

The Temple Artisan

October-November-December 2012

Behold, I give



unto thee a key.

CONTENTMENT

CONTENTMENT is the approval of the Gods, the mark and sign of Their Presence within him who possesses it; the Torch that lights to heights of Greatness.

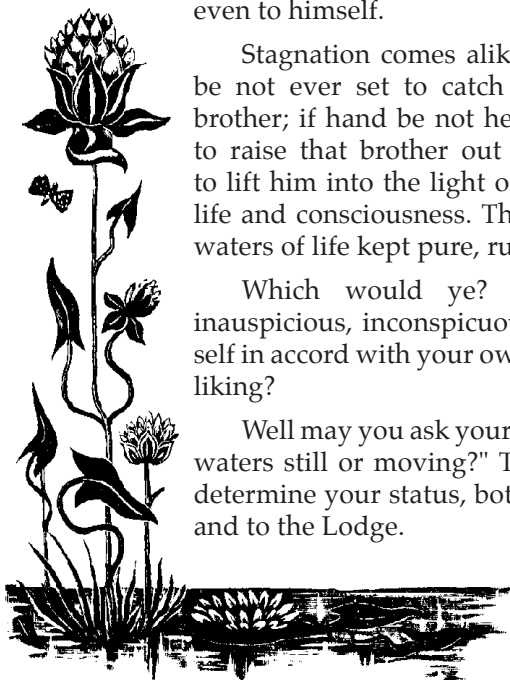
Self satisfied is he who would construct his plan without recognition of divine radiance. Brief is the hour of his satisfaction, short is his day. Night closes in, darkness encompasses him, he is seen no longer, not even to himself.

Stagnation comes alike to both if ear be not ever set to catch faintest cry of brother; if hand be not held outstretched to raise that brother out of his distress, to lift him into the light of his own inner life and consciousness. Thus only are the waters of life kept pure, running, active.

Which would ye? Contentment—inauspicious, inconspicuous—or satisfied self in accord with your own choosing and liking?

Well may you ask yourselves, "Are the waters still or moving?" The answer will determine your status, both to yourselves and to the Lodge.

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EDITORIAL MIRROR

This is the season in which we express our hopes, our joys, and our gratitude. I want to express my gratitude to all our friends and neighbors for generous donations that help us to spread these nurturing teachings.

One of the ways we are reaching out to humanity is through the Temple's website, at www.templeofthepeople.org. Redesigned and updated, it carries material in French, German, Spanish, Russian, and of course, English. I hope you will come visit us online.

In honor of this Holy Season, I send you this *Mountain Top* message entitled *The Christmas Rhythm*: "The Message of the Christ — the Christmas Message to mankind — conveys the idea of Devotion above and through all else. Devotion to God, to Principle, to our fellow men and women even unto death, does indeed establish the Rhythm of the Song Celestial."

These words from the Temple teachings unite us with the Song Celestial, the harmonic symphony we feel when we connect with the Christ, which is the Law of Love, by feeling and expressing the rhythm of Unity of all Life. May this Holy Song Celestial be upwelling and triumphant in your life and may we walk together in Love, Light, Joy, and Peace.

—Eleanor L. Shumway
Guardian in Chief



The Temple Mantrams

I believe that in me dwelleth every good and perfect spirit.

Believing this, I will show forth this day,

by thought, word, and deed,

all that perfection that dwelleth in me.

I am One with God and all Good.

Evil hath no power over me.

Though clouds and darkness seem to be about me,

yet dwell I eternally in the Light.

114 AND COUNTING

The Temple will be 114 years old on November 15. But what exactly do these numbers really mean? If we are not alert, we can fall into self-satisfied complacency over how long the organization has been in manifestation, and therefore we can float along forever. We must remember that as day follows day we must be constantly renewing, constantly building on the efforts of those who have gone before us, as those who follow us will build on our efforts. We must study what has gone before in order to see and appreciate the foundation which has been laid, but we are responsible to the present moment, responsible for our place in the Golden Chain of The Temple of The People.

At the Temple's Centennial Celebration Master Hilarion told us:

"My Dear Children: I have ever been beside you as you have labored to bring into manifestation a new step in the work of the Great White Lodge. Through this Lodge Center I have poured forth the message of the coming of a Great Spiritual Light to help all of humanity raise itself out of the darkness of the material self. As you look over the past years, you can see this Light impressing itself more and more upon every plane of being. Dark corners everywhere are being cleansed and the refuse of centuries is being brought into brightness. Now more than ever, everyone is being asked to help transmute this darkness of ignorance and despair into the realms of greater light, intelligence, power, and wisdom. My children, you are asked to hold firmly to your faith in Our message of the Light of Truth even when you cannot see the myriad ways in which your faith furthers our work.

"At this important time I bid you hold strong in allegiance, faith, and trust to the Lodge and to each other. I ask you to reaffirm both your pledges, and your recognition and acceptance of the Lodge, myself, and our agent. With conscious self-endeavor you must focus your mind, your body, your soul on the Temple work, imbuing every aspect with mutual understanding, voluntary yielding, and helpful interchange with each other on all planes of being. This will bring you truer adjustment, greater activities, purer transmission of finer forces, with wider and broader dissemination of spiritual powers. Individually, and as a group, you have constantly sent

us your appeals, efforts, ambitions and aspirations for closer, more intense relationship to the Lodge. Be still and listen in the Silence and you will know beyond all shadow of doubt what you must do.

"Again and yet again I have given you the answers you crave. If I were to remain silent, irresponsive, closed, and deaf to your demands and prayers, you would consider me a faithless guide, servant, and father. Shall I expect less of you by asking for anything short of your full faith and following? This will tax your powers of flexibility, obedience, and balanced unity, but it lies within your own hands, hearts, and souls entirely. The evolution of the entire human race lies in the balance. It is your responsibility to act, and some small act of yours may very well prove to be the critical one for all humanity. This may seem to be a heavy task, but you are fitted for it.

"As you leave this Temple, I ask you to enter The Temple of your own Inner Being. In this place of Light and Silence will come the realization that each of you is charged to truly see the Spirit of God within yourself, in your friend, in your enemy, in your neighbor, in any stranger, and in your family, as well as every other part of the manifested universe. Your response to every atom must be from Spirit to Spirit. Become a conscious example of the priceless gems of Truth and Wisdom, of Opportunity and Power held inviolate in your innermost selves.

"I want you all to realize the importance of the present; never mind the past, or the future, they will be cared for. It is now that is of greatest importance. Every day, and yet, one moment at a time. Dig deep and lay the foundations well, lest any shaking of the upper beams loosen the underlying stones of the outer Temple. Do not allow yourself, or others, if you can help it, to miss the sweet humble blossoms lying close by your side in reaching out for the larger, less fragrant blooms in the distance, and listen when I speak. Sink your very souls in the great Father-Mother heart, the beats of which vibrate through your own with every pulse of the same. Remember that I am one with you, not outside of you. It is my privilege to be your guide; it is your privilege to be an integral part of the Great Plan to build into The Temple a greater measure of joyful endurance, holding power, peace, and awareness of My Love for you."

As the Guardian in Chief my question to you is, "How is this working for you?" Not for someone else, not for some more convenient time, but for you right this minute. I know that most of us are going through a period of intense self-examination, sometimes accompanied by fractured communication with each other, as we try to find deeper, more soulful ways of living the things we say we believe in. In volume two of the Teachings we read, "You have caught a glimpse of the towering pinnacles of the Temple of Life and its mysteries and the end of the path, and of the tender face of the Great Mother bending over its battlements. That one glimpse is enough. From that moment your viewpoint of life has changed."

Life has changed — dramatically — and yet it hasn't changed much at all. The sun still makes its comforting journey, the alarm still rings, work still must be done, the laundry piles up, the weeds must be pulled, the zucchini harvested, diapers changed, meals prepared, cars fixed, walls painted, toilets unplugged — the list is endless. As the myriad details of daily life claim our attention I would propose that this is the most dangerous and difficult period. We have renewed our offers to the Lodge of the highest we are capable of reaching, all we have, all we are, all we expect to be. That offer was accepted and cannot be withdrawn. Now we have to live it, and that means *every* minute. Now we are tested on our resolve to put it into action. We are told that as we bear the trials and tests of daily living, so comes our strength...Believe it or not! We *can* make each of those details of daily life a spiritual detail by imbuing it with love, or as an act of service in harmony with Spirit.

It would be foolish to imagine that we can always maintain the change in our lives that comes after the glimpse of the Great Mother referred to in the lesson. However, it is the part of wisdom to take the responsibility of being proactive, to plan one degree of change at a time, to build it consciously into our very being, to live it, and then to gain the strength to reach for the next degree. In this process we need to be sharing, talking, doing together, reaching out, risking pain, misunderstanding, disappointment...and yet...knowing there is joy, understanding and reward in equal measure. We need to stay focused in all the processes of becoming.

I truly believe that from the beginning this group of Templars has shown extraordinary spiritual strength in their ability to stay

here, to believe in the principles set forth in these Teachings, to hold on in the face of tremendous odds over 114 years of effort. Paradoxically we can only implement this one small step at a time — each one of us, each day. We are not asked for a string of brilliant successes. We are only asked to try and try again. We are cautioned that our impatience is one of our greatest hindrances. When we reach the point where we are perfectly willing to grow one leaf at a time we have made a huge advance. Intense hunger for growth has blasted more human vines than any one act of perverted Law.

I cannot tell or command you on what to do next. “Walk the talk” is my mandate. I can only do for myself, I can only share with you my feelings when I succeed or stumble, share with you the things that have and are giving my life meaning, and listen carefully to you as you share your feelings of the meaningful qualities of your life as well as your perceived faults, failures or times of anguish. As we build these bridges of communication between us, we will all arrive gradually at places where we can effect significant changes in ourselves. Of course we will fail at times, quarrel, take our toys and go home, creep out to try again, change techniques, and agree to disagree if necessary. The workplace for all of this is with each



Reflections, Pismo Pier. Photo by Marti Fast.

other, here and now, not withdrawing in anger or arrogance, but living the process of becoming the thing we believe in, minute by minute. Remember: THERE ARE NO LITTLE THINGS!

The Temple building itself is symbolic of our highest spiritual aspirations, as well as of men and women everywhere who are feeling the subtle yet powerful forces of Love, Aspiration, sacrifice and dedication to Principle. We know we are not yet masters, perhaps we feel we will never achieve that kind of unfoldment, and yet we are constantly bathed in Love, Compassion, Discipline, Instruction and Faith sent our way by our Elder Brothers, by the Holy Spirit Itself, encouraging us onward and upward, believing in us and our ability to grow. Our special charge, our responsibility, is to consciously work at serving humanity. Not humanity in the abstract, but the humanity represented by our self, by our neighbor, by our friends, by our enemies, and by the many people we see and interact with every single day. We **MUST** stop imputing motives of insult, or of back stabbing, or of need to control our neighbors and, instead, use the simple tools of a kind word, a loving glance, an understanding attitude, a hug, a handshake, and a listening heart.

All of us, together with all of the manifested Universe on every level, are that vehicle, that method, that abiding place of the Abstract Infinite, or God. "I am in my Father and my Father is in me" becomes a reality. We have the awesome responsibility to make this reality happen, one simple moment at a time. However, as much as we often feel we carry the whole weight alone, we are not alone, there is always help. We may call that help angels, archangels, guides, spirit, Master, energies, higher self, or God; but whatever the name, that Infinite Love is there to enfold us, to encourage us, to help us when we stumble or fall. It knows that the God within each of us will triumph, that humanity is still worth loving, worth serving. However, knowing the help is there and knowing we do not have to do everything all at once still does not absolve us from the responsibility of getting on with it! Even as we sit here, right this minute.

The spiritual forces now working with humanity are increasingly insistent that all units acknowledge the connection between each person on this earth, as well as with all the kingdoms of Nature and the very Earth itself. Along with this must come the growing

awareness that each of us is responsible for our own unfoldment. This cannot be left in the hands of anyone else, be it loved one, priest, teacher, leader, president, king, brother or sister. My unfoldment, my spiritual life journey is my own responsibility, as yours belongs to you. Yet you and I must always keep in mind as clearly as possible the impact of our journey on each other, on everyone with whom we come into contact in our day to day living. Our impact on each other influences and shapes our unfoldment. The grand paradox is that alone, yet together, we travel as a unit on our journey on the Path of Spiritual Unfoldment, gaining in understanding and consciousness only as we interact with each other. We, the human race, must stand or fall together, for in reality, WE ARE ONE. And yet, I cannot tell you what to do; I cannot put down rigid rules, time schedules or study guides and then stand as judge and jury to decide if you are measuring up to my standards. Nor can you do this for me. We can share with each other the experiences we have, the things that inspire us, and then trust each other to make the best use of these offerings within the context of our own individual journeys.

It is much easier to turn over this responsibility for spiritual unfoldment to someone else; then, when anything is awry in our life, it is that someone's fault. Even the Masters tell us that we must not follow their teachings with blind faith — that we must test each step up against the White Light of our own intuition, our own Higher Self. If something they tell us does not ring true for us, then we must set it aside for the time being, holding to the path we see before us. We are, as a race, coming into our unfolding spiritual maturity and are being held responsible for functioning that maturity, not just talking about it. I like to think that the Masters, as they lovingly watch us, think of Eliza Dolittle in *My Fair Lady*, when she sings...“words, words, words, all day long, first from him then from you...” Stop the words and SHOW ME!

Ernest Harrison, Temple Scribe in the early years of the Temple work, said, “The real Temple is something which Humanity has been building throughout the ages, and is made of such fine material and of such high Spiritual Essences that it is vain indeed to expect or endeavor to put into words more than the very barest limits of its true significance.

"The Real Temple is Humanity, and to the extent that one is interested in and identifies with the welfare of Humanity as a whole; and to that extent only, will he or she be recognized by the Masters as a builder of the Temple and a worker in the Great Work.

"Let us throw in the discard now and forever, any conception that the Temple is an organization of chosen people (the Lord's anointed) who are selected to do a certain work and afterwards to reap a great reward, and that all the rest of the unfortunate Human Race is on the other side of the fence, and does not belong in our set.

"If the Temple, as an organization, is to accomplish anything it must always be as broad as Humanity and as wide as the world is wide; absolutely without creed or dogma, and based on a religious philosophy which will at any time bear the scrutiny of Science and be open at all times to stand unshielded before the searchlight of Truth. It must always be ready to relinquish any teaching which may be proved to be erroneous; and to hold fast only to that which is TRUE and therefore capable of bearing the scrutiny of all or any test that may be put upon it.

"Let us realize here, that each member of the Human Race is a member of the Great Temple; that each must in turn pass through the Great Temple Gates; undergo all the tests, joys and sorrows of the Neophyte; and in time be initiated into the Inner Degrees as his or her Soul Development may demand, until he or she at last becomes a 'Master Mason.' The impulses to action come to us constantly through the day. There is usually a choice of Motive. Shall I do this? Or that? Sometimes we are impelled to do a little kindness, sometimes to do or say an unkind act or word. As we select either the good or bad, we build into our Soul Substance a Stone which will either help us to climb upwards or draw us down into Matter.

"So each of us is a Temple Builder, whether we will it or no, and each is an integral part of the Great Temple of Humanity, which is in the process of constantly becoming and in which each man and woman in turn must become a conscious builder some day."

This process is the Real Temple that we are building, the stones composed of the small acts of kindness, comfort, prayer, aspiration and recognition of the Unity of All Life. Several times a month, here at this altar in this memorial temple, symbol of the Altar in the



New Year's Eve Sunset, Pismo Beach. Photo by Marti Fast.

Great Temple, we sing, "All we are or hope to be, Here and now we offer Thee." This offer is accepted and cannot be withdrawn.

Given the state of the world today, and given humanity's usual ability to read all kinds of portends, omens and symbols into events we choose to view as life-changing, we may very well, if we do not remain balanced and quiet, tune into the prevailing moods of fear, panic, despair, and irrational actions. What will change? Even if the world blows apart, what will change? We are still charged with the evolution of consciousness, no matter where we find our real selves residing. Remember, the Master told us that dark corners everywhere are being cleansed and the refuse of centuries is being brought into brightness. He is speaking to the dark corners of our souls, asking each of us to move into the realms of greater light, intelligence, power, and wisdom. We are not charged to clean dark corners in the other person's soul. As we work on our own, we will find to our great surprise, the other person is doing the same work inside themselves.

One-pointedness is the Key to all interior and exterior success, and the one point that should be in the forefront of our

consciousness is true indifference, or non-attachment to results. We will never attain to spiritual power until we “let go” of possible results. We must fix that one point in our minds. We create an ideal, the higher the better. Then we must concentrate our energies upon the working out of that ideal; working as though every hour held all our hope, our only opportunity. When that hour has passed, we must not revert to it again. Never look back, only build on the very best of that which has gone before.

In these special times we must make the words LET GO our beacon light; throw out broadcast the energy of the idea embodied in those two little words. We must engrave them in our hearts, minds, and souls, and live them with open hands and hearts. As we release our expectations of how things or people ought to be, we find that the joy of how things truly are comes rushing into our lives with treasures past telling. This is true acceptance in the spiritual sense.

It is through these processes of staying focused with faith, of truly letting go of our constriction, of quiet listening within, that we will find ourselves in absolute harmony with the pledge many made fourteen years ago at the Centennial celebration of The Temple:

“The Master has asked us to enter The Temple of our own Inner Beings; to listen carefully; to realize our oneness with all life; and to express our faith in His work in our daily lives. We hereby pledge ourselves to continue the work we have been called to do: the simple task of preparing a place inside of ourselves for the manifestation of the Avataric Force. As we stand here now, looking forward to the years ahead, we offer our dedication and consecration of the Center of Light which are always being expressed through our idealism, our aspirations, our obedience and our love.”

I would ask you to think about how many ways can we speak of Brother/Sisterhood? Words, words, words...show me!

— Eleanor L. Shumway
Guardian in Chief

**12.12.12
NOON**

I am so grateful to each and every one of you
Such gratitude for sharing moments of our lives together

We have shared joy and sadness,
and the gamut of human experiences
And I rejoice in the honour of knowing you.

Now I've done my time; I have completed this story;
I can watch the sun kiss the earth whenever I want to;
I can fly over the highest peaks alongside the strongest birds
and see the vast vistas of nature.
I can hold and hug people and animals whenever they are bereft.
And even though they don't know I am there
we can feel each other
Just like we imagine the angels do for us now.

Please don't leave a marker for me;
just think of me with kindness
When the wind touches your face;
When the breeze carries on it the perfumes of nature
When you touch something that reminds you
of the pleasure of youth
Unlock your heart and let it sing again.

Let's join together in the beauty of life experiences
And realise that we are moving through these bound together
To learn, to see what we are made of; to share with each other
And let us remember each day that we are made of the universe
That the pathway of light is built on compassion and harmlessness
And that it shines all around us from birth to death;
It guides us with truth and wisdom
if we will but open our senses to its voice
And most of all, thank you all for sharing with me
in these wonderful truths.

— Elaine Wight, London
12.12.12 • finished at 12.00 noon

SACRED SOULS

I see you as a sacred soul
I speak to you soul to soul
And the space between us
Becomes transformed
Into a sacred space where we can
Be sincere, be who we are
A space where we can be safe
Where we can express
Our hearts and minds
Where we can express our love
And resolve our problems

I look into your eyes
And I see a sacred soul
Who came into this world
To heal, to share, and love
A sacred soul like myself
And we dwell in a sacred space
Created between us
Heart to heart, soul to soul
As expressions of Divine Love

You are a soul
You are a soul having a human experience
As a soul you make a difference
When you think big, when you expand,
When you forget yourself, your petty concerns,
You make a difference in this world
You are mighty and awesome soul
Do not make yourself feel small
Do not hide your inner brilliance
You came into this world
To make a difference
Please, do not shrink in size
Please, do not hide
Be fearless and let it shine
The whole world needs your light
Please, fulfill the reason why
you came into existence

— *Raisa Goltsin*

HARMONY

Dear Temple sisters and brothers, dear friends,

Acceptance has a lot to do with HARMONY, harmony inside and outside ourselves. How we experience a situation is our own responsibility. We are always tested at our Achilles heel, our weakest spot. According to our frame of mind there may be more of them. Our condition varies. We are constantly, permanently asked to do our very best. At times that can be more or less, but this “more or less” has consequences. The same situation is put in front of us once more.

“This is a Universe of Law and Order. If a single one of the Universal Laws could be broken by man with impunity, manifestation of Spirit in man and in Nature would cease. While the forces of evil aroused to action by man’s efforts to break or suppress those Laws are overruled for his growth and development, the laws themselves are Eternal and Irrevocable. When man fully recognizes this fact, and understands and lives in perfect HARMONY with those laws, he becomes like God — All-Powerful.” (TT II, p. 24)

This is the final aim. Until we are there, we still have a lot of steps to go. I think it is cheering, that all the bad things we do, knowingly and often not knowingly, in the final result serves us to make us able to understand the Law and to yield ready obedience. So I will not regard it as a punishment when I get the same lesson innumerable times, so I may see my mistake. It is more like a private lesson. That does not mean that I do like it. But perhaps it helps to want to avoid this fault. But it’s not eluding displeasure that should be our aim, but to choose the right thing because we want to do our best. It helps to remember not to work against something, but *for* something.

Back to HARMONY, which includes acceptance. In the *Duden* dictionary of the German language, HARMONY is defined thus: “1) joining, fitting together, agreement, accord, union, 2) in educational art: symmetry, the balanced, quiet, moderate, regular proportion of all parts concerned 3) melodious sound of several sounds and chords in a musical movement. To HARMONIZE is described thus: blend, mutual adjustment, bring into accord.” We are looking for the themes, where we are able to agree, and that are best for the greater good.

“This spirit of UNITY shall prevail independent of race, color,

nation, organization, creed or caste of any kind. Utter selfishness is the great obstacle in the way of development. In our great greed for all and everything that can be of service to us individually, we pass by Love, Mercy and Justice, and grasp at every hope as a drowning man at a straw, regardless of what it may have cost others to extend a helping hand to us. If we perfectly realized the law of supply and demand we would be more careful. It is exact in its action. If one gives us something that is of great use and benefit to us, by that giving he has created a demand on us which, if we do not supply to the best of our ability, nullifies the gift as far as we are concerned. Spiritual truth cannot be sold, but if we are given a great truth we should immediately set about seeing in what way we can return to the giver an equivalent, or at any rate supply a need of his which is perhaps equal to ours. This interaction produces HARMONIOUS conditions which permit mutual help.

"Its mission is preeminently one of HARMONIZING discordant elements and UNIFYING the separated parts of the scattered flock. One of its greatest efforts in this line is directed to persuading all to lay aside peculiar personal opinions and UNITE on the one fundamental plank that is acceptable to all — common UNITY based on the BROTHERHOOD OF MAN AND THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD.

"In this presentation of Universal Truth and Principles no [separating] organizational lines, creeds, fees or dues exist. Spirit alone ensouls all things without form or obligation, each one following his own light within himself and his own particular field of endeavour, aspiration and influence, trying ever to realize the UNITY of All Things in the Great Father-Mother Source of all Being, through their own spiritual principles.

"Contact or relationship with any church, organization, group or society with which one may be affiliated, shall in no wise be interfered with or disturbed." (TT II, p. 348-50) Of course, this is if there are no reciprocal, disparaging actions or persecution among the several groups, either.

"The fearful and the unbelieving, as well as all sycophantic devotees of the Beast of Mammon, have invariably attempted to stop the progress of evolutionary development by building mental images of disaster and failure, or spreading nets of discouragement

to entangle the energies directed by true lovers of the human race toward a common goal and a common good." (TT I, #29, p. 64)

Let us try not to listen to these voices and instead to keep our strength for the creation and preservation of HARMONY. That is very important because no one lives alone; everything influences everything else.

"The visible sun is often said to be the generator of heat and light, but in fact it is like unto a concave mirror, and intercepts and gathers the etheric vibrations of sound, heat and light, and in turn throws them back into the receptive cushion or aura of the earth and the other planets of its evolutionary chain. The correspondence between such action of Cosmic forces upon each other, and the influence of one human being over another, is perfect, for the magnetic radiations of any one aura reflected upon the auras of others, and by means of the action of the same great Cosmic light, and if the latter is intercepted by an antagonistic emanation, that which should have been a spiritual uplifting, upbuilding power for good, for both sender and receiver, becomes a disruption, deathly influence, or shadow, which is in the way of the light [the truth], and through which each party must look at the other, consequently there is friction and hatred where there should be HARMONY and power." (TT I, #66, p. 167)

But all sorrow, all consuming fire, is only a "note in the scale of that glorious HARMONY...which only burns all imperfection...only destroys the chrysalis, and prepares conditions for the advent of the perfect angels of radiant light, Wisdom, Knowledge and Power..." (TT I, #27, p. 62)

Let us face our sorrows with acceptance and inner HARMONY.

Yours, as always, with love —

— *Annegret Liebig*

*I WILL ENDEAVOR TO REALIZE
THE PRESENCE OF THE AVATAR
AS A LIVING POWER IN MY LIFE.*

ASK EACH DAY

Thou who knowest that all life is ever ceaseless pulsing motion!

*Thou who knowest that the sun must rise and set each day,
and that every heart is in perfect time and rhythm!*

*Thou who knowest that the food of yesterday will not sustain
thy body for the morrow's toil!*

*Thinkest thou the cyclic law, immutable, will be repealed for thee,
in that each day will bring thee nourishment for soul,
unasked for and unsought by thee, or asked amiss?*

*Ah, No! A full supply of Christly bread awaits thine asking, but thou must
ask each day, and ask in faith, or suffer in the Soul as now thy body suffers
from the lack of food when thou dost not provide.*



WIND SONG

The east wind brings the dawn.
I feel the earth breathing anew.
I journey yet another day,
seeking Mudjekeewis.

The north wind brings the morn.
I see the birds a-flying.
I hear the frogs croaking mighty Hiawatha
seeks Mudjekeewis.

The afternoon comes on the southern wind.
I cross the creeks and plains,
And follow the animals on their paths
As I seek Mudjekeewis.

With the coming of the dusk,
The time of resting and refreshing,
I hear the western Zephyr call,
Here I am, Mudjekeewis,
And I reply, I am coming, Father,
I am coming.

— William C. White



THE TRUE PURPOSE

You must never lose sight of one fact.

The higher purpose, the aim of all those who are true Templars, was and still is the preparation of a place where it might become possible for the overshadowing Christ to enter and send forth the message which the world has waited for so long.

It would be truly impossible for such an overshadowing of the spiritual forces to enter and dwell with a number of disaffected, treacherous, inhuman elements. It could not do the work for which it came, even if it were possible to come.

Such a place requires quiet, concentration, aspiration, unified endeavor, and faith in each other and in the common purpose.

These are essentials; all else is non-essential.

OUR DAILY BREAD

Morsels from Temple writings to nourish body, soul, and spirit

OCTOBER: JUSTICE

- Forget not that there are no little things. The outstretched hand when the need is great pulls on the heartstrings of him who is down, and the heartstrings of the fallen are fastened in the Heart of God.
- Stand in Truth, stand in Light, stand in Love, and naught shall prevail against you.
- When Truth unveils herself, all error, pain and longing vanish as doth the dew before the morning sun.

NOVEMBER: HONESTY

- The simple things, the simple words, the simple deeds of daily, hourly life, hold treasures vast beyond computing, for in these treasures lie the first faint shadowing, the first beginnings of the seed of all the flowers of spirit — the seed of the Eternal.
- The Winds of Life sweep at certain periodical intervals for the same reason and even greater exactitude than the winds of outer nature blow, that whatever be withered, useless, dead and obstructing the way of growth, may be swept from the Path that the new and better may live and bloom.
- It is the Hero Path of Life you walk.

DECEMBER: KNOWLEDGE

- Yet God still lives by Whom all things were made, and every Christ-day draws thee closer to a day when, as a little child again, thou shalt behold the greatest Mystery of all — the birth and resurrection of the Christ within thy soul.
- The Light of the world is the Christ, the sun that makes of darkness a thing lived through, a consciousness unawakened.
- The mind of God is mirrored in the mind of man, and he who would know God must first know man.

QUICKENING FORCES

My Dear Sons and Daughters:

You are feeling deeply the call of the quickening forces that are bubbling up everywhere. You, as well as all humanity, are looking for tremendous changes as you feel these forces up welling within yourselves. With the voice of mind and body, you call for new directions, new instructions, new words to help you through these times, and new proofs that I am ever with you. Truth is timeless; your Higher Self knows such Truth is within and about you, awaiting your recognition.

I have told you again and yet again that I will never leave you. I will never forsake you. My duty calls for expenditure of time and effort in other directions as well as with you. If you could see with my eyes, you would see that you do have the inner strength and ability to meet the challenges you face today. You are more nearly whole than you dare to dream. Your responsibility is to find that inner strength by the self-discipline of looking within. Daily times of quiet, meditation, and prayer are the surest means of touching and using the very real connection with me and my Brothers of the White Lodge.

I cannot spare you the trials that come upon you. Unless you feel the pressure of the evolutionary forces sent out for your ultimate development, it would simply prove that they were not helping you upward as rapidly as it is possible for you to advance. At the moment you acknowledged that there was a Power beyond the physical plane, you began the conscious process of spiritual unfoldment. Through many long lifetimes you have been fitting yourselves to tread the Path of Discipleship.

It matters not what names you call that Path, what matters deeply is that you learn to find the Father-Mother-Son in every materialized object, or form of life. I have put into your hands, minds, and hearts all the tools necessary to carry you forward far into the future. Indeed, I have used the same words over and over again, knowing that at some point the spark of illumination will thrill through your beings and propel you forward toward the heights of your ideals and aspirations. Remember, after the moment of illumination, there must come a time of assimilation.

As your inner and outer bodies are nourished by the illumination, then comes the time for action.

I told you over one hundred years ago that as the outer work grows and the demands on the Agent become more incessant, there will also come more chances for sacrifice, for to all appearances you will often be called to sacrifice the inner communion with each other and with me for the sake of the performance of these outer duties. My children, it is only an apparent sacrifice because our inner bonds are never broken; they are always there for you to know and use. You have been placed in the midst of the turmoil and fight. It is useless to say you are not fitted for this; you must become fitted for it and all else that brings you into the heart of things and people. As you prepare yourselves for the turmoil and fight, you must bring Joy, Light, and Love to the process. They will sustain you and all who come to you for nourishment.

I am sending more people to your doors, called by their inner connection with me and the Great White Lodge. I ask you to greet them, to share the riches I have given you in words they can understand; to enfold them in your love and understanding. By so doing, you become the arms of my soul outstretched in Love and Understanding. By so doing, you yourselves are enfolded in Love and Understanding.

The Clarion Call goes forth to all. You must prepare the place within each heart for the advent once again of the Avatar. Heed well that call, my children.

In tender love,

— *Your Father-Brother Hilarion*



CEREMONIES OF LIFE

We are together once more to partake of the food that is true nourishment for the soul, the true heart communion. Like the wideness of Infinite Love, is the goodness and greatness of the Ocean of Life. There are little islands within that Ocean, fragments of the flotsam and jetsam of human life, bound together by a single current of Infinite Love which twines and intertwines around those fragments, drawing closer and closer each to each and all to one central Heart around which they radiate. My children, in like juxtaposition are you and I. As after some great tempestuous storm there comes an hour of peace and quietness that seems to brood with loving touch over all the wrecks of the storm, so that these quiet hours come to us out of the storm of all individual lives.

You must bring a ceremony to your lives; that ceremony is one of peace and quiet communion, where all strive to the utmost to reach the Heart of all true Being. And that is primarily what these hours must be to you. Hours of silence when the Soul may speak.

When asked about the future of civilization He said: A true civilization would be built on spirituality and would be opposed to all that passes for that now. The nearer to nature that human being grows, the higher will be the civilization. I do not mean a return to barbarism, I mean an entirely different thing, and it is difficult to put into words what I mean. One has to realize his oneness with all things in order to reach the true civilization which will be attainable to man in future ages.

— *Hilarion*

A PRAYER

Father-Mother-Son,
 From our inmost hearts we plead
 For power to love unselfishly;
 For wisdom to perceive aright;
 For perception of righteous course;
 For determination of purpose;
 For power of action according to Thy Will.

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Painted Sky, New Year's Eve. Photo by Marti Fast.

FAMILY LETTER

Dear Members and Friends,

As the days shorten in the northern hemisphere and we attune ourselves to the high forces pouring in, we look around and give thanks. Our gratitude is limitless for family, friends, opportunities, the beauty that surrounds us — and our challenges as well. With heartfelt love we send everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

After intensive rehearsals, set building, and decorating, the Halcyon players put on a wonderful show entitled “Yuletidings” showcasing the musical talents of the community. Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners in the Lodge were a warm and friendly sharing of good food, good company and good cheer.

Here at the Center conservation of two of the older homes is well under way and should soon be ready for occupancy. Sherry and James will be moving into the home behind the Halcyon Store. Kaety and Randy moved to Washington, so their home just north of the Temple is being renovated for Dee to occupy soon. Her current home will be the new home of Barbara and Don. We often call this process “musical houses,” a lot more complicated than the game of musical chairs.

May we walk together in Love, Light, Joy, and Peace.

—*Eleanor L. Shumway*
Guardian in Chief

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

Temple Groups: There are Temple groups in New York City; London, England; and in Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia; as well as several locations in Germany. Anyone wishing more information about these groups can call the Temple office in Halcyon.

The William Quan Judge Library serves Temple members, residents of Halcyon, and friends with an interest in Theosophy or who are doing research involving some of our special collections. Our library is staffed by volunteers. Hours are Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Other hours are by appointment through the Temple office.

The University Center Gallery is exhibiting watercolors and oils by former Guardian in Chief Harold Forgostein. Call the Temple office at 805.489.2822 for more information.

The Temple Healing Service is held at 12:00 noon each day in the Temple. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday Services are held at 10:30am in the Temple. The Feast of Fulfillment, the Communion Service of the Temple, is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Enter the Silence, a prayer and meditation meeting, is held the last Sunday of the month. Speakers present programs on other Sundays. The public is cordially invited to all services.

Study Classes under the auspices of Temple Officers and various Temple Orders are held regularly at 5:30pm in the University Center on Tuesdays and Fridays. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Speakers in the Sunday Services were:

October 14, Eleanor L. Shumway: *The Power of Words*; October 21, Damian Rollison: *My Mother's Faith*; November 11, Eleanor L. Shumway: *114 and Counting*; November 18, Symposium: *Voices from 1929*; December 9, Eleanor L. Shumway: *The War Prayer*; December 14, George Colendich: *The Temple Stands Alone*.

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