

The Temple of the People

The Master's Message to the 121st Convention

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To My Beloved Children:

You are living through a fierce trial by fire. Your human family is being tested through the virus that is sweeping the world; through imbalances caused by selfishness, greed, waste, and contempt; through ages-old divisions that cannot stand as they are. The extremes being expressed through fiery, pent up energies are rending apart the dark veils of blindness, oppression, and lust for power in humanity's darkest aspects.

In ages past, you have experienced being the "other," the one who is foreign or malformed, misunderstood or blamed. You have also experienced being the one who cannot or will not respect that other. Children mine, you so easily forget your ties to each other that you will be that other again in lifetimes to come, until you greet the many expressions of the human family as reflections of the One. Until you look your sisters and brothers in the eye and recognize that you are one human family, your divisions will overtake you.

Do you not see that only as you ennoble your brothers and sisters from every country and culture, of every creed and caste, can you move humanity another step forward in this round of evolution? You are one human family, yet you treat each other as enemies. This sickness is not on the surface, but is in the deepest parts of yourselves. You must have the courage to look behind the veils to the world of causes if you are to see what is back of your disunity, and honestly ask yourselves: What is my part in this? How am I enslaved by my own willful ignorance, by my own hardened heart?

You hear each other not, you listen not, you love not. The persecution of those you don't understand or accept as your brothers and sisters results from your own blindness. Stop looking for someone else to blame for persecution on the basis of creed or color, of country or culture. Open your eyes. Only you, *and I mean each and every one of you*, can turn such acts of persecution into kindness and acceptance by opening your

hearts to the Rays of Infinite Love. Those Rays must flow through you into the world around you.

The impulse of the Red Ray underlies and impels your growth. This cycle is at a tipping point and change is upon you. You cannot remain as you were, and you have not earned the right to push forward, for you cannot yet see what lies ahead. You must hold fast as ancient cracks and divisions show themselves dark against light, as the precarious imbalances of the world you have known release and break apart. Hold fast to eternal truth. Hold fast to spiritual ideals. Hold fast to the bond of kinship with your brothers and sisters everywhere.

Humanity as a whole must step forward in consciousness. Our messengers have told you over and over that everything in the Universe, through *all* its kingdoms, is endowed with a consciousness of its own kind and on its own plane of perception. No plane of perception is better in any way than another, for the kingdoms of life together build the warp and weft of your world and consciousness. You may think you rule the natural world and its resources, but until you step into conscious alignment and awareness of the sacred within all other units of Creation, you live out of balance with those kingdoms. Your selfishness closes the streams of help from the kingdoms of life around you.

Empty words will not restore the beauty and majesty of the kingdoms of Nature or heal the personal issues facing your planet. Who do you serve? Who will you serve? The urgency is in putting your energy into actions, not words.

You say that you are weary of this virus, overwhelmed with life as it is, that you are not qualified for this call to grow. We never ask you for something that is truly beyond you. We know that you *can* do it. We also know that you must grow if you and your world are to survive.

Take in the true meaning of the watchwords of *Faith, Trust, and Courage* and trade this wearisome intellectualism for the upwelling of unified action from your hearts. For it is within the heart and soul of every single unit of humanity, as well as every other living thing in manifestation, that the Divine truly dwells.

My children, where the darkness is greatest there is also the Light to guide you. Remember, you are never beyond the reach of Our help, but you must make the first move by asking for that help. It benefits you not if you fail to put into action the impulse that you receive in return.

Those with ears to hear will hold fast to the purpose at hand. Set aside lower desires for immediate sensual gratifications and invest your actions with pure motive. Invest your actions with care for one another and for this planet that sustains you. The time for this action is now — not tomorrow, not some other time, but Now. These are spiritual goals, every moment of which can be filled with true Joy, Equanimity, and Love.

As has ever been and shall be, my heart is connected to yours. My Brothers and I wait for your recognition of that unity.

Be With Us. The choice is yours, and choose you must.

— *Your Father-Brother,*
Hilarion