

## LET THE LIGHT SHINE

DEAR TEMPLE COMRADES:—

There has come to us from the Master Hilarion one of the most urgent calls ever made by Him on our allegiance and fidelity. He says as follows:—

“The luke-warmness and inaction of some of your number, as evidenced in lack of desire and effort to reach and interest others in the Wisdom Religion and in our teachings, when so much depends upon such effort for them and for those others is indeed deplorable. You have all demanded by aspiration and appeal, an opportunity for more rapid development, yet you are remiss in that you do not fulfil the first requisite for the attainment of secret wisdom, which is—Do unto others as you would have the Initiates do by you. You become discouraged and relax your efforts, oftentimes on the very verge of attainment. I counsel you to assist the Lodge in reaching your brethren if you in turn would receive the necessary help.”

In endeavoring to do our part in carrying out the above suggestion, we have had printed and are now sending to each Temple member several of the enclosed leaflets, each one of which we ask you to give or send to some other person whom you have reason to think might be interested, whether or not you are personally acquainted with them. If sent to friends a personal note accompanying the leaflet might be very helpful. This work only means the sacrifice of a few moments of time; a little effort, and a few stamps. Surely, the Master has the right to expect our glad response to His call for assistance in reaching those other “fragments of the Divine.” If you find you cannot use the leaflets, please return them to us. If you can use more of them to advantage, we will gladly send them to you. Of one thing you may be sure, we can bring no greater gift to the Masters of the White Brotherhood than the devotion of another human being, and in our hour of testing such labor will count for much. Let us all gird on our armor and strike for the flag of the White Brotherhood.

In true devotion,

Your Comrade,

WILLIAM H. DOWER,  
Official Head.

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ISSUED BY THE TEMPLE

## FOR TRUTH.

### INTRODUCTION.

TO ALL PEOPLE:

The following interpretation of philosophical truths was given at the urgent request of many Temple members, for a concise and comprehensive statement of the attitude of the White Lodge toward the Christian and other religions; an attitude that has been little understood by the average student, because of the necessity for enlarging upon the essentials of the Ancient Wisdom Religion, by the Initiates, even at the risk of being misunderstood, in order to break the ground for the dissemination of the great truths which are capable of refuting the rapidly growing materialistic and false concepts of religion, and renewing the faith and giving understanding to the heart-broken, desolate souls who have lost their faith in Divinity and in all their ideals, and who now stand as it were, shivering on the brink of rank materiality, or else are driven into the acceptance of some one of the numerous false and injurious creeds springing up all over the world as a result of the overthrowing of the old gods and the rapidly growing demon of selfishness which has aroused every extreme of self-gratification and lust for power and position, regardless of all that gives man the pre-eminence over the brute creation.

With an earnest request to all members of The Temple to circulate this paper or its contents wherever they have reason to believe it will help another struggling soul, we are in all faithfulness,

Your Fellow Pilgrims,

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If the generally accepted aphorism, "Self protection is the first law of nature," contains the truth it implies, and that truth is applicable to all degrees of selfhood, the preservation of the Self of the average human being requires a far greater effort on the part of nature than is perceptible to the casual observer if it is to counter-balance the efforts that many human beings put forth for the destruction of Self.

This is especially true as regards the whilom Christian who has repudiated the fundamental truths of Christianity in favor of the materialistic clap-trap offered in the much abused name of science, and offered as a sop to troublesome consciences which as yet cannot reconcile to their full satisfaction a desire to ride rough-shod over the existing code of moral laws, with the yet live coals of their former belief; and so in many cases accept the sop which offers freedom from all restraint, in the name of materialistic science.

The establishing of the non-existence of a Christ—a Saviour, by said Science, and the reduction of a formerly accepted ideal God to an unconscious, impersonal form of energy, and the enthroning of a lesser God designated Primordial Matter, has been rapidly taking away Nature's power to protect the Self, which for the time being, appears to be at the mercy of the destructive powers of Nature.

The ideas that have supplanted former Ideals in such instances, at first slowly filtered through the mind, forced by the tremendous power of auto-suggestion, and with the final rejection of the Ideals, the Ideas sprang into active life as confessed Materialism. One hears here and there from such self-deceived ones, an expression of pity for "the poor ignorant dupe who persists in clinging to his worn-out creeds or to a code of moral laws, altogether too narrow for an enlightened nineteenth century man or woman," and beholds with joy the new altar set up to the new God, the God of license and self-indulgence.

It is not surprising that amidst all the turmoil, the contradictory statements made by men they have been taught to honor, the newly coined phrases expressive of half-concealed, half-revealed discoveries of science along the line of evolution, that the sore beset, pas-

sion tossed, discouraged human being is driven to despair and hopelessness of ever seeing "the face of Truth," and finally settles down with the old reckless cry, "Let us eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die," upon his lips, and a sinking of heart that baffles understanding; or else he falls into the hands of some psychic-mad individual who initiates him into the mysteries of mediumship, if so be he cannot yet relinquish all that has hitherto made his life worth the living,—his religion,—and finally travels a similar path to that which his materialistic brother has taken, as a result of the deceptive, little-understood phenomena he has found himself enmeshed within.

Ah, the pity of it all! and all due to a lack of understanding of the fundamental principles of all religions, an ignorantly inspired contempt for great truths which the great majority have never had the opportunity of intelligently considering, owing either to the mistakes or lack of opportunity for investigation, in the cases of those who have stood in the position of teachers, or because of the glamour thrown around the great mysteries by those who knowing the truth, yet conceal the same, either through fear of the derision of the multitude or for selfish ambitious projects of their own.

#### CHRIST IS NOT DEAD.

If the words of my first quotation, "Self protection is the first law of Nature," could but fall on the ears of the self-deceived, or the victims of man's ignorance and inhumanity, with sufficient force to hold the attention and cause the hearers to ask themselves how much truth there really is in those words, and if any, where and what is the Self that natural law is bound to protect; then put their bias and prejudice aside and go back to the beginning of Time and the action of natural law for an answer to those questions; all their despair, heart-scorching agony of loss, and feeble snatching at the few realities left of a formerly acceptable religious experience, would be spared them, and a glorious possibility might dawn on their minds, break through the darkness and flood their souls with understanding of the hitherto concealed and mysterious meaning of countless dear and revered, though incomprehensible sayings of wise men and prophets in reference to the Christ, whom they now believe is either dead or a myth; for I, Hilarion, Initiate of the Mysteries, declare to you that Christ is not dead, will never die,

and that you, an expression of that Christ, are alive, have always lived, and will never die.

Jesus said, "I and my Father are one"; "whoso liveth and believeth on Me shall *never* die"; "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should never die, but have eternal life."

These words not only record the accepted truths of Christianity but they express the deepest truths of all religions.

If you have lost your faith in these grand, soul-inspiring promises, come aside with me awhile and let us see what they mean, and what effect an understanding of them may have on your life; but first be open, brave and just enough to ask yourself the following questions:

If the personal ideal of God which most Christians form, and which resembles a little bigger, more powerful and just, as well as more tender Father than the father who gave you physical life, should by any chance be lost in an inconceivably greater, more wise and just vehicle of consciousness in which is pre-eminently active all Love, all Wisdom, all Power, and in which you—the real you—the Self, dwells eternally; with whom you will by steady growth sometime be consciously and individually identified; do you think you would suffer much by exchanging your ideal of that almost earthly Father for the great vehicle of consciousness, Principle, God, call it what you will, here outlined? And yet this is the nearest I can come to the truth in an endeavor to afford you some adequate idea of the greatly misunderstood Christos whom the ancients and the Initiates of the Great Mysteries reverence and adore, and do so reverence and adore because they have seen with unveiled eye its operation upon the lives and within the souls of the Perfected—the Saviours of mankind, and know whereof they speak.

#### LET THERE BE SONS OF LIGHT.

This first emanation from the God-head is referred to in the familiar expressions of the Bible, as follows:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." "And God said, Let there be Light." In other words, Let there be Mind, the Son, the Christos, (in that first day, the beginning of the great world period or age). And Jesus said, "I am the first-born among many brethren." "The first

that shall be last," the first emanation of many other emanations, of which I shall speak later.

Would it stagger your belief and bankrupt your hope to exchange the ill formed, generally grotesque and always unsatisfactory image of a man which so-called Art has fixed in your mind as a picture of the Saviour of mankind, or any imaginary picture of a man endowed with all the virtues, subjected to all the abuses, finally "dying on the cross for your redemption," paying the price of *your* sin?—I say, would it be difficult to exchange such an image for a conscious, omnipotent, life manifesting Light, emanating from the hidden source of all Life, creeping slowly, silently out and over a world of shadows, illuminating every hidden corner, every dark place, penetrating to the heart of every living thing and flooding it with beauty; teaching by its very presence the glory of sacrifice as it surrenders its own substance that all living things should have life more abundantly; touching and arousing to action every human impulse for good, as well as every divine impulse toward the source of its own emanation; the same creative power which poured through and illuminated the blessed Master Jesus and made of Him the Saviour, the healer, the hope of the degraded and outcast, as it shone through other great Souls before His time, and shines now through still others, and will always continue to shine when given opportunity, even through you and me?

What is there in the thought of this omnipotent, omnipresent, beautiful reality, that compares unfavorably with your first ideal concept, or picture of a Saviour?

In order to form some faint idea of the Christos, by analogy, think of the Ether which surrounds and penetrates all planets, sun and stars in space, as of one definite grade of substance, though composed of different finer grades; without which no thing or creature could live. If we can gain an adequate idea of the universality as well as potentiality of the Ether, its relation to all forms and conditions of life, it may aid us in the consideration of a more refined, more potent and spiritual emanation from the First Cause,—the Absolute,—which the ancients termed the Christos, "the first-born Son of God."

Being nearer to the heart of Nature as well as purer and much wiser than the humanity of later ages, some of these ancient Seers and Prophets came into the possession of great knowledge, which

was handed down under vows of secrecy to disciples who had passed through the most severe tests as to their ability to keep inviolate the secrets intrusted to them, until the evolution of later races brought the humanity of the same to the point where such secrets could be imparted with benefit to all. Among the latter was the secret of the seven-fold constitution of Matter, Force and Consciousness; the intimate relation of one to the other, and the periodical manifestation of each. These Seers and Prophets, Masters of the Mysteries, were held together in groups by bonds which no earthly power could break; and to one of these groups, the Essenes, the Master Jesus belonged; and in the private gatherings of these illumined ones, as well as other groups of a similar kind, he passed much time at one period of his life. Many of the expressions he commonly used were in continual use in the ceremonies as well as in the elucidation of the Mysteries by the Essenes.

The First-born Son, the Christos, the fount of Wisdom, Love and Power, only required such a purified, perfected vehicle as was Jesus of Nazareth, in order to manifest outwardly as qualities those inner attributes of the Christos, which I have mentioned, and to make him indeed and in truth a very Son of God.

Rightly directed study of these much maligned, greatly misunderstood and misinterpreted ancient teachings will give a definite groundwork for necessary illustrations of the action of the one great life principle, God in manifestation, who lives and moves and has His being in Matter, Force and Consciousness, and such study will open wide the closed doors of many sacred books, notably of the Bible, as well as all the phenomena of evolution and involution.

Science is demonstrating the truth of many of these teachings, and at the points where science fails, they supply the necessary impetus for far deeper investigation, along much higher lines.

Little can be said in such an article as this for the enlightenment of an unprepared reader, and I must refer such to other more comprehensive and all inclusive works on the same subjects, and confine my efforts to the two least understood and all important Principles toward which all others converge, and which unfortunately seem to furnish a basis for all the more violent and even vicious religious disputes between man and man; the repudiation of which in comparatively modern times has led to confusion worse confounded, and finally to a rejection of all unauthenticated



records of Christianity, and in many cases to loss of all faith in the existence and work of the Great Master, thus leaving a vacuum in thousands of lives which some form of materialism or agnosticism has filled, to the eternal sorrow and regret of those who know the truth.

#### DIVINITY OF JESUS.

The divinity of Jesus does not rest upon a miraculous or supernatural conception, birth and resurrection. The life and conduct accredited to him are sufficient to show the action of Divinity through Him, the one perfect pattern in ages of human effort handed down to the races of mankind now upon the earth, and one who believed in and taught the truths revealed to the Initiates in the Mysteries, as may be seen by those who possess the clue to the hidden kernel of His teachings which He plainly stated were not for the multitude but for His chosen disciples alone.

It is contended that the whole Christian theology must stand or fall by the acceptance or rejection of the miracles noted in the Bible, and particularly the accounts of the conception, birth and resurrection of Jesus; and yet, what essential difference can it make to mankind in general whether the events recorded were of a miraculous or a purely natural order of things; or even if they were symbolic illustration of different phases of evolution and involution which could only be expressed in such language? What effect would it have on the character, mental calibre, spiritual power and attributes of a man, whether his physical body was brought into manifestation by means of the body of a virgin or by one who had lost her virginity? The laws of Nature would produce the same kind of a body in either case, everything else being equal.

The fundamental cause of the difference between Jesus and countless other men of similar potentialities, lies in the fact that through many lives, the inner Ego, the Self of that entity, had prepared conditions by self-sacrifice, indefatigable labor, purity of life and purpose, intense love and unremitting service for others, for the acceptance and radiation of that divine light we call the Christos, in and through His whole nature, and which made of Him "One set apart," a "Light to Lighten the world," a pattern for all men to copy if they would reach the altitude where He dwells, and at the same time and by the same means furnish the vehicle through which the phenomena noted in the various accounts of the descent of the

Holy Spirit, could be manifested to a wondering people who did not yet know that in the common acceptance of the word, a miracle was an utter impossibility, or that all seemingly miraculous events were due to the Self-directed action of a divine, purified Will on Nature's finer forces, for the greatest good of all concerned.

DIVINELY NATURAL LAW.

Remember that although your concept of maidenly virtue as a necessary factor in the conception and birth of a Saviour is the generally accepted concept of the world, and that such a necessity would seem to arise as a result of a Divine command; look where you will, in all stages and degrees of natural life and law, you can find no analogy, no reliable information regarding a necessity for previous abstinence from sexual contact where was concerned the conception and birth of the offspring of plant, vegetable, mineral or human being. *Man* has made a law, and according to the word of *man* that law was made by divine command; but Nature furnishes no proof of the probability of such command. We know that previous abstinence (to the time of conception) (or the reverse) by the mother, does not of necessity injuriously or otherwise affect her offspring. We have seen the most beautiful, pure and lovely children whom we knew to be of so-called illegitimate birth. The air such a one breathes is not restricted by law, its body is as perfect, its mind and soul are as active, eternal and useful, as that of any other child; and no more than the action of air and formation of mind is restricted in such an instance, is the principle of the Christos restricted in its action, by the illegitimacy of a child.

Please note I am not countenancing lax morals, denying the legitimacy or Divinity of Jesus, or the understood divine command concerning the moral law; I am but endeavoring to show that a mother's limitations, idiosyncrasies, or lax morals, cannot prevent the action of a divine power in the case of a child, and therefore the conception and birth of Jesus literally had nothing to do with His divinity and power and His mission to earth, and even if He never came to earth, as is contended by many, and the whole account be a fabrication or a symbolic representation of the action of great natural forces, there is no occasion for the upsetting of faith and throwing away our great opportunities for seeking and finding the truth because we have not understood some particular phase of that truth.

## THE MESSAGE OF HOPE.

The people of the world are starving for want of the spiritual sustenance of which they have been robbed by ignorant misrepresentations or willful selfishness. The churches are losing their devotees by thousands because of the bondage of many of their ministers to worldly opinions, even when light has partially broken in upon their minds, and it remains for the disciples of the Masters to go out into the world, and in the highways and byways of life seek for the "seeing eye," the "open ear," that they may help to stem the tide now set in for the destruction or degradation of the great ideals through which humanity has been raised to its present status. The mystery of the resurrection becomes a simple act of Nature in the light of the seven-fold Constitution of Matter.

For the love of the Christ that is in us all, let us turn our hearts to the light and our footsteps in the direction of those "who have marked the signs of the times" and been permitted to see the sheaf of Annunciation Lilies held in the hand of the Angel—the progenitor of the coming Race—and hear the words which bid them seek out the desolate and faint hearted and give them a message of hope.



Are you who read these words among those who wait for the message that you may gather your scattered hopes and once more stand beside those who, having seen the light, await the coming of their comrades to help them reach out and hold it high, where, all who will, may see? If so, you may write for additional information to

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