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ASSIMILATING TRUTH

CHELA: Beloved Master, we are told that knowledge imparted to us brings with it an obligation to utilize that knowledge for the blessings of life. Will you tell us how best to assimilate the Truth within the instructions given to us by the Ascended Masters?

GURU: Blessed chela, the old adage: "where ignorance is bliss, it is folly to be wise" has a good deal of truth within it. The individual who has not had the opportunity of receiving assistance and directions from the Ascended Masters is not as liable before the Cosmic Law for manifest works as is the one entrusted with the time, energy, thought and instructions of Beings whose every breath is priceless because it can and should be used only to further the Divine Plan. It is not enough to READ the words of the Master, nor to accrete an intellectual knowledge of spiritual fact. The chela must BUILD those words into his own nature and BECOME the Master.

CHELA: Beloved Master, is there any particular recommendation you can give us so that we may best profit by your instructions?

GURU : Yes, blessed chela. You may proceed somewhat as follows:

(1) Choose a certain time of day for your reading and endeavor to build a momentum of rhythm in adhering to your contemplative cycle.

(2) Prepare your consciousness by reflecting earnestly on what you are about to do - enter the Holy Communion with your God and your Master. Still, the mental, emotional and physical vehicles and raise your consciousness until it touches the spiritual aura of the Author of the words you are about to consider. Ask Him or Her to give you the Ascended Master's feeling, comprehension, understanding and capacity to interpret those words into action for the blessing of your fellowman.

Remember that you are about to partake of the qualified life of some God Being who has, in mercy and love, chosen to give you His instructions to help you to become free also. Feel a sense of deep gratitude, reverence, and humility in accepting this Essence. If you will do this, you will receive not only the worded expression of Truth, but the living essence of Truth which will be a fire unto your spirit. A simple prayer to be said before reading the words of the Master could be something like the following:

"Beloved Presence of God - "I AM", it is Thy life and intelligence which enables me to read, to comprehend, to absorb, and to do what is required of me. For life - "I AM" so grateful! Beloved Master (here address the One whose words you are about to read and contemplate), I ask You for Your feeling and Your capacity to use this instruction to God's glory and mankind's comfort."

(3) Do not read hastily. Remember gluttony is not only of the flesh, but of the mind as well. Many civilized people who shrink at the ravenous gulpings of the savage or the beast

would be amazed at the sight of their own mental body devouring knowledge. Let your mind reverently, respectfully, and gently approach the instructions of the Master and pause upon every sentence or paragraph which the Grace of the Ever-Presence may emphasize through your own soul's Light. It is not how much you read nor how much you know, but WHAT YOU ARE that forms the measure of your capacity for spiritual assimilation.

(4) Elect within yourself to make some portion of your reading an active part of your nature each day. Thus the process of sublimation and of transmutation becomes a rhythmic cycle of graduating consciousness rather than a clumsy lumbering resulting from spasmodic endeavors.

(5) When you have completed your reading, again make a brief invocation to your own "I AM" Presence and the Master with whom you have been in communion to nourish by the spiritual Grace of Cosmic Truth the seeds planted in your consciousness. Ask that the ideas thus entrusted to you shall become manifest flowers of perfect expression in your world and the world of your fellowman.

"Beloved Presence of God - "I AM", pour the light of Thy Grace upon my consciousness. Nourish the seeds planted by the Master. Let me not be one admonished from without but not inflamed within lest the words which I have heard (or read) and not practiced, known and not loved, believed and not observed, rise up in judgment against me."

Quoting the words of a wise man who walked the path before you: "Truly when the Day of Judgment comes, it will not be asked of us what we have read, but what we have DONE; not what fine discourses we have made, but how righteously we have live."

CHELA: Beloved Master, is there any prescribed course of reading which would be of particular benefit to our soul growth?

GURU : Blessed chela, for each man a different type of instruction is required. When the Master Himself does not conduct the personal instruction for the chela daily, the chela must draw from within himself, through the intuitive faculty and the flame of wisdom in the heart, that which can best benefit him each day. When a chela is particularly drawn toward a specific Master, the chela can build up a momentum of spiritual rapport with such an One through observance of the above exercise and then reading those words written by that Master. Even in reading the words of unascended beings, if the individual were to put himself into spiritual communion with the consciousness of the writer, so much more could be received in a short period of study than when the outer mind literally "plunges" into the reading in a haphazard fashion.

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REPRESENTATIONS OF DEITY

CHELA: Beloved Master, there are two lines of thought to which students subscribe. One is the development of interest in and cultivation of the use of pictures, images, symbols, icons, and all external stimuli to remembrance and recognition of God and His Representatives. The other is the rejection of such symbology as a deterrent to concentration upon the indivisible ONE. To which line of procedure would you recommend us?

GURU : Blessed chela, the development of the individual consciousness is a great determining agent in the attitude of receptivity or rejection of representations of the Deity and His Messengers. For instance, individuals who belong to the Angelic Kingdom or the Devic evolutions are naturally more interested in radiation, spiritual essence, and the music of the spheres, than in form. Human beings and elementals enjoy the form which is the Grail of the Spirit. This natural alignment of the individual consciousness to any one of the three kingdoms will have a pronounced effect upon his types of worship, required stimulus, and generally, his happiness in such worship. In the East, many holy men and women come to the point of full illumination through concentration upon a lotus blossom or a drop of dew. In the West, many holy men and women have come to the development of personal sainthood through contemplation of the Being represented in a statue of the Christ or the Madonna.

CHELA: Beloved Master, in some individuals, there is such a strong repugnance to symbols of a spiritual nature that their presence detracts from any spiritual nourishment such people might receive from a service. What can be done in such a case?

GURU : Blessed chela, in all cases where there is resistance, rebellion, discord, and inharmony, it is the result of lack of understanding. Whenever possible, if the reason for such symbols is explained and certain specific applications made by the group director, this resistance can be overcome.

CHELA: Beloved Master, what applications do You suggest?

GURU : Blessed chela, the director must recognize that all within the compass of his aura are not necessarily of the same spiritual evolution, background, development or understanding.

Besides the aforementioned fact that angels, humans and elementals have a natural difference in the type of worship which appeals to them, there are the etheric records builded into the consciousness of all who ascend the ladder of evolution. Like every God-designed ideal, pattern and plan, the exquisite designing of representations of the Angels, Masters, and Divine Beings was seized upon by those who wished to place before the mind and senses of men forms magnetized to render powerless the spiritual natures of those who concentrated upon them. These "idols" were used by certain misguided individuals to secure power over the masses. Individuals who remember such experiences in the deep recesses of the etheric body, and who either consciously

participated in opposing such practices, or who succumbed to being hypnotized by these foci are determined within themselves to remain free from a like experience.

The deep fears of ALL forms which represent the Deity must be removed and the conscious mind made to realize the self-evident Truth that the TYPE or representation determines the current, the radiation, the influence, and the beneficent or malevolent powers focused through the form. Good common sense will be the measure of an intelligent man's acceptance of a picture, a statue, or a symbol as a stimulus to his aspiration or a deterrent to his spiritual culture. The purifying currents of the Violet Flame called forth through the etheric bodies of the students by the Group Director before classtime will do much to assist in breaking down bigotry and intolerance. The clear detailed explanation of "the why and the wherefore" when there is an introduction of a new expression in the service will clarify the outer consciousness and make for cooperation and understanding among the students.

CHELA: Beloved Master, what are the reasons for having the pictures of the Masters, statues of the Divine Beings, and symbols of the activities of the Sacred Fire before the outer consciousness of the students?

GURU : Blessed chela, they are reminders to the sense consciousness of the Presence of the God-free Beings who are an ever-present help when called into action. The senses of man are so constantly fastened upon distress and imperfection that any and all types of perfected form that turns the attention of mankind upward and away from the chains that bind him are essential

to the survival of the spiritual spark within the soul. Even your church spire pointing heavenward, your majestic mountain ranges, the graceful upreaching arms of the trees are designed toward that end.

Furthermore, each focus of a Perfected Being, an Angel, a Master, or a Deva becomes an open door into the energy, consciousness, being, world and activity of such an one. A line of energy flows from the heart of the God-free Being into the form which represents Him, and into the world of all who look upon that form, bringing blessings and benediction in its wake. Thus the picture or statue is a magnetizing center, drawing the radiation of the Perfected Being down into the world of the student and drawing the attention and energy of the student upward into the perfected realm of the God-free.

CHELA: Beloved Master, as there is such a great divergence in the representations of the Deity, the Masters, the Angels, and the Devas in statues, pictures, icons, etc., how does this affect the student's consciousness and the magnetizing power of the picture or representation?

GURU : Blessed chela, first one must remember that the student is not worshipping the form, the picture, the talisman, or amulet in itself. He is merely using it as a reminder of the Being whose perfected glory flows through the representation. Thus I have seen even a very rough-hewn hand-carved figurine draw tremendous blessing upon an earnest soul, and conversely a magnificent piece of sculpture leave the spiritual spark unstirred. The consciousness, feelings,

thoughts and nature of the artist will be a determining factor in the capacity of the representation to reach the heart; also the faith, innocence, love and devotion of the aspiring one will be a determining factor in how much good the contemplation of such a focus will bring to the individual consciousness.

CHELA: Beloved Master, why is there such a great divergence among the pictures and representations of Deity, Yourself, the Angelic Host, and others of the Heavenly Kingdom?

GURU : Blessed chela, this is so because every form that manifests on Earth comes through the consciousness of some individual who is part of Earth's evolution. The purity of consciousness, the developed talents which can transfer the impression to canvas or marble, the patience of the artist - all are determining factors in the representation.

CHELA: Beloved Master, does not the difference in presentation of the Masters' pictures tend to confuse the chela's mind as to the true likeness of the Master?

GURU : Blessed chela, while the chela's mind CAN be confused, you can rest assured that something will arise which will confuse it. You have seen photographs of the same person taken in different stages of a lifetime, the vital pictures of early youth bearing little resemblance to the mellow pictures of maturity. Yet, the outer consciousness knows and recognizes the individual who is represented in that picture and can enjoy the infant's innocent smile as well as the mature man's steadfast gaze.

Artists and individuals who represent the Ascended Masters use different methods to receive their inspiration. On rare occasions (when the Master has retained an etheric vehicle) actual photographs are available. Why? Because there is no present mechanical photographic device available which can register the high frequency of vibration of the electronic body of the Ascended Being. In very rare instances, where the aura of the chela is sensitized and can provide out of its own substance a clothing for the likeness of the Electronic Presence -- stepping down the vibratory action, such photographs have been taken. These are very sacred spiritual gifts and are guarded carefully by their recipients. In the case of the Cottingly photographs (see "Fairies" by Ed. Gardiner), the children in question provided a similar clothing for the elementals so that they were able to be photographed with present methods of mechanical instruments.

On the other hand, artists often draw on their etheric memories of contact with and association among the Masters, Angels, Devas, and God-Beings. When purified enough, these artists are visited by members of these Kingdoms and through the veil of their own consciousness look upon the Celestial Beings who, invariably, take on some of the characteristics, outlines, concepts and nature of the artist's own being. Then these impressions are conveyed by greater or lesser artistic talent to the medium of expression which the artist has chosen. As the etheric memories go back to the first Golden Ages, through all the succeeding generations, one Master may appear in the glory of Lemurian splendor, Atlantean priesthood,

Himalayan ruggedness, Eastern vesture or Western modernism. The important thing for the chela is to remember the Being who is represented, not concentrating upon the representation to the exclusion of receiving the benefits of radiation which might otherwise flow freely, stimulating body, mind, soul, and spirit. It would be like a man dying of thirst insisting upon tracing the pattern on the cup while the life-giving water trickled away unused.

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ON GROUP ACTIVITIES

CHELA: Beloved Master, what is the advantage of belonging to a group of lifestreams dedicated to spiritual service, when so often the frictions between individuals seem to hamper personal harmony and peace?

GURU : Blessed chela, in all spiritual development, the individual must make a voluntary choice - whether he will use his energies in COLLECTIVE endeavors or attempt to ascend the spiritual path alone. The heart (not a sense of duty) must prompt such voluntary cooperative service. From time immemorial, there has been the conflict in the human breast between shunning cooperative endeavor in order to find personal peace or serving a unified Cause to give the spiritual strength of united energies for the good of the whole.

The words of the Master Jesus express a Cosmic Truth: "Where two or more are gathered together in My Name (Nature), there am I in the midst of them." The nature of the communal service will determine its efficacy to the individual and to the common good. Therefore, individuals who, within themselves, have not accepted this type of joint service will benefit little from communal endeavors, and will oftentimes have a disintegrating effect upon the entire group.

CHELA: Beloved Master, would you suggest that the individual proceed alone until such time as he can harmonize with group endeavors?

GURU : Blessed chela, there is no more wonderful discipline of the lower self than to learn through participation in communal activities how to harmonize with the purpose of the group service and the individuals who form a part of such a group. No man knows his own strength and mastery until it is tested in actually mingling with other lifestreams - imperfect as he himself is.

However, as the individual consciousness blends into and becomes actually a part of the spiritual entity created for the purpose of worship and service, it is the obligation of each such member to bring to the group activity as much individual personal harmony, tolerance, understanding, wisdom, cooperation, enthusiasm and faith as he can draw forth through his own personal application and contemplation of the God Presence.

I can but repeat the words of a wise man who walked the Earth: "The habit and tonsure help but little, but the changing of life and the mortifying of passions make a person perfectly and truly religious (Christ-like)."

CHELA: Beloved Master, is it true that individuals often harmonize with one particular type of worship and group of associates, and find great personal aggravations and grievances with another?

GURU : Certainly, beloved chela. The Ray to which a man belongs; the habits of religious worship through the centuries (billed into the etheric body); the race in which he is born; the background of his present Earthly life; all of these are determining factors in the spiritual rapport among individuals.

CHELA: Beloved Master, should a man then continue to seek until he finds those with whom he feels this sense of spiritual rapport, or align himself with those whom circumstance has placed in his path?

GURU : Blessed chela, it depends upon the sincerity, development and nature of the individual man. The course of the determined chela is to bring himself into rapport with those with whom he is given opportunity to serve. The wilful individual, seeking always the "greener grass on the other side of the fence", must pursue his search until he finds that the peace, tranquility and capacity to work with others (forgetting self) do not come from the actions and reactions of others, but are dependent upon his own reaction to internal and external aggravations.

CHELA: Beloved Master, individuals who find the Presence of God and live in harmony without belonging to any communal group often seem more at peace than the congregations of spiritually-intended people.

GURU : Blessed chela, this is true, and one reason is that group endeavors draw more concentrated power and render a greater service to the impersonal life that requires redemption, purification and salvation. The individual who offers to become part of such a magnetizing and radiating center, voluntarily offers to take as part of his karma the reaction caused by moving the "invisible forces" that hinder man's progress.

Each individual is a magnet drawing pure, primal life into the qualifying center of his

own consciousness. Each individual is also a radiating center emanating the qualified life so drawn. In unity there is strength. When a group of individuals determine to draw more healing power, more protective radiation, more purifying currents into the atmosphere of Earth, the result of their cooperative endeavors is of necessity a greater benediction flowing from their blended energies than could possibly be drawn by one individual. Furthermore, the Spiritual Hierarchy can more easily and with less expenditure of Their Cosmic Essence, nourish a group of individuals gathered together in God's Name than They can when They must seek out each individual worshipper and tunnel through the lower atmosphere a channel for that benediction. This conservation of the energy of the Masters is greatly appreciated by Us.

CHELA: Beloved Master, when an individual is not in harmony with a leader or speaker, what course should he pursue?

GURU : Blessed chela, he should pursue the course of the generous, compassionate, tolerant follower of Christ. The leader or speaker has offered - no matter how great his personal limitations may be - to create a focus of God-aspiring individuals through which two purposes are served:

(1) The individual student is stimulated by the enthusiasm, the inspiration, the strength, and the collective consciousness of those who are of like intent. The student is also the recipient of all the spiritual energies magnetized and drawn through the songs, invocations, decrees and visualizations.

(2) The Godhead and the Masters, the Angelic Host and the Devas are provided with a conductor through which Their energies may be transmitted into the mental and feeling worlds of mankind who are not yet "seeking the Place of the Most High."

Thus such a leader renders a great service to God and to his fellowman while attempting, at the same time, to work out his individual karma. If the teacher waited until he himself was perfected before sharing his knowledge, enthusiasm, faith and spiritual light with his fellowman, We would have no representatives in the world of form. As soon as the teacher perfects himself, he ascends into a realm to which he has earned the right of access. Consider the teacher as a fellow student upon the Path; bless him; pray for him; love him for his courage to take on the karma of other individuals through such service; and raise the teacher by your love. Do not destroy him by your condemnation (silent or spoken). This is a mortal sin!

CHELA: Beloved Master, if an individual desires to serve God, it would seem that he could best do that by disciplining himself, and in the company of other like-minded men and women, attempt to perfect himself - at the same time participating in communal endeavors on behalf of the race.

GURU : Truly spoken, blessed chela. A long time ago, I wrote a few humble words which I would like to place before you again for consideration:

Lord, make me a channel of Thy Peace,
 That where there is hatred I may bring Love;
 That where there is wrong - I may bring the
 Spirit of Forgiveness;
 That where there is discord - I may bring
 Harmony;
 That where there is error - I may bring
 TRUTH:
 That where there is doubt - I may bring
 Faith;
 That where there is despair - I may bring
 HOPE:
 That where there are shadows - I may bring
 Thy LIGHT!

(Saint Francis of Assisi)

AFFINITY WITH THE MASTERS

CHELA: Beloved Master, I ask forgiveness if this question seems presumptuous. However, it often seems that, in the widening of the consciousness of the students to include the knowledge of the Masters, individual attention upon the Presence of God is neglected.

GURU: Blessed chela, truly this is a fact, a stage of spiritual development, an initiation upon the Path that leads toward mastery. The individual might be likened to a child who, early in life, does not even cognize the parent or solicitous guardians. Then comes recognition of the forms of the loving parents, followed by the years of leaning upon them. Later comes the maturity when the individual begins to draw and rely upon his own intelligence and directions.

The mass of mankind does not cognize the watchful Beings who have foresworn the bliss of Higher Realms in order to care for them. Mankind, always a slave to form, when it finds an Individualized Presence, tends to lean upon it. Later comes the maturity when the individual begins to work in the spiritual army of the King of Kings.

CHELA: Beloved Master, in order to understand the work of the Spiritual Hierarchy, we are taught to turn our attention toward certain Masters, and this naturally builds an affinity of spirit. Is this not a good endeavor?

GURU: Yes, blessed chela, it is a most praiseworthy endeavor indeed. The state of consciousness of the student is the primary point

of importance in this association. As the Beloved Saint Germain has said: "In the Ascended Master Realm, the individual "I AM" Presence and ALL the Ascended Masters, Angels, Devas and Cosmic Powers are ONE!" It is only the human mind that insists upon the doctrine of separateness and the distinction of form.

CHELA: Beloved Master, what is the correct attitude of consciousness for an earnest student to take in endeavoring to draw close to the Masters but yet to develop individual maturity and grace?

GURU : Blessed chela, every Being who has attained perfection represents the sum total of millions of years of the use of life energy to develop some virtue, talent, power, grace and expression of the Godhead. Such an One is, like the Sun in the Heavens, a focus for that momentum of Good - drawn, remember, from the ONE SOURCE. These Beings are really "living batteries" of already God-qualified life. Proximity to Their Presence allows the individual to absorb that quality even as one absorbs the heat and comfort from the radiator.

Some there be who, through spiritual pride, would prefer to shiver in the icy winds of the mountain heights until they can generate the heat to comfort them through their own endeavors. Others take advantage of the proximity to already generated heat and comfort provided by the fueled flames in the hostelrys which welcome pilgrims who pursue some quest. Thus it is with man. Some men avail themselves of the faith, courage, strength, confidence, healing essence, and illuminating power of Those who have accumulated those stores of qualified life. Others insist upon

generating these qualities themselves and shiver in the winds of uncertainty while their more humble brothers proceed upward on the Path in the warmth of the Presence of their Elder Brothers and Sisters.

The cultivation of the Presence and association with the Masters must be to kindle the fires of one's own spiritual nature, not to find another to do one's personal work. Many seek a Master as a "leaning post." many seek Him to satisfy personal curiosity and doubt. To those He cannot come because it would deter the individual development by drawing the attention to the FORM of the Master. Even Jesus affirmed this principle when He said: "If I do not go, the Comforter will not come."

CHELA: Beloved Master, seeking the Master in order to develop one's own reason for being is, then, a safe passport into Their Presence?

GURU : Blessed chela, it is the only passport into Their Presence. Worship of form, no matter how sincere, does not develop the individual spirit spark. It tends, on the contrary, to detract from concentration upon the One from whom We, Ourselves, receive life, intelligence, and the power to do every good and perfect thing.

CHELA: Beloved Master, what is the doctrine of "The Middle Way" in regard to this subject we are discussing?

GURU : Blessed chela, the doctrine of the "Middle Way". which is, of course, the teaching of Our Lord Gautama, lies within the following principles:

(1) The individual is a focus of God's Intelligence directed into the Universe to fulfill some portion of the Divine Plan. From within himself, he must learn to draw forth the self-mastery, discrimination, balance, wisdom, love and power in order to fulfill that Plan. If he becomes enamored of any form or being which distracts him from this individual endeavor to sublimate his human nature and expand his Divine nature, he must stop and re-orient himself with attention upon the One Source. Then he may proceed in the company of Those who, by like concentration upon the One, have achieved.

(2) He must realize that all qualities of thought and feeling are contagious. It is wise to cultivate the Presence and Fellowship of those who have become that which he desires to be.

The smouldering sparks of faith and aspiration kindle into flame when the individual consciousness becomes part of the consciousness of any God-free Being. Because of the negative nature of the thoughts and feelings of the mass of mankind, unless the student has a positive current into which he may tie his aspiring soul, he is likely to be engulfed in the "hopelessness" which is the effluvia of the race.

(3) A daily period of introspection before sleep is wise. Has your service for the Master and your spiritual communion with the Master made you more like HIM in nature that day? Have you come closer to a realization of your own Divinity? Have the works done in His Name been done in His Nature? Have the mankind among whom you have moved seen and felt His Presence because of your activity in their midst that day? Has your personal attitude endeared mankind to Us - because

you are Our only representatives in the world of form? Have your thoughts, feelings and spoken words expressed, as nearly as you know how, what We would think, feel and say in the same circumstances? If you are sincere, you need no mentor but yourself. Spasmodic irregular periods of contemplation, communion and introspection are not efficacious. A steady rhythmic personal examination - in which there is no taint of self-condemnation nor self-pity - will result in an assimilation of the Master who is your pattern. The mortifications, the censures of self are merely weapons of conscience to alleviate known wrong. A new life, builded on the Nature of God, is proof of sincerity of spiritual purpose.

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INVOCATION OF THE MASTER'S NATURE

CHELA: Beloved Master, we have been told that whatsoever things we shall ask the Father in Jesus' Name shall be given unto us. Please explain this statement.

GURU : Blessed chela, it is true that the name of an individual is a cup which contains the consciousness, power and gifts of that one. When an individual has attained mastery, His Name becomes a tremendous power of invocation to strengthen applications of all who use that Name. Anyone who thinks, feels, or speaks the Name of any Ascended Being, immediately ties his own energies into the battery of power which the Master has become. The aspirant literally touches the "hem (aura) of the garment" of the Spiritual Being and truly the virtue of that Being flows back into the consciousness and world of said aspirant. Even as the calling of one's name in this world draws the attention of the person called, so does the using of the Name of the Master draw His attention and His assistance.

CHELA: Beloved Master, is it then sufficient to use the Name of the Master to secure His full powerful momentum through the chela's application?

GURU : No, blessed chela. This is but a portion of the Cosmic Law. When the chela first places himself in spiritual rapport with the Master, and endeavors, to the best of his ability, to make the application, not only in the Name, but the actual NATURE of the Master, the results in manifestation are increased a thousand-fold.

CHELA: Beloved Master, how can an individual who knows little of the nature of the Master possibly attempt to create that nature in himself?

GURU : Blessed chela, the Master is instantly cognizant of the chela who turns his thoughts, feelings, prayers and invocations toward Him. By thinking of the Master, by using the Name of the Master, by sincerely asking for the feeling of the Master to flow into his own world, the chela begins the exercise of "spiritual communion." This is followed by an exaltation of the chela's consciousness and he begins to experience (faintly at first) how the Master himself would handle any situation, render any service, or dissipate any appearance of distress. Then the chela is truly "caught up" in the Master's Nature, and from this premise, the chela can perform works and manifest expressions of God which, in himself, he could not possibly express.

CHELA: Beloved Master, can you give us a simple exercise by which spiritual rapport with the Master can be attained?

GURU : Certainly, blessed chela.

(1) The chela realizes that there are appearances manifest in the world around him less than the perfection of God. Many superficially notice such appearances but the desire to remedy such distress is not yet born within them. The chela must come beyond the point of observing imperfection to the point of sincerely, lovingly, and earnestly helping God to help his fellowman. This is the first step on the Path. "Hitherto the Father worketh; now the Father and I work," becomes his attitude of being.

(2) The chela must examine his motive for desiring to alleviate the ills of mind, body, soul and world of his fellowman. If it is to secure a sense of power, self-aggrandizement, or personal importance, he is not approaching the Father in the Nature of the Christ, even though he may use His Name. If the chela desires to render whatever service he can, according to his present development, capacities, talents and powers, only to serve God by redeeming His children, that chela has already begun to approach the Nature of the Master.

(3) The chela must find within himself a conviction that the life flowing through him is the life of God, the Father. He must realize that within that life is the power by which the Master has performed the seeming miracles. The chela's acceptance, in the feelings, of the power of God within himself which is ready, willing, and able to flow forth to render service, is another step in entering the nature of the Master.

(4) The chela, knowing full well that other Intelligences who have already attained perfection, are ready and willing to give of Their radiation, impetus of faith, confidence and instruction to help the chela, can then ask for the infusion of the Master's thoughts, feelings, and powers through his own consciousness. He can and should lay his own thoughts, his feelings, his spoken words and actions next to the Master's and, in contemplation, endeavor to become one with the Nature of the Master in thought, feeling, spoken word and action. Then when the chela sends forth a decree in the Name and Nature of the Master, the chela has the full power of the Master's momentum to use as well as his own.

XVII

ON ABOLITION OF THE "SECOND DEATH"

CHELA: Beloved Master, what is the "second death" which, like the doctrine of eternal damnation, frightens many students on the Path?

GURU: Blessed chela, first let Me put your mind at peace. By dispensation granted through the mercy of the Cosmic Law, NO SOUL BELONGING TO THIS EVOLUTION SHALL EVER PASS THROUGH THE "SECOND DEATH."

In order that you may understand what this experience is and so explain it to others (giving them confidence and assurance thereby), I shall briefly explain it to you.

When the God Parents of the System created self-conscious intelligences made in Their own Image and Likeness (the "I AM" Presence of every man), the individualized intelligences themselves chose the manner in which they would use life and contribute to the progress of the Universe. These individualized "I AM" Presences journeyed through the Seven Spheres and finally, through free will, became affiliated with one of the Seven Rays. Some chose to take embodiment upon the planet Earth. Many never took such embodiment.

The consciousness from the "I AM" Presence focused through the physical heart in each physical embodiment began to experiment with the use of energy in thought, feeling, spoken word, and action - thus evolving a personality as well as a soul. If the use of energy was constructive, the personality contributed to the evolution of the race and the soul carried through the veil

of so-called death, momentums of strength, wisdom, healing, love and light. In the next life, the momentums increased, and finally the mastery of all primal life drawn by that individual was attained and the Ascension took place.

If the personality drew the energy of life into this consciousness and created only in harmony, discord and imperfection, finally the "I AM" Presence, endeavoring to work through that personality, was unable to fulfill the Divine Plan. Only when there was absolutely no possibility of utilizing the soul and personality, did the "I AM" Presence disconnect Its vitalizing Flame from the outer self. The soul and personality of such individuals used up the accumulated energies in the lower bodies and finally disintegrated completely. Then the "I AM" Presence began to create for Itself a new set of vehicles (emotional, mental, etheric, and physical) to fulfill Its Divine Plan.

CHELA: Beloved Master, how was the abolition of the "second death" accomplished for this evolution?

GURU : Blessed chela, every dispensation which brings added opportunity to mankind must be paid for by the voluntary use of the energies of some ascended or unascended beings. In My contemplation, I was privileged to receive the idea of abolishing the "second death" because of My love for the individualized "I AM" Presences who had spent millions of years creating the vehicles through which They desired to expand the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. As one approaches the Karmic Board, not only with an idea, but with

some practical means of developing it as well, I pondered long as to how I might dissolve the shells of human creation that surrounded souls to a point where the Presence could no longer reach them. Through the cooperation of Beloved Saint Germain and the Violet Fire Temples, and through the establishment of schools at inner levels to which all souls which were headed toward such an end might go, I secured the acquiescence of the Karmic Council to TRY.

By having a Representative in constant attendance at the Karmic Board meeting where the souls who have passed from the body await assignment to the spheres in which they have fitted themselves to dwell, I was able to have "bonded over to Me" these particular individuals who were then entered in the Temples prepared in love for this endeavor.

CHELA: Beloved Master, as I understand it, it is within the prerogative of the individual to refuse to appear before the Karmic Council and remain either in the Sleeper's Realm or the astral plane. How did you achieve the results you desired?

GURU:: Through application, blessed chela! I made the call that out of all the individuals passing through so-called death in each twenty-four hours, at least ONE who was destined to end in the "second death" would accept the summons of the Karmic Council and appear before the Board. If one twenty-four hour period passed without at least one such soul responding to My invocations, My dispensation would have been nullified. One beloved Friend made such calls for Me long

ago and it was a joy to make similar calls on behalf of all mankind. As one lifestream did respond in each twenty-four hours, finally the decree came down that the "second death" would never again manifest for mankind, the elemental kingdom or imprisoned Angels, so far as the Earth's evolution is concerned.

Since the dissolving of the "Compound" and the awakening of the lifestreams within the Sleepers' Realm, a great number have been added to My special guardianship. However, it is reward enough to know that the love, energies, time and hope of every "I AM" Presence which has sent forth a part of Itself into the world of form, will not be wasted. It is reward enough, too, to know that someday, sometime, somewhere, every "I AM" Presence will fulfill Its part in the Divine Plan through the outer self It has sustained through the ages. Truly, it is reward enough to know that every individual SHALL hear the words "COME HOME" and ascend into the God-mastery of the Arisen Christ.

Note: The "second death" was abolished by Cosmic decree in the year 1890 A.D.

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XVIII

THE DESIRE FOR OPULENCE

CHELA: Beloved Master, is it wrong to desire 'things'? We have heard so much of the state of desirelessness.

GURU : Blessed chela, the true doctrine is not to become attached to 'things'. The very word 'desire' -(de - 'of' ; sire - 'father') signifies that the constructive ideas, hopes, visions and plans which enter the mind and feelings of the chela are promptings from the Father to the chela to externalize more of the good things of His Kingdom on Earth.

The desire must be free of selfishness and free of any motivating power to aggrandize self. It is easy to measure whether the desire is truly born of the Father or of the lower self. If the desire, when moulded by thought, energized by feeling, and externalized by practical endeavor through the cooperation of the physical body, will benefit any one or all the members of the human race, it is of the Father. If the desire will merely gratify the personal ego, it is born of the lower.

CHELA: Beloved Master, do you mean that the drawing forth of beauty in home, environment, and person is, therefore, a gratification of the personal self?

GURU : Blessed chela, careful examination of the motive for which you desire to beautify, harmonize and amplify the personal world will

reveal the answer to your question. If you desire such perfection to glorify God through an example to your fellowman; if you desire greater opulence to inspire others to apply the Law by which you have precipitated beauty in this world of form; if you make a personal compact with yourself to use that which you draw forth for the blessing of all life, you are acting within the compass of the Spiritual Law. Be reminded that for every thousand who plan what they would do if they were in a position to further the Masters' work, ONE actually consecrates the results of his endeavors at precipitation to that Cause. It is easy indeed to dedicate that which is still ephemeral. More difficult indeed is it to share that which is at hand.

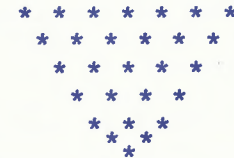
CHELA: Beloved Master, what is the attitude to approach in endeavoring to learn the scientific Law of Precipitation?

GURU : Blessed chela, the power of precipitation is given to man specifically to lower the Divine Plan into the physical appearance world and thus create the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. The attitude of consciousness should be to accept the promptings (God-desires) gratefully; to bless the Father for entrusting you with the opportunity of drawing forth from those ideas a perfect manifestation; to fashion daily with the scissors of the mind the form of the pattern desired; to feed your thought pattern with feelings of love, beauty, harmony and blessing; to remind yourself daily that the precipitation upon which you are working is for the glorification of God and the blessings of your fellowman; to practically use

the talents, substance, energy, and physical attributes afforded you to draw the manifestation into form; and finally, when you have received it, to use it for the blessing of your fellowman as well as for yourself.

CHELA: Beloved Master, such endeavors at precipitation are, then, not selfish?

GURU : No, blessed chela. Every lovely temple, building or artistic expression that inspires and serves the race has been drawn from the DESIRE born in the heart of some man or woman. The sense of personal possession (attachment) which makes the individual unhappy if the precipitation is not under his personal management and control, is what the Buddha warned against. The flower does not wish to possess its fragrance; the bird to hoard its song. Such an attitude of creating and 'letting go' is the consciousness to be acquired. Then, not 'things', but the capacity to call forth 'things' at will, as required, is the gift of the individual more precious than gold.



XIX

BALANCE IN SERVICE

CHELA: Beloved Master, as the requirements of service are so great in this present world hour, how shall we sustain our spiritual and physical vitalities and yet not neglect our opportunity to serve?

GURU : Blessed chela, this is the age-old question asked by every sincere devoted member of the human race who has placed his feet upon the Path. The balance between drawing the vital currents of inspiration, wisdom, enthusiasm, radiating light, and utilizing the benefits of such magnetized energies is the goal toward which the wise chela works.

CHELA: Beloved Master, we see on every hand opportunities to help, and sometimes our zeal for service 'eats us up'. On the other hand, many seem indifferent to service - enjoying personal pleasure in Godly contemplation.

GURU : Blessed chela, these are the two extremes that manifest in the soul's return to God. They are symbolized in the consciousness of the Orient (worship without sufficient works) and in the consciousness of the Occident (works without sufficient worship). It is the drawing together of the powers of magnetizing the gifts of God and the powers of radiating those gifts to mankind which forms Our present instruction to the chelas.

Be it known that the efficacy of the individual's capacity to serve God and his fellowman is dependent upon that individual's attunement with his own Presence. Wise is he who fills his cup at the Source. Be it known that gifts, powers, inspiration and strength received from that personal communion become the responsibility of the individual to utilize to help mankind, elemental life, and nature. The activity of the group endeavors allows the outlet for ever-increasing balanced qualified energies which have been magnetized and builded into the inner and physical bodies of the chela through personal communion with the Presence of God.

Man's vehicles (mental, emotional, etheric, and physical) through which the soul and spirit find expression are constantly in the process of change. Each vehicle is made up of the substance and atoms of the strata in which it functions (i.e. the physical body is made up of the substance of this physical world; the etheric body is composed of etheric substance, etc). The thoughts and feelings of the individual determine what elemental life is drawn into these bodies, and what elemental life is discarded. As the vibratory action of the individual increases, the coarser substance is thrown off and the finer elements of each realm are invited into the vehicles in question. As the process of refinement of the vehicles takes place, greater sensitivity to the Presence of God is developed and the daily communion becomes a more and more holy, sacred, and truly enjoyable activity. When the vehicles of a man are made up of the coarser elements of each sphere, they do not respond to the Spirit of Harmony - which is God. As these

vehicles are refined (in themselves becoming harmonious, pure and tranquil), they are open to the subtle energies of the Godhead which find ready access into the soul, mind, body and world. Coming into tune with the Infinite is a practical process of the refinement of the inner vehicles. I practiced this with some success at Crotona, and many of My pupils were enabled to consciously change the elemental substance of their inner vehicles through the 'tuning up' of each body by purity of thought, feeling and action to a point where individual and collective communion with God was a joy.

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XX

EXPANDING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

CHELA: Beloved Master, we are told that it is essential for the chelas to expand the Light of this world. Can you give us a practical way of doing this.

GURU : Certainly, blessed chela. Every individual is a magnetic center drawing primal life from the One Source, qualifying that life, giving it form, and sending it out into the world as either Light (harmonious, pure, beautiful vibrations) or as darkness (inharmonious, destructive, disintegrating vibrations). It is the capacity to draw forth from one's self first, and then from others, energy harmoniously qualified which expands the Light of the world.

CHELA: Beloved Master, how can a chela consciously induce such release of harmonious energy from others?

GURU : Blessed chela, the chela has the capacity to create the conditions which stimulate the response of the Immortal Flame of God in every man. For instance, a kind encouraging interest in the welfare of a man causes the soul of that man to emanate a vibration of gratitude, enthusiasm, faith and love. This constructive radiation from such an individual makes an aura of light around him and he becomes a focus through which the light of the world expands. Whatever a chela does to make his fellowman more comfortable, more happy, or more secure, expands the

light of that fellowman and contributes to the light of the world. Conversely, whatever a Chela does to plunge the soul and consciousness of a fellowman into despair, discouragement, or distress, stimulates the release of dark clouds of misqualified energy and adds to the shadows of the planet. Thus, practically, the light of the world is expanded by the development of personal and universal kindness toward those who hold within their hearts the spark of Divinity. To kindle that spark, one must be practically kind.

CHELA: Beloved Master, it would therefore seem that every man has opportunity (no matter how small his personal orbit) to create greater happiness in the lives of those around him - in his family life, his business world, his religious association, or his civic group.

GURU : You have spoken truly, blessed chela.. Many have taken the admonition to expand the light of the world too abstractly. Each human heart is like an electric light bulb which must be consciously connected with its Source and then illumined from within. The true feeling of Divine Love, understanding, tolerance, and interest, stimulates the potential light within the bulb (heart), helps the individual to reach toward his own Source, and ultimately causes the bulb (heart) to blaze with its full light.

CHELA: Beloved Master, cosmically speaking, do not the group activities also help to expand the light of the world?

GURU : Certainly, blessed chela. Through the group activities, the invocation of the

purifying radiation of the Sacred Fire removes pressures of destructively qualified energy from the atmosphere of Earth as well as from the auras of individuals, making it possible to more easily reach the 'hidden spark' of Divinity within each heart. However, just the service rendered in the group activities is not enough for the full development of the student. He should purify his individual world; develop feelings of solicitude for the needs of others; and a desire to help to fill those needs, as well as learning how to live harmoniously with his fellowman at all times. This is essential to cultivate that Spark of Divinity and make of it a Flame which lights the aura of the individual. As all these auras are lighted by happiness, peace, harmony, beauty, understanding and love, you shall see the entire Earth 'alight' as Freedom's Star.

CHELA: Beloved Master, your instruction, then, points us toward the limitless opportunity of creating light in our present environment by lighting the feelings of others?

GURU : That is true, blessed chela. However, as you are about your Father's Business, tell no man. Thus you will avoid the rebellions of the outer selves of others which is a vibratory action of darkness and which would defeat your purpose. Every chela can perform those acts, speak those words, radiate those feelings in his own world which make the individuals around him happier and more harmonious. Wise is the chela who renders this service unostentatiously and thus becomes the Cosmic 'torch' that kindles the sparks in his fellowmen without acknowledgement and acclaim.

CHELA: Beloved Master, some people do not respond to overtures of interest, kindness, solicitude and love.

GURU : That is not true, blessed chela. If the overtures are made through effort of human will and do not carry the real feeling of interest and love from the heart of the chela, the souls of man instinctively recognize such endeavors as 'sounding brass and tinkling cymbal'. When the chela's heart is stirred; when the sincerity of his purpose is to truly stimulate the light (harmonious vibrations) through another, he need not even speak, but his own aura will be a pressure of loving energy which can and does raise those about him into harmonious expression. Try this and see the truth within this counsel.

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XXI

PROMPTINGS AND INSPIRATIONS

CHELA: Beloved Master, there are so many beautiful ideas and promptings which I feel come from my own "I AM" Presence that I do not seem able to externalize. Can you explain why there is this difficulty between inspiration and manifestation?

GURU : Blessed chela, as the student progresses upon the Path and removes the obstructions to clear reception of the directions from the "I AM" Presence, many subtle tests arise. One of these is the often unrecognized 'spiritual pride' that desires to impress one's fellow travelers upon the Path with the knowledge, contact, directions and impressions which are claimed to be from either the "I AM" Presence or from an Ascended Being. Some of these impressions are truly divinely inspired; others are pressures from the inner vehicles of the student which desire expression through the personality. This point on the Path requires the exercise of discrimination, discretion, and constant alertness against those promptings which seek to aggrandize self. If the promptings are from the Divine Realms, the student is wise to keep the precious instruction locked within his heart until he can manifest an expression of that prompting. Then he will have no need to make claims, for his works, not his words, will proclaim his association with Divinity.

CHELA: Beloved Master, what is the best way to divine the nature of such promptings?

GURU : Blessed chela, good common sense will tell the individual whether the promptings and inspirations, when activated, will help the development of the higher nature through the personal self or help mankind at large. If there is no selfishness in the idea, wise is the chela who begins the activity of precipitating that idea into the world of form and who follows the admonition of the Master Jesus to "tell no man."

CHELA: Beloved Master, is it not wise to share beautiful experiences and so enrich the lives of others?

GURU : Blessed chela, the scientific law of precipitation requires the conservation of energies on all levels in order to have a perfect manifestation. The dissipation of emotional, mental, etheric, or physical energies in talking about an undeveloped idea, greatly hinders the progressive course toward manifestation. If the chela receiving a Divine Idea were to mould that idea into a workable, practical form in the mental realm and constantly feed that mental form with loving feelings of accomplishment, it would soon descend to the Etheric Realm. Then it would be a short step to clothe the etheric form in the atoms of the physical appearance world and manifestation would occur. However, besides the dissipation of the individual's own mental, emotional, etheric and physical energies which takes place in discussing a project upon which he is working, the individual invites the disintegrating forces of doubt, jealousy and unbelief from the consciousness of those to whom he confides his plan. These forces drive into the mental picture; the emotional certainty of accomplishment; and into the delicate etheric substance that is

clothing his form in preparing it for manifestation. This makes an unnecessary 'battle' for the chela to 'follow through' upon the inspiration received, without having the 'cold water' of other consciousnesses thrown upon his plan.

CHELA: Beloved Master, how can we inspire others if we cannot share with them our inner experiences of beauty?

GURU : Blessed chela, the greatest possible inspiration is in manifest works. All the words in the world will do little to stimulate the mental bodies of others to study and endeavor to find the true Law themselves. The chela who has a Divine experience and the tenacity of personal energy to draw from that experience a manifest expression of beauty, is the most wonderful inspiration to all about him.

CHELA: Beloved Master, is it right to tell of an experience after manifestation has occurred?

GURU : Certainly, blessed chela, if the motive for that telling is to help another child of God to greater understanding. If the motive is to build up the ego and personality of the one who had had such a manifestation, the Law will automatically remove future experiences of like victory from the one indulging in spiritual pride - no matter by what name the chela chooses to call it.

XXII

THE SACRED FIRE

CHELA: Beloved Master, what is the Sacred Fire mentioned so often by the Masters?

GURU : Blessed chela, the Sacred Fire is LIFE consciously qualified by some God Intelligence with some specific virtue, radiation and activity which is beneficial to evolution.

CHELA: Beloved Master, where is the focus of this Sacred Fire?

Guru : Blessed chela, within your own heart is a focus of the Sacred Fire which is an Intelligence qualified by the God Parents who created you. Within this Three-fold Flame within your heart is a spark of every God Virtue, radiation and activity which you can develop, nourish, expand and utilize practically in your every experience. Also there are foci of the Sacred Fire in the Retreats of the Masters in this physical appearance world, at Inner Levels, and of course, in the hearts of all God-free Beings.

CHELA: Beloved Master, how can a student tune into the greater foci of the Sacred Fire which the Master and Angels have developed?

GURU : Blessed chela, an individual can tune into the FEELINGS, ACTIVITIES, VIRTUES and RADIATIONS of the Ascended Masters by turning the attention toward anyone of these Beings. Along the beam of your own life (attention) the

momentum of the Masters and Angels flows back into the Sacred Fire in your own heart and beings to expand that same virtue, quality, radiation and activity through your own physical, etheric, mental and emotional bodies. It is a splendid practice to develop the latent God Virtues which are within your own "SPIRIT SPARK". (the Immortal Three-fold Flame of Life within your heart.)

CHELA: Beloved Master, can this Sacred Fire be contacted and seen in the physical world?

GURU : In times past, when mankind were purified, the Sacred Fire was visible to the physical sight of all mankind. Various specialized qualified foci of the Sacred Fire have been drawn into the physical world and the very sight of these magnificent Flames gave faith, courage, confidence and strength to the devotee seeking added assistance through pilgrimage to the foci where the Sacred Fire was established. These days are to come again. They are a part of the New Golden Age when Temples of the Sacred Fire will be erected and certain dedicated lifestreams will magnetize and sustain the Presence of the Sacred Fire so that all who so desire may have the blessings of Their radiation.

CHELA: Beloved Master, presently the Sacred Fire is not visible to the student except on rare occasions. Why is this so?

GURU : Blessed chela, this is so because man has created about himself a shell (aura) of slowly moving energy, and looking through his own atmosphere, he is unable to perceive the

glory of the Kingdom of Heaven which Beloved Jesus said: "IS AT HAND." Also, the present students have not drawn through their flesh bodies the luminous rays of their own Immortal Three-fold Flame. This too will be done in the future, and every chela and student will be a manifest Temple of the Sacred Fire through self-luminosity of the flesh and the glorious aureole of color in the aura. At present mankind is so intent on leaning upon outer form that the tendency would be for him to turn toward the visible Presence of the Sacred Fire OUTSIDE HIMSELF rather than turning to the focus of the Sacred Fire INSIDE HIS OWN HEART. This would result in a delay to his individual progress made possible by his consciously and persistently turning back into the Flame within the heart. This latter procedure stimulates the soul evolution which We seek to develop.

CHELA: Beloved Master, does the Sacred Fire have more than one form of expression?

GURU : Blessed chela, the Sacred Fire has many forms of expression dependent upon the specialized virtue, activity and service which it is to render. It is one reason why Our Lord Maha Chohan has been teaching you to create 'forcefields', specialize upon one activity of Cosmic Service, and generally prepare yourselves to be guardians of a specific focus of the Sacred Fire - whether it be protection, healing, mercy, illumination, faith, comfort, love, or any other God Virtue or God Activity.

CHELA: Beloved Master, how can a sincere student find his way into the Sacred Fire within his own heart?

GURU : Blessed chela, I again repeat THROUGH ATTENTION UPON THIS FOCUS; acceptance of Its reality; invitation to Its Presence to act through the outer self; and sincerity in invoking the Masters and Angels who are specialists in that particular virtue which the student or group desire to magnetize and radiate for the blessings of all life.

CHELA: Beloved Master, is the focus of the Sacred Fire within us the 'Secret Place of the Most High' referred to by King David in the Psalms; and is it the 'Kingdom of Heaven' which Jesus taught is within us?

GURU : You have spoken truly, blessed chela. In all religions, the Spirit of God is thus referred to although, perhaps, it is in different terminology; also, that Spirit is always spoken of as being anchored within the heart of each one's being.

NOTE: 'GURU' and 'CHELA' simply means 'MASTER' and 'STUDENT'. However, may we point out here that a 'chela' is MUCH MORE than a mildly interested reader and seeker after Truth. 'Chela' implies an individual who is WHOLLY DEDICATED to the Masters' Cause and service and worthy to be entrusted with more than ordinary power and assistance from the Ascended Beings.

XXIII

INVOKING THE HELP OF THE MASTERS

CHELA: Beloved Master, so many conditions arise wherein I seem to find myself helpless before circumstances. How can I remedy this?

GURU : Blessed chela, the old adage "Behold I send My Messengers before Me to prepare My way" is still true.

CHELA: Who and what are these Messengers?

GURU : Blessed chela, you have been taught that within your heart is the Immortal Three-fold Flame of God - the embryonic Christ Self. This Flame has two specific powers - one to magnetize and invoke the radiating assistance of Divine Beings; the other to direct and send forth before you the powers and very Presence of these Beings to prepare your way. The type of Messenger which the King or man of power sends before him will determine the happy accommodations and reception of the King Himself. It is likewise true of unascended beings. If one chooses an unworthy representative, the resultant reception will be based upon the consciousness and preparation which such an one receives. On the other hand, if the King sends a man of intelligence, wisdom and loyalty, He will receive the welcome to which He is entitled.

CHELA: Beloved Master, is it not selfish to call Messengers from Divine Heights to make our pathway clear?

GURU : Blessed chela, remember, IN SERVICE, even Divine Beings grow in grace.. They love to be called, and the type of Ascended Master, Angelic, Seraphic or Cherubic Guard who will answer your summons will be determined by the requirement of your assistance as well as by your faith in your invocation of Their Presence.

CHELA: Beloved Master, how do I make such a summons on the Heavenly Host for assistance?

GURU : Blessed chela, (1) by learning through study who these Messengers are and what They can do for you; (2) by BELIEVING that They can help you (faith in Their Reality); (3) by recognizing that within the Immortal Three-fold Flame in your own heart there is a POWER to draw Them to you and to allow Their full-gathered momentum and power to radiate the God Quality of Perfection, letting that flow into and through your own Immortal Flame at your direction. The help which you thus draw forth from these Beings will follow a consciously directed beam of your attention to the person, place, condition or thing which you desire raised in harmony, balance and peace.

CHELA: Beloved Master, after a chela understands that these Beings ARE, what is the next step in enlisting Their aid?

GURU : Blessed chela, every Ascended Master and member of the Angelic Host hears the slightest call (prayer, decree, or invocation) from man. They are Beings of Mercy, Compassion, and Love. They will answer by Their Presence and

radiation of Perfection. This increases the power of the individual (through his own Immortal Three-fold Flame) to direct the gathered momentum and actual Presence of these Beings toward the conditions requiring assistance. From the Master Presences so invoked, as well as by the radiation of centrifugal force from the individual's thus expanded Immortal Three-fold Flame of God, SUBSTANCE flows in a directed ray to the person, place, condition or thing to be prepared by the 'MESSENGERS' qualified with faith, understanding, love, purity, consecration to service, desire to minister to mankind, or purification through the Violet Fire. Thus, when the chela arrives, these wise Messengers have already prepared the perfect atmosphere and conditions into which the hopeful chela may safely walk. If, however, the individual uses only outer thoughts (also energy) of fear, dread, disappointment and distress as his messengers, they too will act. So - the place to which he goes will be prepared according to the type of messenger which he consciously chooses to be his ambassador. Every unascended being has some experiences of a human nature to handle. He may try to handle them through his outer personality, but the efficacy of employing the Messengers of God who assist him in the development of the potential positive qualities that lie within himself is much more efficacious and permanent in results. This builds a confidence in the Christ within, as well as in the Masters' willingness and ability to assist all who call; to develop that Christ Power; and in general, to handle all discordant energies by a "Higher Power" - call It what you may.

CHELA: Beloved Master, we encounter the timid, uncertain, vacillating individual who cannot seem to accomplish anything because of his very nature. On the other hand, we sometimes encounter the over-positive individual who accomplishes temporary victory over others by means of mere humanly qualified force of energy. What is the 'happy medium?'

GURU : Blessed chela, in both of the above cases, the personality is working ONLY with the outer consciousness. Jesus Himself said: "Of Myself, I can do nothing ... It is the Father - the Christ - within that doeth the works." When the individual can truly accept and know that the Presence of God "I AM" is anchored within his own heart, he allows that PRESENCE to connect with the Father or any of His Ascended Messengers, and then allows the Power of such a spiritual alliance to expand through him and to do the perfect work. Consciously or unconsciously, the personality endeavoring to work alone accomplishes little of a permanent nature and sooner or later such an one is brought to his knees before the only Power THROUGH HIM which can and does serve when invited, invoked, and allowed to act.

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XXIV

ON THE CAUSAL BODY

CHELA: Beloved Master, what exactly, is the Causal Body?

GURU : Blessed chela, the Causal Body is the forcefield (aura) around the individual's "I AM" Presence.

CHELA: Beloved Master, how is this Causal Body created?

GURU : Blessed chela, when the individual "I AM" Presence is projected from Its God Parents, an individualized focus of the Immortal Victorious Three-fold Flame of God is created. This individualized focus has the potential powers of the God Parents (i.e. it can think, feel, and create from primal life that which It desires through the use of free will). The attention of the "I AM" Presence thus created magnetizes primal life into some type of constructive activity. The result of such direction (acting on the Law of the Circle) returns to Its Creator and Director and becomes a qualified radiation and virtue around the "I AM" Presence.

CHELA: Beloved Master, are all Causal Bodies alike?

GURU : No, blessed chela. Each individual "I AM" Presence uses the prerogative of free will and engages in different experimentations with the use of life in the Seven Inner Spheres. The

size of the various color bands which form the Causal Body is determined by whatever type of endeavor has taken the most energy, attention, time, application and service of the individual "I AM" Presence. The largest band of color (representing one of the Virtues of God) determines the Ray to which the individual "I AM" Presence belongs.

CHELA: Beloved Master, after physical embodiment has taken place, can the personality then created contribute to this Causal Body?

GURU : Yes, blessed chela. All endeavor, secular and spiritual, involves the use of energy. This energy, qualified by some specific constructive endeavor, rises and becomes a part of the Causal Body of the individual - even when he is out of physical embodiment or sojourning at inner levels between embodiments.

CHELA: Beloved Master, of what use is this Causal Body at Cosmic levels?

GURU : Blessed chela, as It forms a battery of energy around the "I AM" Presence of each lifestream -- which energy is always qualified and charged with perfection, the Causal Body can be and is used by the Presence as a momentum upon which that Presence draws to direct and focus Its Rays in the Cosmic, Ascended Master and Angelic Realms, thus helping in the activity of Cosmic Creation. The more energy qualified constructively, the larger the Causal Body of the "I AM" Presence and thus the greater pressure of radiation is created which forms the drive behind the Rays sent forth by that Presence.

CHELA: Beloved Master, of what use is this Causal Body in the physical appearance world?

GURU : Blessed chela, the momentums of faith, wisdom, love, purity, concentration, ministration or invocation in the individual's Causal Body qualify the unascended being to serve in the progress of the race along some specific line. The release of the full-gathered momentum of the Causal Body THROUGH the physical, etheric, mental and emotional bodies of the unascended lifestream is the purpose for the service of the Maha Chohan particularly.

CHELA: Beloved Master, how can unascended individuals release the good of their Causal Bodies for practical use?

GURU : Blessed chela, (1) by cognizing the fact that these momentums are already gathered around his own "I AM" Presence.

(2) By desiring to purify the four lower bodies so that the "I AM" Presence can and will release the gifts and powers of the individual's Causal Body through the Christ Flame within the heart.

(3) By actually cooperating in such purification by the use of the Violet Fire of Transmutation and the kind services of Astrea, Lord Michael, the Elohim of Purity, and all who are concerned with purification of the outer self.

(4) Standing alone in the privacy of one's own room and raising the arms to form a 'cup' of the upper part of the body, dynamically charge

all the good of the Causal Body into the physical, etheric, mental and emotional bodies for the use of the outer self to give greater blessing to all the life he contacts. The activity of 'doing something' with the upraised hands, gives confidence to the outer self when dealing with so-called 'invincible powers'. Quickly bringing the hands down, allowing them to be conductors of the gifts of the Causal Body, in through and around the individual, gives this sense of confidence.

CHELA: Beloved Master, how can the individual know what particular momentums are gathered in his own Causal Body?

GURU : Blessed chela, this is not necessary. As the individual truly begins to invoke the full-gathered Cosmic Momentums of his own Causal Body through his lower vehicles, he will gain the FEELING of the positive energy from within that glorious Storehouse of All Good. Here the intellect does not need to cooperate. In fact, pre-determined intellectual knowledge is rather a detriment to this application. Just KNOW that it is there. Reach up and charge it into, through and around you and the results will speak for themselves.

CHELA: Beloved Master, what does the Causal Body look like?

GURU : Blessed chela, it is formed of seven concentric bands of color around the individual's "I AM" Presence. It is (as I have said before) the spiritual aura of the "I AM" Presence.

CHELA: Beloved Master, is there any other service that this Causal Body can render besides helping the "I AM" Presence to cooperate in the activities of creation at Cosmic Levels and expressing Itself through the outer personality?

GURU:: Yes, blessed chela, when only 51 percent of the energy of the entire lifestream is qualified with perfection and anchored within the Causal Body, it acts as a magnet assisting the individual to ASCEND. Thus it becomes the 'CAUSE' of the Ascension - from whence comes Its name - the CAUSAL BODY.

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THE NATURE AND THE WILL OF GOD

CHELA: Beloved Master, how can we know God's Will when we must rely upon the integrity, spiritual honor, and purity of unascended lifestreams who represent that Will to us in so many and varied forms?

GURU : Blessed chela, discrimination, wisdom, and understanding - all attributes of the Second Ray - must be consciously INVOKED from the "I AM" Presence and from Those who represent that Ray in the Ascended Master Realm. This causes the "Light of Illumination" to arise from within the heart - which light then permeates the mind, the feelings, and the brain consciousness.

CHELA: Beloved Master, spiritual freedom is much stressed in the doctrines of today. How can we discriminate between the personal opinions of ourselves and our teachers and Your directions, or those of our own "I AM" Presence?

GURU : Blessed chela, the measure of your teachings and also your personal promptings, by comparison with the Nature of God, will CLEARLY define their origin. That which endeavors to stimulate the feelings, thoughts, actions and spoken words toward externalization of the Holy Spirit (as represented by Our Lord Maha Chohan) are of God. That which even most subtly stimulates the lower bodies and the soul to personal aggrandizement and inflation of the separate 'ego' is not of God.

CHELA: Beloved Master, sometimes we feel deeply, sincerely and honestly prompted to follow a course of action in complete variance with the Law as presented by men and women. What accounts for this?

GURU : Blessed chela, first, the Ray to which you belong will cause you to have an affinity toward certain devotions, spiritual exercises and practices. Secondly, the far more subtle desires of the emotions, thoughts and memories of the past will seek life, continuity of expression and importance through securing the cooperation of your yet untransmuted soul. These promptings are often not recognized as of human origin for the natural tendency of the evolving soul is to outpicture the subtle feelings, thoughts and human nature created through ages past. Examine honestly the MOTIVE behind such promptings and you will easily discover whether they are the Divine impression of the "I AM" Presence and the Ascended Host or the buried ambitions of the outer self.

CHELA: Beloved Master, Beloved Jesus taught us to pray: "Thy Kingdom come! Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven!" This prayer we earnestly desire to repeat in the pattern of our lives. How can we make these words LIVE in our personal and group activities?

GURU : Blessed chela, you must first remember the other statement of your Master Jesus: "Except ye become as a little child, ye shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven." This means renouncing all the accretions of mental concepts;

of inharmonious, suspicious and impure feelings, and the acceptance of the Father "I AM" as a real - a living PRESENCE! The individual must become STILL and KNOW the "I AM" Presence. Then, ALLOW IT to flow freely through the imperfectly qualified energies of the outer self. When one feels that PEACE, he is in the Kingdom of Heaven (Harmony). There is the 'false peace' of personal self-justification, and there is the REAL PEACE which not only fills the individual's world, but emanates from him as the Light flows from the Sun. This REAL PEACE need not be affirmed, claimed, nor boasted about because - in Itself - IT IS PROOF OF THE ALIGNMENT OF THE OUTER SELF WITH ITS SOURCE!

