

The Temple of the Living God

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Invocation:

We raise our consciousness to the Great Light and we enter the temple of prayer. O beloved, gracious Spirit, we pray that we may be receptive. May all our brethren assembled in the Lodge be touched by Thy power, Thy love and Thy wisdom; and according to their needs we pray that they may receive due blessing, peace of mind, serenity of soul, and vision of the need of the earth peoples. And may he who is the embodiment of love be present in the perfect form of Thy Son and the Son of Man.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

We endeavour to bring you love and truth. When we speak of the Son of God, we mean the Eternal Light, the Light of the Christos which lighteth every man* in the world; and when we speak of the Son of Man, we mean the human embodiment of the Son—physical man made perfect by the light of the Christos. This night we would bring you a message about the Christos, explaining what we mean by this word. We can think of no better way of doing this than by taking you into the temple of the Great White Light above. Use your imagination; try to follow the description which we are about to give, and to see with your inner vision the scene described, and more than this: as you enter the temple of the Christos, remember that you yourself can, if you will, sense or become aware of a pure and holy Presence, become aware of the Spirit of the Christ.

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

We are now seeing this temple: a temple not built by hands but built of soul-substance, by the power of the soul—and in your case by the power of your mind, for mind has power to mould etheric substance, and it is to the man who has developed this power to mould etheric substance that the true vision most readily comes.

We have spoken before about the parts of the physical brain that are at present lying dormant, unable to respond to the influence or the power of the soul world, but now you are beginning to catch a glimpse through meditation of the possibilities that lie within you of bringing those cells into operation. They are waiting to be stimulated and brought into action by your mental power. This, dear brethren, is the object of your spiritual unfoldment.

It is very beautiful to be able in truth and sincerity to love the Lord and Master Jesus the Christ, who has been set up for you as an example of what you yourself may become. The Christian religion as such was introduced nearly two thousand years ago. Remember that then humanity was far behind the evolution of present-day humanity, and the presentation given then of this perfect Son of God, and the Way of Life which he unfolded which would lead man to realisation of that perfection, is very different from what is needed today. Think of all the experience that mankind has gone through since that presentation of the perfect life! Some people doubt whether the salvation of mankind can come about through the crucifixion of one man, but soon men will see and understand that it is not the crucifixion of any one man which spells salvation but the personal crucifixion of every man, by virtue of which he and

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all mankind will be raised from death to life. The salvation of mankind depends upon the individual awakening and the overcoming of egotism by the individual.

When we speak of the crucifixion of man, we want you to understand that each one of you has to undergo this crucifixion in your own inner self. You have to learn by self-discipline and by the discipline placed before you by the laws of karma and reincarnation. In each successive life man moves a little way forward. He may not appear to do so, but appearances are very deceptive. All the while continues this slow, progressive turning of the wheel, this incoming into a physical body to accept karmic lessons, this outgoing from the physical body to a place of refreshment; we emphasise this—to a place of refreshment.

Now, let us come back to our temple in the heavens created by mental power from soul substance. We leave the physical condition of life and we remind you that everything on earth has its etheric counterpart; according to the way man thinks, he builds both physically and etherically. He builds with physical substance, material substance, as well as with soul substance. All the ideas for building, for architecture, come through to man from the creative sphere. We, from our side, can see this process continuing—this inflow of inspiration, this guidance of man by the elder brethren or masters of the Lodge.

All the time you are being prepared, being told your possibilities, told how you can develop certain powers and reach certain attainment, and then you are watched over, and when you can and will respond to the guidance and helpful influence of the elder brethren, then you can do your finest work. Here we would remind you that whatever work you do has been given to you in order that you may prove yourself. This does not necessarily mean spiritual work. All work is spiritual in essence. All work is guided, is influenced by the unseen, but man himself has to choose. He can turn a deaf ear to the unseen influences or he can respond; he can aspire to beauty and truth; he can give himself in loving service to his brother man; he can be fired by simple goodness to put his very best into ordinary and perhaps boring work of a material nature.

We want you to understand that whatever state of life you are in, you should do your best. You know that nothing happens by chance, that man is placed where he is by divine law, and that whatever work you have to do, whatever station of life you are in is the best condition for your soul. If you can accept this simple truth it will be easier to make a good job of the work placed before you.

In response to a mental question which is coming up to us: yes, of course, in his higher self man has the choice of life, but the little self manifesting in the physical body does not realise this. It is his inmost spirit which has chosen the life because it knows the value to the soul of the discipline, the training and the happiness of that particular life.

So, as we enter through the great golden arch, the Royal Arch, which stands at the entrance of this temple of the Christ light, on either side of the archway, standing by the pillar, waits a guide sometimes known as the 'tyler'. Before we can enter this great white structure, this temple of the Christ light, we have to prove ourselves. In other words, we have to give the

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sign, the password. Though you yourself may not be able to give the password, your guide, your master can give it for you – and does so, so that you are able to enter this temple of love, full of light, full of glory.

Human language cannot describe this temple, but you can see it according to your own degree; you can see this temple with its perfect symmetry, perfect proportion, and feel its purity. That is the prevailing impression, the purity of the atmosphere and the harmony of your companions. There is not one jarring sound. You will hear in your soul the perfect music of all the souls who are in the temple with you, your brethren. This is indeed the most wonderful experience for any soul, to understand in a flash the true meaning of perfection, the true meaning of brotherhood, of love.

Now, He comes who is the embodiment of love, whom we refer to as the Christos—remember that there are other Christed Ones, but the Christos is the Supreme Being, the Perfect Son. This is a mystery which we cannot unveil for you by description or by earthly speech. It can only be unveiled for you in the silence and during your own communion. What you can touch in the silence in your meditation lives for evermore. It means that a little more of your soul has been developed, has grown. It also means that an impression has been made upon those parts of your brain which before were dormant but which now will gradually respond to divine truth.

One more form or figure we wish you to see, just that of an ordinary man or woman (because man and woman become together one soul and the manifestation of that one soul takes human form as it was created before any separation came for the long journey of experience enabling that soul to gain knowledge and power). Now, you may create by your mental power a very beautiful form, but it is inanimate; it has no character. It has been said that Jesus as a child was taught to create form and then to breathe into that form the breath of life. This story tells the story of Creation. The form that you see created, moulded by the mind, is beautiful but without life, but later the form comes to life and the life brings out sweetness. That life is simple love, God's love.

Now, let us gaze upon the perfect form of an Elder Brother or Master. What is the impression made upon us as we gaze upon it, this perfect form? O, such gentleness, such sweetness, such love! Can you conceive the purity and loveliness of the Master Soul? Can you see the expression, shining with love—not weak or tepid—a love which is strong and eternal, a love which serves, a love which is wise, a love which can withhold as well as give? Now, hold this picture, my brethren, of a master soul; feel the wisdom, the tenderness and the gentleness of the Mother, together with the strength, the power, the courage of the First Principle, the Father – the dual soul – and see this soul with power to watch over all mankind. Almost impossible as it is for the human mind to grasp, we would indeed endeavour to convey to you this sense of loving care in which you live and have your being.

So we say that the very first thing to strive for is to get your values right. Do not be confused between what is called material and what is called spiritual, but endeavour to live in the

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awareness of the presence and the power of the Invisible to help you and to help all mankind along the path of evolution.

We commenced by saying that the world appears to you to be chaotic. Man creates this chaos. Out of chaos God creates beauty and perfection. Man is the instrument of God and man can be and is being used to bring about a right state for all people. Do not be confused—we do not think you will be—by the colour of the skin. All men are created by the power of God and all men have a place in the universe. All we say is that man cannot live by bread alone, which means man cannot live by material standards; he must learn to look beyond and recognise the sweetness of the Christ Life, not only in goodly people, not only in the godly company, but in the brother by his side. Even in your own brotherhood some of you can still find cause to misjudge. Strive to overcome intolerance not only in the Lodge but in the whole wide world. Try and put yourself in your brother's place and feel what he feels during his crucifixion (because that is what it can amount to). Above all, keep your values right, your vision pure, your heart full of love.

Have we confused you? Maybe; but we have endeavoured to give you a picture of a master soul. This master soul is what you will become. So all your problems and difficulties, though very hard to bear at times, have a meaning and will prove worthwhile because only through enduring them with courage, faith and trust in the love and wisdom of your Creator will you go forward towards that perfect state in the Golden City of God. More than this, you will be helping the whole of mankind onward to reach that state which has been called the Golden Age.

Many grumblers think that the Golden Age is just a dream. Dreams, as we very well know and can speak from experience, dreams eventually create eternal conditions. Without vision must the people perish! So hold your dreams and keep on keeping on. Our last words again. You will always be hearing from us, 'keep on keeping on'. So many cannot do this. They go to sleep by the wayside. They get discouraged. They turn back. They go down a little slope. They go to sleep. But the soul who perseveres and keeps on keeping on reaches the goal of spiritual liberation.

People find it such a temptation, so much easier to go here, there, everywhere, rushing to all kinds of places—to the east, to the west, to the north, to the south, in search of a master! And all the time the master is within, so close to you, 'nearer than breathing, closer than hands and feet'. This is simple truth. You will find nothing more beautiful than you can find in your own inner temple. As you learn to seek this serenity, this peace, this tranquillity; as you learn in humility to kneel before the communion table, you will find the greatest treasure, the perfect gift, and become a trusted servant of the Great White Lodge.

Brethren, we assemble with one accord in the lodge of the Great White Light, united in the brotherhood of the Christ Star; and for this knowledge, O God, Thy children offer their heartfelt thanks. We pray that they may all be helped to understand the meaning of love and the full purpose of life.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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Each one of you is known to the Master, and we send to you, each individually, all love and watchful care. We touch our hearts to our dearly loved earthly family. Be brave and keep on with courage and see before you the Golden Light towards which you are ever moving.

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