

The Inner Mysteries

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Invocation:

Peace be in every heart as we approach the Altar of Truth! To the Most High, our Creator, Father–Mother God, we pray. We pray for the light, for understanding, not for ourselves alone but for all our brethren, all creation. We pray that we may contribute service in the great work of evolution, and may light dawn this night within our hearts so that we may go forward in our search for greater truth. May our usefulness in the outer world be increased and beautified through this contact with the eternal Light.

Amen.

We were speaking at the last meeting on the Egyptian mysteries. Such a vast subject, and only a very little at a time can be dealt with. But as we rise to speak to you tonight, the one great truth which flashes up is the need to contact, not only mentally but spiritually, the eternal truths of life—a contact made with the mind of the heart. Many schools find the intellectual their path; it is so because the intellect has need to grow and expand. But there are those in incarnation who do not need to pass along the intellectual path in order to gain or absorb the eternal truths. Many, most of you present, find the way of the heart the easier, because we work on the love–wisdom ray. So we would reveal, not in words alone but in essence, the glorious light of the spirit.

There are many ways of learning the inner mysteries, not necessarily through written or spoken words. If the soul can attune itself to higher planes of love and wisdom, the mind (or brain) in the heart will absorb, and although the outer mind does not always immediately interpret the truth thus absorbed, nevertheless later the mind will begin to interpret and in time know great truths, for the heart does not register incorrectly. That which the heart absorbs is truth. In this present age this sense of intuition is developing; through the intuition, hitherto insoluble truths will be solved—truths insoluble to the materialist, however great his intellect. The mind of the heart will know, will understand, these greater mysteries.

Egypt presents to our mind a land of sunshine and light, not only the light of the physical sun but the light of the spirit, because in prehistoric Egypt, truly the spirit was the interpreter, not the mind; the spirit and the intuition were the interpreters of the greater mysteries of life.

We have touched upon the unfoldment of the lesser mysteries within man's own being. Most of you are probably tired of hearing the story, the age-long story of the birth, of the fall of man*, and the subsequent immersion of the spirit in matter. In this day of life your intuition is awakening and urging you to seek, seek, seek the light. So great is this desire that you go hither and thither in your search, and oft-times complete confusion is the result, for you encounter so many contradictions in your search. The mind is greedy. How you delight to hear any crumbs we can give you about life in Egypt! You delight to hear about your own incarnations, long to have greater knowledge of your own life in this past. This is all symptomatic.

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When you are ready to look into the mirror of your own soul, you will see just how agreeable—or the reverse—has been your past; it takes a strong and wise soul to be able to face the truth. The difficult part is for a soul to live, day by day, in a dark world, absorbing the lessons which the outer life is intended to teach. There are no short cuts to the promised land. You may get a ladder (we will call this ladder the intellect) and run up it and peep over into the promised land and see it flowing with milk and honey. There are many people who thus climb and look over and think they know; they think they have reached the promised land, but it is only an illusion. There is but one way to arrive at the promised land, and that, by becoming suitably clothed in the right raiment, which partakes of the very substance of the promised land. This means that the soul can only know the promised land by becoming an inhabitant of it, by living patiently and happily and never losing sight of the guiding light from above, never allowing the light to go out in the heart. Thus the very simplest soul—a child indeed—can enter.

Have you noticed how readily your children respond to any spiritual revelation? They *know* of the spiritual life, of spiritual things. They do not have to analyse and become critical, and watch for evidence; they *know*. Possibly you also knew when you were very young. But the material mind, symbolised by Typhon in the Egyptian mysteries, rises up and takes possession. Whilst this material mind dominates, the radiance of the spiritual life becomes dim, and in time fades away.

In ancient Egypt, our people had access to the secrets of life, of the solar system, which are quite lost to man today. The great temples and buildings are not what they seem, and it was possible for the brethren of the past to draw upon and harness certain invisible forces. We do not necessarily mean spirit forces but cosmic powers. Knowledge was theirs, enabling them to control the forces of nature of which you have no knowledge at all today. Earlier humanity was quite simply in touch with higher peoples and powers outside the earth plane. There was a power which they used.

To retrace our steps: these ancient people studied the stars—a great science lost today. I agree that a great deal is done in the study of astronomy, but that is like climbing the ladder you know; not entering the promised land clad in suitable garments, but just touching the fringe of a grand and glorious universe, ignorant of its real meaning. The ancients studied what you today call astrology, but the astrology of yesterday dealt not only with human life, but with the whole solar system, with the heavens. They were able through their understanding to control certain powers—not exactly electricity, but a force, a psychic force or perhaps a cosmic power, which could be drawn upon by occult methods. It could be used for lighting and heating purposes; it was a driving force.

You can only glimpse the magnificence of the equipment in a home in ancient Egypt. You talk about modern improvements, modern conveniences, yet you are primitive indeed. A few thousand years hence people will look upon you as primitive. You think that you have all possible improvements and conveniences, but no; they had much greater facilities for travelling, for instance, than you. The sages had an inner knowledge, for they were initiated

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into the greater mysteries and so able to control the forces of the universe. For instance, the law of gravity could be controlled, if necessary. But when these great mysteries are revealed, a great danger accompanies them, therefore only to the wise and the truly good can this knowledge come. What have your chemists and scientists done with their knowledge? Is not this knowledge being perverted, through the influence of the outer or lower mind, and turned to destructive instead of constructive purposes? When a large percentage of humanity has evolved to a certain level of love and wisdom, they will use such knowledge for the blessing and the helping of human life. Until then the inner knowledge will be withheld.

Q.Are cosmic rays a purely physical phenomenon, partaking of the same nature as light?

A.When speaking of cosmic rays we come outside the physical range; we come to the realm of the etheric plane which is closely related to, or interpenetrates, the physical or material. By 'material' we mean the substance of the earth, matter. Cosmic rays come to the earth from invisible planets. The astronomer knows only of the existence of visible stars and planets, but he would probably admit that there might be those invisible. We will describe these as spiritual planets, because even if close to the earth, they are still invisible, but project certain rays, the purpose being to stimulate life and power upon the earth.

The questioner asks if cosmic rays are of the same nature as ordinary light. If I tell you light does not come from the sun, you will not believe me. What is light? It is a power, a substance, contained within the earth. It is absorbed and drawn up, and then reflected again on to the earth. These cosmic rays are not exactly light, but they have the power to—shall I say—operate a force, a force, which will in turn create light. These rays have tremendous healing properties. They can be drawn upon and used by man, through his higher mental vehicle, this being one of the mysteries revealed in the more advanced initiations. The cosmic rays are much interwoven with, or interpenetrated by, the etheric aspect of life in man, in earth and in the heavens.

Q.I understand that there is a point in outer space from which wireless signals are constantly sent forth. Have you any comment to make?

A.I understand that the questioner registered or received signals from an unknown broadcasting station? Again we touch the realm of the etheric world, wherefrom sounds are to be heard. These cosmic vibrations are always being sent forth, and a very delicate instrument, tuned into the correct wavelength, will register them. To go further, there are intermittent sounds which will not always be picked up, but only intermittently, which are coming to earth from other planets. Other planets are concerned with the development and evolution of the earth and human life. It is part of their work to send and receive, to reach and interpret the message of the ether, so that they may know how mankind is progressing. Someday these sounds will be picked up intelligently by men. They will be consciously in touch with an interplanetary code, but the interpenetration can only come to the man using spiritual or occult science.

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I wonder if I made it perfectly clear that there are two possibilities in the reception of these sounds; if they are intermittent and only occasionally picked up, the possibility is they are coming from another planet; if they can be picked up at any time, then they are sounds in the ether.

Q.Is that something like the music of the spheres, the harmony that is going on continually in the universe?

A.Sounds inaudible to the physical ear can be registered by the inner ear, or the higher etheric hearing. A sensitive wireless receiver could register vibrations where the ear could not. That is why we say train yourself to listen in; go into the fields, the woods, right away from the noise of earth life, and then attune yourself to the sounds beyond the sounds of earth. I think musicians catch the sounds of nature. You can look with the outer eye at a wood, and trees, and say 'How beautiful!' On the other hand, you may be overcome by the glory of the wood's inner life. It is all there, but usually your inner eyes are tight shut; but you may catch a flash or, as you will say, 'imagine'. The artist knows and will know the tragedy of failure, for he cannot set down such colour and beauty. So also with the musician. He can hear such wonders, and tries, tries to catch them. But alas, they cannot be caught.

Q.Is not the law of gravity one of the fundamental laws of this earth. How could those ancient people alter it?

A.I did not say 'alter'; I said that they controlled, harnessed and used it for wise purposes. The wise men do not try to interfere with the great laws of God, but the inner mysteries reveal how these forces can be used by man for his use and blessing. When the reverse is the case, when such knowledge is used for selfish ends, it causes only man's own destruction.

Q.I suppose that we shall eventually learn to use the great laws, when we have become so much in harmony with them that we are as on a swing, swinging rhythmically with them.

A.I wonder if I can make it clearer by this statement. The whole idea of life is brotherhood; is a becoming at one with, or part of, every condition and aspect of life; becoming one with the Infinite. We have far to go, and the ultimate is not separation, but completion, at-one-ment with all life. This is the White Magic*. There are some here who will understand that love can become so great in man's heart that all the power, all the life on earth and in the surrounding spheres is ready to use him, as he is ready to use it. When man is in complete harmony and brotherhood with all life, then he works the White Magic.

*[*The word 'white' relates to light and is not connected with ethnicity.]*

Benediction:

Let us pray for simplicity—simplicity of heart and life, that we may be clear vessels for the Great White Light. Let us concentrate our mind and heart upon the Great Light, knowing that

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all is good in God's life; love alone is the supreme knowing. And so may the peace of this eternal love be upon all, now and for evermore.

Amen.

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