

# The Sign of the Cross

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## Invocation:

Let us pray to the Most High, eternal and everlasting source of all life, our Father Mother God, and to the Son of God, Christ the Lord of this earth. To this Trinity we would come, praying to be inspired with a deep and true aspiration to become brighter of soul, more radiant with the love of Christ. In His Holy Name we would pray to the angels and archangels of the heavens to bring the power of love to mankind\*, to subdue and overcome the demands of the lower self, the greed and the pride and selfishness of the man of earth, so that the Man of God, Christ our Lord and Master, may reign supreme. So be it, Father-Mother God, may our prayers be acceptable unto Thee.

Amen.

*[\*For editorial policy around gender, see the introduction.]*

May you all be receptive, for the power and blessing of the wisdom of the Master is here. The symbol of the cross within the circle with the rose at its centre is one of distinct power and blessing to humanity, and one to which we would direct your special attention, since it is the saving symbol of humanity at this time and in this age. At this present moment it is being impressed upon us; a cross of light extends over this assembly, and in the heart of the cross is the rose of love, of Christ, the saving power of the world. Yes, mankind is blind and deaf at the present time to the forces playing round him, and because he turns away from truth, from the ancient wisdom, is captured by the captor fear. You may think that a small assembly is powerless to assist the forces of light and wisdom and love to impress the minds of men. No effort made to radiate the true spirit of the Christ love is ever lost, but always finds its mark.

This symbol of the cross within the circle, crowned by the rose at its centre, is that which is now being held aloft in the high places of the astral plane surrounding this earth, and it will be upraised on the mental planes and in the etheric surrounds of this earth, to guide mankind on to the path of regeneration and rebirth into the life of Christ.

We spoke at the last meeting of the release of the Israelites from the house of bondage, the land of Egypt, meaning the house of the lower self and of the body. When the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness, the initiate, Moses, held aloft for all to see, a symbol of the golden serpent. This symbolised the zodiacal sign of Scorpio, the sign of the creative fire within man, that part which is imbued with wisdom and knowledge to decide and choose the path between good and evil; it is symbolical of that spiritual centre in the human being known as kundalini. The initiate thus demonstrated to the neophyte that the divine fire within his own being should be raised from that low state, in which it is used by the unregenerate for procreation; it must be transmuted to the heavens or to the temple of God in the mind of man, and there should be man's guide to the Promised Land. Is this clear? All that is low and selfish and greedy, that force in man which seeks for self and self-gratification on every plane, must be transmuted to the higher planes of his being and there must be his guide, be the divine light leading him through the wilderness.

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Do men today take notice of this esoteric teaching? Do they allow the divine fire to guide them in their problems and difficulties? Not yet, they seek the lower course, depend upon the lower, the mortal mind; they heed not at all the signs written in the heavens, at these men scoff. If only the wise and good men of your age were a little wiser and would turn their attention to what is written in the heavens, they would have true and wise guidance.

If there are those amongst you who refuse to listen to this divine and ancient wisdom, there are others who, having some knowledge of esoteric truths, are choosing their way but they lack the guiding and inspiring symbol of the cross of light. We may speak in riddles to some of you, but we will answer your questions later. The symbol of the cross of light has been since time immemorial, the guide of the initiate. The interpretation of the Christian Cross is only known by the Christian in part; it symbolises to them the crucifixion of man upon the tree, but it is a much older symbol than Christianity itself. The power of the cross has been known and used by all initiates throughout the life of this earth—the age of which your scientists have not yet remotely guessed. The Tau cross, by which we mean the perfect cross, is to be found on many ancient stones in many places, notably on Easter Island and in Tibet, and elsewhere beneath the oceans and within the pyramids, not only of Egypt but many others now buried in all parts of the earth. The Tau cross of Egypt provided the couch upon which the aspirant to initiation was laid and bound—not nailed but bound to. The aspirant laid there in deep trance for three days and then, through an aperture in the walls of the chamber of initiation, the sun shone and, at a certain hour, illumined the head of the candidate. The ankh, or the Egyptian cross, which means the life force, symbolised this process of initiation, showing the candidate on the cross with the sun above. There you see the perfect symbol: the body, the lower man, lies willingly bound upon the cross, sacrificing, giving up all that it held most dear, in order to be crowned with the sun, the life of Christ. Our cross within the circle with the rose at its heart has the same meaning—the candidate, crucified willingly, surrendering the claims and demands of the lower man, in order that he might rise again on the third day. Thus the rose bloometh upon the cross. This same teaching must be interpreted today in the individual and national life. It is first necessary that the teachings of Christ, our Lord God, should be made clearer, given in more simple form to the hungry and the needy of today.

It has always been stressed that the mysteries should not be revealed to the profane; for this reason they have hitherto been concealed by authority. In all religious orthodoxy, however, distortion creeps in—I am not speaking of Christianity alone, but of all religions. Always there is misrepresentation and misunderstanding. Even when truth is given in purity, the people receive it and interpret it according to their measure of wisdom, and often incorrectly, so that truth becomes clouded and, like a beautiful jewel, surrounded by layer upon layer of wrappings. Instead of shining upon the breast of man in all its beauty it becomes obscured, and although it can still be felt and handled, its true radiance is concealed.

There is no religion higher than truth and truth comes from the Son of God, and the Son of God is Christ. Christ is pouring his rays upon all men; his rays can penetrate to all, but the majority close themselves and cut themselves off from that living ray which flows from the heart of the Son of God, from Christ the Lord, to the heart of every man. When the individual

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cuts away that line of inspiration and intuition by wrapping itself round with the lower wrappers of the desire body and of the physical and lower mental bodies, truth struggles in vain for life and activity.

We cannot too strongly emphasise tonight the power of symbols over human life, or of the cross when its power is received with understanding, and again projected by the thoughts and from the spirit of man with true humility; nor stress too much the love revealed to man by our Lord and Master Christ. A wooden cross and nothing more is useless—the cross upon the altar of orthodoxy must become a living symbol in the life of every Christian. It must hold power in the life, the power to give love; a life which enshrines the cross cannot be one of selfishness and greed, but of kindness, compassion, selflessness—otherwise the cross remains a symbol of wood and nothing more. Upon that cross must be born and must flower the rose, the flaming heart of Christ. The red rose, if you will, is symbolical of a human life which has suffered and so become infused by the life-blood of Christ.

There is much darkness in the world and men's minds are poisoned. The antidote to the poison is the cross of light with the rose upon the centre, and also the seven-pointed star. By the seven-pointed star we mean the double triangle, the symbol of the Trinity in the heavens and the trinity in man's own being—the perfect balance of the spirit and matter. The seventh point is at its centre. Again, the rose: the central point from which no master builder (or mason) can ever err—the point at the heart of the circle. This is the symbol which must not only shine forth, but which must revivify humanity today, if humanity is to live.

Work unceasingly amongst your fellow men, not by word only, not by lip service alone, but through radiating that light from the heart. The heart of Christ; the rose upon the cross within the circle.

Q. Is it not significant that at the commencement of a fixed sign age there should be conflict between countries, one whose symbol is an eagle and the other a lion, while the citizens of one are known as John Bull.

A. Yes it is significant. The symbols of the fixed signs have a great bearing upon events of today. Thus the sign of Aquarius, symbolising the New Age, will have a marked effect upon events in the air. In the air the decision will be made and not upon earth. It is regrettable that there should be aerial warfare, but unfortunately it is so and it is undoubted fact that the agents of the air and of the New Age are called upon to work with your airmen. The opposite sign to Aquarius, the Lion, the symbol of your own country, suggests that this country will, by its vibration, draw like a magnet the forces of the air to its aid, because it is harmonious to Aquarius. Please do not think by this remark that we would say that this or any country is all good, all righteous; there is such a mixture of black and white\* in all. We say that there will come about a perfect balance.

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Q. Then the perfect balancing of the Taurus-Scorpio with the Leo-Aquarius aspect will bring forth the Son—Christ, in the hearts of men?

A. That is what we are fighting for: the cross of man, the perfect Tau cross, within the circle of the sun. Do you understand? That symbol is also the symbol of the earth, but as the earth evolves it will change its symbol—this does not mean in a few years but ages hence. Even as the planet Venus has passed through its regeneration, so will the earth follow the path of the holy planet.

Q. Can we individually help in the balancing of the black and the white, if every time we see a swastika, we consciously superimpose the cross within the circle of light upon it?

A. You can help. If you could see the cross always instead of the swastika it would help very greatly.

Q. Is it not remarkable that the symbol of the Royal Air Force is the symbol of the Godhead?

A. Fortunately things do not happen accidentally, but it would be a good thing if authority could understand the power behind these symbols and use that power to greater good. The air will play an important part in preserving the balance and bringing into being a greater brotherhood between nations. I would not speak of victory, in so far as one nation being victorious over another is concerned, but victory for the spiritual aspirations of mankind that bring greater understanding, and put into operation the laws of brotherhood in practical form.

Remember that there is always opportunity given to man; there is opportunity now given to your own country, but with them lies the choice. Opportunities are written in the Stars, in the heavens, and as in days gone by, these opportunities are sometimes pointed out to man. Sometime sages have revealed these to the leaders of the nations. Rarely does man accept, he prefers to go his own way and suffer, but it will not always be so. Mankind is now arriving at the stage on the Path when it will listen to the voice of the sages.

## Benediction:

And unto God the Father, God the Mother, and God the Son, we offer homage and glory, and with bowed heads and loving hearts wait for the inpouring of the blessing of the Most High.

Amen.

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