxious, to prepare the house, the Biblical "temple" by means of self-purification. The mind must be cleansed of all unkind, malicious, hateful and evil thoughts and

desires and these replaced with pure, unselfish, generous and kindly thoughts, the exalting vibrations of which will not only lead the aspirant onward and upward, but likewise along the path to complete achievement in all realms of activity.

Thoughts are of the mind. The mind is activated by desire and the requirements of the physical body. The mind is the electrical center of the Soul. By thoughts the mind sends out vibrations which either elevate or degrade both body and Soul. Hence the mind, with its thoughts which induce desire and feelings, is the POINT of BEGINNINGS, the first part of the "house" or "temple" to be cleansed of its rubbish. As long as the mind is filled with thoughts and desires of destructive passions, such as hate, jealousy, malice, resentment, envy and others of like kind, it builds around about itself a ring or circle of vibrations of like nature.

It thus becomes impossible, even if there were the desire, for the inner self to break through and contact the Spiritual forces and entities who are active in the realm we call "heaven" and who are ever ready to help those who are ready and prepared to receive such help. This Law is clearly illustrated in the simple statement:

"Like attracts like."

Every sincere, honest and devoted aspirant is constantly surrounded by the powerful, wholesome, exalted vibrations emanating from the Spiritual realm or spaces above. Every form of ill-feeling, every doubt or indecision, even though conditions might be thought to justify them, will prevent these Divine emanations from reaching those who have charged themselves or enveloped themselves with the vibratory forces inimical to

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the Divine. In all of his ministry, the Nazarene recognized this and constantly admonished against such evils within the temple.

Those engaged in teaching the Divine Law can be content to do no less than did the Nazarene. Their duty is identical with his. Those of today who will listen and obey the Divine Law, which has never changed, will have the same opportunity, receive the same help, and attain to the same degree of Spiritual Consciousness as did those who were obedient Neophytes in the Temples of Egypt following in the footsteps of the Nazarene who himself had been instructed in these temples and guided until he had attained to Supreme Initiation, known as Cosmic Consciousness.

Formology is the science of bringing into form, or giving form to mental imaging. In the Great Work of attaining to Soul Consciousness, this imaging pictures an Ideal.

This ideal is both a Spiritual state and the becoming of a Spiritualized being. the forming of such an ideal is recognized as a FEELING, a SOMETHING TO BECOME.

This is more difficult than the imaging of something that is to take material form. This being true, it is readily understandable why so few of the untold millions have been able to fully conceive the idea that man may become a "temple" wherein dwells the Living God. Both the "temple" and the "Living God" are at once idealistic, an inner FEELING, an actual LIVING, rather than a form, despite the fact that man is a material being with form.

Every individual, even if his desire is to become no more than truly human, should and must be capable of idealizing. It is possible that the desire behind the ideal does not ordinarily possess the strength to urge man forward to any great victory, but even a slight incentive to greater than ordinary effort is constructive in its nature.

In the fabrication of an ideal, man's vision is usually centered only on that which is most desirable, beautiful and above the ordinary. This is why it is termed "ideal." After it is formed, such an ideal, whatever its nature, should be analyzed and contemplated from every angle, so that if it is basically unsound, its weakness may be eliminated. Few men who really think for themselves would willingly bow to an idol of clay. Nevertheless, it is possible, as all history proves, for a supposed or believed "ideal" to be just that.

Whenever the mind conceives and concentrates upon a

definite idea or plan for any length of time, it forms an image, either consciously or unconsciously, and this image, possibly as a feeling, is reflected or impressed upon the subconscious self, being much like a photographer's plate, receives all impressions made upon it.

If the thought that created the picture is continued, it is enlarged upon just as the builder's stone-upon-stone ultimately emerges as a completed building. For this reason, the gradual attainment of Soul Consciousness is correctly considered as Soul-building.

Formology in general is the art and science of mentally forming and holding before the vision a distinct and clearly defined idea or thought that has developed into a picture or image. It is also the focusing of the attention upon one fixed idea, or aim; concentrating or centralizing the creative forces with which man is endowed, into definite constructive channels; condensing the power of thought and Will into a highly dynamic center of dispersion (a sending out) and return attraction.

The potent vibrations created by a well-disciplined mind, make it possible to attain such superior excellence in the practice of formology that the attention will not waver from the idea. The thought current or vibration will be uninterrupted by cross currents or weakening influences.

This naturally presupposes that the operator, the one practicing, is fully conversant with the operating Law; i.e., he has attained to such a degree of proficiency that he is able, by means of a strong desire, to actually be, what is commonly, though erroneously, termed "in love" with the state or thing to be attained or accomplished - as were the ancient Magi who, by

their love for a Spiritual ideal, were the first to be aware of the coming of a great Spiritual leader.

Considerable self-discipline and training are generally necessary to the attainment of mental excellence. However, one may become converted to an idea and be so much in love with the ideal, that the most potent concentration of forces are almost instantly centralized to a point.<sup>1</sup> In this as in all potent, subtle forces, love is the underlying Law.

This love is of an impersonal nature. It is an all-embracing feeling of the idea, the ideal, and its personification, either within the self or as an outer manifestation.

This state of feeling is generally known as "getting into, or coming into the Spirit" of what we are doing, want to do or seek to become. The Biblical statement explained that those who entered into the spirit and were dominated and directed by this FEELING, as the "sons of men," mere humans, BECAME as the Sons of God.

The aspirant for the development and mastery of this art dare not become discouraged if his efforts toward concentration are frequently interfered with by the injection of thoughts that are entirely foreign to his design and wholly unworthy of his desires. This is the human, the carnal, the "devil" injecting itself. The material is UNwilling to give up its dominion over that which has been its "tool," obeying its almost every command.

To eliminate these interruptions is a matter of greater centralization; a DEEPER DESIRE FOR THAT IN MIND;

1. There are those Neophytes within the Great Work, who became so imbued with the ideas taught when they came in contact with its inculcations that within twenty-four hours they were so completely "converted" that they entirely forsook all habits addicted to and devoted their thoughts, desires and energies to the new method of life.

THE GOAL TO BE ATTAINED. Only that which is most strongly desired can hold the attention of the mind. As an example known to almost every human being, consider the young man “in love” with his young lady. He is practically unable, even under compulsion of necessity, to center his thoughts on things other than those pertaining to his loved one.

To eliminate thoughts other than those connected with the idea or purpose in mind is a matter of time and practice. If and when such thoughts distract the attention, no special harm is done other than the scattering of the forces for constructive purposes and delaying the achievement of the intent in mind. Thoughts and fancies that flit through the mind delay the process of building, but they do not become part of the self-being, not of the Ideal in course of building, their intensity being too weak to impress themselves upon the Soul’s record.

The process of image formation may aptly be compared to the building of a house. This perhaps was the reason why the Nazarene used as an example the “building of a temple” without the sound of a hammer, as a house for the Living God. First of all there must be a keenness of desire for the house that urges its construction.

This is followed by the formation of a picture or image of the type of house desired, the selection of the builder and material; the overseeing of the construction until it is finished and moved into. If he who desires the house permits other affairs or other people to interfere or distract his attention, than there will be a delay in the completion of the building.

The ideal formed by desire and concentration, holds, moulds and finally gives birth to a reality, gradually and steadily drawing

the thinker, the idealist, the one who desires, to the ultimate consummation. The mind is the creative center, but is influenced from every direction; now by the Spiritual, more often by the material.

The Soul Center or Divine Spark is magnetic by nature and draws to itself, or upon itself, all that the thinker really thinks or desires. It is the womb, the receiver, and it must, by the nature of the governing Law, give birth to that which the mind thinks and desires.

The visualist, the idealist, filled with visions of power, beauty and greatness, draws upon these that are everywhere present and gradually builds them into his ideal. The process is retarded only to the degree that man permits contrary thoughts and desires to suppress the idealistic desires. Man’s every hope, consciously or unconsciously, is centered in his ideal, or in the degrading image he has formed in his mind, and the desire he seeks to fulfill.

Force, whatever its nature, creates more force of its kind. Perfection attracts toward the ultimate of reality; likewise mental capacity and if of a constructive nature, awakens and stimulates the desire and effort toward Soul Consciousness.

Everything that the mind, by the incentive of desire, Wills or professes, and urges forward, gradually takes definite form, evolving into a compact shape and form. The vital ideal creates a material form which ultimately attains to whatever the mind Wills, both on the material and Spiritual planes.

DESIRE BECOMES WILL. The desire will construct or destroy; depending upon the nature of the desire. In the Soul realm of activity, this leads ultimately to the manifestation of the Christos into Christification, i.e., Christhood or Sonship with

the Father; the ultimate of the human Soul.

Once man realizes the potency of his Will, clarifies and purifies his desires, and employs the forces at the command of his desire and Will, he places himself under the command of the Creator and thereby becomes a co-creator with God: "Now the sons of men have become the Sons of God." Nevertheless, man is no less man, no less a human creature, but all the more so, and the greater are his sympathies for his fellow men.

Within every aspiring mind there is gradually formed an ideal; were it otherwise, there could be no advancement. This ideal has its beginning as an idea, which gradually develops into a desire. In its beginning it is perhaps no more than the Biblical "grain of mustard seed." Very gradually the idea grows, the ideal expands and the desire becomes stronger, forcing the individual to action.

Within Nature's storehouse there is a limitless amount of power, energy and strength, ready to be drawn upon and utilized by man in his efforts to advance, to become, to bring into manifestation the ever expanding idea and ideal. As these ideas and ideals grow by thought and by his efforts, man not only draws upon his own resources WITHIN himself, but at the same time upon those outside of himself. It is his right and privilege to call for, draw upon, and make use of every resource in the universe to accomplish his aim to the degree that he lives up to his ideal and operates within the Divine Law.

This living up to an ideal as well as living within the Law, requires centralization. This centralization or concentration is in the form of a strong, often over-powering desire; one that is rigidly adhered to in thought and act. Such a desire will seek and

unlock the doors to opportunity, helping him to bring his ideal into manifestation or realization. To strongly desire a thing, is to Will it consciously and continually; understandingly and with direction of the effort toward the attainment. This effectively sets into motion creative Laws upon all realms of being.

The determination - another term for desire - Will, centralization, concentration to attain a certain goal, whatever it may be, rigidly adhered to, and linked with the application of all the power and capability of the individual, establishes within the one so determined a sense capable of the greatest possible achievement. As the potter molds the clay, so does the aspirant gradually mold the Will to direct the forces into the proper channels for his purpose. As this is continued, he finds there is no power to say him nay.

Aspirants, after the manner of the Nazarene, have devoted years of study to training the mentality and the building of a spiritual Ideal for the manifestation known throughout the ages as Initiation, and later as Christhood. If some, who started out with high hopes, accomplished little, it was because they either became weary along the way, or their ideal became tainted by selfishness, permitting outside influences to divert them from the path. They failed to maintain a firm hold on their ideal, their desires weakened, they ceased to persist in their efforts, their Will relaxed and they became the victim of their own inertia. This is not only the tale of an individual, but of nations as well.

The constructive mind is an ever active mind. Inactivity results in sluggishness, which is weakness. The human weakness that has destroyed individuals and nations is primarily man's desire for ease; to live with as little exertion as possible - TO ENJOY

SECURITY WITHOUT GREAT EFFORT. The result is always a dulling of the intellect; a slow deterioration of desire; a lessening of physical strength, and, finally the inevitable end: slavery to those ever active, either as a result of their own desires, or by force of circumstances. Nothing on earth is so much desired by man and so destructive to him and all that makes for true greatness, as ASSURED SECURITY OFFERED BY SOMETHING OR SOMEONE OUTSIDE OF HIMSELF.

In action alone, in constant activity, both mental and physical, is real power to be found. Action is life. It is power. It is the means to the attainment of all to be found on earth or in heaven. This is so very simply stated in the Biblical promise; so simple that men have always refused, and still refuse, to heed it:

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and its righteousness, and all other things shall be added unto you.” - Matthew 6:33

A practical interpretation of this might read: “Search within yourself, find that which is hidden therein and bring it into manifestation, and all there is may be yours.” This again refers to that other Bible statement relative to the “talents” given to, and hidden within, all men.

To find this promised kingdom, action, not idleness and dreams, must be brought into play, though in the beginning there may be only dreams of one’s desires. Such dreams, however, must lead to ideas; ideas to ideals, ideals to action, and finally through action, to attainment or accomplishment.

The awakened, constructive mind is constantly thinking, analyzing, reasoning and planning, impelled by a desire to accomplish that which refuses to be brushed aside. The inactive mind, may be a “wishing” mind, but, like a pool lacking an

outlet, it becomes stagnant and self-destructive.

The incentive of those who seek Soul Consciousness or Spiritual attainment is an ever-expanding desire within themselves to become all that the philosophers and avatars throughout the ages have dreamed of and preached from the plains to the mountain tops. They have become conscious of the eternal truth that security without attainment and constant effort is a delusion. They realize that eternity is to be found within and continues beyond into the as yet unknown. They have fully awakened to the one eternal fact that all they require is to be FOUND WITHIN THEMSELVES; that there the “talents” are hidden for them to find.

To build toward perfection of the self requires that every atom of mind and body be utilized in the creation of energy, vigor and the virility necessary to the activity that builds the “temple” not made with hands, and the awakening of the Christos, the eternal INEFFABLE LIGHT that is to be enthroned within the temple. There is never a desire for inactivity; no excuse for inertia; no justification for being misled by the cunning and deceptive security offered by others. Rather there is a burning incentive toward ever more activity leading to greater accomplishment, achievement, or attainment, it being axiomatic that there is neither peace nor happiness in idleness. Achievement is found and realized only through constant activity that diverts the mind from the weak, limited, little self and focuses it on the Great Reality.

The concentration of true power and the conservation of constructive forces require, as a basis, the beatitudes, kindliness of heart and sincerity of motives. These are the lasting foundations

upon which the eternal alone can be built. Compassion, sympathy, a forgiving spirit, must proceed hand in hand with all accomplishment; otherwise all attainment, or any supposed gain will be only temporary.

The construction of a cottage, a palace or a bridge, is the externalization or manifestation, in form, of an idea, or image first formed in the mind. It is the execution of an idea. The accomplishment is realized through action upon the physical plane, where everything follows in detail. The image was created or modeled in the mind, but, even here, where everything is material, a great Spiritual truth is a part of the accomplishment: **THE FOUNDATION MUST BE BUILT OF GOOD MATERIAL OR THE STRUCTURE WILL BE OF SHORT DURATION.** This exemplifies the Great Law that what we call "good," whatever its nature or application, must be the basis of all that is enduring, and, in the Spiritual realm, this is important above all else.

Kindliness, compassion, sympathy, forgiveness in the heart are emotions that, in all efforts toward the attainment of Soul Consciousness, assure a proper foundation as well as the superstructure that is to be built. All too many who seek the path leading to Spiritual realization, err grievously in their procedure, due to improper instruction or guidance, or failure to be guided by what they have been taught. Their desires may be the highest, but due to ignorance, unwillingness to prepare themselves properly, a lack of application, or even inertia, their forces are scattered or misdirected, and failure is the end result.

The laws governing thought activity, idealization and the concentration of forces essential in the attainment of

both material success and Spiritual attainment, were as fully understood by the Priests and Initiates of Past Ages, as were the laws that govern the material, mortal self which permitted, or helped men to live "nine hundred and ninety-nine years." Not only did these Masters of old fully understand the Laws, but they also **HARMONIZED THEIR OWN ACTIONS WITH THEM.**

The profane and sacred writings alike confirm the fact that the greatest and more numerous of these Masters lived during Egypt's glory. The Divine Laws the Priesthood taught did not originate with them, but were coincidental with the creation of the world; the sun, moon and the stars; co-existent with the "gods" of creation, and become operative when the first beam of intellectual light began to break upon man's sordid, muddled mind.

All who so desire and Will, who are ready to make necessary effort, may become masters of the art known as formology, building both in the material and Spiritual planes of being. To begin with, they must build up the imaginative powers latent more or less in all men. They must seek to give birth to ideas, elevate ideas into deals, and bring Ideals into manifestation by constant effort. The laws that Nature - call it God if you will - applied in the creating of the sunsets, the sky with its luminous stars, so gloriously beautiful that no artist's brush has yet been able to fully reproduce them, are the identical laws which man must obey, if he seeks to bring into manifestation the God-given "talents" hidden within him. By such obedience he becomes a master of construction in the realm of the material world. He also manifests the Christos, the Spark of the Divinity hidden

## 5. LOVE

within, and once awakened and brought into manifestation, becomes the Conscious Soul within the “temple not built with hands,” but manifesting in the outer world of action.

He who thus awakens and brings into Consciousness, as a result of the second or Spiritual birth, the Soul within, is then the master of that Soul, the “captain of the ship” dreamed of by poets. He becomes the creator of his own destiny, the coordinator of the laws for the government of his own realm of activity, scornful of those who destructively teach the desirability of inertia, of a security obtained as a result of the labors of his fellow men. To him, activity, effort, accomplishment by his own right and might, is the only peace he can understand, the only “heaven” into which he can enter and hear the verdict: “Well done thou good and faithful servant [constant worker].”

The influence love exerts is limitless. Love is at once the most beautiful, most wonderful and the most abused passion which the human being is capable of expressing.

“By the influence of love, man may accomplish that which otherwise would be impossible. Love is the key that unlocks the gates of heaven. It is supreme among all the emotions and will continue to be so until the end of time. History cites innumerable instances of men and women who gladly offered life for the sake of that which, or those whom they loved. Love is rightly called the supreme passion.”

An analysis of the above paragraph will quickly show that the word “love” is used to denote many different states of feeling. The word “love” is, without question, the most abstract, nebulous, misapplied, misunderstood and abused word in the English language, with the possible exception of “spirit” and/or “Spirit.”

Love has universally been classified as a “passion.” More properly, love is an EMOTION, because it is a feeling. It is the deepest feeling of which the human is capable. Unfortunately, there is another side to love and that other side is recognized as passion, because it depicts all of the evils of which the human creature is capable. On the positive side, we have the constantly repeated statement:

“God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son.”  
- John 3:16.

The statement is to be considered not only in relation to the great love of the Creator for his children, but also with respect to daily occurrences which indicate that for “love,” man commits all the crimes the human mind is capable of conceiving.

The first reference concerns the Ideal love which in its fullness is incapable of expression by the human creature.

The second reference is not the high emotion - not passion as such - which man and woman can feel, but the baser side of the negative emotions.

When the statement is made that, through love, man is capable of accomplishing that which otherwise be impossible, it is not actually love that is implied, but desire in its highest aspect. "Man so loved the good that he was willing to sacrifice himself in doing good." This means that he desired the good, constructive, noble, exalted, above all else. Actual love did not enter into it, because love, as man knows it, is a composite of masculine and feminine; male and female. "Love is the 'key' that unlocks the gates of heaven." Here, again, is a misapplication of the word love. Man so desired that which would help him to find God, i.e., the God Spark within himself, that he refused to do that which would degrade him and prevent him from attaining to the state known as heaven; the Second or spiritual birth; Soul Consciousness.

In the statement that "love is the supreme emotion and will continue so until the end of time, we have a/the fundamental truth. Love is not a passion. It is an emotion between the sexes. It is between the sexes where you find the highest love man can know, but here it frequently turns into passion, with the feeling of selfishness as manifested in ownership and jealousy.

History records innumerable instances where men and women gladly offered up life for the sake of love. This is love, even between the sexes, which is free from its purely human side - passion. It is equally true that this same passion-free love

lifts man above suffering. Properly speaking, "love is not rightly called the supreme passion," but the supreme emotion, because when free from grossness, it expresses the human being's most sublime feeling.

When seeking the ultimate truth, effort should be made to understand the cause, the basis, for every emotion, applying the term "emotion" to the finer feelings and reserving "passion" for the grosser feelings; learning to apply each term properly, however difficult this may be.

Properly understood, love is possible, or can exist, only in human elements; hence love, other than the impersonal, or Godly, is a combination of biological urge, sex attraction, personal attraction and mutual harmony. It is therefore possible only between man and woman; lover and loved, husband and wife. That this is true is verified by the fact that the impotent cannot really know the Grand passion.

The poetically much vaunted "love" between mother and child, father and child, brother and sister, sister and sister, and between friends, is not love in the highest sense, because it is sexless - passionless. It is AFFECTION and, in general, in human relations, is of higher quality than what we call love, because it may be wholly unselfish; does not imply or demand ownership; gives rather than takes in contradiction to love, which too often demands.

The next phase or feeling constantly classified as love is that of friendship, which exists between those unrelated and is wholly unselfish, not jealous, demands nothing, but is ever ready to help serve.

Another phase in the consideration of love and its application

is the gross and universal abuse of the word as applying to things which we like, but having no kinship or connection whatever with feeling; love in all its phases being expressed only in feeling.

The true aspirant is anxious to have a correct understanding of everything dealing with both the highest and lowest aspect of love and its opposite; hate, passion, desire. It is not proper to associate love with right. We do not love the right. We DESIRE to do that which is right for the reason - an honestly proper one - that the right alone can bring us the peace that nothing else can. It is in doing the right alone that we can attain to the highest the human being can know.

Desire is also based on kindness, sympathy, compassion and the other beatitudes that enable us to transmute the base passions into the emotion that permits us to be lifted up and exalted into a state of peace; following, or in conjunction with, Soul Consciousness.

Friendship is akin to love and is frequently confused with it. The story of Damon and Pythias is a classical example. These men lived in the time of Dionysius, the Sicilian tyrant, and were philosophers of the Pythagorean school. Their friendship was a bond so strong that they were ready to die for each other if need be.

Damon was condemned to death by Dionysius, but obtained permission to visit his own country to settle certain affairs, on condition that his friend Pythias would consent to be imprisoned in his stead and, should Damon fail to return before the appointed time for the execution, Pythias would be executed instead. Naturally, due to such a rare and extraordinary occurrence, the attention of everyone - even the tyrant - was

aroused and all anxiously awaited the outcome.

The time set for the execution was drawing near, but Damon had not returned. Pythias, in prison, was firm in his faith that Damon would return and displayed neither doubt nor anxiety. Pythias based his faith on what he himself would do in Damon's place; judging his friend by his own feeling.

Damon did not fail his friend but returned in time and surrendered himself to meet his fate. Such fidelity, such loyalty and exaltation of the bonds of friendship softened the heart even of the tyrant, who pardoned Damon and reunited the friends, begging them to give him a place in their affection.

Love, in its aspect of genuine desire, is the secret of all achievement. Love is not here used in the sense signifying or applying to personal attraction, but as desire which becomes Will, an attracting and propelling force that indicates the direction of personal endeavor. Whatever a man loves most, i.e., WANTS or desires MOST, that has he the ability and power to attain.

Desire, if it is pure and constructive, is a phase of love. In response to man's Will, it may be directed toward any objective, be this fame, glory, power, humane activities to help others, or centering in the higher realm, to attain Soul Consciousness. ALL THESE ARE BIBLICAL "TALENTS."

What ever the desire, it was created by vibratory forces. This desire can become strong enough to overshadow all other emotions, becoming the mighty power drawing man toward the sought-for achievement. Nothing real and lasting can be brought into existence without this attracting force, which is the medium or agency for bringing about any desired manifestation.

Love, in one of its phases, is the creating and sustaining principle of life. This is demonstrated on every hand by the manifestation which we term creation.

Love, in its universal aspect, was the secret of the power exercised by the Master-Teacher in all his works. His life not only illustrated his love for humanity as a whole; remarkable as it was, but all his works wonderfully reflected the all important truth that love is a Divine attribute enabling man to attain Soul or God Consciousness and oneness with the Father. The supreme love in the form of desire determines the channel in which man's creative energies will be directed. The fact that the Nazarene succeeded so well that his life and mission still stands out above that of all other men, also proves the intensity and purity of his vision and ideal.

The supreme choice, the leading purpose, the fixed determination of a man's life determines the character of his deepest feelings. There is every possible advantage in the determination to comply with the Divine Law, making a constant conscious effort to emulate the life of the Nazarene, manifesting kindness, compassion and kindliness in daily life. Man can assume the conviction that, from every point of view, EVEN THE SELFISH, it is advantageous to meet the requirements of equity and justice in all dealings with his fellow men. There should also be a supreme desire to eradicate from the heart every semblance of inharmony with a full realization of its destructive power.

The Christic ideal, in conjunction with the constant effort to awaken and bring into manifestation the hidden Christos, will gradually bring about a growth, a Spiritual development, that

will end in Soul Consciousness. In this double effort man obeys the Divine command:

“Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's.” - Mark 12:17.

Love of self, regardless of ideas to the contrary, is essential to achievement, whether this be material or Spiritual. That for which man has no regard receives little, if any attention, and individual salvation is sought only when the value of the self is recognized at its true worth. For this reason it is truly said: “Self preservation is Nature's first Law.” He who fails to save the self cannot save the Soul.

This consideration of the self and its true valuation, is by no means an indication of selfishness. It is an aspect of being in which the self, the person, as a vehicle for the Spiritual reality, becomes identified with God. Appreciation of self, possibly considered as a lower phase of love, or a potential expression of the Creator who gave it being, is highly commendable. The desire for the development of the qualities (the talents) that will make this self a manifestation of Divine origin, becomes the incentive and power for good, as also for constructive effort.

It is necessary to draw a sharp and correct distinction between the self and selfishness. The desire of the self for personal improvement and advancement will not adversely affect any other human creature, but instead, will be the means of helping others.

Selfishness, on the contrary, is an act which, in one way or another, takes from others that which belongs to them, and makes use of it for personal benefit. Moreover, it is uncontradictable, that unless a man first learns how to help himself, he will not be

able to help others. Man becomes the master by first being the servant.

This is an eternal truth. Selfishness is a poison to the Soul. It is a quality that destroys both the self and others. The Divine ideal, a constant thought for the welfare of others, is an inherent, or consciously developed quality, which, first of all, helps the inner Spiritual self toward manifestation, and then is ever ready to help where help is actually needed.

This selfless concern for the welfare of others is the force that lifts man from the darkness that enshrouds the earth and mankind, into the Light that radiates about all who have attained to Soul Consciousness.

The desires of the selfish self must be transmuted. In this process birth is given to the pure and lofty emotions of the Soul. As the desires which held the selfish self in bondage are transmuted, the selfish self vanishes, while the meaning of love and its potential power for peace and happiness becomes clear. Man then will be able to understand the poet:

“Love took up the harp of Life, and smote on all the chords with might; Smote the chord of self, that, trembling, passed in music out of sight.” -Tennyson.

Tennyson was aware that love has many chords, many variations, and equally many manifestations.

Men do not like to labor in thought, but prefer to take things for granted. For this reason very few have come into the realization that within the self slumber two genie. One is kind, noble, lovable and compassionate; the “good angel” of Biblical inculcations. The other is ignoble, selfish, brutal, malicious; the much talked of “devil” of many religions, the red Harlot from

Hades leading astray and imprisoning the Souls of men. Fewer still have given any consideration to the wisdom and desirability of eliminating the ignoble self by REPLACING it with the angel of goodness, so that the kingdom of right, justice, and nobility, be established in its place.

Why should this be so? The possibility and desirability of self-mastery and its universal benefit to the personal self, and others of the race, has not yet become a RACE CONSCIOUSNESS, despite the fact that the story of the “talents” has been told unnumbered times throughout the centuries.

Men have not been made to realize that there is a wide gulf between the self and selfishness. They fail to clearly understand that the selfish self belongs to the realm of men where might attempts to rule, and that might gives little or no consideration to others. This might, goaded on by lust for power makes slaves and puppets of men. It grinds all that is noble into the dust of degradation and destruction.

The true self and its desires belongs to the kingdom of Light, whose armor is love, compassion, kindness, justice and the elevation of the entire race; one profiting by all, all benefitting by one.

Every man born into the flesh is the result of desire; desire on the part of those participating in the creative act. These desires may be of love, combined with affection, or of selfishness and lust, with little or no feeling of love between the two. As a consequence of the love factor, corresponding inclinations are born with them or become a part of their nature. This nature may be modified if wisely guided.

The important feature here concerned is this: at this time it

is readily, though admittedly not easily possible, to transmute undesirable tendencies into qualities of strength and nobility. All men should give heed to this thought, study individual tendencies and determine to eliminate the undesirable, by replacing them with desires that are true and constructive, noble and exalted.

This is especially true of those who have heard John's voice in the wilderness, have awakened to material uncertainties as compared to Spiritual realities, and who are endeavoring to fulfill the law by giving their inborn "talents" preference over the weaknesses and frailties of birth.

Love for the beautiful and ennobling, whether innate or cultivated, brings with it strength, leads to wisdom, and offers man the opportunity of working in harmony with constructive Laws. The kingdom of heaven, it must be constantly borne in mind, is the result of love in the nature of the individual, and he who has not such love in his heart, either inborn or developed by desire and effort, can never know, or enter into, the kingdom; hence the Nazarene's statement that only a few, a very few, shall be able to enter into that kingdom.

All things, material, physical and Spiritual, constructive and exalting in their nature, become possible as a result of the feeling akin to love, for, in fact, as we read in poetry and in the sayings of the prophets, "love never faileth," because its foundation is anchored in faith; the faith that is without doubt.

Paul was well aware of this and gave voice to it in the words: "And though I...understand all mysteries, and possess all knowledge...and have not charity, I am as nothing."

To come into love other than the physical, biological and

passionate which are normal and natural in youth, and ordained by the Creative Law, one must transmute the lesser passions into the qualities which make it natural to be of kindly thought; compassionate of feeling, forgiving in nature, thinking ill of none. During this process of transmutation, man comes into strength and power, and the starry-studded gates of wisdom are opened to him.

Through such means as these man gradually gains possession of a power that very, very few have consciously experienced. This is the mystery that has been "hidden from the foundation of the world," and will be revealed only to the worthy. These will gain a vision of life which is vouchsafed to but very few. Hereby may be found the path to realization knowable in no other way.

It is man's privilege, his right to solve this mystery but there is a proviso: man must be willing to lay aside the old and take up the new, not in part only, but as a whole. Of this, also the Nazarene was fully aware and gave voice to the fundamental principle involved when he commanded:

"Do not put new wine into old bottles." - Matthew 9:17.

Countless Acolytes have sought the solution of the great mystery by the foolish belief that it was necessary for them to travel in foreign countries, among people not one-half as far advanced as themselves. Such are often requested to obey foolish instructions; denying themselves sacrificing their all, seeking to unveil (rend) the Veil of Isis, the mystery "hidden for generations and for ages," only to learn at last that they were but "blind followers of the blind.

They are fortunate if they discover that the problem lay WITHIN THEMSELVES and that attainment IN SELF

MASTERY and the development of the “talents: hidden within have been as ever-present potential since the day of their birth.

Does the aspirant for Soul Consciousness and Illumination hunger for the Bread of Life and the Waters that quench all thirst? The Revelation that is Divine? The mystery “Kings and prophets have sought to unravel and failed?” Then let him begin the search by making every effort to open the doors to his own dark, gloomy, and forbidding innerself. There, within the crypt, under the tombstone, he will come face to face with the Sphinx of himself. Within himself is both the riddle and the answer. There he will find the problem of the ages. If he will boldly, resolutely and sincerely face the fact, he will find the answer. Desire, akin to love - love in one of the higher phrases - is the key.”

How great can this desire become? This desire is one of the higher, but not the highest, states of love. Did not the Master-Teacher give us the answer when he said: “For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cling unto this wife, and the twain shall be one flesh,” meaning, that the Spiritual self found, becomes man’s spouse - his bride, the other half completing the whole. This is the great mystery.

There is no greater transmuting power than pure desire the handmaiden of love. True love purifies and uplifts, so does pure desire lead man onward and upward through the pearly gates of ultimate achievement. Keen desire is the incentive to the efforts required to overcome all obstacles, however great they may be. True uplifted desire offers the fullness of life; it creates new worlds. The revelation of the secret of being awaits all who are willing to travel in the Way, and LIVE the Life, not merely

believe. This knowledge and truth reveals itself as a result of living on the basis of Divine Law. Such desire, based on love, is mighty and all conquering in its sublimity; grand in its simplicity, and followed through, reaches directly to the foot of the throne of God.

Many throughout the ages have made every effort to tear aside the Veil of Isis, but failed miserably and to their own destruction. Why? Because they were trying to take the kingdom of heaven by storm, and not by becoming worthy, so that the GATES WOULD AUTOMATICALLY OPEN TO THEM.

Man’s power becomes manifest as a result of effort made and because of his desires. In full measure does he become that which he “loves” most; that is, holds dearest to his heart. Man is on earth and belongs to earth, “dust to dust.” He is held in bondage to the purely physical and material, until he awakens to the undesirability of his state.

Then there is born in him a longing for freedom from bondage, for a more noble and exalted self and within himself, to himself, manifests a willingness to express the characteristics that are part of all who have won their freedom from the purely mundane and become, at least in part, Spiritualized.

Mind, as the thinker, reasoner and analyzer, is the agency for developing, strengthening and directing the longings of the Soul; the cry of John in the wilderness. The state of the Soul is determined by the character of the mind, just as the house is the result of the architect’s planning. The mind must first be awakened to a recognition of something greater than itself.

This is the cry of John in the wilderness who was fully conscious that one would come, follow him, who would be greater than

he. As the mind awakens from its sleep to truth and reality, it will in turn, by its thoughts and desires, awaken the Christos (he “who was to come”) into conscious activity.

The quality of thought and desire habitually native to the mind determines the development of the Soul. In proportion as love, kindness, affection, compassion and unselfishness become the activating principles, will the Soul likewise assume the same characteristics.

As man enters the path of Spiritual development, his mind begins to probe into the “secret places of the Most High.” He will search and reach out for greater understanding, for the deeper hidden wisdom pertaining to his other, his Soul self, its reality and its destiny.

Man’s ability to accomplish that which the mind forms into ideas and ideals, increases with his inner Spiritual development, and this development progresses in accord with his enlightenment and refinement. This, in turn, becomes manifest in his every effort, every movement, because it is a Law that “nothing can remain hidden.” As time passes and his Spiritual development continues, he will speak and act with power and authority. His words will be as food to the starved spirit of men, and his every word and deed will become an inspiration.

In the great mystery of the realm of love is a hidden secret which, unravelled, gives man access to the storehouses of unlimited power. His ability to draw upon and direct the forces rightly belonging to the Soul, the awakened Christos, is limited only by his willingness to think, desire and act in harmony with the Divine Law.

As man unravels the mysteries hidden in his own Soul, and

fans into a flame the Ætheric or Ineffable Light native to the Soul, he will develop the powers, forces and energies enabling him to meet all conditions and even perform seeming miracles. This is not the delusive dream of Philosophic Initiates or those who have attained to Soul Consciousness, but is the promise of one who had himself lived according to the Divine Law. The Nazarene, who made the positive statement, gave the promise to all who would follow in his footsteps:

“Thou shall see greater things than these.” - John 1:50.

This assures all men who come into an understanding of the Divine Law and use it to govern their thoughts, desires and activities, that they will reap the “fruits of their sowing.” All who make an effort to establish the rule of the Law of love in their hearts and willingly accept “the Way, the Truth, and the Life” will come into a full realization of the Law and be fully repaid for every effort made.

Sincerity in effort to unravel the mysteries of love in its many aspects gradually places the seeker in touch and harmony with God and the action of His Laws. It will not only lift him above the attractions of the lower plane of life, but also fortify him against all adversities.

There is need to continually emphasize the fact that it is both possible and desirable, from every point of view, for man to gain the Wisdom that Solomon sought and found. It is likewise necessary to continually emphasize the fact that to attain to such wisdom there must be SINGLENESSE OF PURPOSE.

The gaining of such wisdom requires inner Spiritual growth; a Soul development following conscious, deliberate effort, and not mere intellectual attainment, however desirable that may

be in itself. Mental activity is a prime requisite in our effort toward Spiritual development. Properly directed mental effort is a creative and constructive factor in awakening and directing the Spiritual self.

It should be remembered, however, that wisdom and understanding of the Arcane Laws of God and their application in the forward march are possible only as the result of the Soul's consciousness; the Illumination - the Divine Light flowing into the Soul and lighting up that "temple not made with hands" where the Awakened Soul finds its abode.

Love ultimately unlocks all the doors of the spaces, powers and forces, and admits the possessor into the "kingdom of heaven" where all things become possible. The potential power of this emotion; this feeling which is the real self, name it what you will, is limitless, boundless and fathomless. By means of it men are made like gods and endowed with the creative ability possessed by gods. Love is the essence of God, - it is God - God is personified by Love. Love, unselfish and undefiled, is God's power in man. It is the Holy Spirit, the fire or Light that is the Holy Ghost; the Divine Comforter the Nazarene promised should be with all men who accepted and obeyed.

Behold the power that love possesses! All about us we see it manifesting its strange, mysterious power, even though it be constantly misdirected and all too often employed for selfish ends. Has God any other throne than the heart governed by Love? Is the earth, the sea, the sky, greater than the abiding place of unselfish affection?

Why seek Him in the beyond when He is to be found in the heart of the mother sacrificing herself for the sake of her child?

In the bosom of the soldier who risks his life to drag a comrade to safety? In the man who suffers himself to be made an outcast to save the honor of a loved one? In the individual suffering as a result of the acts of a trusted one? Here is where you will find God enthroned. Here you will find the peace that passeth understanding. This is "heaven."

The greater mystery of love, the potential power of the desire for pure and holy virtues, and lofty endeavors, are revealable only to the sincere and faithful aspirants; to those who are ready and willing to enter into "the Way, the Truth and the Life," and who seek unselfish motives. Man can come to know the magical power of love in its various aspects only BY LIVING THE LIFE of love in thought, desire and deed. Comprehension comes alone by becoming, by entering into, by inward feeling.

Through investigation and acquisition man may learn much, but to know implies and demands a BECOMING. Knowledge may be intellectual, of mind only, but WISDOM IS THE RESULT OF EXPERIENCE - IT IS A BECOMING. When Solomon prayed for wisdom, he prayed that he might become, or be at-one with the things he desired to know. All true knowledge is the result of a gradual inner growth, of becoming, an expansion of the Spiritual self.

The child may be told what will happen when he touches something hot. It may believe, and, on the basis of its belief, refrain from investigating for itself the truth of the statement, but IT WILL NOT KNOW until it gains the knowledge for itself by having the experience. It is so with all things in life, and more especially so with those who come into a knowledge of the reality of God, experiencing to the full the emotions which are

God, manifested in feeling.

All about and around man are invisible vibrations of every kind; vibrations of life, light, power, happiness, strength and all that is desirable. Likewise those of the opposite. Man is influenced by vibrations to which he is attuned. He will be directed by them, governed by them, lifted up, if good; downcast and damned, if evil.

Fortunately, or unfortunately for himself, man has the privilege and the power to “tune in” to any wave length he pleases; to be lifted up or to be trodden down, to become a devil or a god; but, whatever force he seeks to use for his benefit, that he MUST feel, be part of, in thought, desire and effort.

Every passion has its own rate of vibration, as does every emotion the human can feel. The vibration of the passions are considered electric, and unless governed and wisely directed, are destructive. The emotions are basically etheric. Both are material in nature. The finer emotions are Spiritual; of the nature of fire, hence called Aetheric.

As a result of the finer feeling of friendship - a feeling akin to love - Aetheric forces are created. These vibrations are an attracting power, drawing others of like nature to the individual thereby creating true and lasting friendships. All human relations are the result of inner feelings, thoughts and desires, sending out their vibrations, co-mingling with others of like nature and, if sustained, becoming at-one with them. Herein is the secret of success, as well as failure. It is also the secret of the state known as “heaven” or “hell.”

Few men realize the extent to which they are creators. Constantly, consciously or unconsciously, every man is making

use of this creative law. To be profoundly attracted to a quality or an attribute in another, in itself is proof that the individual has the capacity of developing the identical quality or attribute. By admiring kindness or compassion in others, we open the way for the cultivation of love and tenderness within ourselves, a power that can be directed at will for any self benefit as well as for the welfare of others.

Love in the form of the tender passions, enshrined in the heart of man, confers upon him the power to manifest in the world of action whatever that love indicates. When man discovers for himself his GREATEST desire, the avenue will be revealed to him through which his greatest power may be made manifest; his noblest ambition realized. To quote an age-old maxim: “Where the treasure is, there will be the heart also.” This could be changed to read: “Where the desire of the heart is, there also may the treasure be found.”

A man’s treasure (desire) may be for money. Love for money confers the capability to accumulate money. Another’s treasure (heart desire) may be the “heavenly vision,” the attainment of Soul Consciousness. The desire induces the effort necessary for its attainment and the capacity and capability to be of service to others. The Initiate can teach others the WAY of life; heal wounded hearts, help to make bodies whole, and thereby reap “heavenly treasure,” partaking of all that is good and lasting, even throughout eternity, thus fulfilling the Divine promise:

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God [open your temple within] and all these [worldly and material] things will be added unto you.” - Luke 12:31.

All desires usually termed of “the heart” are creative forces that, Biblically speaking, “make for righteousness” and the understanding of “the Way, the Truth, and the Life,” finally ending in Conscious Immortality.

Mind, with its power to think, to desire, to imagine, its ability of decision and Will, its command to action, is the AWAKENER and BUILDER, for good or ill. Mind is the creator, the MAKER of CONDITIONS. Thought, followed by desire, activating effort, unfolds and manifests in every realm of being. The desire, i.e., love, hidden within the center of feeling, offers the power to create or produce.

The selfish man, he who thinks, feels and acts only for himself, whatever the effect upon others, lavishes all his efforts upon himself. He labors to create and produce for his selfish self. His “love” is centered in self and his final end is the end of, and for, himself. Only the man who aims toward self improvement and benefit to others is fully able to enter into the “peace that passeth understanding”. Such a man can rest assured in the knowledge that his efforts will be under the control of Divine Law, bringing him benefits unexpected, and in the end, Spiritual Consciousness - Immortalization.

### THE GREAT WORK

Every man born into the flesh is the result of desire - desire based in love or in selfishness. As a consequence, his attendant inclinations are born with him. By his desire, man can know under what conditions he was conceived and brought forth.

The most important fact to be understood is this: It is readily possible to transmute all the undesirable tendencies, the ignoble

loves (passions) or tendencies into qualities that make for strength and nobility.

All men must heed, and make a searching study of their tendencies and determine, with unimpassioned analysis, whether their desires are for the pure and true, the noble and exalted, or for those things which degrade and debase the entire man.

## 6. OSIRIS, THE CHRIST AND OTHER SONS OF GOD

The Bible is generally accepted, by those who profess to be Christians, as the authentic record of the Word of God and the book of the Law. Men seal their vows by kissing the Book with reverence; though no one has considered this act as indicating a worship of the Book itself.

Unfortunately, all too many who revere the Book of The Law, are not so generous with others as they are with themselves, and set themselves as judges of those who have lived before them; being wholly unjust as a result of their utter misunderstanding.

As an example, they declare that the Egyptians, to whom the Nazarene himself applied for instructions and guidance, worshipped the Sun itself as their God. They refuse to recede from their judgment, although it is fully explained that, in paying homage to the sun, the Egyptians no more worshipped the sun than do Christians worship the Bible when they kiss it to seal a vow. To the Egyptians the sun was a symbol, something they could see and feel, of the God who was their creator and continued to give them life.

No true adherent to biblical teachings as expounded in the New Testament, with the Spirit (feeling) of God in his heart, regards the Bible as an object of worship, or even as sacred in itself, any more than the Osirian, who accepted Osiris as the representative of God considered the terrestrial sun worthy of supplication. The intelligent adherent to Christianity - the teachings of the Nazarene - accepts the Bible in toto as a record, as the history of men, and as a dependable compendium of the Divine Laws by which men should govern their actions both as concerns themselves and their fellow men. The true Osirian held the visible sun in awe as a symbolization of the Spiritual

sun which gave birth to his being and life to his material body.

The worship of many an Egyptian was no doubt actuated wholly by a superstitious devotion directed to the sun. It must also be admitted that many who believe themselves true Christians are taught to see in the Cross, and in the Virgin Mary, the means of their salvation, without giving much thought to God Himself. Moreover, they pray upon the Cross and to the Virgin for the grossest desires and for the most selfish possessions. In neither instance, should judgment be rendered. Men are able to worship no more deeply, sincerely or devotedly than their understanding and enlightenment dictates.

Who, among men, can honestly claim to be entirely free from every superstition, and from all materiality? Just as Christianity grants to the orthodox a reasonable degree of inner Spirituality, so likewise must inner Spirituality be granted to all others outside the pale of the orthodox fold.

To the real convert to the Nazarene's teachings, the true devotee to the Divine Law and its behests, the Christ represents the Spiritual Essence, an Individualized Divine Spark, an emanation from God, the Creator and Father, brought into Awakening and Consciousness. This is the hidden Christos or Soul essence breathed in with the first breath taken by the child, BROUGHT INTO CONSCIOUSNESS, NOT BY FAITH, NOT YET BY WORSHIP ALONE, but by the actual obedience to the Divine Law...by obeying the command to bring about a second birth to the Spirit, that it may attain to Consciousness and, in doing so, BECOME the Christic..., the "son of man becoming the Son of God."

To the Initiate in the Osirian Mysteries; to the Nazarene and

all others before and after him, Osiris was the visible and Spiritual (invisible to the mortal eye) manifestation of the One God. He was recognized as the Creator and Maker of all that existed or would ever exist; an all-embracing, all-governing, all-creative Being who, under the Divine Laws co-existed with creation, governed all heaven and all earth, and all existing therein.

To the true Osirian, as to the Initiates of all ages, the all-important fact was that the sun represented the universal source of all heat; the life of all existing things. They realized that life could not exist without this heat, which is life, and life being from God, the sun was to them, in truth, the symbol of the mighty, all pervading, invisible God. This Osiris was, therefore, in a double sense, “the light that lighteth every one that cometh into the world”...light to the visible sight, and in a Spiritual sense. It was also, and still is, the Light of the Soul brought into Consciousness, a Spiritual Light, but likewise God Himself in His Spiritual essence by which alone He could make Himself visible to man.

Because of such deeper understanding, the Egyptians saw in the sun for more than the ordinary light of day. They comprehended the MYSTERY OF BEING concealed in every brilliant ray of sunlight and the significance of the threefold application of each scintillation of the light as it came from the sun. Moreover, THEY WERE KEENLY CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT, NOT BY FAITH ALONE, BUT BY BRINGING THE HIDDEN CHRISTOS, THE EMANATION FROM GOD HIDDEN IN MAN INTO EXPRESSION, BY THIS MEANS ONLY COULD MAN BECOME AN INITIATE IN THEIR TERMS, A CHRIST IN THE PRESENT TENSE,

TRULY KNOWING GOD.

Only by ignorance, total and inexcusable, can man consider ancient Fire and Sun Worship as heathenism. Why not be generous and just - two holy attributes of the generous heart so constantly and consistently ignored by men - and yet so consistently inculcated by the Nazarene. Mankind must try to find the similarity between the actual sense and feeling of worship by the ancient people, especially the Egyptian, and those of today professing Christianity. These facts are especially deserving of consideration as they are directly concerned with the mistaken idea relative to Sun, Light or Fire Worship.

The Bible itself states that God appeared to Moses in a “flame of fire;” yet no one accuses Moses of being a Fire Worshiper. Moreover, the Bible does much more, it claims that God spoke to Moses by means of the flame; that He gave Moses all his commands and laws by that means. Above all, and most important for everyone seeking Consciousness of his own Soul and of God, we are told that Moses became Conscious of God by this means.

The Egyptian Initiates themselves experienced the appearance of God to man in the form of the Light or Flame. Initiation, or attaining Soul Consciousness, was not considered possible without this Divine appearance as a Light or Flame. True consciousness of God was held as impossible until the Soul, by consistent, consistent, conscious effort, was awakened (the voice of God in the wilderness) and then gradually brought into consciousness or manifestation.

In the book of Acts man is informed that when the disciples - those who had followed the Nazarene in his ministry after he,

like Moses, became conscious of the Divine or Ineffable Light - were filled with the Spirit - that is wholly imbued with the Divine feeling, "there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it sat upon (enveloped each of them.)"

This is exactly what happened to every Egyptian Acolyte, and must happen to every modern Neophyte, before, or during the attainment of Spiritual Consciousness. However, due to ignorance, self-righteousness, and pre-judgment, when that which happened to the Disciples and to the Egyptian Acolyte is experienced by the modern Neophyte, it is considered superstition, a neurosis, insanity or what-not.

It is written that when Moses led the Jews out of Egypt and bondage, the Lord generously went before them "AS A PILLAR OF FIRE BY NIGHT, and as a pillar or cloud by day." Moses was an Initiate of that same Egyptian school in which the Nazarene was also instructed. This IDENTICAL pillar of fire was the Egyptian symbolization of the "overshadowing God," descending upon all those who had attained to Soul Consciousness or Christification.

The "cloud by day" that covered the "pillar of Light" - the image of God - is identical with the "veil of Isis," which all Neophytes had to lift aside by means of their own inner development and Spiritualization. It is the Shadow which the Neophyte of the present day must penetrate; hiding as it does the mystery of mysteries; the Light by which God has always made himself known to men, and which the individual seeking to attain Soul Consciousness must find within his own temple.

The Hebrews, who were the original writers of the books which were finally selected by lot (not by choice) to become

part of the old Testament, naturally misrepresented, perhaps ignorantly, what was really taught by the Egyptian Initiates, because not one of these writers had even been accepted as Acolytes, and therefore had never been permitted to enter the inner Sanctuaries of the Temples of Initiation.

These writers misinterpreted every thought and action of the Egyptians, using their freedom to glorify their own work and worship. This was natural and human, though not ethical. Nevertheless, they copied with slight variations, the Egyptian form of worship. They symbolized both the Fire or Light, by which God made Himself known to Moses and the Egyptians, keeping a light continuously burning on their altars, a material fire which was never permitted to be extinguished or burn out. Did they worship this light, or lights as they claimed the Egyptians did their Aten, or disc of light?

Not having come into possession of the true Light, their own inner dormant Light never having been brought into manifestation, these altar lights or fires were used to represent the Most High, in like manner that the lesser lights of the Vestal fires in the Egyptian temples symbolized to the people that the Sun was life, god and the Giver of Life.

In the recorded words of Judges these highly symbolic words have a special significance:

"Let them that love (venerate, adore, worship] Him be as the sun when he goeth forth in the night." - Judges 5:31.

In these words the sun is employed as a symbol of might and righteousness, and no one would think of accusing the writer as advocating the worship of the sun; nor is he so accused. Why then use the sun as a symbol to more easily teach the masses the

power of the Great Light, or Light Giver, God?

Malachi is still more explicit; through him the lord of Light is made to speak to the children of men:

“But unto you that fear my name [revere and honor by obedience] shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth and grow as calves of the stall.”  
- Malachi 4:2.

This is symbolization in the highest sense. The sun which all men can see and feel, is compared to one of great righteousness with the power to heal, that is, right the wrong and make men strong. This is a correct statement, because just as the Great Light, or God, has given into man's keeping a part of Himself which may be brought into Consciousness and be the Light of the Spiritual life, so the sun offers warmth, which is life to the body; and the food and drink, and every other means by which man lives and becomes strong.

Neither one infringes upon the other, but each is supreme in his own domain. God in His heaven; the sun on earth; the two working together in perfect harmony. In the last analysis, would it be an unforgivable sin if man did worship the sun?

The Nazarene taught by comparison; by symbolization; by allegory and by legend, as he himself so often stated. Let us compare God and his Love to a true mother and her love for her offspring. Such a mother will appreciate and think more highly of the person who will praise her child, favor it and grant it favors, than if the same favors WERE DONE TO HER. Did not God call the sun into existence and give it power? Is not the sun His creation, His child as it were?

Matthew is accepted as one who was possessed of a fairly

accurate knowledge of the Nazarene, who had become the Christ, and his mission. He wrote:

“He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with Fire.”

- Matthew 3:11.

This statement has a deep, esoteric, Spiritual meaning. No man can baptize another with Fire. The only one capable of performing this type of baptism is the Christ. This Christ is not man, but the Christos awakened and brought into Consciousness. When this is accomplished then the Christos as Christ, is a Light, and baptizes; that is, ENVELOPES or OVERSHADOWS the person who has so attained Consciousness, i.e., succeeded in attaining the second or Spiritual birth.

This Statement by John could not possibly refer to the Nazarene, even though he had attained to Christhood, because his ministry was of but a few years and, at best, he could have baptized only a few Souls, and few would have been saved.

The Holy Ghost is interpreted as a Spiritual Light, or Fire. It is the Light or Fire of God that becomes manifest to man when he attains to Consciousness of God as a result of the inner Spiritual Birth. It is man's Illumination. This was the Sublime or Greater Mystery that the Nazarene, like all other Neophytes, was compelled to discover, or unveil for himself. IT WAS THE UNVEILING OF ISIS.

Fire, or Light, despite all that has been written and said against heathen worship of the ancient peoples, has always been, and continues to be, a symbolization of the Light that envelopes God through which alone He can Manifest Himself to man. That which is greatest, next to God and which all men can see, is the sun, fire and light, symbolizing the supreme being. These

things were concrete, not theoretical. Men cannot reason in the abstract. They must have the concrete for understanding, and the sun, fire and light were real to them, mighty forces whose presence assured them warmth and life.

God, in the form of the awakened part of Himself in man, the Christos, becoming Light as a result of the awakening, baptizes or envelopes man in its Light, with its native Spirit; the qualities of love, affection, gentleness, graciousness, humaneness, devotion, and adoration. All of these beatitudes must have become active as a result of transmuting the evil passions, during the process of awakening the Christos and resurrecting him from the tomb in which he, the Divine Spark, was buried.

This is not idle speculation; not a dreamer's dream. It is vital, stark reality. Throughout the Biblical narrative, the Christ is spoken of as "the Light that shines," or as "the sun," and again as "the Fire." What then is the Christ? What does the term "Christ" represent? Certainly not a human fleshly creature, but a Divine, ever-existing principle; a Light, yes, but a Divine Light.

A Light, truly, but only as the Flame, or as a part of the Flame in which God envelopes Himself. This Christ IS a Light. It is become a Light through the effort of man in arousing a dormant Spark of a flame that exists within himself. This much after the manner of olden people who had only the hearth fire to both warm their homes and cook their food. On the approach of night, they would most carefully collect the embers on a heap in THE MIDDLE OF THE HEARTH and there cover them up so they would not die out.

In the morning they would carefully fan these embers into a flame that would not only light and warm the room, but also

cook their meals. In like manner, did God give a Spark from Himself into the keeping of man, that it might be covered for a time, and then fanned by effort into a Light that would become a Flame, which would both Light and give Life to the Spiritual self. This Flame, this Light, is the Christos Awakened and brought into Consciousness - and is the Christ. The sun, material fire and light are symbolic and representative of the Christ; as Individualized, conscious Light.

The term "Christ" was not, as most Christians believe, original with the Nazarene's appearance among men; not with the formal churches or organizations. It is an adaptation, with just the slightest variation, of the Gnostic Christians long before the term "Christ" was known. To them it was the Divine Principle in man and was known as the Christos. This Christos was asleep in man and was known as the Christos. This Christos was asleep in man and so as long as it remained in its dormant state, Biblically "Buried in a tomb," man remained mortal; of the earth, earthy. It was man's mission on earth, by means of changing the many evils inherent in the flesh, to develop the finer emotions and, at the same time, by desire and effort, to awaken and fan into a flame or Light, the Christos hidden in himself.

If he did this, then he would become wisdom personified; he would develop into a Spiritual being, his body would have BECOME The Church of God, wherein the Living Christos, later to be called The Christ, would reign supreme.

These Christian Fathers were men of God. They did not organize formal churches because in their sight every man who became Christos conscious was a "Church in his own right" and God, the Christos, or Christ would abide therein. This,

in substance, was the fundamental doctrine of the Ancient Wisdom, the teachings of the Nazarene.

The Nazarene freely confessed:

“Of myself I can do nothing; the Father which is within me does the work.” - John 14:10.

It is important to carefully note that he did not here refer to any outside power, force or being, but to the Father who is within me. This “Father” was that part from God which, primarily imbedded in his being, he awakened and brought into Consciousness during his period of study and training in Egypt. The Father is God. God is a Light or Flame, and a part of God, in the form of the Divine Spark, was inherent or “imbedded” in the Nazarene and brought into Consciousness. It therefore was not he, the man, but the Awakened Christos, the Christ, which actually was the power that performed the work. This has been true throughout the ages and will continue to be so.

This “Father” within is the Divine principle, the Christos, hidden within every personality and this principle brought into Consciousness, i.e., individualization, becomes dynamic in the “works for righteousness.” The Christos become Christ is essentially a manifestation of the Divine Fire. It is the Ætheric Light burning upon the altar in the temple of the Illuminated.

This Christ is the Inner Light, the Voice of the indwelling God. After the man of Nazareth brought this God principle into his Consciousness, he became Illuminated - Lighted up. It became not only a Light unto itself, but by example, the “light that lighteth every man that cometh into the World,” i.e., every man who would recognize the truth; follow in the Way, and by continuous effort bring the Light within himself into

manifestation.

The Nazarene further stated:

“The righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of heaven.”  
- Matthew 13:43

He did not hesitate for a moment to make use of symbolization, legend or parable. He might here have said: As the sun dispels the darkness and brings light into the world, so do the righteous become the Spiritual Light that leads man into the ways of heaven. Or again:

Righteousness awakens the Spiritual Sun within man and opens the kingdom of heaven to him.

Either statement would have been correct esoterically as well as literally.

In all of his ministry, the Nazarene taught, in a more simplified form, as the Egyptians had taught him, that the Christ is not man, whatever his mode of entrance into the world of matter, but is the Light, the Illuminating essence from God implanted in man in embryonic form, but which could be brought into a state of Consciousness, i.e., individualization, hence his command:

“Call no man on earth your master.”

It is man’s duty to free himself from ALL bondage whether this be to evil tendencies within himself or to other men. Furthermore the sun, i.e., the Spiritual essence of righteousness must be directed to bring about this Consciousness or individualization; radiating its warmth, the essence of which are love, forgiveness, kindness, generosity and other beatitudes, so that this inner sun, the Christos, becomes the Christ, and may shine forth and do its (His) work.

The inculcations of the Nazarene relative to the Divine Principle inherent, but dormant, in man, were identical with the teachings of the Priests in the Egyptian temples. How could it be otherwise? The Son of Joseph of Nazareth was taught and trained for his mission in the world; taught and trained perhaps as no other Neophyte had ever been instructed, due to the fact that the Initiate Priests were well aware that the time was rapidly approaching when these Temples would be closed and they themselves would enter into silence.

The actual Initiates into the Greater Mysteries of Egypt worshipped God in wisdom and feeling; in devotion and reverence beyond the ken of ordinary man. They KNEW God, not in theory only, but by FACT, as a living, ever-burning Fire; and kept alight within themselves the Light, evidence of His presence, and the assurance that they as sons of men had become, by desire and effort, Osirians - Sons of God.

The numerous symbolic representations made use of by the Egyptians represented attributes ascribed to God, or manifested by God. Thus, the sun, which shone so brightly and warmed the land to permit production, naturally exemplified the great virtues of a kind and merciful God.

The light and warmth of the sun made possible the two first requisites of life: warmth and food. The rain that descended from the clouds caused the mountain streams to swell and bring down by the Delta the waters to quench the thirst of both themselves and the ground that produced the food to keep body and Soul together.

The moderns who pride themselves on greater advancement, expanded knowledge, plus material and Spiritual attainment,

have not changed greatly except in forms of expression. Mankind sees and speaks of God in the beautiful flowers, the majesty of the trees, the smile of the child, the love of the mother, the divinity of friendship and the expression of the beatitudes.

The only difference is that the present-day man does not symbolize the Spiritual attributes and therein is a great weakness, rather than an advancement. Perhaps even worse, man prays to God for that which he himself can earn with little effort. He asks forgiveness for evils committed and then repeats them within the hour. He requests God's blessing after having cheated his neighbor. Man expects God to send him liberal blessing directly after having dishonored a trusting Soul. He asks God for rain when he fears that the crops will be ruined with a possible loss of expected profits.

The self-righteous, materialistic and even religious, throughout the ages and to their eternal discredit, have overlooked the fact that every symbol used by the Egyptians possessed an inner, and Arcane meaning. To these people, stones, mountains and their hieroglyphs possessed meanings we express in words. Men forget, or ignore, that the letters and words of all peoples are no more than an intelligent symbolization of feelings, senses and things.

To the Egyptians, the pyramids, obelisks, monuments, and hieroglyphic representations constituted a language, a system preserving their knowledge and religion. Even though the present generation may ridicule symbolism, we find it present in all churches, their steeples, and even in our present forms of worship. Furthermore, and in this men have failed grievously, the language of those early peoples was distinctly and fundamentally

based on religious ideas and the incentive to actually live, as nearly as possible, in harmony with the meaning of the symbols.

The symbology of the Osirian Priest Initiates, even faintly understood, becomes representative of a religion of purity, simple but exalted, which, in all its essential features, is parallel with the fundamentals taught by the Nazarene. The application in life of these teachings resulted in bringing the Christos into Consciousness; the Soul into Illumination; a recognition of the Light that emanates constantly from God, unrecognized by the masses because of their blindness.

It was blindness on the part of the masses in the heyday of Egypt, as it is among mankind today, that demanded forms, ceremonies, legends, parables and many word pictures to make them conscious of simple facts; ever-present Spiritual truths.

The Biblical narrative informs us plainly that Moses was instructed in all of the learning of the Egyptians. This could hardly be otherwise, since Moses had been found and adopted into (was actually by birth one of) the royal family. This made it compulsory that he should enter the temple and then receive all instructions and training, have every advantage, also obey every law to which the royal youths were subject.

It is generally conceded that the child Moses did not fall into the hands of a maiden of the ruling family entirely by accident, that his mother was an Egyptian of the royal family. All things considered, including the supposition that Moses was ordained to become a leader of people and the dispenser of the Divine Law to govern the actions of all people throughout the ages, can we believe, or be led to believe, that if, as so frequently asserted, the Egyptians were idolatrous people, God, who ordains well,

would have permitted both Moses and the Nazarene to have fallen into their hands, be taught by them and prepared in all details to become future world teachers and leaders?

God may move in a “mysterious way,” but man certainly cannot believe that He also moves in an “illogical” or “contradictory” manner. If, as asserted and believed by so many, the Egyptians were a people outside of God’s pale, then certainly mankind would be forced to believe that the Divine Law being absolute, unchangeable, and above all, absolutely just, God or His Law would have selected another people to “find” the babe Moses, teach him, instruct him and prepare him in the new Law, or the interpretation of the old Laws so that he might correctly, and without error, fulfill his mission.

The very fact that the Soul which was Moses, was incarnated among the Egyptians, then instructed and trained according to their knowledge and science, and that it was the verdict that there was “not another Hebrew (though he was himself a Hebrew) like him,” indicates beyond contradiction that the Egyptians, at least the educated and Priestly class, were a superior people, far above all other people. If not, then God must be considered an inconsistent being and His Law variable, undependable and unpredictable.

Joseph was another great leader who evidently required more profound knowledge and training than his own people could give him, and was seemingly by accident brought into this supposed “land of darkness.” He, like Moses, emerged from among the Egyptians endowed with wisdom and honors, and virtues unknown to his brethren.

Lastly, not to mention many others, the angels themselves

instructed Joseph, father of the infant born in Nazareth, to take his son into Egypt, that there he might not only be protected from the ruling tyrants, but also be instructed and so prepared, according to the DIVINE LAW, to lead his people out of the self-bondage into which they had permitted themselves to fall.

If, according to Biblical inculcations, a “tree is to be known by the fruit it bears,” then it must be equally true that a nation must be judged by the leaders it produces. Considering the works of Moses, Joseph, the Nazarene and others, Immortalized and memory-fresh after many centuries, men of today, who profess the spirit of graciousness and justice, should be more generous in their judgments, and the teachings of these Godly men accepted as truth by the multitudes.

Especially is this true in the present age when every effort is being made, not only by the age-old enemies of the Christian precepts, but by those who profess Christianity, to the end that Jesus, the person, may finally be destroyed or officially classed as a myth by the unbelieving, the atheistic and most unfortunately, in many of the churches.

However, one thing is certain, all these can not more destroy the Christos of the Gnostics, BECOME the Christ IN THE HEARTS OF MEN, than they have been able to destroy the glory of Egypt at the times of Moses and the Nazarene. the Christos in the human being, the Christ as a principle Immortalizing those who Obey the Divine Law, will continue to exist as long as man is on earth and God in His heaven...and Manisis, the incarnate spirit, interpreter of the Divine Law, will become as ageless and as eternal as Osiris-Isis and the Nazarene.

The Lawgivers, Avatars, Masters of the ages may inculcate

beautiful and exalted truths, but each individual must prove for himself the wisdom and efficiency of their teachings. Before the baptism of the Divine Love (the Holy Ghost) is poured upon man, before he can be imbued with the wisdom of high heaven and the guidance of the governing Hierarchies, man must prove, not merely profess, his worthiness and ability, by manifesting the qualities and virtues that always follow the application of the Divine principles in a man's life.

Actually, whether or not the teachings of Spiritual awakening and Soul Illumination originated in Egypt or elsewhere, is of little importance.

The one essential factor is: Will man accept the Law, apply the operation of the Law to his own thoughts, desires and acts? Will he, in the Spirit of Love and other beatitudes, bring into manifestation the Divine Flame received from the Eternal and by the transmutation of the gross matter in himself, change the son of man into the likeness of the Son of God?

#### CENTERS OF LIGHT

Each individual is capable of becoming this Church of God, a center of dynamic light, embracing and blessing those less fortunate and serving them to the end, while likewise becoming Illuminated - Sons of God.

Thus, in time, many individual centers of light (the Illuminated) will be banded together as workers, whose ideals, aims and purposes urge them on to higher and yet greater endeavor to improve themselves and at the same time serve their fellow men.

Their united efforts, their harmony of purpose, their

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concentration of pure and noble thoughts, will set into motion vibratory waves of great power, which will prove a blessing to the weary and will ultimately burn up race hatreds and the malice of unregenerate men not yet on the path toward Light.

The leader of the New Order of the Ages is known to the select as Manisis, the reincarnation of Manasseh, to whom God promised a new world and a new people.

One of the errors of the ages has been in the groundless idea that man cannot follow God, or a Godly life, and, at the same time, be successful in a practical, mundane sense. The cry of all too many men of the cloth has been and continues to be: "Crucify the flesh," in total disregard or forgetfulness of the Divine command:

"Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." - Mark 12:17

This injunction demands of us an EQUAL effort to serve the world in proportion as we serve God. It requires service to the material self no less than to the Spiritual self. In reverse, we are told to serve God as fully as we serve the world, and our Spiritual being to the same extent we serve the material self. This is the Law of Equilibrium, of balance - right proportion. It is likewise the LAW of JUSTICE, of BALANCING UP. No man can ignore this law, or command, without injury to himself, or perhaps even final destruction to himself.

Unfortunately, even many of these who, as Acolytes, have sought the Path to Soul Consciousness or Mastership, the Way, the Truth and the Life, conceived the utterly erroneous idea that, on entering the path leading to the full development of all the innate faculties, capabilities and possibilities - the Biblical "talents," hidden within his being - activity in an occupation, business or profession must either be discontinued or at least in part neglected, and all of the aspirant's time be directed toward Soul development and Spiritualization.

This is an utterly false conception. Inner or Spiritual development, frequently called "higher" development, to be correct, must be normal, balanced and proceed step by step,

hand in hand, with honest and worthy endeavor in material and worldly affairs. It is not only unnecessary for man to lay aside his vocation, whatever it may be (the ministry excepted), in order to promote the interest of his Spiritual self, but may be highly detrimental for him to do so.

Super-development, a development above the purely physical, progresses most satisfactorily in every respect if the Neophyte is daily engaged, for a certain number of hours, in constructive activity, in something essential to the human family, an occupation that calls for the centralization of his every thought and entire attention during every working hour of the day. This Law, and it is a Law, is condensed in the few words familiar to all:

“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.”

- Eccl. 9:10.

This Law encompasses every activity in which man can engage, whether material or Spiritual.

Biblically, as well as in Occult lore, this Law is stated somewhat differently. For example:

“He that is faithful in that which is the least is faithful also in much.” - Luke 16:10.

Nowhere is this more applicable than in the realm of the higher Spiritual or Occult activities. It is equally true with respect to daily life, in the most menial labors. The laborer who has no heart in his work, who performs no better than he must, is headed not only toward material failure, but to Spiritual annihilation. To be counted worthy or to BECOME worthy of the greater or higher, man MUST be faithful to the lesser. REaction is the

Law, irrespective of the field in which man is engaged, and the “wages” paid the laborer will be in exact proportion both to the spirit and the mode or manner of his efforts. This is the eternal Law which no man can change or evade. It is also the Divine Law:

“- whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”

- Galatians 6:7. and:

“- every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor.” - Corinthians 3:8.

Life in its entirety is made up of the small, the insignificant, and the seemingly worthless things. Cumulatively these smaller things become the greater things. The step by step effort, without apparent progress, nevertheless, leads to the heights.

The Laws governing concentration, i.e., fixed ideas, activity and effort, are by no means limited to material affairs. They apply equally in every avenue of life, including Spiritual progress and attainment. All things being equal, the extent of man's concentration, activity and interest in the culture of his inner, higher or Spiritual self, should be co-equal with his interest in external affairs; though considerably less time and effort is necessary in the case of the former.

The path leading to inner Spiritual culture demands a definite method of concentration and the close application of thought for a certain number of minutes each day. This effort is most successful, and far better results are obtained, if the Acolyte will give the same degree of concentration and undivided attention to his material interests or efforts. In general, a man's zest in the acts of his daily life, will be duplicated in his efforts toward Spiritual attainment. One complements the other. Failure in

one is certain to react in the other. Why? Because failure is the result of a common cause. This is A Law which is well to learn early in life.

A point never to be overlooked, forgotten or evaded, is that the purpose of true, or balanced development is the combined improvement of body, mind, spirit and Soul. This includes, aye, demands, preparing for a useful life, and the ability to render constructive service to others IN EXCHANGE FOR SERVICES REQUIRED BY OTHERS. When one arrives at a full comprehension of this Law - and it IS as Law - daily tasks take on a new meaning. As progress is made, the various activities of life become a barometer by which one may readily gauge the progress of Spiritual advancement.

All the daily duties - not impositions - which man is called upon to perform, afford an opportunity that should be welcomed, for the application of the principles learned will help to build up the constructive forces that otherwise might lie dormant and weaken those that have already been developed.

Spiritual development, being in part, at least, a method of drawing to the self, the Biblical "bread of life," the Æthereal essence from the higher spheres, naturally demands an exchange. In this again a potent Law is illustrated; not a something for nothing, but a something we can offer in exchange for something we desire and need.

Unless there is a daily expenditure, a circulation or reciprocation, as it were, by means of actively exchanging one type of service for another, all of a constructive nature - a giving out in proportion to the receiving - the combined organism of body, mind spirit and Soul will suffer congestion, an inertia, a

weakness predisposing one to failure.

To discontinue a constructive, remunerative business or occupation to devote the entire time to Spiritual development is to bring about a stagnation of the entire being; an aversion, a satiation, and defeat the very purpose of Spiritual development, the end of which is Soul Consciousness.

As a result of inner Spiritual awakening and development, man's mind gradually becomes keener in its insight into conditions, more proficient in its analysis of the correct methods to pursue under all conditions and circumstances. This brings a deeper recognition of the results of the thought and desire processes; more accurate conclusions, and more specific application or direction of knowledge, power and energies cultivated.

The mind's faculties are like instruments of steel in the process of being shaped, tempered and sharpened, or changed in form and structure by means of both heat and cold. The mental activities of man require daily testing and readjusting, and nothing better affords the opportunity for this than the demands of daily life with its complications, intricacies, provocations and disappointments.

The unpleasant experiences are as important to balanced development as the pleasant, just as both heat and cold are essential to the tempering of fine steel. In the process of this Spiritual or inner development, the Soul of man gradually releases its store of knowledge. A new insight becomes apparent. The common occurrences of every day life reveal new significance and the ordinary duties take on a much deeper meaning as the relationship between body, mind and Soul is revealed.

If the desire be properly inspired, then love, kindness,

compassion, generosity and graciousness become the activating motives underlying all endeavor. The tiny spark of the Divinity latent in man's being becomes by graduation a well-defined spiral of the Flame, of which it was formerly a part. In time as progress continues, the Soul self, the Light that is the Soul becomes "the sun of righteousness with healing in its wings."

This being true, both mind and Soul, the two extremes, each with its expanding capabilities and spheres for usefulness, must have adequate avenues for expression or manifestation; otherwise they will weaken and retrograde; activity being synonymous with life in every avenue of expression.

It should be strongly impressed on the sense of understanding that nothing is ever gained by slighting a duty in any direction, not even for so noble an objective as study and development along Spiritual paths. To do so is to cheat the self. Truly great Souls always do their best under all conditions and circumstances.

It is an erroneous belief that development of the higher self permits one to become careless in habit and indifferent to the duties of life, however menial. He alone legitimately applies the proper methods for development of all his faculties who finds an incentive for improvement in the practical duties of everyday life.

By a system of development, properly understood and actually practiced, the mechanic becomes more skillful; the carpenter more proficient in handling his tools, the salesman more expert in presenting the value of his products.

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It is clearly understood that loss of interest in any useful, constructive or creative activity indicates clearly an utterly erroneous idea regarding the ultimate purpose for which such development is undertaken; continuation in such error will result in failure both materially and Spiritually.

It is actually harmful, as so many have found to their sorrow, for the aspirant to apply himself too closely to his study or to apply himself exclusively to any line of endeavor to the exclusion of all else. Constant study, mental activity, and indifference to physical requirements, is a combination that will in time result in great harm to both mind and body.

If the Neophyte is so situated that work of a remunerative nature is not required for his own support and those dependent on him, the best results in inner or Spiritual development demand the pursuit of some avocation in channels of usefulness as a relief from the mental activity in which he is engaged. Not alone does the Law governing Spiritual development and the efforts toward Soul Consciousness demand that man do this, but it likewise commands him "not to leave the other undone."

All too many, though fully and faithfully obeying the first injunction, fail utterly by ignoring the latter. Insanity, or a neurosis, in various degrees, all too frequently results from too great and too continuous a concentration of thought and effort along one particular line of endeavor, to the neglect not only of the physical man, but also of the mental faculties.

This is true not only when the effort is centered on Spiritual attainment, but equally so when the mind is centered on some material achievement. An example of this would be, the "ever-

with-us” perpetual motion enthusiasts, ninety per cent of whom become “mental cases.”

The full, complete and natural life, the whole (holy) life, demands a variety of wholesome interests; ANEQUILIBRIUM... not merely nourishment, but refreshment as well, not alone the bread of life,” but likewise the “wine of gladness.”

Constructive effort or useful labor is one of the most important “musts” of Spiritual development, for the search for the attainment of Soul Consciousness. “By the sweat of thy brow shalt thou live [eat bread],” is a Divine command founded on Absolute Law. Man can attain his desires honestly only by effort, energy, willingness and untiring work. Labor, whatever its nature, never reflects unfavorably on any man’s intellect or Spirituality, nor does it make him less noble or less the gentleman.

God is as much a farmer as He is a philosopher. More so, if anything, because of the vastly greater importance of food for the subsistence of man, rather than philosophy to sustain his faith. By useful labor, man polishes the mirror that reflects the Divine in which he was created. Useful activity gives nimbleness to the body and eliminates impurities that would impede movement. It is the correct and most certain method to free the system of poisonous substances that interfere even with the purity of thought and loftiness of desire. Inactivity of the physical body congests and interferes with natural action, prevents the absorption of vital material to rebuild the physical structure, deteriorates the physical man and leads to an early old age.

Nature honors and compensates constructive activity. She is ever generous with her gifts; but to whom she offers much, she

likewise demands much, and he who fails to compensate will soon find himself lacking a supply. If she gives man a strong and virile body, filled with the spirit of life and vigor, she demands that he make use of it to full capacity. She herself is constant in her giving, and the more she gives, the greater her demand in return. Nature is ever generous. By the same token, she not only expects, but demands that we be equally so. Nature is a wise guardian of her treasures; bestowing her favors where they will be most appreciated and prove to be a profitable investment. Nature’s law is fully illustrated in the Nazarene’s parable of the “talents,” and the principle enunciated applies to everything man possesses or may possess.

Nature is ever just and most honorable in her demands. If sometime it would appear that she demands more than she offers, this is only apparently true; it may be that man already owes too great a debt which he has made no effort to pay. The Law of Compensation, i.e., FAIR EXCHANGE, functions in strict accordance with fairness and justice, and cannot be evaded for long. Though a man’s obstacles may be seemingly insurmountable, he CAN overcome them or THEY WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PLACED IN HIS WAY, and the effort or sacrifice required in the overcoming is always fully compensated.

Nature demands interest on indebtedness; but she also pays interest on investments. As man proves equal to his first difficulty, he will be compelled to meet others. Each problem met will bring knowledge and power to overcome others until victory is finally won. Nature wisely treats man as if it were good for him to carry burdens; to bear the heat or cold of the day, and surmount obstacles, knowing that hardships, toil, and effort are

to his ultimate advantage. NATURE MAKES NO MISTAKES. Ultimately she blesses both the acceptance and the willingness of obedience to her Law, knowing that “to the victor belong the spoils [the reward].”

Nature is utterly cold, but conscientious and absolutely just, manifesting a constructive purpose in all she does, or for which she is the incentive. Every part of man’s physical organism is designed for a specific purpose and if any one is permitted to avoid its specific function in the plan of life, every other part is made to pay the penalty, and it is the mind, the master architect, that must bear (feel) the penalty for not enforcing the Law.

That every part of the functioning machinery may be kept in perfect order, the various muscles of the body must be exercised, compelling harmonious adjustment to all organs. This is accomplished by NATURAL means in meeting the requirements of a normal, active life. Unless there is sufficient physical activity, the reaction, or lack of action will be harmful to the mentality, and the adverse mental state will in turn affect the Spiritual self, the Soul, accordingly. To be normal, natural, correct, one’s development - mental, physical and Spiritual - must proceed hand in hand.

Actually, true development is in itself, a form or type of labor. It demands a consciously, deliberately directed activity and application of mental forces, sometimes far more difficult, in the beginning, than physical labor. The truly great men of all times became such by means of wise mental activity coupled with hard and ceaseless toil or labor. As an example, Abraham Lincoln earned the presidential chair by his extreme self-denial and application to study and thought during early youth. To him

the arduous labor and self-forgetfulness in all this was a pleasure. The incentive and energy that urged him on and enabled him to engage in the lowly task of splitting rails, ultimately took him to the Capitol of the Nation and made him the guiding star in the rehabilitation of the relationship between men of wholly different ideas and ideals, even though the full consummation of his plans was frustrated by the selfishness and ignobility of men surrounding him and following him in power. Faithfulness in the most menial tasks made Lincoln worthy of the greatest honors a nation could confer upon him.

Leo Tolstoi, born in the purple, regarded by millions of his time as one of the greatest authors of the age, with the opportunity of living a life of idleness and luxury, nevertheless chose to lead a constructive life in part time as a tiller of the soil.

Being born to the carpenter’s trade in no wise interfered with the development of the Soul of the Nazarene; neither did it bring upon him dishonor, but instead, the love of God and man. Peter, James and John, chosen by him as companions and co-workers, were fishermen. The Apostle Paul earned his livelihood by making tents. Almost without exception, the truly great men, the honestly successful men, came from among the humble toilers among men. No great Souls ever incarnated or reincarnated with a desire for ease or pleasure, but that they might FIRST OF ALL DEVELOP ALL OF THEIR TALENTS, and having done so, labor actively in the “vineyard of the Lord.” By their example and the results of their efforts to help humanity as a whole to greater knowledge, they reaped the benefits that accrue to all who willingly obey the Law.

Every obstacle placed in the path was made to serve as a

stepping stone to greater development and achievement. Great Souls seeking ultimate perfection and usefulness to humanity, never chose homes of luxury and idleness, nor environments offering them pleasure whenever sought. Sublime Souls incarnate to WORK; they choose fields where effort is most needed, and they have been, and are, ever ready and most willing to fulfill their every destined duty to the utmost.

True Acolytes will try in every possible way to develop all of their inherent “talents,” strive to personify and manifest the Divine likeness in visible and tangible form, and always direct their creative energies into channels of usefulness. In so doing they gradually come into a realization of their likeness to their Creator, and in truth change, develop “the son of man into the likeness of the Son of God.”

Truly great Souls are the visible expression of the Father. They are the living proof of God’s existence. They manifest their likeness or kinship with the Creator by being ceaseless workers; never idle, never drones or the unworthy recipients of the “something for nothing.” To such a Soul, nature is a great laboratory. Such a man looks upon the universe as his workshop; being fully conscious that he who is most active and constructive in his creative ability and unflinching in his service is most like his Creator. Of this, his constant proof is his own Soul’s Consciousness.

#### MAN AS A CREATOR

In full measure, each individual is the creator of his own destiny; of his body, his environments, his conditions and all that he is. When he originally manifested as man, he was sent forth from

the Supreme Creator, as a branch from a vine. A ray of light followed each being into the mundane existence, and with this ray was associated all that was good, beautiful and harmonious through the Creative Law.

Gradually, through ignoring the Divine Law, man has fallen to his present estate. All this holds (binds) him to the depths in his own stubbornness in refusing to purge his mind and Soul from the admittedly undesirable passions, such as hate, jealousy, malice, judgment of others, unforgiveness, selfishness and carnal appetite. It is a long list - one which even the ignorant admit as undesirable - yet, such is human nature that man holds to them and is destroyed by them.

## 8. THE SCIENCE OF WELL-BEING

It is an undisputed truism that the state of the body and mind has a direct influence upon the indwelling Spiritual being, and that Spiritualization, or the attainment of Soul Consciousness is retarded by the state of the physical health, ESPECIALLY if weakness or sickness of the body is caused by disobedience to some Natural Law and removable by obedience to the Law.

Complete, well-rounded development is concerned equally with body, mind and the inner Spiritual self. It is likewise true that when there is a sincere, consistent effort to change the mental, emotional self by a whole-Souled desire for freedom from the destructive passions, such as run the gauntlet between maliciousness, hate, and resentment, then the physical self will be freed from many of the weaknesses and ailments to which it has been subject.

This method, procedure, or Science, is designated as The Science of the Soul, for the reason that the incentive is from within the innermost self, the hidden, awakening Christos or Divine Spark.

Medical science has finally recognized several facts which the Occultist has always held as fundamental truths. It is now accepted that the mental and emotional state has an almost unbelievable influence on the body for either health or disease. An emotional upheaval, more frequently than men are willing to believe, can cause acute indigestion resulting in heart failure, mental unbalance, even cancer and all of the various other diseases mind and body are heir to and DOES SO IN POSSIBLY SIXTY-FIVE PERCENT OF ALL DISEASES!

Contrariwise, an emotional ecstasy, a Spiritually uplifting experience, may instantly or gradually, if the emotional ecstasy

is held on such a balance, cure such diseases. Such an emotional change or uplift is, of course, based on the afflicted person's recognition that giving way to anger, malice, hatred, resentment and all other degrading and depressing passions IS EVIL IN ACTION.

It is necessary to create a strong awakened desire to change these destructive passion into their opposites of kindness, gentleness, graciousness and other heartfelt emotions. These emotions being of a Spiritual nature, have been rightly recommended as the method to be practiced as The Science of The Soul.

Medical science has progressed beyond its primary concept, realizing now that many diseases are the direct result of DESTRUCTIVE emotional upheavals. This recognition DIRECTLY concerns and is of untold importance to the Acolyte in Arcane Science. To indicate to the searchers for the truth that makes men free, it is only necessary to quote extracts from an article that appeared in the April, 1955, issue to the Mississippi Valley Medical Journal, written by Jonathan Forman, M.D.:

“Do not subscribe to the idea that dis-ease has a place within the natural order. First, if we skim the pages of history, we can deduce only that dis-ease is an effect of abnormal Living.<sup>1</sup> Secondly, if we ask ourselves pragmatically whether it pays to look upon dis-ease as an abnormality and make every effort to keep our health, we must answer, ‘yes’. Finally, all biometric data indicates that dis-ease is an expression of the abnormal.<sup>2</sup>

1. Abnormal living, or living in any respect contrary to natural laws, whether in thought, desire or act, is a sin and the REaction is an abnormality or dis-ease. Making Health Certain, published in 1921 was built entirely on this theory. Philosophical Publishing Company, Quakertown, Pa.  
2. The abnormal body, mind or the Spiritual self is always the result of Disobedience, though such DISobedience may be unconscious.

“Nature at all times and in all places is attempting to maintain an equilibrium. When she approaches it, there is the beginning of positive health.”

“Behind this...of established facts, there is always the concept that dis-ease has governed men’s mind at particular periods of history. Man still refuses to assume any responsibility for his health.<sup>3</sup> Consequently he expects scientists to furnish physicians with powerful poisons to kill the invading germ, but never quite strong enough to kill the patient...”

“There can be no doubt that at times since the race began there have been a great variety of factors, some favorable, some unfavorable, some physical, some chemical, and some psychological<sup>4</sup> acting upon each man and woman through out the ages.”

“Within these limits the body functions and operates without present-day methods of examination.”

“On the other hand, these adaptive processes may not function well enough to meet the full demands of the rest of the body; thus the economy of the body may become impaired. In this event the individual develops unusual feelings, associated with which are no {apparent} changes in the function or structure demonstrable by modern techniques or examination.

3. Though men refuse either to admit or accept their responsibility for their state of mental, physical health, Nature compels them to suffer in proportion to their disobedience or infringement of her Laws.

4. An emotional upset is psychological. Its influence is first upon the nervous system, then the mind and finally the body, the material mechanism which “manifests” the DISorder, or imbalance; the effect being to the degree of the severity of the emotional stress. As far as can be estimated, fully 65% of all diseases have their origin in emotional upsets.

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“This condition can be assured present as a pre-clinic disorder or disturbance in equilibrium. If it is continued or becomes slightly more pronounced, this imbalance of the organism’s equilibrium will result in impairment of function, and finally, in most instances of organ structures readily detectable by the examining physician. This breakdown {in proper functioning} is called Dis-ease.”

“Between health and dis-ease, I am trying to point out there is a zone which is neither one nor the other(5). The objective of creative medicine(6) is to get a fuller understanding of the interplay of the forces within the human body, and how to keep them at work at, or near the full potential, with little or no wear and tear.”

“A responsible body of knowledge now being assembled deals with the large relationship in Nature. Ecology, like all natural

5. The efforts of the Initiate or Secret Schools ever since the time of Egypt have been directed in a positive manner. The entire theme of the present work is designed to help the Acolyte recognize this truth and to bring about a state of peace and tranquillity. This is accomplished by the elimination, transmutation or change of those passions which tend to upset the harmony of the emotional nature; DEPRESSING IT -LOWERING ITS RATE OF VIBRATION -so that inharmony and imbalance cannot take place, jeopardizing health of mind, body and Soul.

6. This objective the Secret Schools have always attempted to bring about by instructing its Acolytes in the destructiveness of the passions which bring about depressions and indirectly imbalance; at the same time affecting adversely the Divinity within man, degrading it instead of resurrecting it from under the debris with which man’s actions tend to entomb it.

science, rests upon the laws which govern the behavior of energy<sup>7</sup> and matter. These laws express the universal tendency of every process to work toward a condition of equilibrium.<sup>8</sup> The process whereby life and environment are inter-related are no exception.”

“From this point of view, dis-ease can be looked upon as a process subject to constant change and consequently influenced by factors which also may be constantly varied. The old concept of dis-ease, while allowing for certain changes and inter-relationships, was largely static and divisional. This new concept, on the other hand, is unitarian and dynamic. Hippocrates and Galen looked upon dis-ease in this manner, and many a man since has held that dis-ease is nothing more than nature’s effort<sup>9</sup> to restore the patient’s health.”

7. Nature uninterfered with, may bring about an adjustment. It generally does this in animal life. However, right here the psychological factor functions. In animal life, there is no emotional upheaval to upset the laws working toward a balance. Man, possessing free Will and feeling, both of which are seldom under control, gives both free Will and his emotions free play with the result that his destructive felling or passions interfere with the free actions of nature and are strong enough to upset the entire physical economy.

8. Equilibrium is not only Nature’s highest order, but it is equally vital to Spiritual self-being. The emotions affect equally both the physical and the Spiritual bodies, keeping them constantly in unbalance, inharmony, upheaval turmoil, ill-ease and dis-ease. There is even a constant conflict between the body, the mind and the inner, hidden Spiritual urge.

9. While the author’s concept is authentic almost as a whole, there is a disagreement regarding the final conclusions. It is agreed that so far as the physical man is concerned, this is true, and this is nature’s department. But man is a composite being. He has feelings which ARE WHOLLY ASIDE FROM HIS ANIMAL BODY -ANIMALS NOT BEING POSSESSED OF THESE FEELING. Nature actually has little or no control over these feelings. Nevertheless, just as the body is made aware of its existence, so is man made aware that there is something more in himself than the body and its feelings. An awareness that there is something of which he is not conscious, but which brings him mental UNease when he transgresses the moral code. There can be no equilibrium until such time as man recognizes the fact that he must live in accord with Nature’s laws; at the same time he must give expression to that which is within himself; the cause of constant urge, an uneasiness, the call of the inmost self; the Spiritual, which is first of all affected by his passions, and in turn affects his mind and body, resulting in UNease, dis-ease; a combination of physical-emotional (psychological) discord.

The “Science of the Soul” is the Science dealing with the mental, emotional nature and its harmonizing with the physical man. It is necessary to make a clear distinction between the Spiritually unawakened, unenlightened mind native to the UNregenerate man, and the awakened, poised and constructively inclined mind, which has become conscious of its mission as the most vitally active agency in the development of the Soul and all the forces under its direction.

The mind unawakened in its relationship to Spiritual matters may be keen and alert in intellectual pursuits, business and social affairs, and may have accumulated a vast fund of knowledge on the mental plane, without realizing that it must become a creative agency in the development of the Spiritual self.

Once the mind has become fully imbued with this idea and its responsibility, and willingly, even cheerfully, accepts it, it becomes both the architect and builder of the Immortal structure known as the temple wherein God - the awakened Christos -dwells.

The awakened mind at once becomes the constructive agent in the effort to bring the as yet unconscious Soul into Consciousness. At the same time it brings into activity the “scourge” in the Nazarene’s hand for cleansing the temple, the body.

This is the freeing of the self-being - the body which is become the temple - of its weaknesses in the form of destructive, debasing passions, which lie at the root of its diseases and misfunctionings.

Once awakened to its possibilities and opportunities, the awakened mind becomes the Solomon who, with his wisdom, and the power wisdom confers, will be the builder of the “temple

not made with hands.” The literal, material temple of Solomon was three-fold in its departments or arrangements. The outer court of the building corresponded to the body of man; the middle or main apartment of the building where all might enter, represented the mind or conscious functioning of man. Lastly, and most important, the INNER SANCTUARY: the Holy of Holies: the Sanctum Sanctorum, the Place where none but the Initiate Priests may enter.

This Holy of Holies, was, is, symbolic of the INMOST Center in man, wherein is the Altar with its constantly burning flame of the unquenchable Fires, the Light of the Ineffable Light. This temple itself, being the house wherein the Soul finds its domicile, must have the same care that the Soul itself received. This inmost center, as a temple, must be cleansed of all “money changers” - doers of evil - symbolized by the Nazarene’s driving out of the money changers who made the ancient temples charnel houses.

The Science of the Soul, i.e., the basic instructions of the Ancient Schools, is not limited in its field of work to the Spiritual in man, the Christos or Divine Spark. It is equally concerned with the fourfold man as a whole, constituting man as body, mind, spirit and Spiritual self, and deals with man in his higher aspect, once he has awakened to his possibilities.

So long as man is wholly carnally minded, the Science of the Soul is not applicable to any department of his nature. It would be no help even to his purely physical self because, being carnally inclined, he would not willingly follow even Nature’s Laws as they apply to his welfare; Nature being unable to wholly separate the animal from the Divine.

The carnally disposed, unawakened mind may become a huge

storehouse of knowledge, even of the wisdom that comes as a result of experience and the cunning and shrewdness of such experience. However, it can apply this knowledge only in a material manner. The Spiritually unenlightened mentality may become dynamic only upon the mental plane of action.

This is illustrated by what is known as black magic, though this power is only temporary and for the duration of the functioning of the mind in that direction; having a REaction toward its own downfall and destruction. The forces, powers and energies, developed by means of obedience to the teachings of the Science of the Soul function upon a higher plane and in combination with physical, mental and Spiritual activation. The powers developed depend entirely upon the purity of the incentive, the goal visioned, and the impulses of all that is good and noble which emanates from the emotional center of man’s inner self.

The normal, healthy, brilliant mind, always desirable in itself, is capable of accumulating a vast store of knowledge and directing it into channels of constructiveness, but solely on the material plane. The material mind is not inclined toward the Spiritual or the Immortalizing of the inner self; nor does it possess the power to build up a Spiritual health and strength within the physical self. The material mind must be awakened sufficiently to the existence, and desirability to seek for Spiritual verities. This knowledge must be applied to the activities of life, thus establishing harmony with the Creative Law, while also recognizing its obligation to the needy, not to the drone and inert. Thus the mind enters the path of the Way, the Truth, and the Life and becomes capable of directing its knowledge into

channels both mental and Spiritual, and by becoming Spiritually enlightened it can attain to the highest levels of physical life.

In every effort toward achievement in any field or avenue of activity concentration is of prime importance. There must be a singleness of purpose and direction. Without the singleness of thought and purpose there is a dispersal of power and energy invariably ending in weakness. By concentrating on a single purpose, there will be an accumulation of power.

This accumulation of power must be transferred or directed into the desired field of action. Concentration, in, or by itself, is not growth, nor is it development. To concentrate is merely to hold in mind a single thought or desire. As a result of the activating force of this one thought or desire the constructiveness of the mind comes into harmonious vibrations with other minds or forces of like nature. This accumulation followed by action or direction, if constructive, brings about a development harmonious with the directive desire and the ultimate achievement in harmony with the desire.

By means of desire and concentration -centralization of desire - man attracts and draws to himself forces of like kind. Through a trained Will, these forces may be applied or directed to the desire which is within man, such as Spiritual attainment, mental stability, or success along any avenue of activity. The inner Spiritual self manifests as it truly is, by external expression in the field on which man is engaged.

The Science of the Soul deals with all of life; with growth upon every plane; with conditions underlying all of life's activities. The results following in the wake of the knowledge imparted depend entirely on the degree to which it is practiced and applied.

If the mind has been inclined toward destructive tendencies and is directed to the constructive in an effort to change the ignoble, depressing, destructive passions into the emotions of exalted feeling, then it is certain that the whole of life will tend away from the purely physical and temporal toward the balanced physical-Spiritual, the eternal.

Concentration, like all other forms of activity, may be either a blessing or a curse; bringing in its wake either health or disease; discord or peace; failure or success. Concentrated efforts in harmony with goodness, i.e., kindness, sympathy, nobleness, exaltedness and other emotions of like nature, will ALWAYS be creative of health, strength and power.

It is a truism, though incompletely stated, that "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." `this statement, basically true, is nevertheless misleading. It should read: As are a man's thoughts, if strong enough to give birth to desire, and if desire leads to action in harmony with the thoughts, so will he become.

A house is not built when he who is in need of a house begins to think of a house, or even if he continues to think of it. It will only become a house if, following the thought of need, the desire becomes keen enough to urge him to plan, then proceed with the execution of the plan and continue until the house is finished.

It is true that if any thought be continuously held in mind it will, according to the nature of the thought, permeate the entire being, The good (healthy) tree will not bring forth defective fruit, neither will the balanced, normal, clean mind think degrading and sensual thoughts.

The precepts of the Science of the Soul applied in thought,

desire and action are conducive to health, strength and general well-being, because they constantly stimulate an harmonious state of mind and a balance in the emotional nature. The mind, as the center, the generator, from which electrical (vibratory) currents are sent to all parts of the body, will build up or tear down, according to the nature of the thoughts, desires and inclinations.

Positive thoughts create waves of pure, wholesome, beneficent, happy, peaceful, constructive vibrations, which are impressed upon and built into every cell of the body, increasing the vitality and power of each cell and promoting a strong, vital, virile physical being and normal mind.

The Science of the Soul is the basis of all Arcane philosophy, having as its goal the preparation of mind, body, the spirit that is life, and the path for the Soul to function. Unless the foundation is properly prepared, the awakened, Conscious Soul will have a poor medium through which to function.

Every thought man thinks is actually a suggestion that impresses itself upon his manifold being. Every time a man verbally expresses his thoughts he is conveying a suggestion to those who hear him. It is therefore well, especially for the Acolyte, to be careful of his words.

Every thought possesses power in itself but is not as embracing in its influence as the spoken word. The spoken word has greater power because it not only impresses the vibrations of itself upon the hearer, but is also an incentive to action in harmony with the vibrations felt.

All potential power for good or ill has its inception in the mind. Man could create or destroy worlds by the direction of

his thoughts, if he fully understood the operating law. Thought is the beginning, the Alpha of all things; the action in harmony with the thought is the end, the Omega.

According to the feelings in the heart so will be the thought. Act follows the thought, and the great, universal, operating Law, according to the Occult and the Nazarene, is embraced in the short sentences:

“As ye sow so shall ye reap.”

“No power on earth can stay the operating Law.”

He who in truth and sincerity seeks the Truth, the Way and the Life, will follow the precepts of the Science of the Soul by applying them himself in the purification of the physical self, abandoning all that is weakening, by purging his mind of all unclean, carnal, destructive thoughts and desires.

He will have for his Creed: AS MY HEART DICTATES, THAT WILL I BECOME. He will prove his loyalty to this motto by making every effort to keep his heart noble, generous and unblemished; his emotions under control.

The Science of the Soul demands of its adherents -FOR THEIR OWN ALL-INCLUSIVE BENEFIT - a wholesome introspection and self-examination, enabling them to comprehend the weaknesses and the strength inherent in them; to separate the desirable from the undesirable under whatever guise they may manifest.

What are those coarser elements which are manifested each day of his life by means of angry words, jealous thoughts, envy and every type of unworthy feeling? Has he learned the importance of stopping to think, to analyze, before speaking or acting? Has he formed the habit of sitting down in silence and

communing with himself honestly and without any attempt to hide his weaknesses and short-comings?

Does he ponder his past actions, not with the idea of excusing himself and blaming others, but to REVEAL TO HIMSELF THE EXACT TRUTH IN ORDER TO AVOID LIKE ERRORS IN THE FUTURE? If he has not, then he has not yet learned the value of being honest with himself and, in his dishonesty, betrays both God and his own Soul. He must interview HIMSELF, not with any idea of belittling himself, or developing an inferiority complex, but with the desire for self improvement.

He must think, desire, with the poet:

“Oh wad some power the giftie gie us to see oursel’s as ithers see us!” - Robert Burns.

By self analysis, the undesirable is more easily eliminated and a better, greater, more normal self substituted. However, it is not in any sense sufficient that one take such a detailed inventory of himself and then stop.

The conclusions reached must be acted upon with vigor; prompt, courageous action toward the elimination of the undesirable and everything that tends to defeat success in every avenue of action.

All introspection that stops short of definite and determined effort in the direction of efficiency, general improvement and the building of vital health as a foundation upon which to base all future life, both material and Spiritual, is faulty and unwholesome. If immediate action is followed by a self-command right face the moment an undesirable tendency or weakness manifests, this will be a long step toward strengthening

both mind and body, and a stimulus toward the building of a powerful, conquering Will.

The Science of the Soul is based entirely upon the fundamentals of Law, Order and Active cooperation with Law and Order. Godliness, which, in its true sense, is goodness, gives power and, because it is absolute in its tendency, is man’s greatest potential. When man’s heart and Soul witness that he thinks none but kindly, sincere, generous, exalted thoughts at all times, it is an assurance that the hardest lesson has been learned.

At the very beginning the Science of the Soul dictates to the novice the Laws creative of health, strength and well being, and the elimination of the causes of weakness that end in illness, failure or both. Anyone can make the experiment of sitting the silence, as far away from all noise as is possible, and for ten or fifteen minutes meditate on the desirability in life of love, kindness, justice and peace and, in mind, send forth these feelings toward all men in the form of the vibrations created by thought.

In the cultivation of good-will toward all, men should make no distinction between friend and foe. On the other hand, he should not permit infringement upon his rights, allow no one to take advantage of him, knowing that the Law adjusts everything and that any other thought reacts upon itself. If man will follow this practice faithfully and really learn to feel as he meditates or invokes, he will soon find that he is drawing to himself, and upon himself, the Christic forces active throughout the entire universe.

If a man seeks for the best in all things for himself, than he must send out nothing but the best; because that which is sent

## 9. HEALING

out will again return: “The sower reaps as he sows.”

His thoughts will mingle with those of other thoughts of like quality, and the forces of this combination and accumulation will benefit all concerned.

Control of his own thoughts is to be the first aim in the improvement of mind and body, in the whole of man. The primary development of the Soul consists in training the mind to desire the exalted things in life. Although the Soul, the Light which is “upon neither land nor sea” is the only REALITY; the entity that may become the Immortal Son of God, it is the mind that functions as the architect and builder, the bringing about, of Soul Consciousness.

The Soul is the connecting link between the mortal and God; the key to all that has real, not fleeting, temporal existence. Once awakened and brought into Consciousness, it is God in his temple; “KNOW YE NOT THAT YE [may become] THE TEMPLES OF THE LIVING GOD.”

The age-old, universal misconception that disease is of the body, or only of the body, and that restoration of the physical self only needs consideration, is gradually giving way to a new and enlightened understanding: one that once accepted, will help to eliminate mortal man’s greatest enemy. Throughout the ages a certain few have had a correct understanding of the cause underlying the mental, physical weaknesses commonly known as disease. The cause and HOW to remove it, was taught in the Arcane Science in the Temples of Egypt.

The Nazarene had a clear conception of it and demonstrated it on many occasions. This knowledge on his part was clearly illustrated in two of his many utterances. In the first:

“...Go thy way and sin no more.”

He clearly pointed out that sin, i.e., disobedience to, or defiance of both Natural and Divine Law was the cause of disease. If this sinning or disobedience is discontinued, the health will be restored. This conception is a clear indication that the body which becomes weak, sickly, racked with dis-ease, is the repository, as it were, of that which did not have its beginning in the body, but in the moral, Spiritual nature of the sufferer. This beginning is in the mind, the thoughts of man, in the feelings which have their beginning in the emotional nature. It is the mind and heart (feelings) that are sick.

This “sickness” is reflected in and by the body. Hence, if the sinning, the wrong thinking and feelings are changed into thoughts and feelings of a constructive nature, the cause, SINNING, will be eliminated as well as the reflection of these evils, and the body be made whole; therefore, “Go thy way and sin no more [think no more evil].”

In the second instance the same idea is conveyed in a deeper, more Arcane sense; seldom understood, therefor Occult:

“Seek ye first the kingdom of heaven and all things else will be added unto you.” - Matthew 13:11.

That which is called dis-ease has, since the beginning of man, been known as Un-ease. Inharmony, turmoil; and, in Biblical language, “hell.”

On the contrary, heaven, Arcanely or Occultly understood, is peace. There cannot be a state of heaven or peace, therefore EASE, in the human being: mentally, emotionally and physically, so long as the mind is torn by destructive thoughts, such as hate, jealousy, malice, avarice and what not. These are UNease thoughts; they are felt. They REFLECT themselves upon the physical man and the result is UNease, INharmony, DISease.

If the Nazarene’s commands are followed, then all that is destructive to any department of man’s nature, hence the cause of CONSCIENCE ACCUSATION, will be eliminated. This harmony, or the vibratory forces resulting from this harmony, will be impressed upon the emotional, physical man, and inharmony, hence DISease, will be eliminated. This done, peace, harmony, will-being, HEAVEN, will be established. it will be true that he who seeks heaven and by his EFFORTS establishes peace as a result of FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE will receive ALL OTHER THINGS, these ALL OTHER THINGS including well-being and health.

Medical science has, throughout the centuries, been almost entirely in conflict with this idea. Its system of eradication disease has been based on materialism, but medical science is gradually accepting this age-old concept and proving, by experience, that

the Nazarene and the sincere “charlatans” (healers) of the ages knew what they were talking about. On the contrary, there has been a school of thought bitterly opposed to the medical theory, while also refusing to accept the Arcane or Spiritual concept.

Their theory was far more erroneous than the medical theory, believing as they did, that faith alone would free man from his weaknesses and ailments, without the necessity of changing the mental attitude and freeing the mind of its destructive thoughts and bringing the emotions under control.

They did not teach, and do not teach, that it is necessary for man to seek the kingdom of heaven (ease, peace) in order to free himself from the results or penalty of sinning or infringements upon natural Laws; their basic idea is, that man can go right on “sinning,” and despite the evils that fill the heart and mind, be free from disease.

The Science of the Soul and the Arcane teach that unfairness and injustice are sins as grievous as are hate, malice, avarice and other evils. It is essential to be fair and impartial in all judgments. Those who do not believe in the efficacy of medicine in the prevention and eradication of disease, should at least be fair-minded enough to admit that the men of medicine devoted time in education and training, irrespective of what they may think of the system of treatment itself.

ABOVE ALL, THEY SHOULD BE READY AND WILLING TO DEVOTE THE NECESSARY TIME AND ENERGY TO MASTER BOTH NATURAL AND DIVINE LAW, PERMITTING THEM, IN TURN, TO TEACH SUFFERING HUMANITY THE MEANS OF FREEING THEMSELVES FROM THE CAUSES OF THEIR

SUFFERING, ENABLING THEM TO “GO THEIR WAY AND SIN NO MORE,” THUS ESTABLISHING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (peace and health) WITHIN THEMSELVES. The Arcane throughout the ages has always been active in teaching these truths although there were few indeed who would give them “ear.”

It is essential that those who are sincere and honest in seeking to become healers must, first of all, gain a thorough knowledge of the Laws of Nature governing man’s triplicate being. This includes a knowledge of the primary reason for man’s entrance into this world. They must become acquainted with the powers of the mind; its action and influence both within and without its immediate environment. They must also know the truth about the Spiritual self, its Divine origin and possibilities, and the interplay one upon the other of those various departments of man’s being.

Dis-ease may result from disturbance in any one of the departments of man’s fourfold nature, or to a combination of inharmony in several or all of them. Unless the healer has a thorough knowledge of all departments and the requirements of each, he cannot fulfill his mission and is in no sense prepared to relieve the sufferings of those who have faith in him while he betrays both God and his fellow man.

A primary essential of the healer, other than a knowledge of Natural and Divine Law and how to apply these Laws, is that he be able to help the sufferer free his mind and heart, his feelings and emotions, from those destructive passions that have disturbed the harmonies of his being and brought on a state of UNease.

He must himself observe these Laws and free his mind his heart and his desires of such passions as give rise to inharmony, therefore to dis-ease carrying vibrations.

These negative vibrations must be replaced by exalting or “raising up” vibrations of real DESIRE TO HELP, the feelings of kindness, generosity, graciousness, affection and others of like nature so that these positive vibrations may be transferred to or into the person in need of help. Success in doing this will bring about an interplay of his own constructive and “raising up” vibratory forces with those he has aroused in the sufferer, so that the weakness, dis-ease or dis-order can be eliminated.

The whole-hearted Spiritually conscious healer who is well versed in both Natural and Divine Law, must possess the power to first awaken dormant forces in the ill, and then transfer his own health and uplifting vibrations to the patient. He thus arouses the sufferer’s faith and may perform seeming miracles, especially if he succeeds in changing the sufferer’s concept from that of weakness and illness to that of health and well-being. The absolute law is not only based on the teachings of the Initiate Priest of olden times, but also on the Soul Conscious Initiates of the present day. The Nazarene gave voice to this Law when he said to the sufferer whom he had healed:

“Thy faith hath made thee whole.” - Luke 17:19

He had succeeded in changing the entire mental attitude of the sufferer; a complete reversion of concept and, in doing so, had given life to a faith before unknown. This is known as conversion: in common parlance, a “turn-about face,” and can be as complete as in instances where, under great misfortune, an individual suffering the tortures of a living hell...unexpectedly

receives fortunate news and almost instantly he is freed from the emotional stress and his “hell” is changed into a “seventh heaven” of peace.

It would be a display of utter ignorance and bigotry to deny that there have been, may yet be, those who, though themselves almost utterly immoral, are nevertheless great healers. They accomplish their success by a combination of great faith in themselves; being governed by a complete superiority complex; great vital virile power; a high degree of animal magnetic force, and the ability to arouse great faith in the sufferer.

Such healers raise intense vibratory forces strong enough to burn out the disease much as the true healer accomplishes this by means of the Ineffable Fire he has developed and stored within himself by his thought, his desires and his way of life.

Suggestions, by means of word and action, are a great part of the armamentarium of the healer. If used without a thorough knowledge of the cause of the ailment, the secret mental state of the sufferer, the possible consciousness of the guilty conscience, and mode of daily life, it is comparable to taking medicine at random; a hit-or-miss procedure nearly always doing more harm than good.

Suggestion, the power of the spoken word, is a legitimate and necessary part in the effort to heal; but its application must be fully understood. Cheerful, kindly suggestions in general are always constructive and effective. The skilled healer is capable of using suggestions much as the physician does his medicine. A study of the procedure followed by the Nazarene quickly proves this.

The mind of man corresponds to the creative power of the

Divinity. The proper direction of the mental forces creates power to arouse the Divine Spark inherent in man and continue its development into Consciousness. The mind has within its grasp the direction which transmutes all human activity into Divine activity; the physical into the Spiritual.

The mind is the sustainer, the equilibrator of all forces. It is the reasoner and the director. Biblically speaking, “in Him [mind] we live and move and have our being.” Once awakened to its possibilities and capabilities, it is the John the Baptist in the “wilderness,” man’s own “wilderness” or uncontrolled self, which comes to repentance, i.e., gains control of itself. This “wilderness” is man’s mind in reverse, in its degrading, destructive activities. This mind at fault, must be called to halt by the healer, and REdirected into the avenues of naturalness in the body and Spirituality of the Soul.

Dis-ease, the cause of disease, is a gradual centralization and accumulation of the poisons created by the destructive passions of feeling manifested as hatred, anger, avariciousness, enviousness, discontent, jealousy and the many others of like nature. These emotions lower the vibrations; depress the natural vital, virile, normalizing (healing) forces; while the sufferer nearly always evades or ignores all hygienic laws and the proper foods (fuel) for body functioning and building.

When the mind is activated by currents or vibrations resulting from thoughts and desires of illegitimate sensual pleasures, selfishness and the gross, carnal, material life, the vibrations diffused throughout the physical self become an aura of dark destructive type, like the green color created by a fit of anger of malicious thought.

This slows up or depresses all of the activating vital forces in the body and is capable, in an instant of time, of destroying tissues; disorganizing the functions of various organ, and laying the groundwork for disease.

The true healer recognizes all this and has full knowledge of the ways and means to “short-circuit” the destructive forces; lift up the vibratory forces to the creative level and start a balancing process to the economy of the ill.

If a man refuses to lift himself above gross, selfish thoughts and desires, if he is content to remain in a purely animal plane of existence, his entire character will be accurately and acutely reflected by his physical being, even in his features; the look in his eyes, every movement of his body.

The true (AETH) healer will not rest until he has discovered the basic reason for a man’s ill-ease or disease, and not be misled by the symptoms or manifestations of disease. He will proceed to instruct the victim in the correction of causes and give the help needed to recover, i.e., balance himself.

The treatment of the ill, whether by material (medical) means or by a healer’s method, by prayer, affirmations, laying on of hands, or the arousing of faith by one method or another, without seeking, finding and removing the cause, may and frequently does, bring relief, even apparently miraculous cures. Yet, as this results in no change in the methods of life, no real, permanent raising of the vibratory forces; **THE CONDITION WILL BE THROWN INWARD, WILL BE “BOTTLED UP.”**

That which afflicted the body will be impressed upon the real self, the Spiritual being, and it will be only a matter of time until the once physically manifested disease will return with tenfold

virulency. This was fully recognized by the Master Healer, the Nazarene, as indicated by his command:

“Go and sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon thee.”

- John 5:14

In other words, see to it that the thoughts, desires and acts which cause the disease in the first place will not again be part of you to bring about the same, or much worse condition.

The true healer is a corrector of errors. In the features, the form, the carriage of the body, the color and expression of the eyes (mirror of the Soul or inner Spiritual man), he is able to see the inner manifestation. He is able to discover the deepest hidden cause of the suffering, separate the sensual from the pure; the weak from the strong; the positive from the negative and inert; the well nourished from the starved.

This almost instant recognition of cause and effect, is an most important factor in arriving at causes and determines the procedure to establish normalcy, harmony and balance or equilibrium -a state of vibrant (high degree of vibration, constantly active) health. The term “vibrant” is a derivative of a “state” or “high degree” of vibrations.

It is essentially a must, for the healer to fully comprehend the underlying principles that are the cause of both health and disease. It is necessary to thoroughly understand that everything in the life of man has its birth in the mind. All visible manifestations are the reflection of this mental activity. Everything man seeks to accomplish must be brought about by the activity of some forces, and the nullifying or reversion of others.

If man is honest in heart and seeks to be successful, he must possess far more than intellectual comprehension of the

principles involved. He must come in possession of the proper Wisdom; must learn what methods to pursue in each instance.

This wisdom he must have gained in previous experiences, having in the past successfully passed through a stage of development which opened up a generally unknown Spiritual understanding, ultimately attaining Soul Consciousness.

When any certain part of the body becomes diseased or UNharmonized, in rebellion against natural functioning laws, it is an indication that there is resistance and antagonism centered at that location. There are numerous causes for this, all of which must be known and recognized.

Sometimes this congestion -a stagnation - is due to a vibration so lowered that proper bodily functioning is impossible, having its beginning in the mind by gloomy, pessimistic, depressing thoughts; or by the "burning up" with sensual, malicious, hateful thoughts which often dominate the mind. Either of these mental conditions may be the cause of cancer, tumors, heart disease, etc.

Or again, these negative vibrations may be diffusive in their nature, destroying nerve and brain tissue, the cells of the body, causing various types of neurosis. In the opposite direction, negative vibrations indirectly caused by the mind as a result of ignorance rather than viciousness, often bring about weaknesses, ending in disease.

Improper food can bring about a great lack of the elements essential to the proper functioning of the physical organism, thus reducing the vitality, or vibratory forces much in the same manner do morbid, gloomy, depressive thoughts and feelings.

In modern life and under present conditions, selfishness is continually becoming more pronounced. It will frequently be

found that where the body is racked by some dreadful disease, the cause may be traced directly to a mental activity of a destructive nature. It therefore cannot be too frequently repeated that the passions such as hate, envy, malice, jealousy, anger and resentment not only create a vibration, but also a poison. These poisons are distributed by the blood stream throughout the system, and are potent enough to instantaneously bring about violent revulsions in the organism; such revulsions or upheavals we have named DIS-ease.

A violent fit of anger, as is well known, instantly manufactures a greenish poison. This is thrown into the blood stream and causes jaundice, frequently severe enough to require months for its eradication. At the same instant that this poison is created, the rate of vibration is dangerously lowered and, as a result, congestion of the organism follows.

In this single instance, the violent emotion of anger is causative of a poison, a dangerous lowering of the vibratory (life, vital) forces, and congestion - each one of which can, in itself, prove fatal, or be the beginning of a lingering disease.

Happy, hopeful, natural, compassionate and affectionate thoughts quickly reverse destructive tendencies. By raising the vibrations, they charge every cell in the body with vital force and greater life.

If the healer finds that a disease has been the result of abnormal thought tendencies, he must arouse the sufferer to a full consciousness of the grievous sin he is committing by his mode of thinking, and help him to direct his thoughts and desires along lines of constructive activity.

The moment he succeeds in halting the mental mechanism in

its destructive activity, the progress of the disease will be checked and at that moment also will begin the curative or restorative process. The rapidity of this healing process will depend entirely on how complete will be this reversion, or conversion from death-dealing to life-giving thoughts and feelings. If instantaneous, than a “miracle” has been wrought, wholly within the operating Law of cause and effect.

The healer must be versatile; his knowledge complete. The method he must pursue is seldom the same. A word, a look, a touch, an act - all this was recognized by the Nazarene and at the same time he followed a combination of methods as in the case of the blind man when he placed mud to his eyes - knowing that the blind man must have some material thing to give him faith - and then commanded him go wash in the pool.

The healer, to be highly successful, must be competent to quickly analyze causative conditioning and, in doing this recognize the operation of both natural and Divine Law. His knowledge and experience must be sufficiently inclusive to recognize that the worst attacks of indigestion or dyspepsia are frequently caused by worry, fear, hate, greed, etc., as certainly as the mental disturbances and perversions, moral irresponsibility and the various forms of neurosis, even insanity, may be due to the continued consumption of devitalized food, or the inharmonious combination of foods good in themselves.

Jealousy and anger are nerve-wreckers, as surely as are too much starchy and protein-lacking foods. Envy and uncontrolled tempers may cause men and women to become naggers, bitter toward life, unjust in their judgment or may be the underlying cause of constipation and biliousness, timidity and shrinking

from long continued improper diet.

Fear is a destroyer of vitality, virility, even potency, and may reduce the most efficient mind to one filled with unnamed and non-existing terrors.

To successfully treat such sufferers, the healer, like the physician, must remove the causes while applying the remedy. If fear is the basic cause, and fear is nearly always present in some form or another, then it must be eliminated by the substitution of faith, hope, and above all, kindly feeling. If the difficulty is due in part to a faulty diet, this must be rectified by the selection of indicated foods.

Throughout the treatments, strong suggestions in the form of instructions must be given and nothing permitted to adversely influence the mind of the sufferer. The healer must command health, strength, harmony and well being for the sufferer in a positive manner, leaving no doubt in the mind of the patient that his health will be restored.

Gently, but in a firm manner, the soundness of the treatment must be impressed upon the patient's mind, so that he will be restored to health and strength by the elimination of weakness and inability.

The patient's ambitions, his fighting abilities must be aroused and he must be gently but firmly led to the recognition of both Natural and Divine Law, and the certainty that WITHIN him reside the powers and forces potent to help free him from weakness and failure, illness and slavery of one form or another and restore him to vibrant strength, virility, and the capability to become whatever he desires or can believe possible for himself.

The healer must be constantly conscious of the fact that positive affirmations are of value. Negative assertions are weakening and destructive. He must affirm the eradication of trouble, whatever it may be, and the substitution of health, strength and the peace that is happiness.

He must illustrate how the vibrations created by faith, hope, kindly feeling and all of the other Godly feelings become so strong as to burn out all weaknesses. How Nature's forces, in combination with Spiritual powers, are potent to establish normalcy and harmony in every department of the physical being, forcing out, or eliminating all that is undesirable.

The healer must instill in the sufferer's mind, by frequent suggestions, the power exercised by good-will, kindness, generosity and good feelings toward others and by raising the vitalizing, health-giving vibrations. He must at the same time Will or Decree that vibrations from himself created for the purpose of healing be transferred or transfused into the patient to mingle with, and strengthen, the vibrations created by the patient.

In whatever channel the healer directs his thoughts, a vibratory force supplementing the thought will be created and will remain active until it is broken up or superseded by a thought of a different nature. Not only while giving treatments must the healer guard his thoughts; he must also be constant in creating, accumulating and husbanding the forces that are born as a result of healthful, kindly, hopeful, generous, cheerful thoughts and noble desire.

The highest and most effective type of healing is that of those who have made effort, and succeeded, in attaining to Soul

Consciousness. While on the Path and during the process, they have developed the "Light that is neither on land nor sea," the Ætheric Fires capable of consuming all dross - all that is evil, weakening, undesirable - and then have become able to transfer these Æth forces to the sufferer.

Such a healer must refuse to recognize, for the moment, the existence of anything that is not good, lest it interfere with the transference of his own forces into the patient to the elimination of the undesirable. He must remain calm, certain positive, firm in the faith born in the knowledge obtained during the conversion of his carnal self into the understanding of the Christic power, brought into existence by the awakening of the Christos within himself.

Before proceeding with this higher form of healing, the transference of the Æth forces or Fires, the patient should be carefully instructed how to become and remain receptive while the healer is sending forth, or transferring the corrective, curative Æth Fires.

If the patient is of little faith to begin with, or the case is stubborn in yielding, there is no reason for discouragement, provided THE PATIENT SINCERELY DESIRES TO BE RESTORED TO HEALTH AND IS WILLING TO COOPERATE.

If the Laws involved are obeyed and the system not too completely disorganized, and if it is not contrary to the edicts of the Divine Law, then these Æth Fires will gradually ignite, as it were, the undesirable, the weakening, disease-creating elements, and burn them up, replacing the diseased, consumed or dead cells with healthy cells much as a basic strong fire will gradually

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ignite wet wood and consume it.

The Æth healer must be able to draw from within his own Soul Consciousness the Æth Fires and transfer them into the starving organism of the ill. These Æth Fires are the Altar Fires in the temple, that temple of which the Lord said:

“Know ye not that ye are the Temple of God. and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in |you.” - Corinthians 3:16.

If these Æth healing Fires are received, they will eliminate and supplant the destructive forces that are the cause of disease in whatever form it may appear.

Basically, the true healer is found only in the awakened Christos WITHIN; in the Conscious Soul residing in the temple. He who seeks to become such a healer must be willing, anxious above all else, to study and undergo the training and development leading to Soul Consciousness, the Second or Spiritual birth. Of the healer, love for the absolute, the right, the just, compassion and sympathy for others are demanded by the Law.

True prayer is not a supplication for something that man is capable of attaining by sustained effort - something that should be honestly earned. Neither is it a plea for forgiveness of evils committed against the self or others, hence against God, for which man should ask God for the wisdom, strength and the necessary days to be able to fully repay.

Real prayer is the outpouring of the inmost feeling of the heart and Spiritual self. Just as the true lover's profession of affection for the loved one comes direct from the heart...a profound profession from the real self, revealing the heart as it truly is...so is sincere and unselfish prayer a revelation of the innermost self.

All genuine desire of an unselfish nature - that is, for something good in itself and not to be obtained at the expense of another - whatever that desire may be - is in fact, a silent prayer to the degree of its sincerity, purity and intensity, and is potent for realization to the degree of its unselfishness.

The long, wordy prayer, however poetic it may be, is superfluous and impotent, unless every word of it emanates from the emotion of the heart.

The greatest hypocrite, who never felt a deep feeling of devotion or adoration, may phrase a supplication that rates as a masterpiece of rhetoric, but, being without feeling his appeal will fall fallow to earth and never reach up to God.

A man may be a sinner, an outcast, a prodigal, living on the “husks which the swine have left” yet, if his better nature is aroused so that desire and feeling for something better and higher is born within him, then his prayer, to the degree it expresses feeling, will be within the law, and will reach the Godhead as certain as will that of the most holy. Emotion or

feeling is the only proper incentive to prayer. Through sincere heartfelt prayer, vibrations are created that lift the one so praying upward and exalt him.

If this new emotion has sufficient depth of feeling, it will serve to lawfully rehabilitate him in the sight of God, and enable him to become greater than many who, although they have never fallen by the wayside, have never actually had such deep feeling of devotion, adoration, affection or exaltation.

Prayer, to be real, must be of a devotional, adorational nature. The child's plea: "God bless daddy and mamma," is truly of such a nature. Entirely forgetful of the self, it has only the thought of good to another.

In prayer man must do that which he does not do in any other form of concentrated thought or desire. He must appeal directly to the Godhead, the Father. His appeal emanates from an emotion in his heart and his Spiritual self, even though the Spiritual self is as yet unconscious.

His appeal, for such it always is, has its foundation in Love, kindness, sympathy, pity, sorrow, or even confessional, and if it be within the Law, the answer will be in ratio to the depth, the strength, the sincerity and the feeling of the appeal. The prayer must be within the Law. The Nazarene recognized this as is clearly indicated by the ending of his prayer:

"Not my Will, but Thine be done." - Luke 22:42.

An appeal may be made from the inmost depths of the heart, the very center of the Soul itself, be heard by the Godhead, but remain unanswered because it is not within the Law. As an example, a loved one may be seriously ill and an appeal in prayer be made for his recovery, but without result. Why? Because

the loved one's days are "numbered" by the Law; his recovery would not be within the Law. Prayer is answered not to please the supplicant, but according to the Divine Law. The final to all prayer should be: "If it be Thy will," or if it be within the Law."

Prayer is not really prayer if it be based on a selfish desire. Prayer must not only be unselfish - it must be made with a feeling of full faith. As an example, the child appeals to its father for a favor and, in its innocence and unsophistication, believes without doubt that the father is able, and will grant its request.

Man must likewise voice his appeal in full faith and expectation that the prayer, the voicing of an inmost and holy desire, be granted. However, men are no longer children. Grown men should have some understanding of the Divine Law. Man must recognize the fact that what is requested may be to his detriment, hence against the Law. Such a request should not, and will not, be granted...otherwise the Law would be violated.

By means of prayer, man pours out his innermost feeling and appeals directly to the Causative Law. If the feeling of love and desire is sufficiently sincere, then the Law of causation will be set into operation or activity, and by the REaction of the Law, the answer will be favorable, if, as already stated it be "God's will," or within the Law. The Law of Causation is God's Law; or the avenue through which He operates.

In all true prayer, the selfish self is entirely forgotten and, for the moment ceases to exist. The mind, the heart, and everything within of a Spiritual nature must be wholly concentrated on the one desire uppermost within the depths of man's nature, to the exclusion of all else.

Though in thought and word, man appeals directly to God or

the Father, he in reality is appealing to the Causative Law, that of Cause and Effect, operating outside of man and to the forces within man. By harmonizing the two, man sets into motion forces which will bring about the fulfillment of his innermost desires - desires which under ordinary circumstances are partly, or wholly, buried in the subconscious.

It is for this reason that supplications are frequently disappointing in their results. THE REACTION OF THE LAW IS ALWAYS IN HARMONY WITH THE LAW ITSELF AND WITH THE DEEPEST INNERMOST DESIRE OR FEELING. The Law may be in opposition to that for which man appeals. This explanation of the Law and its operation is highly important to all Acolytes; to ministers and to all who believe they have the welfare of others at heart.

The spoken word of the prayer, or the silently held thought, is not one particle stronger than the desire that prompts it. The spoken word is no more than a vibratory current producing a sound. THE PRAYER IS IN THE THOUGHT, THE DESIRE, THE FEELING, AND NOT IN THE WORDS EXPRESSED. The words are merely the echo of the thought and feeling. The heart, the Spiritual self, gives the impetus to the act.

The voice, the sound, is no more than a reproduction of a thought or desire. Words voiced, become waves of sound corresponding to the intensity of the thought or desire; a word or its equivalent, produces a ripple in the ether just as a pebble thrown into the water. The size of the pebble will govern the size of the ripple or wave; just as the depth of feeling or emotion will govern that which is created in the ether.

The voice generally is unconsciously governed by the depth of the thought, desire and the feelings these represent. The voice of one in sorrow is governed by a feeling of sadness and expresses these feelings. The angry one expresses turmoil within the mind and emotions and the destructive nature of these feelings. The voice of true prayer, emanating from the heart and Soul, is like that of the summer breeze embracing the flowers in the garden, carrying their fragrance with it to the delight of all it reaches.

Thought, which supplements feeling, is creative of vibrations and may be given volume by being voiced. The silent thought and desire of an ennobling nature lifts man to a higher plane. Such thoughts are the means of harmonizing man with the spheres of purity, kindness, affection, sympathy and assure him contact with the centers of Light and Spiritual entities - the Hierarchies, and are, in reality, prayers.

The same thought or desire voiced as a result of feeling, would be of infinitely greater power; consequently, the prayer that is softly spoken is frequently more effective than the silently held thought and desire, IF IT BE WITHOUT OUTWARD SHOW AND WITHOUT THE DESIRE TO BE HEARD OF MEN.

The Nazarene advocated silent prayer, and recommended going into a secret closet to pray, thereby guarding against hypocrisy and self-consciousness; two factors potent to nullify prayer.

Notwithstanding and wholly contrary to the concepts of both the clergy and the laity, that there is nothing mysterious or secret about the Nazarene's teachings or the ACTUAL PRACTICE OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION, it is the MOST SECRET OF ALL TEACHINGS.

IT IS COMPARABLE ONLY TO THE MYSTERY TEACHINGS OF ANCIENT EGYPT AND ITS PRACTICES. Moreover, all who are sincere in their search for the Soul's awakening, enlightenment, and final Illumination in the building of the "temple" wherein God is to dwell, MUST, TO ATTAIN THIS END, OBEY THE INCULCATIONS, NOT OF HEATHEN WORSHIP OR OF FALSE GODS, BUT THE LAWS OF CHRISTIC FUNDAMENTALS in expressed prayers that are, in truth, the outpourings of heart and soul.

All too few of those who seek to manifest the Christic Spirit, as well as those who are in earnest in their efforts to attain to Soul Consciousness, have searched for the actual procedure advocated by the Nazarene for correct communion with God or His Law.

For the benefit of the sincere seeker, an effort is here and now made to clarify the mysteriousness and secrecy the Nazarene tried to impress upon those who earnestly sought to follow in his footsteps. The practice of religion as taught by the Nazarene enabled its followers not only to answer logically those who accused them of all manner of evil practices, but sustained them in their endeavor to secretly and silently obey the Divine Law in their daily lives.

"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Verily, I say unto you, they have their reward."

"But Thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father which seest in secret

shall reward thee openly." - Matthew 6:5-6.

Certainly, no statement can be more positive than this that those who would truly seek communion with God and heartfully practice their religion, shall, for the time being, leave friends and foes alone, go into some secret place, close the door and there pour out their heart's feelings, or make their supplications. Here even God is in secret: the secrecy of the isolated.

"But when thou does alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth." - Matthew 6:3

"He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the MYSTERIES of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given." - Matthew 13:11.

Even the results of awakening the Christos within, of attaining to Soul or Christic Consciousness, the Second or Spiritual birth, or coming into the MYSTERIOUS kingdom of heaven, are SECRET and CANNOT be revealed to anyone who has not attained.

The PROCEDURE, the PRAYERS, the RESULTS, of the Christic life...ALL are a deep secret, apart from the mass -even those of the family circle -and are between the Acolyte or Supplicant and his God, and must be in accordance with the Law Divinely given: Go by yourself, close the door of your sanctuary of devotion and there proceed with your Sacred practices. God has so ordained.

The value of the audible prayer, among the mass and for the mass, was also recognized by the Nazarene and he himself frequently prayed aloud. However, a distinction must be made between man's silent, secret worship, pouring forth his inmost desires and longings, in his personal intimate communion

with God, and his efforts in behalf of his fellow men, and this difference is to be recognized.

The last word uttered by the Nazarene were a prayer for strength and God's nearness, and the intensity of his feelings was undoubtedly indicated by the vibrancy of his voice. When at the grave of Lazarus, he gave his command in a "loud voice," as also whenever he was engaged in the healing of the sick. The loud voice, as in song, is frequently an intense vibration filled with life and uplifting power, and is not only heard by the ear, but felt in the heart, and in its reaction, brings instant results.

When the Nazarene prayed in behalf of the Unity and oneness of his disciples, they stood about him in receptive attitude, forgetful of themselves and listened to his appeal that "They all be as one; as he, the Father in him, and he in the Father."

The disciples, like the Nazarene, did not always depend on the silence of their desires, but gave voice to both their prayers and commands. It is to be noted, however, that this was in helping others, not in their own silent, secret worship. Peter, when offering help to the beggar in the Temple, bade him rise up and walk. He did this with all the force at his command; a force or power he had built up as a result of his training; vibrations of strength and power enabling him to transfer from himself to others the help of which they were in need.

True prayer is elevating and ennobling. the one praying may be wholly unconscious of himself and have in mind only the benefit of the one for whose benefit he is praying. Nevertheless, the first and immediate effort will be upon himself, because the vibratory forces created by his feeling and desire will raise up his entire being and then be elevated heaven-ward, to the welfare of

the one prayed for, and return in REaction upon himself.

Even in praying for one's self if the prayer be of an unselfish devotional nature, its immediate effect will be to create vibrations which raise or uplift the entire being before they proceed to the throne of God, there to be received by God or His Law, and its fulfillment, if within the Law.

The hypocrite, the selfish or shallow person, whether offering a prayer publicly or in private, does not really pray. He merely gives utterance to a desire that may be for a wholly selfish purpose and born, most likely, of a purely carnal thought. Such a request is not prayer; is wholly impotent to create vibrations strong enough to even leave the mind that gives thought to the words. It is the request of the Spiritually dead. Behind it is no power, no life, no Spirit (feeling).

Prayer, more than mere wishful thinking, is a desire of the heart, is creative of vibratory, attractive power. These vibrations attract to themselves other vibrations or energies of like nature. hence kindly thought, deep desire, lofty feeling given utterance in the form of prayer, come into contact with like vibrations from others; fuse, fulfill their purpose, and return to the one who gave them birth.

Herein is the mystery of the power of true prayer; the secret of seeming miracles often following prayer. True prayer establishes peace and harmony in the one seeking help. In his faith he is receptive to vibrations of health and strength; and as he prays earnestly, with heart undefiled, he is made free.

"Go thy way and sin no more." - John 8:11.

To truly pray, it is necessary to be both positive and negative at one and the same time. Man must be positive in the supplication

or request made; receptive in the attitude of mind, heart and Spiritual self in order to receive.

Such receptivity is not to be confused with a state of passivity of mind and body; an inertia which expects to receive without giving in return...beggarism. To be receptive to harmonious and constructive influences, man must free himself of all inharmonious thoughts, desires and feelings; yet remain positive that no evil may enter.

The supplicant must be filled with feelings corresponding to the nature of that which he expects to himself receive or bring to another. He cannot actually pray - prayer being a composition of desire and feeling of a devotional or exalted type - if, at the same time, AND FOR ANY REASON WHATEVER, EVEN THOUGH JUSTIFIED, there is any form of ill-feeling toward any one. Either the good or the undesirable will dominate and prayer can be based ONLY in what is generally known as "good."

A true receptive attitude is positive in its negativity. It is positive (non-receptive) to all that is not desired, but receptive to all those qualities which the heart has momentarily (at the time of prayer) formulated as desirable. The true attitude is that which is indicated by a willingness to give in order that the asked for be received in exchange.

This may sound complicated and involved ...but it isn't really so. Simply stated, it demands that the thoughts, desires and feelings, be free from all that we know to be unworthy. There must be but one thought and desire in heart; that of what is desired. This thought and desire must be on an unselfish nature. Wholesome faith must accompany prayer, and without the slightest doubt, there should be an expectancy of fulfillment, if

the request is WITHIN THE LAW.

Prayer frequently takes the form of confession and a request for forgiveness. When a sinner - and who is not - either to himself, to another or directly to God, and requests help and forgiveness, he thereby manifests within himself the desire for freedom from the guilt or weight of Consciousness that oppresses him and permits him no peace. He reaches forth for help that his condition may be changed.

Irrespective of how guilty he may be, unless he has committed an unpardonable sin, his plea is heard above the turmoil of the inharmonies within and surrounding him, provided He IS AT THE SAME TIME READY AND WILL WITHIN HIS HEART AND SOUL TO PAY HIS INDEBTEDNESS TO THE LAST FARTHING.

His forgiveness depends on two things: 1. That he asks THE DIVINE LAW, GOD, TO FORGIVE HIM, 2. That he asks FOR THE STRENGTH, THE TIME, THE OPPORTUNITY, AND THE WISDOM TO ENABLE HIM TO REPAY, OR COMPENSATE, FOR THE EVILS COMMITTED.

The colossal misconception upon which the "forgiveness of sin" has thus far been based has been the cause of universal degradation in the races of mankind. There is a forgiveness of sin and this goes hand in hand with the Law of Compensation (Karma), and the Law of Retribution, which is a part of the Law of Compensation.

Let it now be known to all, that the actual inculcation relative to the forgiveness of sin is now interpreted by Manisis, the messenger of the New Order of the New Ages:

Man must pray for the forgiveness of the sin that is to be

forgiven. It should be remembered, however that this prayer for forgiveness can obtain absolution only from the thought and the desire which caused the deed, the act.

The deed or act is entirely separate from the thought or desire which was the incentive to the action; and the result of the action, irrespective of what it may be, must be retrieved or paid for, by the actor. Thus, in the commission of sin (any act that results harmfully to the doer or to another) there are two evils (sins) committed: first the thought and desire which is the incentive; second, the result or outcome of the incentive.

The first step in seeking forgiveness of sins (evil commitments) is in the recognition of the wrong done against the self or others and can, and must be prayed for. There is forgiveness provided this is followed by the second part, the readjustment and repayment or compensation to the one injured in one way or another for the wrong committed. This requires that the sinner must in some way pay to the "uttermost farthing" for all the wrongs he has committed, and in this domain the Law of Compensation (Karma) operates whether we will or not.

The man who does not believe in the forgiveness of sin and refuses to pray for forgiveness, is yet bound in his Soul, even though he has paid "the uttermost farthing."

This is the New Order of the Ages or Manistic Dispensation interpretation of the forgiveness of sin; forgiveness of every nature being closely associated with, and a part of, prayer. The Law has eternally existed, but has neither been understood nor taught. Countless millions have suffered as a result of this ignorance of the operation of the Divine Law as manifested through the Law of Compensation, Retribution and exact

Justice, all of which might readily be classified under the Law of Action and REaction; every man ultimately receiving that which rightly belongs to him.

Prayer can never be other than a Supplication; never a command or a demand. We pray for the benefit of others, though not always unselfishly, because we may love them or be interested in them for other reasons. We pray for knowledge, understanding, wisdom and the strength that, having been given understanding, we will possess the courage to act accordingly.

All this is of great importance, but to be worthy to receive requires that we do more than ask in prayer, then fold our hands and wait for fulfillment. It demands that we prepare ourselves by every effort necessary, to receive that for which we ask.

Let men renew their confidence in the efficacy of prayer; that God, the Lord, or the Law is neither unaware or unmindful of what man asks, but is also fully aware of the state of the heart of him who voices the supplication. If life were as it should be, then every act of man's daily life would be in the Spirit or feeling of prayer and devotion.

Thus far, prayer has been evaluated almost as a whole from the standpoint of the Nazarene's concept and inculcations. This naturally left the impression throughout the centuries, as it still does to all but the few, that the words voiced in prayer were heard directly by God, or through the intercession of some one. During the past three quarters of a century the conviction has been gaining ground that prayer is not so simple as that; that considerably more is involved than the speaking and hearing of words - that it operates under an exact Law of Vibration plus the ACTION of vibration, i.e., action and REaction; a material-

Spiritual activity underlying every thought, every desire, every feeling, every effort. In fact, every movement of every cell in man's body is affected. Every cell in every living body, human, vegetable, stone and steel, is governed by this Law of Vibration and that of action and REaction.

The knowledge of the control by conscious direction, of Vibratory forces, was known to the Ancient Initiates, to the Magi, and the Occult Masters of the Spiritual Initiatory Schools, as Arcanum. Prayer, to be fully understood, must be considered under this aspect, and it will now be so considered.

A thought or desire that is well defined, whether it be the result of a feeling of love or hate, or any of the many feelings between these two, is creative of a vibration; a vibratory force.

This vibration leaves the mind, or is sent out by the mind toward the object or person thought of and, if received, makes its impression for good or evil; after which it returns, without change of its nature, to the person that gave it birth by his thoughts or desires, and reimpreses the influence or forces of its nature upon that person. The broadcasting station and radio receiving set is build on this law, principle or basis.

It has yet another and more far-reaching influence: it impresses itself, or makes an impression of the nature of itself upon the subconscious, or unconscious Spiritual self of the person that created the vibration. Biblically, this last action is the "Lamb's Book of Life," wherein all thoughts, feelings and actions are inscribed as a record either for or against such a person. The direct influence of a man's thoughts, desires, and actions are actually three-fold:

1. The impression made upon the mind, body and Soul of the

person giving form to the thought, desire or action.

2. Upon the person against whom, or to whom directed, if such person is open to receive it.

3. Upon the subconscious or Spiritual self, of the person thinking, desiring or acting.

True prayer arises out of the heart of man at the command of love; kindly feeling or sorrow and is the greatest of all vibrant forces.

The spoken word creates vibrations which may be more powerful than the unspoken thought, desire or feeling, depending upon the depth of the thought, desire or feeling that called the vibration forth. Prayer, in a sense, is a form of concentration or centralization. It is the act of centering one's thought, desire or feeling on the accomplishment or attainment of one objective and sending it forth, to accomplish certain results or bring about certain changes.

The art of real prayer necessitates centralization of the thought that gave birth to the desire for that which is to be asked for or requested. By this concentration, man husbands together thought-desires of a certain type or nature. These thought-desires give birth to vibrations of the type or nature of the thought, desire or act, and in a sense, from the image of that which the heart desires.

The strength and potency of these created vibratory forces in each instance will be in direct relation to the depth of the feeling or emotion which gave birth to the thought, the desire which formulated the prayer.

In his knowledge of this procedure the thoroughly trained Magus found his power to perform what were considered and

accepted as miracles. He cleared his mind of all but the one thought; this thought created the image of what was to be done; the desire to bring into manifestation created the creative or producing vibration...and presto! A seeming miracle was wrought.

This is no more a mystery than the production of light by one who knows the procedure to follow. He has the knowledge that is the idea; he gets the desire to bring light into darkness; he builds the generator; attaches the wires to the light-giving bulb; starts the generator, sets the control to the speed necessary to create the vibrations of light; turns the switch of the bulb and the miracle is performed...there is light where before there was darkness. A thousand years ago this would have been a great mystery; a miracle. It still is.

Thought and the resultant desires are brought into being by a need either of the physical body or Spiritual self, and will necessarily be of the nature of man's complex being. For hours there may be no thought of food; then the physical body having need of the fuel to function, expresses this need in a feeling of hunger which automatically suggests the thought of food, the kind of food, and the procurement and preparation of food.

An act of unkindness has been committed against a man and this produces an impression that is an irritation which must find relief in one manner or another. This irritation or feeling communicates itself to the mind as a need for an outlet. Man being ignorant or unwise, can conceive of only one way; "getting even" or revenge. It is the need of relief, i.e., satisfaction, that creates the desire for the particular "food" to satisfy such a need.

Let us suppose a man is affectionately unattached. He meets

with one who attracts him and arouses in him a need, a longing, a loneliness heretofore unknown. This creates a desire for affectionate "food," for the need of the one who has awakened his desire.

This is the desire of love; possibly it is only affection or friendship, but it is a need within that creates the desire, and desire gives birth to ways and means. It is the Magus and the electrical engineer duplicated.

In the highest type of prayer, the selfish self is entirely forgotten and, at least for the moment, ceases to exist. The whole of mind, the heart and the Spiritual self are concentrated, or "consecrated" to the one desire uppermost within the inmost self, to the exclusion of all else.

In thought there then is an appeal to God, the Father. In reality the appeal is to the Causative Law without and the Divine Law within. By a harmonizing of the two, forces are set in motion which will bring about the results corresponding to the inmost secret desire, "IF IT BE THY WILL;" i.e., within the Divine Law.

The weakly spoken word of prayer, weak because it lacks real desire or deep feeling, is naturally impotent of results. The voice, the spoken word, is no more than the vibratory current producing sound. This we can prove for ourselves by a simple method science has opened to us.

Place a perfectly good record on an equally good phonograph, and reduce the speed below that required for perfect reproduction, and note the results. The words become only a slow and meaningless, inharmonious sound. The mind and heart, or the Soul in those who are Soul conscious, control the voice and

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give it power to bring about results. At either the urge of the mind, the heart, the Spiritual self, the mind forms the thought or image in harmony with the cause of the urge. If the urge is intense enough to be insistent, it becomes a desire, the desire becomes an incentive to action, a prayer, and the vibrations of the nature of the prayer are sent forth. The voice is neither more nor less than waves of sound, and without desire, is impotent to bring about results.

If the voice is that of love or affection it is vibrant with life; uplifting, exalting, reaching into the inner kingdom of heaven itself.

The vibrations of love, harmony, peace and general well-being cannot emanate from the mind and Soul of man unless there is first an awakening of these forces in the heart...the Spiritual self. The mind, thoughts and desires, must be purged from impure and unholy thoughts, and exalted and kindly feelings established in their place.

Men should gain wisdom and, in so doing, renew their confidence in the power of prayer. It is well to also remember that every act of life is in reality the result of desire, a form of prayer, and that verbal supplications are unavailing if the daily acts do not harmonize with them. Every act of life should be as a prayer arising heavenward directly from the heart. Then and then only, will the sons of men attain to Sonship with God; becoming in truth the temples wherein God finds His dwelling place.

“He that getteth wisdom loveth his own Soul.” - Proverbs 19:8  
At first thought this appears to be neither more nor less than pure selfishness. However, there is a wide gulf between the self and that of wholly self interest or selfishness.

This pertinent statement was made by one who avoided the almost universal “snap” judgment of those who have sought, and found, an excuse for not making personal effort to become free from the gross self. By opening his vision to the Spiritual side of his being, man learns to comprehend most clearly the distinction between the Spiritual “self” and material “selfness”:

“Those who mistrust the new interpretation of the Divine edict which commands men to develop all their talents often believe that the deification of self is an attempt to equate God with the human personality, to depose Deity in order to enshrine a part of His creation. Whosoever enters into the experience of contacting the depths of his own inmost being, will emerge only with deeper reverence for God. He will realize his helplessness and dependence when he thinks of that Greater Being from whom he draws every breath that gives him existence. Instead of deifying the personal or gross self, HE HAS COMPLETELY CHANGED OR TRANSMUTED HIMSELF, becoming humble and devotional. The self, in the ordinary sense, must indeed be set aside so that the God man may enter.”

Contrary to popular opinion, the first command is that man, not as an individual, but as personality, shall make every effort to change his personality, into an individuality. This requires, above all, that the “talents” which are a part of the God self, the Soul, inbreathed at the first breath of life, shall be, must be, fully developed. This CANNOT possibly be accomplished if the self

is in any way neglected.

Moreover, this is obligatory upon every normal human being. There is NO SELFISHNESS IN THIS, UNLESS IT BE DONE FOR A SELFISH PURPOSE. If it is in compliance with the Law and in the spirit (intent and feeling) of the Law, then it is in harmony with God's Will and the end thereof is the change of the gross personality into the individuality, the selfish "son of man" into the unselfish "Son of God."

"He that getteth wisdom loveth his own Soul."

Is not this Soul the inner Spiritual self? Does not this command instruct man to love his own Soul, the Spark of God? Above all else, does it not imply that he must so love this Inner Self as to be willing to make every possible effort to learn all about it and, having gained the wisdom enabling him to make the necessary effort, to develop this Inner Self into the God likeness with all earnestness? This is not selfishness. It is the fulfillment of the Law under which the Soul comes into the world of matter.

Solomon, King of Magi, is the classical example of what a man should do if he seeks to fulfill the complete Law. Solomon found favor with God and the gods because in his choice of all that was offered him he chose understanding and Wisdom. Appreciating this unselfishness, God gave him the possession of all other things so that he "became wise and mighty" in the sight of both God and man. Wisdom is the complete comprehension of Law, and the application the Law leads to Soul Consciousness, or At-one-ment with God, i.e., Sonship.

Tracing back throughout the centuries, it will be found that the word "church" was not originally interpreted as a building wherein god was worshipped, but as referring to a man who had

individualized himself, - or become conscious of the indwelling Divinity; man was taught to be the , or "A" church. The use of the word "church" and "man" had a common origin. Both were common to the Coptic and Gnostic Fathers; the Christos was the indwelling Spirit; part of God: "Ye are [may be] the temples of the Living God."

The Nazarene accepted the Arcane teachings of these early Fathers who were Initiates and made frequent reference to their teachings in only a slightly different form. While the Fathers taught that by obedience to the Divine Law man could awaken the Christos within himself and thus deify his innate, dormant Spiritual self, the Nazarene called man's personal conscience the "indwelling Spirit," the "Spirit of God."

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of the Living God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in You." - Corinthians 3:16.

In the establishment of the formal church, the word Christos was changed into "Christ." The church became something to belong to instead of A BECOMING. The Christ was something to believe in, and to petition to be "saved," rather than something in which man must not only believe, but must also, by his thoughts, desires and efforts, BECOME. In the Arcane, man purifies the self to become a fitting place in which the Christ can dwell. This Christos awakens and brings into Consciousness the Divine Spark, the Christ and this accomplished, the Christos, or Christ is in his church or the "temple."

"Ye are the temple of the Living God." - II Corinthians 6:16.

Know ye not that this is so? Man should believe the Nazarene's statement that he is, or, more correctly, may BECOME this Temple and the God, i.e., of the Christos who as a part of God

may dwell therein. Man cannot know this for a certainty until, by self effort, he has brought himself into this Consciousness. Broadly speaking, this is the deification of the self, both personal and Spiritual, and it is a Divine command.

From the moment of man's birth on earth, the impersonal spirit of God in the form of life, and the Spirit of God in the form of the unconscious Christos, dwell WITHIN him. Man possesses within himself all of the potentialities of a divinity, a Son of God. But this Divine Spark, the Divine Light, is only potential, It is man's earth-life duty, his mission by Divine decree, to bring this part of the Godhead, this Light from heaven, into full force and manifestation.

Just as the faintest spark of fire can be fanned into a flame that will consume all that is gross or material, so can man fan this Spark into a flame that will consume, or transmute, all that is gross within himself. In doing this, he becomes an individual church, the Nazarene's temple; and the Christos becomes the Christ, the "God" dwelling therein. If this be not true, then there is no basis for the statement:

"...Ye are [may become] the temple of the living God [The Christ]." - I Corinthians 3:16.

Gaining an understanding of the laws of nature, of life and of the Divinity, in relation to our personal self and the world at large, leads to wisdom governing all activities, both material and Spiritual. This is the Divine command. The man who becomes aware that he is more than material gross matter, and that there is within him a part of the Divine, a Soul, will gradually begin to "love" that Soul, because he at the same time becomes conscious that the Soul, the Spiritual, is the only reality; all things else

being temporal and fleeting.

In the process of becoming conscious of even the possibility of the Spiritual self, there is born a desire to first awaken that Spiritual self and bring it into Consciousness; then into manifestation, and finally into an At-one-ment with the divinity itself. When this is accomplished, then and only then will man KNOW that he is:

"...the temple, the Church, of a living God."

So long as man is unaware of the presence of the divinity in the form of the Divine Spark, the Christos, within himself, he will be, to all intents and purposes, "dead" to the prompting of that Presence; he will be living in darkness, gross matter, a victim of all the forces surrounding him, including his fellow men who seemingly are more informed of life and its possibilities than he is.

God, in the creation of man, had a design and a definite purpose, and under the Law that purpose is revealed in these words:

"As above, so below."

This Law is imperfectly stated in the creed:

"In heaven as on earth."

Deep within man's nature is hidden amidst his longings, his uncertainties, his dissatisfactions, the divine urge for something better, greater and higher than a mere matter-of-fact existence. When this as yet undefined urge or longing becomes strong enough, the thoughts and desires will turn toward the as yet unknown, but inwardly sensed, Spiritual certainty. This is recognized as the Soul turning toward God. Actually it is

as yet not the Soul, because that is still unawakened, but the unconscious urge of the sleeping Soul's divinity sending forth its rays from a slumbering Light - a spark that must ultimately become a Flame; the Living Soul that is to inhabit the Temple, or "Church of God." Those who have attained by becoming Soul-conscious, are the Illuminated; members, by right of attainment; a Church of Illumination.

All that man can bring into manifestation, his thoughts, desires and achievements, must be born within his own being. Words and opinions expressed by others may be incentives, but they find no lodgment within him unless harmonious desires already exist. A thought may attain such intensity that it will invade all space outside of its source, like the waves of a powerful radio station, but these waves will find no lodgment unless the "field" is prepared for them. It is thus that man, being a universe within himself, awakens the tiny flame of Divinity that will illuminate the whole man and, in time, increase to create a power or force that will lift him to the plane of Soul Consciousness.

The "still small voice" of man's conscious or awakened Soul, is also the voice of the Christos, standing, knocking at the door of the temple. The fully awakened Voice of Conscience is the directing voice of the Divine Law. Continued obedience to this Voice which may be in the form of an urge, an impression, a feeling, an incentive, or all of these in combination, will gradually develop to such a degree that it will be as a guide in all of man's activities.

Care must be exercised not to confuse this "voice" with desire. This is not a difficult distinction to make. God gave man reason. By reason he can analyze, and by analysis he will be able to

differentiate between the voice that directs him toward good and away from evil, and the desires which may be purely of the flesh. The development of this Spiritual faculty, often called the "voice of the Soul," is comparable to the voice or desire of the personal self.

It opens to man the possibility of coming into touch or contact with the Hierarchies of the spaces, the "gods" of Biblical lore; whose one desire is to help and serve man; to guide him wisely and well, that he too, if he will, may become like one of them.

Only the transmutation of the gross self, the carnal passions, and the awakening and gradual development of the Soul, will lead man to Sonship with the father. Through desire and effort, the personal self will become a Christic personification, the rock or foundation of his church (temple) wherein the Christ may dwell. By this means he becomes an Illuminated Soul, of whom it may be said: "Thou art BECOME A Christ: the son of man changed into a Son of God." Those who accept and become, will be the "Rock" on which alone the Church of God can be built. In them will glow the "Light which is neither on land nor sea." And this Light always leads men in the same direction and to the same destination. Such men build the individual "church" of the Gnostic fathers, and in these churches will dwell the Christos, BECOME the Christ. These are:

"...the temples of the Living God."

It is the "living God" because Conscious Souls no longer merely believe in a God that gave them life and Light; they know Him by actually becoming "Sons of the Living God." - I Corinthians 3:16.

As the Acolyte gradually becomes conscious of the Light that proceeds from his own Awakening Soul, he feels the first thrill of a conscious unity with God. After experiencing this Spiritual birth, he will make every effort to continue to manifest in himself the likeness of the Divinity. He responds with mind, heart and inner feeling, makes efforts not only to improve his every condition, but at the same time to render help to others who may actually be in need of encouragement to advance themselves and improve their environments. His vision of new and wider fields of action increases as he becomes more aware of the struggles of humanity and the causes for them. He recognizes, in the masses, captive Souls desiring freedom, but unwilling to make the necessary effort. He sees around him those who have not only become slaves to others stronger than themselves, or more favorably placed but, most of all abject slaves to their own weaknesses, inertia and the appetites of the flesh.

Those in the process of awakening to the realities, begin to recognize the falsity of the glimmer of self-aggrandizement and temporal profits. Old doubts, prejudices, biased judgment, etc., are cast aside much as are old, worn-out garments. Gradually, and by slow degrees, they begin to think, desire, and direct their actions in harmony with the Divine Law. Slowly, the veil of ignorance and darkness is lifted, and they begin to glimpse the operations of nature "face to face" by becoming familiar with her secret workings.

In proportion as knowledge increases, so will love and adoration for the Giver and Director of all that is, and the developing Soul becomes the Church individualized. He will become the priest of God, and then the Voice of the Cherubim

will inform him: "Thou art [become] the Christ [the Son] of the Living God; now do thou my works."

The Illumination of the Soul is brought about by the Fire, the Flame, the Light, the Christos made manifest - God in His Temple, thus dispelling all darkness. The passions of the carnal self - hate, jealousy, resentment, avarice, malice - these constitute the darkness that envelopes the mind. Man cannot continue to live in such darkness without inviting chaos and self-destruction. Man is never destroyed or even punished by God, but by these enemies that he harbors within his own being. Darkness (all of the evil passions) culminates in hades, the "bottomless pit prepared for the habitation of the devil [all evil] and all his angels [all evil works]." Created by the evil that envelopes the Soul, this hades, plus the sting (conscience) of judgment, constitutes man's real "hell" from which he is made to suffer. So long as man foolishly continues to dwell in his self-created hell, by countenancing the destructive, degrading passions within himself will he continue to meet with the misfortunes that bring misery upon his head.

Every attempt, whether successful or not, whether conscious or unconscious, to violate the Divine Law, will bring suffering and greater darkness upon man's inner Spiritual self, the Soul. This, in turn, is reflected upon his entire being, and in every activity and department of his life.

In full measure, each personality is the creator of his own destiny - his body, his environment, his condition and position in life. Wisely wrote the poet when he said: "I am the captain of my Soul." Man, in his first incarnation, was sent forth, or permitted to go forth, by the Supreme Creator, as a branch from the parent vine. A ray of Light followed him into his mundane

sphere of existence. This ray was associated with all that was good, beautiful and harmonious in the Creative Law, and he was bound by, and charged with, the fulfillment of the Law.

Gradually, because of ignorance or willfulness, he has fallen from his first innocent estate -- his residence in the Garden of Eden (innocence) to his present condition and position as a slave to his own weakness and the dictation of his fellow men. Even now, fallen as he is, he is bound only by his own stubbornness in refusing to purge himself - mind, heart and Soul - from the admittedly undesirable passions such as hate, malice, selfishness, jealousy, avarice and other of like nature; all degrading, debasing, depressing and the source of all he has labeled "fate" or "misfortune."

God is life. God is Law. God is all, or in all, that is desirable and able to make life worthwhile. It may truly be said that He exists in every form and every expression of life and activity that is constructive and exalting. WITHOUT HIM THERE IS NOTHING. Even all that is evil is merely good in REVERSE; a retrogression. Essentially, God is in matter, being all that is, though NOT in all its expressions of manifestations.

"I am the life," proclaims the voice of God. Therefore He must also be that in which life exists. In each grain of wheat there is the nucleus of life, a spark that springs into a creative flame the moment it is given the proper environment, and will then reproduce itself.

This spark of life that creates more of life, is the spirit of God. It is the same spirit, unpersonified, that dwell in man, and its expression in giving life, is the same as in man. Only the form is different.

The Divine Word has it that "God made all that was made" and "without Him there was nothing made." All that was made, or came into existence, was therefore an expression of an image within His Creative self.

All things that obey His Law, or work in harmony with it, are in unity; hence in harmony with His plan, except man and his activities. While man was a part of His plan, he was given free Will, the right to disobey His Law. By this disobedience man continuously retards the consummation of the Divine Plan and, as a consequence, suffers all the ills to which the flesh is heir, and which the Soul is capable of suffering.

Before the Divine Law in its operation can be made applicable by man in the awakening and development (the Rebirth in the Spirit) of the Soul, it must be accepted by the mind as a means to the betterment of the whole of man: body, mind, spirit (vitality, virility, health and strength). The activities of the mind are never secret, because they are made manifest by the actions of the physical man.

This was recognized by the Nazarene and expressed in his statement: "There is nothing hidden that shall not be made manifest." All action has its birth or beginning in ideas; ideas take form in desire; desire, if intense enough, is the incentive, the Will to action, and action makes the whole man.

In like manner is the Christ idea born, or accepted by the mind of man. Life and all its activities then begins to be governed in harmony with the desire until Soul or Christ Consciousness is finally attained. The Christos is a reality, as much so, far more so, than the body. The Christ is the Ideal into which the Christos must be awakened, become conscious.

The mind is the director of action; the guide that must watch every step of the way. By right, i.e., constructive thinking, by the vision of the Ideal, by action in harmony with the thought and the Ideal, the Spiritual creative forces awaken and unfold, manifest and bring into manifestation the Christos as the Christ.

During the process, step by step with progress, every avenue of the physical being is regenerated; the carnal self is purged of evil and becomes the medium for the expression of the Divinity in man; the son of mortality, taking upon himself Immortality; not by faith alone, but by works; by being a faithful servant in the “vineyard of the Lord.”

The Divine Spark in every personality is ordained to become a well-rounded, fully defined center of pure, white, radiant Light; a dynamic nucleus, or center of fire that is the expression of love and compassion; kindness and generosity; devotion and adoration.

By means of this process of becoming through the transmutation of the undesirable, the personality is gradually changed into an individuality; a temple, i.e., church, in which God, that is, the Awakened, Conscious Soul, will dwell. To repeat:

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of the living God.”

- I Corinthians 3:16

However, man is not the temple, cannot be such, until he has fulfilled his part of the Divine Law. He must rid his physical house of the thieves and money changers,” and make it a fit dwelling place for the Divine. During this process he must succeed in awakening the inert Christos within himself into the Christ - as a Son of God.

Man is the architect who must build, or possibly more correctly speaking, Rebuild, the temple after the pattern followed by Solomon. He must create a Spiritual structure not built by hands, not the sound of hammer, but by the refined, exalted desire, devotion and adoration of all that is beautiful; by the love in his heart, and the wisdom he may obtain from the Divine Law. The light upon the Altar in the innermost Sanctum Sanctorum will be the Flame that is LOVE from God, who IS LOVE.

Man was created to be a reflection of the Divine who gave him being; possessing all of the powers, capabilities, possibilities and attributes of the Infinite, though naturally, in a lesser degree.

Few men have succeeded in attaining the ultimate because of innate selfishness, the unwillingness to make the necessary exchange of the temporal in their possession for the eternal to be gained. Men have lost the all-important key to their possible heritage as a result of this same selfishness and the failure to develop, bring into manifestation, the “talents” with which they are endowed at birth.

Men are not born equal, but they are endowed with equal possibilities, with Free Will, and the choice of what they will do with these possibilities, “talents,” and opportunities.

In some, these “talents” are in a wholly latent state, entirely hidden under the debris we know as selfishness, dishonor, ignobility and depravity. But, even so, unless all of the unmanifested good has been utterly destroyed by persistent, degrading practices, they none-the-less remain potentialities awaiting unfoldment and application.

In another, they may not be so completely submerged and a little suffering, some loss and sorrow, may arouse the desire for

better things and bring about constructive activity.

In still another, these hidden qualities are in the process of becoming a dynamic expression of individualization; the inner Spiritual self, the Christos, has already become conscious of its inseparable affinity with the infinite and a radiating center of powers and forces for good - a perfect pyramidal Flame within, and an outer expression of what man may attain to.

To the exact degree of consciousness attained will the developing Soul radiate the qualities of love, compassion, forgiveness and kindness to all who come within their sphere of action and who are open to receive. Such an individual has achieved, or is in a fair way to achieve, a state of individualized Consciousness, the Immortalization of the inner Spiritual self, the Soul. He is a personification of the Church" within which the Christos, the "living God," has come to dwell.

Such a man is no longer sufficient unto himself, because he has become, to the degree of his advancement, a co-worker with his Creator, and he is compelled by the Divine Law to express that which IS. He continuously, consciously and unconsciously, sends out thought currents, radiations or vibrations of goodwill, love, peace and kindness to all who are ready and open to receive.

The habitual feeling of good will and generosity creates a nucleus of mighty power. Thought responds to thought. As one thinks of others so will they if of like nature, think of him. Thus is a dynamic center established.

In this way those of similar thought and feeling, though unknown to each other, are in communion, possibly unconsciously so, and increase each other's possibilities and

capabilities. Such Souls become illuminated with the light of goodness (godliness) and greater life. All who are of like thought and desire, become part of the circle.

They become Temples (the Church) of the (living) God, Sons of God Illuminated by the Awakened Christos, the Spirit of the indwelling Christ.

Each and every personality not wholly given over to evil, is capable of becoming the Church of the Living God; a center of dynamic, all-pervading Light. Such a Soul brings blessings upon the less fortunate; serving them to the end that they, too, if desirous, may become manifestations of the Divine.

Thus in time will individuals of like mind and hearts become associated together as centers of light fulfilling the scripture:

"When two or more are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

They will band together as co-workers with the operating Divine Law whose ideals, aims and purposes urge them inward to greater efforts, to still further advance themselves and at the same time, serve their fellow men who truly deserve help in improving their position in life, both materially and Spiritually.

Such co-workers through their united efforts, their harmony or purpose, their concentration incited by pure noble thoughts, will start, and keep in motion, vibratory waves of great power. This will prove a blessing to the weary who are as yet not strong enough to stand alone.

The powerful vibrations generated by such groups will ultimately burn up the hatred and malice of unregenerate men who live in darkness and appreciate nothing other than that which momentarily serves their dwarfed, despicable, debased selves.

## 12. THE ANCIENT CHURCH AND THE PROPHESED NEW ORDER OF THE AGES

These, the as yet few, who have become, or are in the process of becoming, the Church, in whom dwells the living God, will stand as a beacon light, pointing the way to others of ever higher and higher realms of attainment. These are the followers of Manisis, the interpreter of the New Order to be established and made permanent among men.

The basic Spiritual concepts and principles taught by the Ancient Church, more especially those of the Gnostic Fathers, have not changed one iota; cannot change, because they are fundamental and individually applied these teachings bring the same results today they did two thousand years ago, even though not acceptable to those who consider themselves wiser than the average-above the mass in education and material success. They can not recognize that the interpretation and application of the Divine Law, (some call it religious inculcation) of one age, are practical in another.

It is freely admitted, however, by those who think for themselves and make use of the reason God gave them, that each age-cycle, approximating about two thousand years, demands an altogether different interpretation of the Laws and Formulas taught during the preceding ages, and that such an interpretation and its application are only applicable to the particular era of its enunciation.

Truth - vital principles, Spiritual actualities or verities (not that which men accept or hold to in their ignorance) which are fundamentally the basic Law, applicable to all conditions in man's nature and under which he lives-is FOREVER THE SAME. The application is different in each period or era of time, NOT because time has changed, but because conditions, circumstances and environments constantly change. Sometimes these changes come very slowly and then again, as in the present, with a rapidity almost incomprehensible.

The Divine Law has undergone no change; otherwise God - to those who still believe in God - would also have changed, hence would not be an eternal God. The world of thought, man's

understanding, having in mind those who think for themselves, is undergoing a constant development. Each outgoing cycle requires a laying aside of its unique truth expressions that the incoming cycle may be “clothed upon” with new garments better fitted to the needs of those on that cycle.

The human race, or that part of the race receptive to the concepts and benefits of the Law, is enriched by all the varied aspects that truth and its realization may assume. It is essential that the vehicle of the interpretation be changed again and again, harmonizing with progress and the need of the moment. This is true only in interpretation and application, never in principles which apply to Eternals.

The principle Osiris-Isis, of Egypt, the Christos of the Gnostics, the Spirit that is Christ individualized, the absolute necessity for the Second or Spiritual birth of attainment of Soul Consciousness-these have not changed one iota-not even the method of procedure-and can never change. They are fundamentals - fundamental truths; eternal verities - and as stated by the Nazarene, NO one is excepted.

The doffing of an old interpretation and the donning of the new marks a period of transition from one to the other. Such changes were recognized by the Nazarene: “Do not put new wine into old bottles.” This change is always marked with, or attended by, as in our present period, grave problems and universal unrest in the minds of men and the thoughts of the individual.

There is an upheaval among nations, but always to the benefit of mankind as a whole, except in instances where the inertia of the masses permits control and direction by those who are at heart traitors to both those whom they are supposed to represent

and serve, and to God. Such a transition is now in progress. Many despair of the outcome, fearing history will repeat itself as it did in the times of ‘babylon, Ninevah, Gomorrah, Sodom and others, where like evils were rampant.

The New Age, the Age of man Glorifying God by his constructive achievements, the prophesied New Order Of The Ages, began with an entirely new concept insofar as the masses were concerned. Nevertheless, except in terms used and exemplified, the Gnostic teachings of the Christos in man, brought to life and manifestation, the basic inculcations that man as a whole, his body, his mind, his constructive abilities, his environments, his opportunities - in fine, his Biblical “Talents” - are, consciously, of his own making, have not changed. God, at man’s birth, implanted the capabilities and possibilities as ‘talents’ within man; gave him FREE WILL TO BECOME WHATEVER HE DESIRED; USE HIS POWERS AND FORCES AS HE MIGHT WISH; THE ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY BEING PLACED SQUARELY UPON HIS OWN SHOULDERS.

The Creator, call Him God or what you will, gave man the right and the means to, at any time he pleased, by obedience to the DIVINE LAW, set into motion the one great underlying principle to attainment, operating continually, though silently. This is the golden scintillating Key which will release the forces of upbuilding and manifestation in all realms in which man can be active. It is the Creative desire latent in every human heart to be awakened at will.

Man’s environment, every condition by which he is surrounded, will be according to his desires if he is willing to

make the required effort. His loftiest ambition may be realized if he will first gain an understanding of the action of the Divine Law governing all activities throughout the universe, and then make the necessary efforts, saying nay to all who would interfere or try to turn him aside.

The new cycle concepts make plain and illustrate how to awaken, develop and bring into manifestation all the powers and forces with which man is endowed, though hidden deeply within. This truth is the basis for the fundamentals of the new world and the New Order of the Ages. It is implied in the statement than “all men are born equal” [with an equal inheritance to become equal] and an inalienable right [without interference by others] to all that is to their welfare, IF they are willing to make the effort.

The Ancient concept teaches that man was created by God, hence essentially and potentially a direct creation of the Creative God. On this basis, ALL THINGS may belong to man, and will be his by Divine Right, beginning at the moment he SETS HIMSELF ASIDE - AS A PECULIAR PERSON - and begins to free himself of all in his nature that is of a destructive tendency. He must think, desire and live in harmony with the operating Divine Law. If man fails, it is his own fault. NO ONE BUT HE HIMSELF IS TO BLAME. This is true even though the hordes of hell are opposed to him, because “he and God” are a majority if he will obey the Divine Law.

In the interpretation of the New Order of the Ages, usually called the Manistic interpretation, because it deals with eternal principles in both the material and Spiritual realms, man is essentially and potentially born a creator in the image - and with

the capabilities - of the Creator in all activities in the sphere he inhabits. To all who would deny this, reference need be made only to the Parable of the “talents.”

The great of the past, Priests and Initiates, including the Nazarene, taught emphatically that all the works they did, might be performed by others who followed them. They were not satisfied with this declaration; they taught that others might do even greater things.

These masters of the old did NOT limit the time of any specific age or cycle, though some of the prophets, like Isaiah, did refer to a country and an age such as we live in at present, and brought into realization by our forefathers, and that this would in truth become the/a New Order of the Ages; a new Church, wherein men would truly worship God by BECOMING THE TEMPLE WHEREIN HE WOULD DWELL.

If it is an eternal truth that man is a universe within himself, and the possibility of God dwelling therein, why have men continued in their weaknesses? Why are they continually becoming more immoral, degenerate, destructive, malicious, and betrayers of their fellow men whenever opportunity is offered? Why have they failed to walk “upright as men should, erect as do the gods”? Why have they failed in every department of life: mentally, physically, Spiritually and in Soul - Soulfully? Why have they remained the slave to emotional forces on the one hand, and economic conditions on the other?

The answer is so simple that all can understand: Because they have placed their faith in a creed - “a statement of words” - and have failed to hearken to the dictates of the Divine Law, which the master teaches throughout the ages have taught men. They

have failed to put into operation the forces inherent within themselves, giving them the power to develop their potentialities and capabilities. They have remained not free, but UNfree men; slaves to themselves, to environments and to their fellow men, unaware that hidden within themselves is a mine of inexhaustible gold.

The Fathers of the Ancient Church taught a very simple truth: That man has the possibility and the opportunity to become a temple of the Living God. This Godchild in the form of Christos in hidden within man. Man must so live as to purify the temple and, at the same time, bring the Christos into Christic realization.

The Nazarene made every effort to teach the same truths simply stated. By example, he taught men how to cleanse the “temple of money changer and thieves - man must cleanse himself of his own money changers and thieves - his own evils. This done, he is ready to awaken these “talents,” possibilities and capabilities which, developed and brought into activity, will make of him what ever he wills to be.

Has man made the necessary effort to bring about this much desired achievement? Not at all! Throughout the ages - AND MORE SO NOW THAN EVER - man sought an Aladdin’s lamp so that by wishing, he would have his desires fulfilled.

This UNHOLY, UNGODLY, UNMANLY desire, which makes man lower than all other creatures on earth, has now, in the DYING DAYS OF THE OLD CYCLE, become so great that three-fourths of mankind are beggars in spirit and Soul; supported by the hard labors of the other fourth. This is why mankind, as a whole, fears that the sword of Damocles is

hanging above its head; and its fears are justified.

By the application of the new concept of age old teachings it is possible for any normal human being to develop his inherent, dormant forces. He can lift up his physical being above the weaknesses and ailments of the flesh. He can develop his mentality far above the modern imbecility, and the Spiritual self into the fullness of Soul Consciousness. Such effort must be balanced to bring about an equilibrium. Development along one avenue only to neglect the other departments of his fourfold nature, eventually unbalances man and nullifies his efforts. Man’s peace of mind, erroneously called “happiness,” demands a state of vibrant health, prosperity in business, harmonious social adjustment and a Spiritual knowledge far above faith alone - though faith which induces action, is an essential.

All of these benefits and many more, may be man’s, if he is willing to awaken realities, devote only a small portion of his time and a minimum of effort to comply with the dictates of the Divine Law as taught in the Science of the Soul. This will enable him to overcome the undesirable factors in his life by a method of substitution, by means of transmutation; the changing of the undesirable, destructive and unbalancing into a balancing of inherent forces capable of establishing a state of health, strength, vitality and virility.

The Great Laws governing the universe are all contained in this: THE DESIRE WITHIN MAN TO ACCOMPLISH CERTAIN WORKS OR DO CERTAIN THINGS IS PROOF IN ITSELF THAT HE HAS THE CAPACITY AND THE CAPABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH HIS DESIRES, PROVIDED HE IS WILLING TO LEARN THE LAW AND

WORK IN HARMONY WITH IT. The mission of the new universal Church of the New Order of the Ages, and of the Secret Schools, is now, as it always has been, to teach just this to all desirous of first becoming MEN, that they may become Masters - Sons of God, temples of Living God.

It is man's sacred duty to come into a realization of his highest ideals; to recognize and develop to the utmost possibility all the powers, forces and energies latent within him. The mission of the Great Work as represented by the Secret Schools is to help him and guide him in accomplishing just this.

Unless men are willing to just "live for a few days and be known no more," they must arouse themselves, become physically and mentally active, seek for the way enabling them, by means of self-effort, to come into their "inheritance." As they do this they will begin to feel a stirring within themselves, a desire, a more or less constant restlessness, a suppressed force, energy, ability, which, if heeded and acted upon will help them to the realization of every worthy desire.

In the flesh of man and the desires of the flesh, are hidden all of man's weaknesses; all causes for his failures; all the reasons for his unhappiness and lack of peace. In reverse, within his Spiritual Nature, the hidden Christos - Biblically, the Soul Breaths in - are hidden the "talents" and the possibilities whereby to make of himself all that he can desire or dream about.

Desires and dreams are the "shadows cast before" the accomplishment of what may be. The means and methods for the changing or transmutation of the grossly human or carnal passions into the Spiritual or Godly emotions are simple, though by no means easy. This involves an exact science as does

the application of the Laws for the development and bringing into manifestation and complete realization of man's dreams, requiring only that man follows in the wake of his desires and willingly, aye anxiously, obey the Divine Law in making the necessary efforts.

The Soul, Christos or Infinite, in men varies to the degree of consciousness. Unfortunately, in the vast majority, due to their total lack of desire to rise above the ordinary, and repression of their real self as a result of ages of erroneous inculcations based on creeds rather than on incentives to constructive action, the Soul exists in total inertia or chaos. It is an unhallowed mixture of a little good and much that is evil.

In others, the Christos has become a nucleus around which fine and noble virtues may center, forming into definite shape, an incentive to act as a transmuting influence of existing evils.

In still others, whose number is happily increasing, the Soul is beginning to really awaken, increasing the desire to develop a Center for the expression of the Ineffable Light. In these the "light that is neither on land nor on sea" is becoming individualized and consciously existent.

When these Souls have become a Halo of Light, they will not only have themselves attained to the degree of Conscious Entities, but will be as Lights to others who are to follow; Soul Conscious Individualities who may do even greater things," members of the Great White Brotherhood of Illuminated Souls, functioning at one and the same time upon the Spiritual and physical planes.

These are those no longer controlled by their weaknesses, not do they subscribe to a code of injustice which permits them

to believe they may commit all the sins flesh is heir to, both against themselves and their fellow men, and then, purely by faith alone, without making any effort to compensate those they have harmed, become “washed and pure as clean linen.” These gladly accept the new concept that justice will reign and that every man is truly judged, not by a vacillating God, but by his own deeds.

These men have become conscious that Immortalization, like Individualization, is the greatest and most sublime achievement possible to man in the earth life. They know that it must be WORKED for, FOUGHT for, and ATTAINED by PERSONAL, DELIBERATE, CONSCIOUS EFFORT. This they are glad to do, in defiance if need be, of all hatred, jealousy, calumny and revengefulness displayed against them by the ignorant, ignoble and malicious-minded persons by whom they may be surrounded and who, unable to understand them, see only the worst in them.

The teachings of this old-new concept for the Individualization-Immortalization of man, the development and manifestation of all his inherent forces, powers, energies, possibilities and potentialities, is not alone a science, as the term is commonly understood. It is a combination of Science in the broadest sense, Philosophy in the deepest sense, and Religion in its highest sense, hence correctly termed the Science of the Soul.

The teaching is so simplified to enable every sincere seeker to attain to the highest possible development without actually denying himself any of the good things in life. It is a system which, systematically and practically adhered to, will help man to attain his every worthy desire.

It is a practical, sensible system that recognizes facts as they are; does not deny the reality of evil, weakness, sickness and failure, but recognizes that these may be made the fuel, which by means of transmutation or change, creates the force or power necessary to build up and bring into manifestation all the potentials inherent in man.

The vital significance of the term or designation, The Science of the Soul, stems from the fact that the SOUL IS THE ONLY ETERNAL OR IMMORTAL PART OF MAN. It offers a means to the awakening and development of the Soul - the Christos - within. It is an exact science, the application of known Laws that will, if obeyed, lead man directly to the full realization of his dreams, his Ideals; finally culminating in his Individualization or Immortalization while on this mundane sphere, in accordance with Divine fiat:

“Ye shall be as Gods, knowing good and evil.” - Genesis 3:5.

This Arcane Science unfolds and interprets the Laws and principles underlying all permanent growth, culture and refinement of man’s material and Spiritual potentialities. This is as important and as applicable to the affairs of the natural life as it is to the Spiritual.

As every science implies a corresponding art, these instructions, when actually applied, become the finest of all fine arts. They interpret the Creative Law to all human needs; cultivate and encourage the highest and most refined graces of the heart, subtly directing all potent forces in their relation to every avenue of life’s activities to the benefit, peace and happiness of those giving heed to these inculcations.

The Ancient Church roughly divided men into three more or less distinct classes or circles. The first and by far most numerous were those who had no great desire for things that concerned the higher or Spiritual self. These were unwilling to make any real effort, or undergo any sacrifice to attain the Soul's Consciousness or personal salvation. They were satisfied to accept a creed, to follow others if the demand upon them was not too great. They sought relief through the efforts of others. They lived for the day and solely for themselves.

The next were those of the inner circle who, as a result of sorrow, suffering, losses gradually awakened to the fact that much which is generally accepted as the real, is actually an illusion, because it is temporal. In this category were those who sought the Way, the Truth and the Life, both as it concerned material, physical life and the eternal realities, the Christos, or divine inner self. These were ready and willing to begin living within the Law that their possibilities, capabilities and potentialities, their inherent "talents," both material and Spiritual, might be brought into manifestation and developed to the highest degree.

Lastly, there were those in the inmost circle. In this group were those whose high Ideals, ardent desires and untiring efforts gradually eliminated the gross, carnal passions by means of changing or transmuting them into the exalting emotions and in the process of doing this, awakened the Christos within, bringing it into manifestation as the Divine or Ineffable Light. These Individualized themselves, became Soul Conscious and Illuminated - sons of men who, by effort and experience gained wisdom and became like unto the Sons of God. Many of these last became, as they do now, the Ministers and Priests, servants of God.

While ages and cycles change, the governing, directing, Divine Law cannot change. In this new cycle, new era, this forthcoming New Order of the Ages, these same Laws will govern. The difference will be in the gradual elimination of evil as a result of a more active functioning of the Divine Law. This means the gradual, but certain winnowing out of those who personify evil and all that is destructive, in their selfishness, in their betrayal of their fellow men, and in their attempt to destroy all that is concerned with the Divine, with God the Creator, the Father of All.

This destructive activity has ever been present. Wherever there was good, evil forces have always been active to destroy it. Where there were those who, by ideals and effort had become conscious of God and who sincerely tried to teach the Law, there were those who did all in their power to the existence and constant activity of a Divine Law. Were this not true two thousand years ago, St. John would have had no reason to write Revelation.

These destructive tendencies, the activities of the men who were, perhaps unconsciously, the agents of the "devil," or personified evil in themselves, became more pronounced toward the end of an age or cycle, as is so clearly indicated by all that happened in the days before and directly after the time of the Nazarene.

This gave rise to a formal church and the substitution of a creed or religious faith, replacing the Spirit of the teachings. Evil as were the days during the end of the old age and the early days of the new cycle, the word of God was taught and accepted by the few, while active atheism had little place in the minds of men.

Never in the known history of man has evil become so rampant

as in this modern age which marks the dying of the “Christian” era, and the beginning of the New Order of the Ages. In these days of decline, travail and destruction, the most learned of men are making every effort to teach the “no God” doctrine, advocating atheism in its most vicious form.

Such teaching attempts to tear down and destroy the very foundations of man’s Spiritual life, to shatter his belief in a Divinity and His Divine Law operating in the affairs of men. Every effort humanly possible is being made to destroy the Christic ideal, and with it, the fundamental idea and Ideals of the possibility of the Divinity in man.

This Christic ideal gave the name of Christian to the age that began nearly two thousand years ago. It had its beginning in the inculcations of the Christic Idealism and the Divine Laws taught by the Nazarene, Avatar of the Ancient Church. This ideal is now under attack not alone by the ancient, natural enemies of Christianity, but more emphatically so by many of those who PROFESS TO TEACH AND GUIDE THEIR FOLLOWERS IN “CHRISTIAN” PATHS.

As examples of this destructive tendency and maliciously destructive activity, a few instances may be cited. The rewriting and publication of certain portions of the New Testament which, if accepted, would DESTROY THE VERY FOUNDATION OF THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, thereby dealing a death blow to the Church as a whole.

The cardinal sin, the maliciousness of what has been done, is being done, lies in the undeniable fact that “men of cloth,” those who have set themselves up as leaders of the Christian faith and Church, men active in the Church, looked up to by members

of the Church and accepted as authorities, are the guilty ones.

How great is this destruction of faith, how far reaching the evil, how destructive to Christianity, is shown by the FACT THAT SOME FOUR MILLIONS OF “CHRISTIANS” have bought this revision of the New Testament texts. If they really read the book and accept the statements made, they can no longer believe that the Nazarene was Son of God and ordained to be a Law Giver of the Age, as so long taught by the church.

The most deplorable fact of all is that neither Catholic nor Protestant authority, neither Priest nor Minister, has stepped forth with a positive condemnation of this effort to thwart it. This effort toward the destruction of Christianity, if continued, will in a short time make a derision of the utterances of the Man of Nazareth, and the Christos who became the Christ, the Son of God.

The second step toward the destruction, the elimination of the Christ, of the past dispensation, and the Christos of the Ancient Church, is the well authenticated effort, with success in many instances, of banishing the Cross at the resting place of the illustrious and sacrificed dead, the casualties of wars. Throughout the ages this Cross has been the SYMBOL OF THE MEANS TO MAN’S SALVATION, WHATEVER HIS RELIGIOUS BELIEF - A SYMBOL SINCE THE EARLIEST DAYS OF EGYPT. Here again, the greater evil stems from the fact that not a voice of actual authority, either Protestant or Catholic, is being raised in condemnation of such action. Most regrettable and most incredible is that the parents of the sons sacrificed, the wives whose husbands died in service to their country, do not rise en masse to voice a mighty protest against the present-day

desecration to their dead.

The third indication of a dying Christianity is discernible everywhere in the studied elimination from the prayers made at great political and other large gatherings, of the Christos and the Christ; shunning the word "Christ" as though it were a plague and nowhere is the voice of Christian authority raised against his omission.

Another glaring example of the growing atheism and concerted effort against the Christian faith is illustrated by the example cited in the Canadian Intelligence Service. According to published reports, an order was issued by the Defense Department in Ottawa, that members of the armed forces who, willingly or unwillingly, are forced into the armed service, may NOT include any RELIGIOUS CONTENT in their Remembrance Day observation. In other words, the remembrance to the dead, must by such a decree be Godless, atheistic - this again without any protest from the authorities of the Christian Church against the growing Godlessness of the age.

There are very few who are not familiar with the phrase: "History repeats itself." Approximately nineteen hundred years ago, when a great teacher and Law-giver appeared among men, it was written:

"There was no room for them in the inn. - Luke 2:7

It was so then. It is equally true now. History has repeated itself right here in this new world at the beginning of the cycle, the New Order of the Ages. America has always been accepted as a Christian nation. The founders of the Nation, the writers of the Constitution, were all men of faith, and though not all active churchmen, all of them would have been willing to die, if need

be, for religious liberty.

They were so imbued with the idea of religious liberty that they made it a basis in the Constitution that no man should be questioned as to his religion, nor in any way interfered with in the practice of its tenets. Now the time has seemingly come in America, when there is no place for Christ, i.e., the Spirit that is Christ.

In that large building situated in New York City, built by money largely collected from the Christian tax payers, and supposedly for the purpose of Brotherhood, the United Nations, CHRISTIAN PRAYERS ARE FORBIDDEN. Man may well ponder on the saying:

"He that is not with me is against me." - Matthew 12:30.

The Bible, especially the New Testament, has been outlawed in many School Districts. A more or less secret movement is on foot to actually outlaw the New Testament. Considering what "Christians" in high positions have done in the new "Bible" now accepted by some four millions of "Christians," the outlawing of the Bible in all public Schools should not be too difficult of fulfillment.

Checking up on these almost incomprehensible facts, what must be the conclusion? COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE THEM. If those who profess Christianity continue in their present inertia, it is reasonable to expect that in another decade, there will be no place for the Son of God. It will be a crime to wear the Cross, a symbol of man's salvation, or to display it in any manner. The words: "Jesus of Nazareth," or Christ, the Son of God, will mean crucifixion as it did in the first century. Yes, history repeats itself, and wherefore: Because of

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the inertia of those who profess, but do not live as they profess.

These Godless activities can well forecast the DEATH TO THE CHRISTIC IDEA, IDEALS AND TEACHINGS. This DEATH TO THE CHRISTIC IDEA, IDEALS AND TEACHINGS has become very pronounced within a period of less than ten years, and without protests from those whose duty it is to rise up in "righteous wrath" in defense of God, the LIVING CHRIST and THE DIVINE LAW. If this tendency continues unchecked, it will soon become unlawful to practice the teachings of the Christic inculcations; possess the Cross, symbol of salvation, or mention either Jesus, son of Joseph, or the Christos, Son of God.

The Ancient Church, the New Order of the Ages, recognizes the moral, Spiritual necessity for the regrouping of mankind; for a call to the millions who have left, or are leaving, the established church because of loss of faith in it. It recognizes the concepts of the Divine Law, as Law, under the name of the Christic or Manistic Interpretation, after the manner of the Ancient Church.

Its outer circle of activity is for the masses who seek to be taught the Divine Law for their material, moral, Spiritual welfare. This is the Church of Illumination, not so-called because those who seek entrance or help have become Illuminated or Soul Conscious, but due to the fact that the Divine Law demands that all men seek "The Light" that is neither on land nor sea," The Light that may be found only within the "temples of the Living God," in the inner sanctuary wherein God dwells and where all who will may learn to contact Him and be blessed by His presence.

The purpose of the present text has in view the positive inculcation of the Divinely given Laws which, if obeyed, assures the welfare of man in every aspect of his manifold life, and is equally positive in the assertion that every dormant capability, both physical and Spiritual, can be developed to the fullest extent by those who are truly interested in obtaining all that is good in life and within the Law.

The various terms used to frequently throughout the text, such as the Arcane Science, Soul Science, Philosophic Initiation are frequently used interchangeably and have reference to the means, the method, the way to the attainment of Soul Consciousness, Illumination, Mastership and Finally, Sonship with God.

To the many interested in the more advanced studies of the Arcane as taught in the Great Work, the opportunity is offered them to obtain gratis several Monographs: The Secret Schools, Rosae Crucis, their work of instructions and guidance, and The Confederation of Initiates, devoted to the Æth Priesthood and Priests of Melchizadek. These Monographs provide a means of contact by the sincere seeker with those capable of directing him along the Path of Attainment.

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