

## The Path – X, The Initiation of the Race

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### Invocation:

O God most high, we raise heart and voice in loving praise and thanksgiving, and with the great company of spirits, angels and archangels we glorify Thy holy name, and thereby open the channel to the incoming of Thy light, love and peace.

Amen.

The Revelation of the beloved John came direct from the throne of truth. We are drawn again this night into the ray of John's light. All present may, if they will, feel this blessing, for there are certain times when the earth is susceptible to such an outpouring. If we succeed in bringing through only a faint glimmer we shall feel thankful. Each one present has been drawn to receive this blessing, and such a light is a stimulus and amounts to a quickening of the spirit, a lighting of all the corresponding vehicles of the individual, for spirit is light, and initiation means the quickening and the brightening of the light of the spirit, which radiates through all the finer vehicles of man.\*

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

Although we have spoken of three major initiations, there are many minor initiations. Indeed, each time the stimulus comes it is a minor initiation and this, once the light of the spirit increases, becomes a permanent condition of the individual. The light may become obscured for a while whilst the individual is treading the path, and the eyes be blindfolded, nevertheless this is part of the process of growth, and when the bandage is lifted the light is greater than before. So understand that in initiation, either minor or major, there is always a period of blindfoldedness, when the individual feels in a state of darkness, confused and sorrowful, and with all his strength cries out to God. No answer comes save deadness and darkness of heart. The greater the light which is to dawn, the greater the darkness preceding it. If you will remember our words, not forgetting their import, allowing them to sink deep within, in future days when you feel confused and baffled and in a state of darkness you will remember that this is a preparation for the greater light to follow.

You may be conscious of this blessing now falling on this little community. Not every group can receive or respond to these beams of light, but certain powers are brought by planetary and zodiacal influences. This Lodge has had a horoscope set up. Some now present have studied that horoscope and know that events of importance correspond to certain influences and aspects and transits in the horoscope of the Lodge. Had you time and inclination to study that map you would become very sensitive. At certain times the ray of light from the same source as that which inspired John with visions of the future of mankind, as well as the past, is present in this Lodge. At such times you will recognise an expansion of spiritual power and truth, and expansion of the influence, certainly, going forth from this Lodge. Each one who has become truly initiated (you had not thought of this, maybe), each who has been truly touched by the ray which governs or controls the working of this Lodge will be affected individually by the rays. There will be periods of quiescence and periods of activity, but we would have the servers and the brothers and the friends of the White Eagle Lodge know that they receive particular help on their path leading to illumination and salvation.

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By the word 'salvation', we mean exactly what is conveyed, for man took his own path through self-will, and has come very near to annihilation. It could have been, had there not been instituted about the beginning of the Atlantean period this, shall I call it, system of initiation. In certain planets this system has been unnecessary, but humanity, through self-will, decided on a certain course. As a result of that decision it has had to suffer deep, deep suffering; nevertheless the effort which humanity is making towards salvation will bring, eventually, even greater spiritual wisdom and glory. Man is like a child striving to pass a very difficult examination. Whilst many children pass out through school and college with some ordinary degree, others make a supreme effort to obtain honours. The effort which humanity of its own free will now makes will bring supreme honour, supreme illumination and fit it for even grander work in the future. Beyond this planet and beyond this system are other systems and other universes even more beautiful and sublimer in their creation and construction than anything you can conceive.

Humanity of its own free will, then, chose the harder path towards the supreme solar initiation, but we will keep tonight to initiation of the individual. Whilst each individual must develop on its own lone path, yet it is never left alone. A paradox! While each of you are separate and each have your own particular line of development and initiation, you are brought into a collective life, or brotherhood, through which you, in common with others there assembled, receive the benefit of the collective power and light drawn thither by the collective souls. These initiations, minor initiations, are governed and influenced by the planetary and zodiacal forces. Sooner or later the soul is made aware of the whole group. Up to that time it appears to travel alone, at least in its own consciousness. The time arrives when the individual suddenly becomes aware of its fellowship with the group. This is of vital importance. The drawing together of the many into the group is governed purely by the karma of the individual. Those constituting the group meet not once but in many lives. Thus you have heard us say that many of you have been together in a similar group, or brotherhood, to this. You forget maybe, but that silent voice which successive initiations will enable you to hear will say to you: 'Yes, I remember, I know; I even yet do not fully remember, but I have a feeling'. Oh, how valuable are these feelings! The angels help human evolution through feeling. More of that later, when we speak of the part which the angelic hierarchy play in the evolution of man.

The feeling comes then, that you have met your brother before, you are in familiar surroundings. It is vague, you do not understand. How many people enter this place and say: 'I feel I have come home'. To the outer mind this appears but imagination, but the true self within recognises a memory, perhaps of an Egyptian or Atlantean incarnation; of a life many, many years ago. They have been searching and searching for what?—for association with a true spiritual group. Brethren, it is important for you to realise that this Lodge gives you not merely, we hope, love and peace, but it offers something to which your soul already belongs. You find it in the White Eagle Lodge in the present incarnation perhaps, but the Lodge is only the outer shell, the focal point of an inner and spiritual force and reality.

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The ray of truth and light directed to earth from the very throne of God is the same ray, as we have said before, by which the beloved John received his Book of Revelation. Therefore the soul preparing for initiation should recognise the needs of his brothers, become aware of the co-operation of the group soul. When initiation brings expansion of consciousness to the candidate, enabling him to become aware of his particular group, he no longer lives to himself, for himself, but recognises that every thought, every action concerns not himself alone, but will inspire and help, or hurt or degrade (as the case may be) all his brothers in the group. Therefore the responsibility becomes very great. He is no longer free, so to speak. He never has been free actually, but he thought himself so and thought that the result of his actions came upon himself alone. Now he is no longer free, because he is aware that he cannot injure any brother in his group without the whole group being affected, including himself. In very truth no man really can act himself, or for himself. He may pride himself on isolation, but it is impossible to injure another without injuring the self. The point we are trying to convey is that after initiation into this awareness of the group, the responsibility of the soul becomes vastly greater.

From the Atlantean period this plan of initiation was introduced to humanity. After man's choice of the path of self-will the great beings instituted this system of initiation. It has been very successful. At certain times in man's evolution there has come an outpouring of power, when certain great teachers have come to help man towards initiation. We touch on the coming of the last world teacher, Jesus of Nazareth. Ever since the outpouring of the life of Jesus, humanity has been preparing for a further expansion of consciousness. It may seem hardly possible that man could be so blind, so foolish, so dense, as to spend incarnation after incarnation in darkness, even after the baptism of the earth by the revelation of Jesus Christ, but it has been so. Before the next manifestation of the same world teacher (because he long holds office), there will be a quickening of the spirit, the initiation of many and the casting off of the bandage which has blindfolded the individual for so long.

At present you are going through the preparation for this world initiation, and there will be a great step forward in brotherhood and goodwill, of knowledge of all the seven rays upon which humanity is evolving. If you will consider the effects of the seven rays of spiritual activity on the earth you will recognise that an advance is made upon each one of them, not in turn but almost simultaneously, not only of the individual but of the group to which the individual is attached, the nations and the whole world.

What will happen to those souls who fail to march forward, fail to respond to this great spiritual ray? They will in time fall back, like laggards on a walk. They will not be destroyed, because the divine spark within the individual can never be destroyed, but all that has failed to take the forward step will be consumed and the ego remain quiescent for long, awaiting the next outpouring of life, probably on a planet now following behind the evolution of the earth.

We would speak again of the beautiful experience of initiation which comes to the soul. Initiations have taken place for many thousands of years and through many cycles. There has been initiation on the lower spiral, so that the lower points of power have been touched and quickened (although this you may forget). Certainly there has been suffering through

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initiation into magic in the past. That may sound strange, but initiation means expansion of consciousness, increase of knowledge, and it was taken long ago when man was at a much lower development. Man used this increased knowledge unwisely and selfishly, which caused an accumulation of karma to be worked out in subsequent incarnations. Many people find it difficult to understand how it is they once held positions of power—perhaps as priest or priestess—and have now forgotten. The reason is that this power was too much for them and they failed, and in subsequent incarnations they have come back into lowly positions and must work their way up again.

We would not say that initiation makes the soul safe for ever. It all depends how far that soul has been tested and tried, how strong is the spirit within. It is possible for the soul to climb far and then to fall back again, and have to re-traverse the path. Do not be dismayed. We would remind you that humanity as a whole has truly advanced since the days of Lemuria and early Atlantis. Indeed both these periods are so welded together that they are sometimes confused; people talk about the Atlantean period when they really mean the Lemurian age, but do not be disheartened. There comes a time when power grips the soul, and the love of power can bring about self-destruction and self-disqualification. In this present age the soul, now on a higher spiral of spiritual evolution, will pass through the portals into a great light, and those sufficiently strong to receive initiation will help the younger brethren onwards. By the end of the Aquarian Age there will be a great passing forward into the world of light and brotherhood and truth.

Never be disheartened when you are going through some period of despair and darkness. It does not mean that you are to blame. It does mean that you are being prepared for greater vision and greater spiritual strength. The present time is such as this. You look upon it as a very dark time; darkness outside and darkness, you think, in man's mind. Not so! A great light is breaking upon mankind, and you are passing now through one of the great stages of preparation for initiation on a wholesale scale. All is so good and you think it so dark! Soon the bandage will be off the eyes of mankind; he will see the light of God breaking through the sky and he will recognise that his brother man too has been searching for the breaking of the sky. The night is over, the night is over, the morning is at hand. Remember that.

Q.Surely only a very few know the group to which they belong?

A.The silent voice is trying to tell you; you do not need White Eagle to tell you. You are in a certain group which is home to you, your feeling tells you so. The sense of comfort, well-being and homeliness you have with certain people is the guardian angel saying to you: 'You are with your own group'. This for instance, is more than the White Eagle Lodge; it is a group of souls into which is introduced the angelic as well as the human order.

Q.Will you tell us the difference between the guardian angel, the guide and the teacher?

A.The guardian angel is not of the human kingdom and is concerned with the karma of the soul in its charge, and helps to bring about certain conditions in the soul's life, in collaboration with the planetary angels (for the influence of the horoscope is important in the

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lessons to be learnt by the soul in any incarnation). The guardian angel is impersonal; the guardian angel supervises the learning of certain lessons and watches over birth, marriage, death, being concerned with these big karmic events. The angel is concerned with those experiences which enable the feelings of the soul in its charge to develop and grow, but not so much with the feelings and emotions themselves.

The guide is one of the human kingdom, a spirit, one who has passed through human experiences. There can be an intimate human relationship and understanding between the individual and the guide, the latter being, shall I say, like a big brother whose counsel you can understand, who can talk with you. The angel watches over you with love, but a love of which you are not aware. Some day you will see that angel revealed, wondrous and beautiful, who has been standing beside you with outspread wings, helping in your evolution.

What then, is a teacher? The teacher works in collaboration with the guide. The teacher is often referred to as the master, and the master can work through the guide, who is entrusted with the master's message. Think of your guide as being in close contact with you, and of your master as one having many pupils under his\* care and who keeps his eye on you, one of those pupils, through your guide.

*[\*While the Master is referred to with masculine pronouns here, White Eagle would state that a Master is 'beyond gender'.]*

### Benediction:

May all present respond to the glorious blessing of the eternal light of our Father–Mother God. May the light thus received into each soul present bring an eternal blessing.

Amen.

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