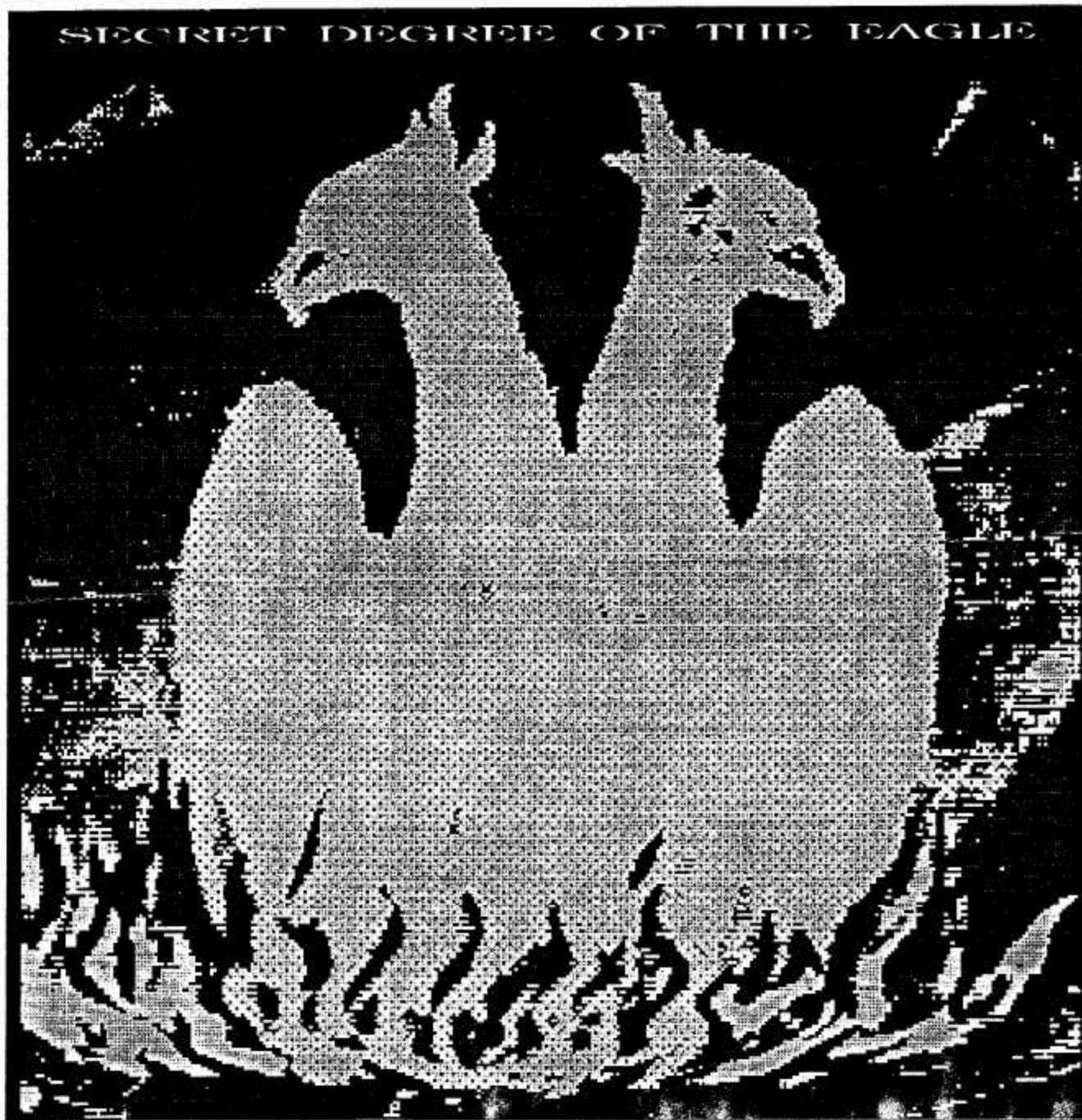


ORDER OF MELCHISEDECK

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The Order of Melchisedek

THE ETERNAL ORDER



The Order of Melchisedek is not an organised order like others existing in the world but rather it represents a certain state of 'spiritual awareness' or mankind in his perfected or original state. L. B. Whitney, in his little book 'The Way of Melchisedek', writes:- 'The order is not as we understand order in the Anglican or Roman ministry, Melchisedek stands alone, having neither predecessor nor successor, superior nor inferior'.

Another writer claims that there is no curriculum available based upon the teachings of Melchisedek. It is true that there are no profane teachings available because Melchisedek does not belong to the sensual world and whatever system is devised to help students to reach this sublime state is, from our point of view like, as a Zen Priest puts it - 'selling water by the river'.

According to St. Paul, Jesus was made a High Priest after this order. Therefore since he, Jesus, was only a follower-the church founded by his Apostles could not supersede it.

The Order of Melchisedek is the great order of Elohim, God's own nature revealed in His creation. To man it is a way of maturity, responsibility and perfection as a Son of God - a way of absolute faith in the Divine Order of things without recourse to ritualism, sectarianism or coercion.

The true way was taught by Jesus. The commandments which Moses gave to the Children of Israel were re-statements of the rules by which the pre-flood Patriarchs lived - especially the descendants of Seth. The teachings of Jesus were a re-statement of the Eternal Laws of the Cosmos. Man has, and always will have, his being in the Eternal and is reconciled to God not by the blood of a Messiah but by self-sacrifice to a pure and holy life.

The fact that Moses taught the truth to the Children of Israel can be found in the book of Jeremiah, chapter 7, verses 21-28. Ancient records are still available which tell us about the pure lives of the Patriarchs. In the 'Book of the Cave of Treasures', translated by Sir Wallis Budge, it says 'And Seth became the governor of the children of his people and he ruled them in purity and holiness. And because of their purity they received the name, which is the best of all names, and were called the sons of God: they and their wives and their sons. Thus they lived in that mountain in all purity and holiness and in the fear of God. And they went up on the skirts of the mountain of Paradise and they became praisers and glorifiers of God in the place of the host of devils who fell from heaven. There they dwelt in peace and happiness: there was nothing about which they needed to feel anxiety, they had nothing to weary or trouble them and had nothing to do except to praise and glorify God with the angels'. Of this record

one might say that it is an over-exaggerated dream but a place like this is also recorded in the 'Epic of Gilgamesh' and so convinced of its reality was an archaeologist that he describes his search for it in his book 'Looking for Dilmun'.

In regard to the existence of the Priest-King Melchisedek - Sir Wallis Budge writes in his book, previously mentioned, 'The narrative of the descents made by Seth and his companions from the mountain of Paradise into the plain is certainly based on historical fact; and though Melchisedek has not yet been identified in the cuneiform inscriptions, there is every reason to believe that he existed and that he was a founder of a pure form of religion and a great ruler as well as a priest'. St. Paul in his Epistle to the Hebrews certainly believed that he existed and gave valuable clues as to what is meant by this Order.

Eleanor C. Murray in her book 'I Am, The Ascent of Mankind' writes. 'No other answer is possible than that Melchisedek is the greatest of all the Initiate Leaders of humanity who guide it, through countless ages, along the path of true evolution. They are those who, like Enoch, like Elijah, like Zarathustra, like others who have risen to a super-human nature, or else have retained their primal angelic or even archangelic nature and are freemen of all worlds; able to go in and out through the Door of the Sun - which is Christ'.

Of 'Christ Jesus' it is said he was born of a virgin. He spoke of His Father. He is symbolised as the Alpha and Omega - the beginning and the end of all things. Of Melchisedek it is written that he was without father or mother and is without beginning or end of days. The Christ, or Messiah, appears in the time and space experience of man. Melchisedek is the Lord of Eternity, of eternal youth in whose likeness the world teachers come and go. It pleased the God of the Holy Bible to raise 'his own son' to the status of a priest of the eternal order (Hebrews, chapter 5, verse 10.). Thus, the saviours of mankind aspire towards the Perfection of all Perfections - teaching their followers to do likewise. See Hebrews, chapter 6, verses 1-3.

Does the Order exist today? Because, as we have said, the Order of Melchisedek is an eternal order there are those eternal priests still within it. These beings come and go among mankind to maintain the true teachings of God. Their presence is more noticable at times, in the history of man, than others. Every time one of them or a group comes to help man spiritually, in many cases, a new religious revival occurs. In this light it can be seen that Universal Truth has been taught in almost every place on this earth. This truth is devoid of sectarian elements and is free from any particular religion in its organised sense. The teachers within this Order know that Sacred Truth cannot be possessed by anyone; neither can anyone claim to be in possession of knowledge that cannot be known by anybody else.

if to attract some beneficent power from God when truly the 'Lord's Supper' was really Jesus's own adaption of the existing Jewish Passover. Out of a simple act the Church has evolved a truly elaborate pagan ritual. The Universal Truth has been mis-represented and cloaked by the vanities of man and in this light any organised body, east or west, is a sect acting upon its own suppositions of Cosmic Laws.

By living a life according to Universal Laws one can overcome human problems and lead a happy and healthy life. This is natural and the way God intended. The promises echoing throughout the Old Testament are truly fulfilled in the life of him who follows the way of a righteous life. The vain philosophies of politics, organised religion, sociology, material medicine or any other human 'science' leads mankind further away from God and deeper into turmoil as is evident today. The only answer lies in the teachings of God through His Sons as revealed in the Scriptures - east or west. Even modern 'psychosomatic medicine' is having to admit that mental illnesses and bodily diseases are brought about by wrong living and false attitudes to life. It is only by a life centred in the Love of God, freed from hatred, jealousy, seeking after worldly knowledge and possessions, that real peace and happiness can come - in spite of all human efforts to get around this truth by seeking out 'miracle drugs', or other ways and means, they will fail. All efforts to unlock the Universal Laws and find secrets for prolonged health, world peace and community harmony will fail as long as humans follow their own standards. To look away from God will lead to further suffering and world chaos. Thus a refusal to look in the right direction shows where the motives of men lie when they claim to be acting for the 'Benefit of Mankind'.

At this time in man's history when it appears that materialism would put out the light of truth it is, more than ever, the responsibility of those who claim to know God to take a second look at themselves to see if they can let more of his light through into this world. This can be done by sorting out the 'Wheat' from the 'Chaff' in their own lives. 'How much of what I believe and practice is tainted with Worldly knowledge?'. We are under an illusion of truth when we consider the ideas and opinions of men in respect to God's truth - rather than what we honestly feel between God and ourselves, and this is one of the greatest stumbling blocks along the way to awakening as a true Son of God.

The teachers established within this great order are among you today and are here to show those who come within its orbit how to release themselves from false human doctrine, and to awake themselves to the everlasting reality of Universal Truth. The methods used are not unlike those used by the Zen Priests in the East but without the use of ceremonies and rituals.

They teach One God, One Truth and One Universal Life and because God is all there is and everything was created by Him - His Truth must be Universal.

It has come to our notice that there are some schools who, in the name of Melchisedek, believe that the practice of celibacy helps along the path and that this is the true way of re-generation. At first sight this appears to be an admirable step because Melchisedekan practice demands a pure life; but we are warned that the 'flesh profiteth nothing'. The true way is by the renewing of the mind, the way of the spirit. Thus, whilst some books on this matter appear enlightened - they are really misleading. Cessation of the sexual function will, if necessary, naturally be brought about by the grace of God at work within the individual as he lives the pure life. The cleansing is always from within as St. Paul stresses in his writings. Re-generation is achieved by complete reliance on the First Principle, God, as explained in Hebrews, chapter 11. Just what St. Paul says about circumcision the same can be said about the practice of celibacy (Colossians, chapter 2, verses 8 - 23, and what Jesus says in Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 5, verse 28).

Can one really contact this Order today? As we have said - teachers within this order continually come and go and those of the order know that they are of it and are in position to help sincere students to reach the same wonderful state. These teachers make themselves known by various means and when a person has prepared himself, or herself, to a particular stage of spiritual understanding he will find his way to the Order. This is no mysterious happening but a natural way of spiritual evolution within the Cosmos itself.

The structure of this Order in the world is composed of all those who walk in the pure way of Truth and, in effect, are the Temple of Universal Truth itself wherein the only light is the light of God. It has been recorded in another place that Jesus was made 'High Pontiff of the Universal Secret Doctrine'. If there is any truth in this it will be another way of admitting that the Order of Melchisedek is the Premier Order within God's Universe - since Divine Truth is secret to the worldly mind.

Jesus taught that his way of life and teaching had nothing to do with 'this world' when challenged as in John, chapter 3, verses 3 - 12. The organised churches are so taken up with worldly ways and follow the 'traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ' (St. Paul) that their eyes are blinded to the Truth of God. Where God has spoken through His teachers in the East it can be learned that the ways of this world are unreal and are illusions. The Christian Church, influenced by Constantine, uses the service of the Mass like a 'magical drug'. Masses are said for the dead and for numerous other things as

It will be of interest to researchers to learn that the 'Great Central Lodge of Universal Truth', also known as 'The Great White Lodge', being the Earth's section of the Order of Melchisedek is now centred in Great Britain, and is Located Spiritually wherever the agent decides to act. It is difficult to portray a chart showing the profane history of a 'Spiritual' order but events happening in man's affairs can provide a clue. Research by our present Leader shows briefly the following:- 'The Garden of Eden' or 'Mount of Paradise', was in the area of the Pamir Plateau in East Turkestan. An area agreed upon by leading Western and Chinese researchers. This is where the Aryan Patriarchs lived. Noah, who built the 'Ark', settled on Mt Ararat after the flood and, as is usual with wanderers, named the local rivers, and lands after those in his homelands'. Noah and his son Shem taught Abram the mysteries of God. (See Book of Jasher). Shem revealed the Melchisedekan truths to the Egyptian Priesthood - the Priesthood of the Sun Kings - which later were taught to Moses. The Setem Priesthood, (derived from Shem), taught by using much symbology. The same truth was known by the Sun Kings of South America, (Incas) through teachers travelling via China.

Moses reorganised the Western Oriented teachings after the 'Amarna' family had failed to introduce the Universal Truth publicly. From 'Moses' the teachings passed to the 'Essenes' - then to Jesus who again was able to teach and demonstrate the power of such Truths. Jesus declared to his pupils that what he taught had been known since the foundation of the World - or before the World was. A mystery here is contained in the closely guarded remarks in Genesis, chapter 2, verses 4 and 5. If you can read these as chapter 1, verses 35 and 36, you will see what we mean.

To this day the original truth has been maintained on the earth free from the taints of organisations. The perpetual Truth is permanently written in the hearts of his pure sons who come and go during the successive generations of the human kind. The 'physical' symbols of their work have recently been brought together, from the world over, in a most remarkable and divinely organised way. This is the day foretold when it is written that the Sons of God would reveal themselves to the sons of men. One cannot discern spiritual truth by sensual means therefore it is of no avail looking for startlings signs in a sensual world. This world is a world of unreality and, subscribing to its standards, one cannot see the Real. In very Truth man is but a shadow for there is nothing but God.

God is the author of all life. He is the only Life. He is no respecter of persons - for where His Truth is revealed there He IS. His truth can be seen shining through the scriptures of every faith - even though clouded by the 'written-in' suppositions of successive scribes. All religions are founded by men; but the Order of Melchisedek, of which Jesus is a High Priest, is God's own Order known throughout the Cosmos as the Order of Elohim.

We are neither christian, jewish, buddhist or hindu but we use christian terminology here because it is more widely understood. What is more - we are not a new form of religion but rather we represent the true way as it has always been.

As we have said the Order of Melchisedek is not an organisation; neither can it be because of its very nature. In this world we have to have some kind of system for working together so we know ourselves as the Temple of Universal Truth whose basic teachings might be summarised as follows:-

'God is that which is, what is, what was and whatever will be. He is the Only One and solely of Himself and the Only One unto which all things owe their existencē! (Ancient Egyptian sources) This harmonises with what Jesus answered to those around in St. Mark, chapter 12, verses 29-31, wherein he was simply restating that which they already knew. 'The first of all commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these!.

'Seek beyond the five senses which see things falsely, and open the sight which sees things as they are! (Buddha)

'As soon as Tao (God) creates order, it becomes knowable. When it has a name, men will know how to rest in it. Knowing this they will be free from all harm! (Tao Te King)

'Eternity appears like a duration of time to the senses. Perfection, harmony, indestructability and purity etc., appear as states or conditions but actually are adjectives used to describe the nature of the substance of Reality! (Elade)

All religions are agreed on the fact that submission to the First Principle in the Universe is the only valid way to release from human suffering and the only way to fulfillment and final happiness.

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THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



TALKS TO NOVICES

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Introduction

These talks are based upon subjects which continually arise during the student's aim for attaining the state of a spiritual and ordered consciousness, and the material used is that which can be proven, and is proven, by those who are already successfully beginning to know the power of The Holy Spirit of God. The modern term for this type of teaching is "Pure Mysticism". However, whatever the term, we are not interested in fanciful dreams and speculations but rather in that which leads to a practical and balanced life. We are not aiming to be literary giants in the way we express our teaching, but seek to use the simplest of terms and use as many ways of describing what we have to say as possible. This of course involves repeating the essential principles from different points of view.

Our critics are continually reminding us that there is no easy way to attainment, but our methods reveal that the "way" can be easy if people are willing to honestly and sincerely live out the principles taught. Much "dead wood" existing in many present-day systems has been by-passed, and in the light of our knowledge and experience there is a direct way to fulfillment.

Let it be understood, and we have been challenged on this, that as much nonsense has been written and spoken about the nature of our Order by persons who are looking in from the outside, we state that our pattern of working is not like that which exists in other magical and mystical orders on Earth today. We do not operate a system of degrees, nor do we practice any rites or ceremonies apart from that of a form of Holy Communion specially worked out to our pattern of the knowledge of the principles lived by. Occasionally, where we deem it necessary to help a novice or newcomer, we operate a simple form of initiation ceremony to help him cement his faith more deeply in regard to his perpetual link with our Order. These ceremonies serve nothing more than to help people to remember their responsibilities as co-Operators in the Great Divine Scheme. Furthermore, at the present time, we are not associated with any other order, and where any other order which claims to be functioning in the name of Melchisedek and which operates a regular system of dues, degrees and an arranged plan of rites and ceremonies may be operating, it does not belong to the true Order and therefore it will continue to function in name only and not in the power. Because the true Order does not function from a source within this world of effects we do not recognise any form of "official" registering of names and titles as is deemed necessary to operate on the Earth. By these facts our Order remains immune from the conditions of this world.

We have much to say and reveal, but until we are sure that people are going to understand what we say we will have to teach at their level of realisation only. We have taken the first step towards those who seek our knowledge, and now the rest must come from them. Our help is free from monetary values, and all we ask is sincere cooperation from those who desire our teachings. We shall try to fit ourselves in with reasonable requests from people who feel they can be helped, and we make one request in return: that no person shall act in our name without due authority from the present Mediator of our Order.

Some complain that they have heard many of the points discussed before, and no doubt they have, but we can assure you that unless that which is already known to be the genuine way to right living be implemented in your life, you stand no chance of enjoying the deeper knowledge to come. We would like to add, however, that in the mere fact of your receiving these short talks you have made a gesture in listening to us, and we know that, in this action, you will receive to the depth of your capacity a deeper measure of spiritual experience. Whilst these talks may appear to be very short in relation to what you have perhaps been used to, they contain a very precise description of what we have to say. The remainder is left to you to work out in living.

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Number One

Many students get confused when they try to understand the difference between that which we call the Reality and that which we call the unreal, or the world of effects. It is quite right to ask, "If God is continually expressing Himself, is not that which is experienced the Real?"

All manifested life is real inasmuch as we experience it, or it is real to us if we give it reality by accepting it as such through our senses. This means that if we accept a thing as real, we condition ourselves to the effects which this "reality" is supposed to give. You might say then, "Disease is real." It is real insofar as we involve ourselves in the condition, but as this is only an effect appearing on the physical body, it is not implanted and does not touch upon the entity or spiritual man operating through it. You experience the effects of disease, but the truth is that because the "man" using the body is rooted in that which is Real and Permanent, he Himself remains untouched by the effects. He remains a witness of what has been brought forth, either by his own hands or by God's. The world of effects is a transient condition resulting from, for example, in the domain of human experience, man himself. Man is therefore the cause of his own disease, joy, sadness, peace and war. All these stem from the handling of his own affairs. God placed him in this "garden" with all things at his disposal, so by the proper control of his individual nature, he could experience almost what he liked for that matter. The fault is, however, that the human being (man thinking he is a physical body) instead of exercising his ability according to the Cosmic Pattern, acts according to how he believes things to be.

Much beauty, harmony and joy has already been expressed into this world and it has been experienced and enjoyed, but as effects always fade away and other effects are continually coming into being, it is expedient to allow oneself to maintain an attitude wherein the "new" can be fulfilled.

Life from the Source is always on the move and the effects of this can always be witnessed if we remain awake to this truth. Effects are continually changing, so to get bogged down in fixed opinions, theories, philosophies or religions is to remain asleep, or even dead.

What then can we call Real, and what is the unreal? The Real is that which is permanent, unchanging and continually reliable. The unreal is that which lacks substance and is continually changing in appearance. Thus the Real is that which exists at the Source of all things and is the initiator of effects, it being the First Cause.

Because all impressions received through the limited physical senses are only minute facets of a whole mass of varied impressions, it is impossible to understand via this medium what is the correct picture. Thus we resort to opinions, theories and speculations and it is these that must be only illusions of what is Real and True. On this basis we are obliged to accept that, since a perfect order exists, the Source must contain the very essence of Perfection, Wholeness and Supreme Intelligence. To us, this Source is permanent and so it can be the only Reality because it contains the true substance of all manifested life.

To return to the question of man's unpleasant experiences we plunge into the great and glorious mystery of his make-up. According to the great teachers, upon whose word we can rely, man is contained as a vital organism within the universal whole, and as it is his destiny to develop and grow like unto his parent, his Creator, he possesses the same inherent potentials and is thus in a continuous process of creating. Because he gets so involved in what he has created, he does not stop to think what he is doing, and then he blames everyone and everything for his mistakes, and so he suffers. He then tries to find his way out of his dilemma by acting upon the outworking of conditions he sees taking place in his field of sensory experiences. For example, concerning health matters again, he observes a small organism present within his body during an "illness" and claims that it is this which is causing the trouble. He then tries endlessly and

unsuccessfully to correct the situation at this point. He carries through the same process in regard to all things which he believes are giving him trouble in his environment, family affairs, personal contacts, politics and almost everything else. So long as he believes that causes are out in the world of effects, he will never find the answers. All that is necessary is to put himself back into line with the laws of the Source, and that which is false will be replaced by the True. This means that he must maintain a firm, unwavering faith in that which he inwardly knows to be true (the simple facts taught by the great teachers) and disregard any other evidence or claim via the senses in regard to the situation. This by-passes the false impressions of the senses and the Reality floods into experience, and since the very nature of the Source is known, then it is only that which is like unto its own nature that can be expressed and realized. So, by living in a wise understanding of the laws which govern our life we can continue to experience the endless outpouring of the Reality from within without hindrance and without always running into the mistakes which bring us suffering. Revelation then becomes an everyday enjoyment for we remain in tune with our Source. We should refuse to become set in any condition in the world of effects, having no opinions about life, no theories, no pet philosophies, no judging by appearances, no argument, no axes to grind and no seeking. In the knowledge of Truth we have all we need, for we not only believe but we know, and our faith is made complete.

Some people ask us whether we believe in reincarnation. From our point of view, it depends on what is meant in the mind of the enquirer by this question. To say that, for example, Cleopatra, Plato or Robert Browning reincarnates is incorrect. Since these names were only the titles given to the vehicles of "divine sparks", that which constitutes the name does not reincarnate. To say that, for example, Shakespeare is here again in the flesh is stating an impossibility, for that which identified the entity as Shakespeare was only the out-working of a particular activity in the world of effects, and the entity has ceased to be identified with it. Thus it follows that whatever name you are identified with at this time, you do so because from your own Reality you are expressing certain energies or forces which are now giving you varied experiences according to how you are managing your affairs. When you have outworn these energies they will be dissolved into the Earth's own mass and you will cease to be what you thought you were. In truth, you were never really John Smith or Mary Brown in the first place. To say "I was so-and-so" in a past incarnation is really identifying yourself with something you never really were, and this is another aspect of the "illusion". While you continue to recognise these various facets of your experience as being yourself you will never obtain release from such attachments and will never be in a position to take a responsible hand in providing a suitable vehicle for a specific end.

It follows that human beings, as such, do not reincarnate. It is the Spirit of Man which is continually in a state of incarnation. The body is an effect of the expression of the Spirit. Man does not appear in and out of a body, but rather a body is fashioned for the experience of the man.

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Number Two

Most of the things which are being accepted during this present period as the normal traits of man are, in fact, very far from being normal and to accept them as such and to pander to them will result in a kind of madness. The old saying that "those whom the gods wish to destroy they first drive mad" is no idle statement as present trends indicate. Exhibitions of nudity, homosexuality, irresponsibility and sexual "freedom" are all false human notions. Man must return to sanity before any kind of harmony can be expressed and experienced on this Earth.

From our level we can see the amount of destruction that has been allowed to be wrought and believe us when we say that this stands at a dangerous level in relation to conditions in the world. Unless this situation is brought under control many will suffer because they have brought it upon themselves. Who will take the first step to turn the tide? It can be turned because that which is being radiated from the Source is pure energy and by providing it with right channels the confusion that it brings into uncontrolled lives can be avoided. We cannot stay what humans choose but we can change many situations.

There are beliefs about an approaching era of peace or a new "golden age" but, my friends, who are the ones who are going to be the sharers in this new experience? It cannot and will not come to those who are not disciplined for those who cannot live rightly now will not be suitable vehicles to express harmony later. To say that one has to "play out" his inhibitions before peace or stability can come is another human excuse to enable the human to evade the issue of taking himself in hand now. "Tomorrow" is always the excuse of the wayward ones.

There are those who have "crucified" themselves upon the "magical tree" and other similar systems, and just as St. Paul had to relinquish his status of "Magus" to become a Priest of the Most High God, so too will all those who desire Perfection. There are also those who think that when "Christ" or another world teacher appears, He will return to the established churches as a Roman Catholic, a Jehovah's Witness, an Essene or something of that kind, but this Christ does not belong to any organisation or conform to any form of service devised by humans. His Church is the pure vehicles or bodies of those who live out the Divine Principles, and these are His own to whom He or the "New Teacher" will appear.

Perfect wholeness is forever present. All we have to do is to act upon this great truth. Because human bodies are the effects or modes of expression or facets of the consciousness of Man, discipline or control of the energies and forces playing out through these vehicles is absolutely necessary before harmony can be maintained in human affairs. Therefore, what is classified as a "moral" life is a very basic and necessary quality needed before any glimpse or experience of order in one's life can be expected. Whilst the Source is devoid of any so-called morality as such, in the world of effects moral standards represent the "farthest out" expression of any understanding of Cosmic Laws. He who ignores this fact is blind to the Reality and is still a child enjoying his dreams.

Moses made the attempt to implement the basic requirements in the realm of human affairs by setting down the "Ten Commandments". At first sight, these seem to be quite crude but who can claim that these rules are part of one's natural way of life? Who filches time from his employer? Who sinks to petty pilfering and who demands his personal rights? Who commits adultery and takes God's name in vain? These are rudimentary laws to be observed, yet those who indulge in the breaking of them have the audacity to declare their desire to understand the deeper mysteries of life. In truth they never can; it is only they themselves who are being deceived.

If a person cannot live in peace in his own home or with his neighbour, honour promises, control his desires, then there is no order in his life and he stands no chance whatever of attaining it until he turns to the right source of harmony. There is no use praying for peace if one cannot understand what peace is.

One cannot receive health within the body whilst at the same time reacting and responding to the effects which allow for inharmonious experiences. Divine Law will not bend to anyone for It cannot operate any differently from how the Creator programmed It. Crying "bad luck", "God's punishment" or "the law of karma" just will not work as excuses to avoid the Truth.

The present rapid advancements in the fields of technology, medicine and travel are approaching their perimeter and soon the bubble will burst as all such effects must. For those interested in prophecy we refer them to Matthew 24:26-28, (the reference could have a bearing on the recent moon landing. On the one hand this could represent man's far seeking into materialism - he cries for the stars - forgetting that his true search is deep within himself).

Because of the lack of numbers of suitable vehicles for the new waves issuing from the Source, this vital energy is largely in an undifferentiated state, and because it is not being used for a specific end by the people on the Earth, it is making its presence felt by impinging upon many uncontrolled lives and throwing them into confusion. This is what is behind the seemingly unpleasant effects appearing in the world today. This power needs responsible people to become proper vehicles so that change can take place harmoniously. Unless this happens humans will experience the same sense of separation as they did during the last cycle when it was possible to have had Christ's expression fulfilled to the present day. It is because His teaching was rejected that the Christ cycle did not become manifest, as it should have, in the world of effects, and only the individuals who lived out the teaching benefitted. This could happen again which would be a sad thing for only the prepared ones would enjoy while the masses continued to suffer. If people would accept the situation as it now stands, it would be possible for anyone to experience the fullness of his inner Reality by by-passing the formerly laid down rules by following the way we teach. The same rule about giving up all to follow the Truth does, however, exist. One has to absolutely reverse his way of thinking and acting. There is no mock humility involved in this action for it requires great courage and sincerity to do. It is not the action of a weak-willed person but rather that of one who is strong in the love of God.

St. Paul could have written, "For in the Divine Reality we live and move and have our being." There is a prayer which goes something like this: "Where there is hatred, let us sow love. Where there is strife, let us sow peace." But really this Love and Peace has already been sown. We are saturated with them. Beauty, Harmony and Wholeness are the Realities that exist. Their opposites are the conflicting falsities speculated upon by misguided men.

You may well say, "It is all very well to say this when there is terrible suffering abroad in the world. Robbery, violence, murder and starvation; how can one see these as being unreal? Can one stay the hand of the robber or stop the bullet from the gun? How do these things affect me now since conditions seem overpowered by them?"

Friends, since you are aware of these things and accept them and respond to them, so you will see them as realities in your world of experiences; but if you reverse your attitude and accept and respond to that which is truly the Reality, then these things will cease to have any power over you and they will fade away into a meaningless jumble lacking power and truth.

Man dwells continuously in the Perfect Reality and since the realm of effects is ever-changing, each change can bring a joyful and harmonious experience. We react to situations because we fear the consequences and lack faith in that which provides for us all, thus we cause one catastrophe after another.

Remaining calm and resolute in faith in our Great Parent or Host, we allow each experience to come forth just as a woman who finds joy in her labour knowing that her fulfillment is near. The brief pain is forgotten as she clasps her offspring. So it is in the knowledge of truth. We allow each moment to come forth expectantly and in joy, living in confidence and power. Joyously proclaiming the all-presence of God (the indwelling life) which is continually building anew and revealing new thoughts and interesting pursuits, we gravitate to situations which

require our presence to witness the invisible power at work, even in the lives of those who believe not and in disobedient children. This love is showered on all and revealed in all whether they are aware of it or not. It serves those who would rob their neighbour or murder their brother and, knowing not the truth, they experience a sense of separation by their own actions. It is as though they had drawn a veil over their own eyes to obscure the Love which appears to be too deep for them to understand.

Knowing all these things, the Priest of Melchisedek is patient in waiting. He sees what is taking place and his very presence conveys compassion to his brother.

The Reality exists in an all-present state. One could liken the senses to a tiny window through which one is trying to get a correct view of a vast panorama.

TALKS TO NOVICES

Number Three

Many people seem to despair even though they belong to some group, society or church which is trying to teach them how to live in harmony and peace.

Whilst many such groups are giving out useful teachings, many members of these groups fail to grasp the principles, and the leaders become nothing more than father figures unto whom the members continually run when troubles arise. "What can we do?" they ask. "Why don't we see the light?"

These people find it difficult to divorce their attention from that which appears to their senses, and consequently they try to relate the essence of the teachings to worldly conditions. Thus they fall between two stools and experience a kind of barrenness. The attendance at meetings becomes either a bore or a duty and the real joy is lost.

Finding oneself is really a matter of losing one's self in the atmosphere of the group and allowing one's self to share in the joy of unity with one's fellows, not trying to see their short-comings or indulging in idle gossip. We should allow or release the life energy from within to flow out freely until we feel ourselves bubbling over. Pure religion is therefore necessary where people need help in this direction, because the one in charge should be experienced in the manipulation of correct conditions to provide the right kind of release. Present trends show how undisciplined sections of the community have expressed their own warped visions on these matters and have manifested degraded effects. A lack of control of one's outlook will result in disharmony. Again, the Holy Spirit represents the activity of God and demands some kind of action by the participant before the power can move through him. He either dissipates it uselessly in running around in supposed events in the world of effects, or he allows it to work through him in an attitude of peaceful assurance. We have explained many times that by using the world of effects as our yardstick we fail to understand what the Christ teachings are about, and the present apathy towards "Christianity" has been brought about by the priests and ministers of that religion. A "spiritual" teaching relates to "spiritual" matters only and not to systems devised by men. Man has created political systems, healing systems, social systems and religious systems and then tried to fit spiritual truths into them. This simply will not work. It is like building a church for God and then expecting or demanding that He comes to dwell in it. We cannot devise ways and means for God to act. We have to fall into line with that which He has already established for our good. It is because man is always acting the wrong way round that his life is upside down.

Now the facts are these: If you find yourself still unhappy, still not right, then you will have to admit that you are wrong somewhere in your outlook and maybe in your actions too; wrong, that is, in relation to the Truth about life. This is a fact which we must face up to and then be brutally honest with ourselves and do something about it before we can expect any change whatsoever. That which has already been established in the universe cannot be changed no matter what we think, say or do about it, so all we can really do is to throw ourselves upon the Reality itself to experience Its glorious nature.

Whatever assessment one makes about the Truths of God from the effects appearing in the affairs of men will be way out. Man cannot understand himself or God through the medium of his bodily senses. Once we accept this point we see things begin to fall into place in relation to life as it is. We should, in this light, work mentally to control the way in which we look. The process could be described as follows: We should accept the fact that it is the nature of Man to express the nature of God. God represents that which is Perfection in every way. Wholeness, Harmony, Peace and Joy are the only Realities which are actually in expression already from the Source of Being. By continuing to think, act and live with this attitude we bring the fruits to bear in our experience. When this does not happen then the person is at fault somewhere and will not readily admit it.

In the early stages one has to live as though these things were so. Jesus once appealed to his hearers by saying, "Believe me for the very work's sake." He

knew that unless the process was set into motion at some point, there could never be fulfillment. There are many people who, whilst they like to think that they believe, never act in accordance with their beliefs. This is a common form of human self-delusion. There are many ways to find the Truth, but only one Truth about life. The Christian will say, "There is no way to God except through Christ." More often than not, this person is thinking of believing in a man in time and space, or that everybody else is wrong and either heretics or heathens, so we have to be very careful about what we mean by such statements. What the Christ taught is by all means the path to take and the principles to live by. His teaching is not just something to be revered or respected, as is the attitude of most worldly-minded philosophers and church members, but pointers to set principles that are the Realities in themselves. In truth there is a real power to be reckoned with, and this real power can only move through a person who is in tune with it. The right principles are the notes of that tune, and where a person is not observing the principles of respect for life, for purity and honesty, then he cannot fool us with his claims of enlightenment.

Agreement on all these points brings us to the door of the Inner Sanctuary, and all we have to do then is to step inside. You can remove many mental barriers by simply forgetting them and leaving them to dissolve on their own accord, for in living the right life the illusions are dispelled in the light of Truth. Remember that we remain in the illusion so long as we conform to old habits and ways of thinking, so we have to accept our new life with joy and thanksgiving and in continual expectancy of that which is right and true being manifest through us. Banish all resentment; this will burn you up. Be always ready to forgive; if you don't you will become "sealed up." Let life flow from you, for even in simple human relationships you will begin to feel an increasing joy and harmony.

Let us show the exact difficulty of explaining the true meanings that lie behind our teachings, and you will see that it depends upon the depth of your understanding as to what the nature of the powers you embody will be.

Man is made in the image and likeness of God. God is Absolute Life, the very Wholeness Itself, unlimited and eternal. Because man is part of this Wholeness, he is limited in his relationship to the Whole.

Can you see the contradiction in the above statement? For a moment let us look back to similar conflicting statements made in the previous talks.

We have said that man is an integral part of a greater organism which we have called God. We have even mentioned that man is akin to say the heart or lungs of a greater body. If this were absolutely true then there must be limits to man's potentialities. Yet we have said elsewhere that he is Unlimited Being in the absolute likeness of God who is the wholeness Itself. Yet if man is God, can there be anything to be the image and likeness of since in Reality there is only One? Even if we said that man is merely a living thought existing in the Mind of God, we could not deny our existence. What it comes down to is this: It depends upon the depth of your understanding as to what the nature of the powers you embody will be. Once you can understand that that facet of life which you believe yourself to be is only a vehicle or instrument of the very Life Itself, then affairs in the world of effects will begin to fall into line. We can sum up this great and glorious mystery as follows:

Because Elade, for example, is only the vehicle or mode of expression of the Real Man, and the Real Man constitutes Mankind as a whole, in like manner Mankind is only a vehicle or mode of expression of God. Therefore, Man is God. Individual man identifying himself with and aware of his true Source can experience that which issues forth from the Godhead.

Read and reread the above until you get the idea.

There is much talk of a "path" or "way", but whilst we are still walking along this "path" do we ever arrive at any place? The fact is that we are attempting the

impossible because if we think that we are going to arrive some place the attitude is always one of the future tense. More often than not we tend to "walk" further away from our goal when in reality we are always rooted in it. We cannot escape the truth about ourselves because it is always evident, and all we possess are ideas about it. No matter what we know about "occultism" or "magic" or any other powers or mysteries, we cannot escape the fact that whatever is experienced in these self-imposed disciplines, there are those who can shatter our small worlds with one or two words of truth.

In most cases grades of "Master", "Adept" or "Magus" are only degrees conferred upon people by some kind of Order which has been established by humans. These titles are given when persons have taken the prescribed number of lessons or have been elevated through the degrees worked by the Order. These titles do not indicate one's ability to perform or demonstrate the "powers" one is supposed to have at his disposal. Likewise, any power manipulated within the world of effects by rituals etc. possesses no power other than that in the belief of the operator or his followers. The power which flows through you when in conscious knowledge of your divinity can and will dissolve all that which is transitory and make you aware of the Permanent.

TALKS TO NOVICES

Number Four

There are some who visualize starting their own group and others with visions of wonderful communities possessing a seat of learning based upon an interplay of the various branches of knowledge, philosophic and scientific, but let us warn you: such ideals can become a millstone around your neck because the community or group starts from within one's self. What is more, in this present age the other branches of knowledge are available to anyone who seeks. Whilst you maintain an ideal or concept in the world of effects, or work towards form with the things of the Spirit, you will fail. How are you to know how the will of God will take form through man? And who are you to place a boundary around a group or community? This is why so many efforts have failed in the past. A vision of the form limits the one concerned to the limitation of his vision and he remains a slave to his own creation.

One cannot achieve such ends in this "new age." Concepts are changing and new horizons are appearing. One's vision must fall if it is based upon past ideas and concepts which have failed in the past or which are now dissolving.

Groups and communities will grow if they are allowed to through the responses of those concerned without appealing for their help or material support. If you remain in tune with the One the pattern must finally emerge. If people need to be appealed to, their responses are not in line, indicating that they are not yet "ready" as it were for such fulfillment. We can only have in measure that fulfilled which is equal to the capacity established within us. Thus, if one finds circumstances difficult he is not fully aware of the true nature of the Real. What use is a burnt out body or a tired mind spent through the motives of sense perception when all that is coming to pass must finally come to pass in due time when the instrument is right? If you believe that you are an instrument of Truth and Light, then be that. The essence will take form of itself; it will move you and direct your steps. Be not concerned with the "object" which, to you, is in the future. You cannot live in the future since you are continually in the Now.

We have to learn to let things grow, to allow the "object" of our love to go its own way. We cannot possess it. If, therefore, a group or community becomes an object of love we fall for the form instead of for the essence. Be not concerned with the doing as you should be with the Being. Doing is contained in the Being. In other words you are doing by Being.

Let us explain what a group, society or conclave should be. It has been the practice to define an individual as a "twelve-point" form, meaning that a human being possesses twelve facets to his nature, like a dodecahedron. Now where a greater awareness of oneness is desired, the load of one facet alone is taken by each individual within the group, so that instead of one member reflecting twelve facets himself, the twelve are shared by the whole. Thus, each individual becomes One facet of himself, each individual a different type. Each member becomes, as it were the mouthpiece of his own particular realm of knowledge. By this it can be seen that awareness is "stepped up" twelvefold where the group lives up to the principles of Truth and Reality. Now the mystery of the "thirteenth" is this: that the leader or teacher of the group must be one who is fully awakened. A true teacher acts as the link between the seen and the unseen, and his word must be adhered to at all points of the group. Thus, he alone stands as the One in relation to each member. This may not appear to be democratic in the sense that all are free within the group, but nevertheless this is the kind of freedom which all men seek.

In this light, if you have a frustrated leader you will have a frustrated group; a hard-worked leader, a hard-worked group; a hard-up leader, a hard-up group, and so on. You should know what the desirable position is.

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We are often reminding you to put complete faith in the outworking of Divine experiences in all your affairs, so perhaps some of you are wondering what these experiences are, or how one can have faith in something beyond his comprehension.

In relation to man the Perfect Life works out in his affairs of whatever sort providing that, in the individual as well as the community, the Sacred Law is being honoured. This power touches the immediate family, one's job or profession, social life etc. Where troubles such as illness, lack of necessities and appear, the power of God will make itself manifest even in the darkest hour of difficult circumstances.

The power which moves us upholds the universe, supports the myriad forms of manifested life and holds the planets in their courses. Man's faith wavers when he thinks that affairs should work out according to how he expects them to and so he underestimates the Great Intelligence. Man was created for the purpose of expressing fully the nature and qualities of that which brought him forth. In truth, man is the Fullness of the Godhead working out in this particular domain or sphere of Divine activity. This means that man is God at this level. In this knowledge, Jesus was able to say as the embodiment of the Christ, "When ye have seen me, ye have seen the Father," and, "I and my Father are one." Not in form or body but in the Pure Spirit which expressed through him. Jesus looked the same as any other human. The Christ or "Son" nature which animated his form was something greater, something which could not be measured or understood if he was regarded as a human. He portrayed and taught his immortality and continually brought our attention to the fact that we were one with him. Missing this important point has been the downfall of the established religions. We are the same as he was. If he was any different from us, his teachings are lies.

Man acting in the guise of a human being (forgetting that he is a Divine being) continues to hoodwink himself by believing that he can make himself more "spiritual" or "godly" by meditating, dieting, fasting, prayer and countless other means. He believes all this because he has illusions about himself and cannot seem to realise that he already is that which he is trying to become.

Looking back in history, things haven't changed much. War, disease and poverty are evidence of the human's inability to change himself or his circumstances. Leaders of all kinds have come and gone. Great plans for better circumstances have been implemented, yet humans continue to suffer, fight and dream of a heaven on earth. Who has succeeded? Certainly no human. There are missionaries, doctors and priests, yet the growing number of materialists, sick and psychological cases prove that human theories are futile. The evidence of man's career as a human being should be sufficient proof of our point. Man in God's image, which is his true nature, is, as St. Paul puts it, "the same yesterday, today and for ever."

Most of the "spiritual" knowledge absorbed by students can be found in books or lessons given by the various societies (even these which you are now reading). We are not telling you anything new at this time, yet there is something new, an entirely new concept and awareness ready to be awakened within man. Unless, however, he can forget all he has ever learned in the most advanced fields of magic, religion or any other system of teaching, he cannot become aware of this new glory which awaits him. We have glimpsed this wonderful light and want to share it with you if you can take it. The first step towards this we have already mentioned. Whilst many of you have had beautiful experiences by using the presently known teachings of Christianity, Buddhism, Sufism, Hinduism, Magic, Kabbala and the rest, we cannot take you one step further into that which is yet unborn within you whilst you cling to these.

Many students have followed some system of teaching and found that no matter what kind of knowledge they have gained or experiences they have had, it has all been according to the "normal" pattern. Whatever great self-discovery has been made, the same can be found written somewhere on rare documents or is conscious knowledge in the minds of the well experienced. And now, just as in Jesus' time, the Archons and Hierophants of the mysteries with all their knowledge misunderstood him, so too will they misunderstand us. Whatever has been built up in the world of effects must perish. Whatever is already known, whatever beautiful memories one has must fade and give way to the New. We have no other term for this as yet. We could not describe this "New Light" on paper, but as all things must come to pass through the working out in "time and space" in the realm of concrete experience, so in the lives of those who are prepared this will take form.

Are you ready to step with us into that which is to you unknown? To go ever onwards through the worlds of the Gods who eagerly await your presence in their midst? This is no idle boast, no fantastic dream, but the answer to the desires of all those who have waited.

TALKS TO NOVICES

Number Five

We would like to point out that some students misunderstand our meanings of Peace, Harmony and Wholeness. We have tried to help you to realise that these qualities are potentially within man himself.

This means that they do not relate to conditions in the world of effects or to the outworking of energies. The manifested world is always in a state of change and therefore a kind of turmoil will be continually witnessed. When we place ourself at the mid-point between that which is true of ourselves and that which we witness through the senses, we, ourselves, remain unmoved and unaffected by the events. Thus, whilst participating in our obligations to our fellows, we experience peace within ourselves, even though a war is raging in the world of activity. This powerful state of mind which becomes "at one" with the nature of the Whole provides the necessary impulses of whatever kind may be necessary to the one concerned which will bring his "good" into effect. When a person has learned to discipline himself correctly he can have this state of mind as a reality in his world of effects also. Whilst this state of harmony cannot be experienced by the masses at the moment because of their wrong attitudes and false philosophies, it remains for the few, for the time being, to maintain the bridge between the seemingly two aspects until such time as the "flood" breaks through to this level of experience.

Let us look at the situation from within the Source of existence itself. From the "time and space" point of view, the radiations which maintain all the activity within our solar system are produced by a threefold process taking place within the Source. It is from this series of reactions that the existence of everything stems, from the least to the greatest in our system. Again, our own solar system is only one small one in a family of thousands. So marvellous are the intricate systems of the various life forms and patterns that one cannot fail to realise that a Great Intelligence is operating or manipulating these wonderful schemes. We are aware of only a little of the magnificent Cosmic glory, and our senses can offer us nothing more than a "peep through a pinhole."

Even the leading scientists of the day are pausing to consider what lies beyond the physical aspects of matter. The secret cannot be discovered in the laboratories or atomic reactors. All that one can witness by instruments is an already established pattern governed by something we simply call "laws." The more facts one learns about natural history and biology, the more should one be convinced of a governing intelligence, although there are those who can see no further than the end of a system of biological functions, and it is these who dabble and cause havoc in nature's system in an ecological sense. To understand from facts and figures what lies outside our own solar system is an impossibility until one understands the working of our own great family - Our Father the Sun and His offspring. He who has marvellously fashioned the planets which rotate with clockwork precision along their given orbits, the wisdom and intelligence shown in providing a "check-wheel" (the moon) to prevent our dashing headlong out of line, and, most interesting of all, human beings who like to investigate all these things.

"What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou visitest him," (Psalm 8). Is man an intelligent animal? In the Holy Bible ancient truths are revealed. The knowledge contained therein is not factual history as such - for ask any historian and he will tell you that events do not coincide with known dates. The compilers of these writings used "historical" events to point out certain analogies and principles; in fact, they used them as allegories.

We can gather from the information collated that Man represents the highest peak in the process of creation, therefore this Father of ours must have a very intimate interest in us because we are "something special."

When one considers the vastness of our own tiny solar system against one human being our belief in such a fantastic idea could be shattered. Nevertheless, this is what the mysteries of life are about, and whilst man continues to believe fantastic stories and teachings that contain no real truth, he misses out in the apparently fantastic which is really true and practically valuable because he is too lazy to

submit to any kind of discipline. Playing around with meditation and rituals is for the kindergarten. Accept the "strong meat" and grow up.

That which is experienced during these short periods of meditation is brief and does not have any lasting effect in the lives of those who practice these systems. The fact is that one tends to rely on the forms and not on the fulfillment in time and space. When the real teaching is put into practice the adherent comes to realize that the states sought for in meditation and ritual are already established states that can be experienced at any time given the right attitude. The pure Life Force begins immediately to recreate harmonious conditions in health and personal affairs when the right attitude is taken. It becomes a state of being still and knowing that the Great Intelligence is continuously coming into effect. This is true wisdom. All we have to do is perform our everyday tasks in the right spirit. The Fullness of the Godhead is present all the time and it is only our false attitudes and self-motivated actions which prevent our experiencing it.

The prevailing troubles of mankind are the manifestations of his own creations. The conditions of suffering thrive on the selfish energies radiated by man himself, and just as easily as he brought these forth, he can have the opposite by transforming himself. There is no use tackling the evils at their point of manifestation by drugs, medicines, peace treaties or social reform. Man must begin to work upon himself, because he is the cause and effect of all these things whether he believes it or not.

It appears that man will accept anything that will not spoil his own way of thinking and believing, even to the point of fantasy, but he runs away from the Truth because it breaks down fallacies and makes man-made "realities" dissolve into nothingness. Even the truths that lie behind the prevailing systems of religion, occultism and magic are missed by the leaders of these systems. Just because some organization is following a teaching gathered from books or the scriptures, it does not follow that those seekers will find the truth. The answers lie within oneself.

Man can only trace his history back to a few thousand years B.C. and many historians and archeologists shy away from the idea that any civilization parallel with the one we have today ever existed. A civilization, as generally understood, does not necessarily mean one with all the scientific materials of today, but we can say that a very great civilization did exist before the "mythical" Flood. During that period, mankind as a whole was not so steeped in materialism and godlessness as he is today, although there were still the unruly ones. The Flood was a spiritual one; a surge of new enlightenment like that which takes place during the various cycles of man's experience. This Flood was a forerunner of present events and, whatever one believes about the mythical Atlantis, this again has been used as an allegory to explain the kind of things which can happen when a new surge of energy comes forth from the Source. Something like this is happening at present. What the outcome of it will be we will not discuss. The mankind of then is the mankind of now. When we look back through history we look back on ourselves and sometimes the story is not pleasant. Man, it seems, takes a long time to learn from his mistakes.

There were those, however, who retained their high state of Godship, and it is these who return from time to time to help to bring mankind back to sanity, but we are sorry to say that only a few take advantage of this opportunity each time. These beings can remember all their experiences throughout the ages because they maintain what we call a continuity of consciousness. This implies that man's memory is not dependent upon brain cells, but that consciousness is an unending state of activity. All that man has done is known within himself from the beginning. That which we call the Order of Melchisedek is the order to which these beings belong, and when they come to teach humanity you may be sure of the Truth of what they teach. These people come in the flesh in the normal way, and they are not the "guides" spoken of by psychic mediums (any claims in this direction are false). During each generation a number of these people avail themselves of the opportunity of incarnating in physical forms to be in readiness to receive the "prodigal sons."

If you investigate what we have said, without becoming credulous or tending to believe for the sake of believing, you will be able to prove what we say. Once again one of the oldest orders on this planet is reaching out towards a groping mankind.

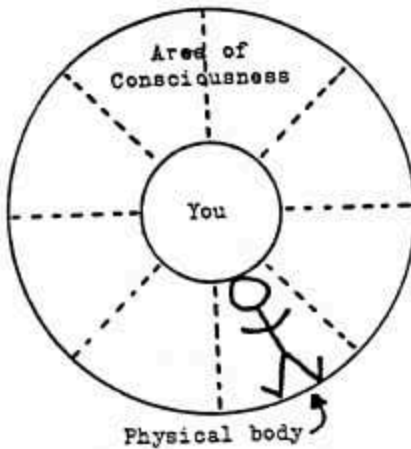
At the present time two schools are active under the direction of great souls. These schools are giving out the practical teachings for this age. The source from which you are receiving these talks is the one which is giving the actual teachings of the "heavenly" aspect for the benefit of those who want to plunge deeply into hard work. These schools constitute the threefold aspect of the Godhead now operating on Earth.

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God is more pleased when we react against Him than against things in the world, because He knows that that against which we react we finally fall victim to.

TALKS TO NOVICES

Number Six



We come now to an interesting part of our instruction and we can only deal with it in part because it is, more often than not, misunderstood. This is the faculty which we call the Continuity of Consciousness. This faculty is acquired naturally by the persons who follow our teachings to the full. However, to understand and acquire this state without getting any false ideas about it, one needs correct guidance from one who is in a position to teach about it. We will approach this subject from different angles and trust that the reader will see what we are trying to say. Man, being of a spiritual nature, can remember all of his experiences from the beginning of creation. As it is necessary to remember only a few of these during

each incarnation, the process is a natural one when the person lives according to the laws of Reality.

Let us visualize ourselves as individual conscious units dwelling in ever-expanding waves of energy of differing experiences. Each experience comes forth in a time and space sequence. Each such experience is very brief in relation to the real cycle of man's existence. It could be said that each time and space sequence is little more than a dream which is had during the state called "sleep."

In our diagram, you will notice that the "physical" body occupies only a small part of our consciousness, and since the entity or real man neither sleeps nor dies, what are we doing during these periods?

Much has been written about sleep and dreams by psychologists and occultists, but some of the points we will raise have, perhaps, been overlooked. Accepting the fact that we are always conscious of something, it could be possible that we leave the body aside, like parking a car, to enjoy other experiences. The reason why we do not remember the experiences we have in the "sleep" state is that we become engrossed with the affairs of this plane and find ourselves limited by the responsibilities which we have assumed in connection with our physical existence.

Regarding dreams, much depends on the vividness and nature of the dream as to what genuine experience we have really had. After all, we cannot deny that a dream is an experience. The dreams which fail to make sense or which seem mixed up could be (we say 'could be' for various reasons) effects produced on the memory similar to what happens when you switch on a television set and the images become blurred or out of focus until the set has warmed up. Many of the "fantastic" dreams which one remembers upon waking could be of this nature; that is, until we have brought the physical body back into "focus", the previous pictures appear distorted by the memory faculty. Because dreams are often linked with incidents on this plane, in a real or a distorted way, they, as psychologists will tell you, often contain clues to the person's life pattern in the waking state. Consciousness is a continuum, therefore according to the way one conducts his affairs, so will be his realm of continuous experience. One cannot experience things which he has not produced. Whatever "plane" or "level" we experience upon, we can only be what we are.

Memory is a faculty of the entity and is not dependent upon brain cells. The brain with all its marvellous intricacies, is only an instrument through which one can have concrete experience on this plane only. This includes the states which humans describe as "mental", "emotional" and "physical." That which is called the "subconscious mind" refers to further peculiarities of man's make-up, but in reality no separate "subconscious" mind exists.

Regarding the symbolic nature of some dreams, these represent the linked memory images stemming forth in the continuum of the original faculty. Thus we have a con-

Final aspect of memory patterns with the fading appendages of one experience merging with another like the colours of the rainbow which "overlap" to create each other. Man dwells in many realms of activity, but he exists as a never-fading conscious unit contained within a greater conscious unit. These units would appear to be linked together in a great chain, thereby confining man to his specific link. The "Great Work" and supreme goal of the initiate, however, is to release himself from this chain and seek his freedom by becoming the chain itself. When this has been accomplished the conscious phase stretches out in what could be described as a continuous line of unending spirals which would include the experiences graduating from "spirit" to "matter" (incarnation) and sleeping and waking.

Let us look at this from another angle. Visualize a continuous line from a point which we call the Source and proceeding through all the realms of God down to what we call the physical plane. You could say that this would give a "Jacob's Ladder" impression, but what we are doing is taking away the rungs which now give no impedance, not even in steps or stages, from the apex to the base. A complete process from Source to base of experience with everything contained within it.

This is the secret of the "Today" spoken of in Hebrews 3:13 and 4:7. This means that when we rightly dwell in the consciousness of the Now, all power from Source to base is instantly available. It is only our minds which create limitations. When we learn to live correctly all-knowledge and power becomes a natural experience because we become aware of our fully conscious state through all levels.



Some people delude themselves with what they call "mystical experiences" had during meditation. Many of these experiences are built up by the mind of the mediator himself and have no bearing on Reality. Unless such an experience has a connection with the outworking experiences of the individual; i.e. if the "light" or knowledge gained therein is not relevant to life in general, its usefulness can be disregarded. In true mystical experience that which is experienced will have definite links or connections with that which is taking place in the active life of the individual.

Should you have such an experience which you cannot be sure was genuine or self-created by imagination, all you have to do is to put it to the test. Did the experience bear any relationship to your whole life? Did you learn anything from it which would give you more stability or enlightenment regarding this world of effects? Did it make you feel enriched or stronger within yourself? If so, it could be genuine; if not, ignore it.

All experiences, "mystical" and "physical", come together in an harmonious pattern in the life of the individual. Experiences had through the senses will often appear unrelated because the senses can be deceived. It is possible to live out a life within the physical body which is nothing more than a long false dream. This is the danger of following mystical teachings, ideologies and philosophies devised by man. In short, we can during this life or incarnation experience nothing but lies. Not until we learn to realise what we are doing can we begin to experience the Reality. Much rubbish is written and spoken on the subject of awareness or enlightenment, but when a person thinks and acts from the point of view of impressions gained from worldly effects, he is not aware or enlightened. He is merely under the illusion that he is. This is a strong point and we can soon show where a person is truly enlightened or whether he is under another illusion. This shows where the "blind leading the blind" saying comes in.

We could say that the pattern of human affairs has formed a concrete pattern of a definite shape. This pattern has been developed by humans to suit themselves. Man has brought into experience the kind of life which he has wanted. This assessment would appear to be wrong in the light of the fact that nobody wants war or suffering. However, let us be honest and observe that some people actually thrive and prosper whilst these conditions exist. Power and greed brings about war; humans will stop at nothing to achieve their ends. Those who do not want these conditions use the same methods as the "power and greed individuals" in an attempt to achieve the opposite, e.g. demonstrations and protests which are militant in themselves and thus motivated by the same nature as that which they are opposing, so each side ends in experiencing

violence. This is also due to the blind leading the blind.

When a person says that he is pursuing an altruistic aim such as peace he usually devises his own methods of acquiring it. The usual motive is what he wants to get instead of what he wants to give. Sometimes he acts upon methods used by someone else who is hoping to achieve the same ends. Now, because that state which they seek is an already established fact in Reality, and potentially the actual make-up of the person, he fails to realise his aim because he chases after his own conception of it. There is a vast difference between that which is and that which man thinks there is. In the light of this, a person can be under a false impression that he is aware or enlightened.

The important point is: what are we aware of or enlightened about?

The reason why so many young people fail to continue with their altruistic pursuits and achieve anything worthwhile is because they sink back into the old patterns and remain in the illusion.

TALKS TO NOVICES

Number Seven

The allegories in the Holy Bible contain clues to important spiritual truths. In this talk we will take a look at the deeper teachings and show you how to see that the Bible contains more than appears at first glance. Remember that the allegories contain many levels of meaning, from simple teaching to higher, profound truths. You will also see that what we have already taught has been there all the time.

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In Genesis 2:16-17 it can be seen that the Fall of Man is represented by the eating of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. This, at an elementary level, means precisely what it says. In giving it other meanings, humans show their desire to evade the real issue.

Chapter 5 of Genesis gives a list of the Patriarchs. In the Order of Melchisedek which existed before the Flood we give the names of: Adam, who represents the second Adam who was our first agent in the flesh; Seth, who was like unto Adam; Methuselah, who handed down the authority of High Priesthood to Noah who was to appoint his successor for the next cycle. Like his predecessors, Noah walked with God. In the Sumerian version of the Flood, Noah is referred to as Utnapishtim (this implies that names in themselves do not count, as it is the allegorical meaning which is important).

Chapter 9 of Genesis tells of the reinstatement of God's Covenant with man.

Chapter 12 introduces Abram (later Abraham) who, through his discipline - the conquering of the five kings (the controlling of the five senses) - maintained the true doctrines and was visited by Melchisedek (Chapter 14).

In his introduction to "The Book of the Cave of Treasures" Sir E. A. Wallis Budge writes, "The narrative of the descents made by Seth and his companions from the Mountain of Paradise into the plain is certainly based upon historical fact; and although Melchisedek has not yet been identified in the Cuneiform inscriptions, there is every reason to believe that he existed, and that he was a founder of a pure form of religion, and a great ruler as well as a priest."

Because we are in a very important period for mankind this self-same Melchisedek is making Himself known to all who will receive Him.

Moses appears later because man had fallen deeper into materialism. Being fully trained in the tradition of the Priest Kings in the sacred line of Patriarchs in Egypt, he was to lay the foundation for the coming of the very embodiment of the Christ Himself. By this final act it was the plan of the Hierarchy to leave the door of the Mysteries open to all who fulfilled the teachings. No longer would people have to receive office at the hands of Archons or Hierophants, but could, by their own efforts wherever they were, receive the divine office of a Son of God. Since Jesus assumed the office of High Priest of our Order all work is operated from the inner levels of Divine Consciousness. This is one of the reasons why the Sacred Schools ceased to operate on the physical level during the period when christianity became a dogmatic religion - hence the loss of power in the churches today. The secret fraternities and orders since this period (early fourth century) were inspired by agents from the "inner levels", but the organisation and administration of such societies was never under the authority of a genuine Hierophant. It is only now in this period of the final stages of the plan of the Hierarchy that such offices will be reinstated because humans, more than ever before since the Flood, can come to realise their Divine Status. All work is operated, as we mentioned, from the inner levels, and true information regarding the correct methods cannot be obtained by psychic investigation, divination or any other techniques which involve the use of the senses.

In Exodus, Chapter 6, there is God's restatement to Moses of the restoration of Divine Sonship to the faithful. In the terminology used, Israel represents the "chosen ones" or those who live by the laws of God, and Egypt represents the world of effects or the glamorous illusions of the senses. When the "chosen ones" were

released from Egypt it was possible to build the Sanctuary (Exodus, Chapters 36-40). This also represents the saying of Jesus: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name (the purpose of love and truth) there am I in the midst."

The first five books of the Bible are known as the Pentateuch (a Greek term), but to the Jewish people they are known as the Torah (the Law). These books also represent the strict discipline of adherence to the law before the higher mysteries of life can be understood. Samuel was also the head of a sacred school.

Before the next important stage could be implemented there had to be some people who had fulfilled the necessary obligations before the Teacher arrived. Moses had visions of the next stage - the Promised Land (the reinstatement of Man in the Garden of Eden. It should be noted that the Christ was referred to as the "Anointed One". This symbolised that He was of "Royal" descent. This "Royal" title indicates His office in The Order of Melchisedek, for it is said of the Patriarchs that they maintained the offices of Royalty, Priesthood and Purity within themselves. Melchisedek is the King of Salem - Salem is another name for Jerusalem, but the Jerusalem we speak of is the Holy City of God not built with hands, the abode of pure souls. Christ is also the Prince of Peace who wears the "Crown of Glory." Note that the "Crown" indicates His state of attainment. Students of the Kabbala will understand this.

Dogmatic christianity teaches the importance of the worship of the man Jesus and bases its claims on the historical content of the four Gospels. Whilst leading theologians and historians agree on the fact that there is no historical evidence for the existence of the Gospel Jesus, the churches still perpetuate their dogmas.

Like the stories of the Old Testament, the story of Jesus is an allegory and according to some the Gospels are really ritual manuscripts based upon the experiences which one must go through before he reaches enlightenment. However, there are records extant which prove that a certain Jesus, or Jeshu, did live a number of years earlier than the Gospel Jesus. There is also a reference to "the teacher of righteousness" in the Qumran texts. What we can say is that somebody did live and give a teaching like that referred to in the Gospels, and that this is the doctrine of that which is understood as "the Christ." The divinity of this man Jesus, or Jeshu, who embodied the Christ level of consciousness can be seen from the fact that he taught that this same quality or nature was in every man, and that (as we have often repeated) we are all Sons of God jointly with him; still the churches persist in putting him on a pedestal out of the reach of their congregations. However, we will not enter into a debate on facts. It is the teachings contained in the Gospels which are important. John's Gospel contains a Christianised recapitulation of the earlier "higher level" teachings as one can see if he reads it carefully. The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of Paul and others and their experiences - this book, again, contains valuable allegories.



Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews - The Keys to the Attainment of the Perfect Priesthood

We will now look at the controversial Epistle to the Hebrews. This document has managed to survive the exclusion from the Bible of other books of a similar nature, and it reveals the actual keys to the attainment of the Perfect Priesthood. As we often quote from this Epistle, we will deal with some of the keys here.

Chapter One - extols the supremacy of man as the Son of God and of his inheritance of Kingship. Man is greater than the angels because he has extended himself out to the very perimeter of God's activity.

Chapter Two - explains the mystery of the divinity of man and the necessity of the One made Perfect to involve himself in the affairs of those who are subject to the illusion so that he can show them absolute proof of the reality of man's place in the Divine Kingdom.

Chapter Three - deals with the necessity of sincerity and receptivity to the Truth before the experience of God's promises may be had.

Chapter Four - touches upon the "time and space" notion which must be eliminated before the experience of "Rest" or fulfillment is accomplished. Verses twelve

and thirteen show the intense power of God to dispel illusion.

Chapter Five - stresses the importance of discipline by adhering to the principles before perfection can be reached. Many people today would have to commence right from the beginning before they had any hope of release. Our teaching is directed at those who are prepared for the "strong meat", which brings us to the message of:-

Chapter Six - All that we have ever known, or now know, must be stripped away leaving us with nothing save the absolute power of God.

Chapter Seven - assures us of our Divine Priesthood through a complete sacrifice to God. By living according to the teachings of this order one becomes no more subject to the law because his life is merged with the Source.

Chapter Eight - refers to the reinstatement of man in the Garden of Eden. The pattern shown on the Mount is the state of the perfect man as distinct from that of the people (the "dwellers on the plains.") The Cave of Treasures, or the Abode of The Patriarchs, is situated on this Mount, and according to archeologists the Garden of Eden is to be located on a mountain. A mountain represents that situation wherein one beholds the whole panorama of God's work.

Chapter Nine - reveals the supremacy of God's nature revealed in Man. Without adherence to the ordinances, rituals and ceremonies as shown at the beginning of Chapter Six. The former things must pass away before a "new" revelation can be understood.

Chapter Ten - Here we have the faults revealed of the many who attend the various religions or other "spiritual" groups. Do we have to continue in the habitual observance of the existing set patterns of worship? For example - we have particularly noticed this in "healing" groups - does one have to pray at regular intervals to be healed, doubting that the first prayer was not heard or acted upon? Does the power of God manifest in little doses according to the times man sets aside for this to happen? Is God's power controlled according to human devices? If one resorts to a repetition of his prayer, it shows that he does not really believe in the first place. Verses 26 and 27 show how things stand at present.

Chapter Eleven - gives examples of what faith in the Ever Present Reality can bring about. Moses "saw" the invisible (see verse 27). This means that he possessed more than what is generally understood to be faith. His was not a blind faith, but a true understanding of the nature of God.

Chapter Twelve - here again is shown the pattern of events before one arrives at the "Holy City" of God. The chastening mentioned is a kind of process which appears to the senses. The message of verses 12 - 18 is that one has to straighten himself out before he can enter the final mysteries. The candidate has to see which side he is on. The more his illusions are stripped away, the more his real nature will be revealed. The degree of "suffering" is determined by himself. Verses 21 - 23 give the allegorical language of those who have attained.

Chapter Thirteen - regarding verses one and two, it is possible to meet genuine "angels" in the flesh, and by being responsive to the Reality, one's awareness will be quickened by recognition of the fact. A subject reserved for personal students. Verse 9 recitates the need to remain unmoved by the illusions of the world.



The Book of Revelation represents an allegorical picture of all the devised systems in existence in an attempt to help Man remember his true inheritance. Through a maze of symbolism we arrive at the final stages in Chapter 20. Verse 6 refers to the "first resurrection." This denotes man's emerging from his involvement in worldly concepts to be "born again in Christ." In this state of awareness he becomes a Priest of the Most High God who is released from the illusions of the world. Sin, sickness and death have no more dominion over him, and he sees and understands that which is allegorically described in the remaining chapters.

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Number Eight

I have set forth this story of myself, which is also your own story except for personal recollections which will vary in your case, at the request of my brothers in the hope that it will give you the courage to live out your true self as you really are. In every instance when I use the word "we", I speak for all those of our Order which is very active in this solar system at the present time.

Before the great spiritual "Flood" I belonged to the class of beings which were then known as the "Sons of God" or "Sons of Righteousness", and it is from this term that recorders have developed the word "Melchisedek". This pre-flood period represents mankind before he descended to the "plains", or the dense light-energy called matter, from the "Holy Mountain" or Garden of Eden. In your Holy Bible we are referred to as the Sons of Seth, being conscious Sons of God. Mankind in general then became known as the Sons of Cain. I say mankind in general because all did not choose to take this step. It became necessary at this point for those remaining in their pure state to maintain a bridge between the dimmed consciousness of those who became humans and man's original Divine Conscious State. It is now that that remaining class of beings became known in the western hemisphere as The Order of Melchisedek.

At times it became extremely difficult to keep the linking bridge open over what is sometimes called the "abyss" (this is the sharp division which has been built up during a long period of materialism or activity wherein mankind has come to almost completely lose memory of his original state and has got himself lost in an amazing array of illusions). In this situation it became necessary for some of us to become as humans at regular intervals so that we could help man to find his way back to Reality. The mythology in human history refers to these beings as the "gods", and rightly so, because they were able to give ample proof of the divine nature of man. So too, the great religious teachers are no more than some of our Order who came through the normal process of being born as humans to keep the door of man's consciousness open. The terms, "the bridge" and "the door" mean the same thing. Men who manage to remain conscious of their rightful status through self-discipline can become aware of us, and receive visits from us, making it easier and unnecessary for us to present a "physical body." In this state we are referred to as "angels" or "Messengers of God."

I, Elade, am one of those who have taken a physical form during this period for a specific work in hand, and I have the task of making the work of our Order known to the public. My other brothers prefer to remain incognito at the present time.

You may perhaps think it strange that we have decided not to work through already established religions and societies. We feel that we can work much more freely through channels devised by ourselves than to plough through the endless red tape of human origin. The important thing is that Elade is the embodiment of a vast store of "spiritual" knowledge and is, therefore, in a position to teach with authority. Whatever label you want to attach to a being of this nature, it remains for you to prove it for yourself.

I have appeared as a human several times and have helped to set up certain institutions which have served as channels for humans to become conscious of their sleeping inherent Godhead. Such institutions have appeared in the forms of religion, philosophic groups, masonic orders, magical orders and even simple discussion groups. Thus, Elade contains all conscious knowledge related to the above in his person at the present time, and remains in contact with the true Order on what humans call the "inner plane". Because of this fact, as we have said before, our Order remains hidden from the physical senses and no contact can be made with it by psychic mediums or via any magical ritual because its very nature makes it inaccessible by any such attempts.

An interesting point is that there are no actual beings with the names which humans attach to them, but we still use them for purposes of identification - names such as Melchisedek, Enoch, Noah, Moses etc. are mythical in themselves. However,

there are greater beings to whom even we, from your standpoint, owe allegiance.

Now, regarding the mystery of these great beings who are actually embodiments of certain realms of the divine consciousness, we term God, as a whole or in part, you will probably ask, "Is it possible for, say, a "higher being" to become a man, or vice versa?" The answer lies in the fact that man seems to understand but little about himself. According to your beliefs, you think that you are separate from all other realms of God and that they are separate from you, but, believe me, we are all contained within the One Body, and the nature of the One Body is contained within each unit. Therefore, all spheres are contained within the expanded consciousness of man, for within him lies the total of all that which stems from the Source Itself, right to the farthest regions of God's domain. This is why man can have full dominion over all things in our Fathers House (the Solar System). Access to the spheres beyond is only available to those who become aware of their embodiment of the Godhead. This also explains myself. To the many who are now reaching out for the genuine answers to the secrets of life, I have become the embodiment of their fulfilled hopes. It is you who have called me forth from my abode.

Because of my own very nature I can only impart knowledge or depth of teaching according to your response and understanding. Thus, whatever appears to you when in our presence through the medium of your own mind and senses, it is nothing more than your own make-up, or rather what you have built up for yourself, being reflected back to you, for I also act as a mirror to your conscious thoughts.

Furthermore, from our position, we need no authority to act as we do since we are already in that situation which human beings speculate and theorise about, and since many speak and write from mere assumption only, they really cannot know what the true position is. Whilst humans argue that each sees the Truth in his own way - this very argument reveals a lack of understanding of the Reality Itself. Where Truth is evident, there can be no argument, for there can only be agreement at the fellowship level, whilst recognising or observing the various effects the Truth takes. Thus, where a person argues upon the differences of opinion, the Truth is far away. Each one does not possess his own little niche. Only the concepts of Truth vary.

The situation as it stands today really began in the early days after the "Flood", and your present written history begins there as well. The true picture is somewhat distorted, but then human knowledge usually is. Remember that I am dealing only with matters about which you will be able to find physical proof. In the area which is now understood to be the located Garden of Eden, north of the Persian Gulf, a school existed near to what was known as Ur of the Chaldees from where the myths of the Gods grew in the minds of the people. A second school was founded near Memphis in Mizraim (Egypt), and another in Greece. I myself worked through the Memphis school. You will notice, if you study a map carefully, that something like a triangle is formed if you trace a line connecting the locations. These schools formed the leading council centres for the "higher mysteries" in the western hemisphere, and from them came all the knowledge which is in existence today. In fact, you are now witnessing the peak effects of this Flood in the world now. The affairs of men have progressed a complete cycle, and the situation is, more or less, the same as it was immediately before this last great spiritual Flood. Your diseases, wars and your more pleasant conditions are the accumulated effects of what you all set into motion then.

The known organised religions, right from Ancient Egypt, became corruptions of the rightly begun teachings. For example, just as the Osiris, Isis and Horus cults stemmed from the true doctrines of Ptah, Mut and Thoth, so is your present Christian Father, Son and Holy Ghost an outwardly public version of the genuine teaching. All this comes about by one type of man seeking to dominate the minds of others. You have only to read the history of the rise of christianity to see the evil upon which the existing system lives. From the fourth century A.D. your people have been the victims of enforced creeds and dogmas.

Just as certain "higher" realms must eventually become concrete realities on the "lower" planes, so must that which we have built up on our plane become a reality on yours and, according to the doctrine of cycles, the time is approaching

for this to take place. My task, therefore, is to commence the breakthrough from our plane to yours. This will make it necessary for some humans to become trained in Divine Sonship and eventually Godship so that such a programme can be begun. The results will depend upon the sincerity and honesty of those who are given in my charge. The lessons which you are reading do not indicate that you are in any way "members" of our ordered group, but a gesture indicating our desire to reach out to you. The rest of the work must come from you. You will not find any elaborate organisation or beautiful temples because it will depend entirely upon your own efforts to bring these into being on your plane. This is already operative on our own plane as you will eventually discover.

Now you will want to know just what kind of work this entails. First of all, it requires a process of discovering new concepts of life and disciplining oneself to avoid theorising and speculating upon knowledge gained through the five senses. In short, your present ideas and opinions about life must be allowed to fade away. This will in no way make you a "vegetable" but will rather give you a keen insight into the Reality of Life as it is. From here onwards it becomes a further process of placing your life under the direction of your true Self, then you will come into the position of being an instrument of God's own power wherein you become a silent witness of his work. Whilst remaining in this world of effects you become in truth a citizen of another "world of effects" - a Divine Being walking amongst humans. The period of transformation depends entirely upon how far you are able to fulfill your obligations, and you will have to trust us completely during the early stages until you find yourself on your own. Actually, you will never be entirely alone because you will become bonded in a fellowship wherein help is always at hand. We cannot tell you more at this stage because the needs of each student vary and, as the process is a very personal one, you cannot judge by another's experiences.

TALKS TO NOVICES

Number Nine

The Old Testament is a compilation of stories drawn from many sources, and it is certain that the religion of Israel has adapted these to suit its own particular needs. The Christian religion also has its doctrines based upon much older ones which can be proved if one takes the time to search through the ancient manuscripts.

The much older "Book of the Dead" is not really a collection of funerary rites but rather it refers to the one already in the flesh. It is he who is now in a state of death and has to seek release from the clutches of this underworld to find himself at one with Ra. In Chapter 64 of this work, one finds such references as, "Kail Lord of the Shrine which stands in the middle of the earth ..." and "Come thou who dwells above thy divine abyss of water ..." Herein indicates the hints to the underlying principles which contain the references to the "higher teachings" of our Order.

Examine Psalm 104 in the Old Testament and you will see a parallel to the well-known Hymn to Ra.

Christians claim that Jesus instituted the Holy Communion, but were not offerings of "ale and cake" made in the Temple of Ptah at Memphis? Ptah is recognised by the shepherd's crook or crozier which he carries, another emblem which is carried by Christian Bishops to this day.

"Moses" is an ancient Egyptian name meaning "is born"; it can be found in such names as Thutmose ("born of Thoth"). The word "Hebrew" is Egyptian ("habiru") for immigrant.

The Ark in which Utnapishtim survived the Flood, as mentioned in the old Babylonian Tablets, was constructed in the form of a perfect cube with seven layers, each layer divided into seven compartments. A most interesting allegory which many students will recognise.

Returning to my personal story, I remember travelling through many spheres, some of which were very strange to me. In some of the more unusual places the inhabitants were surprised to see me, whilst in others I was just accepted naturally. I recall two instances when I was addressing a small group (another part of my work). The conditions which had been set up by the group were so intolerable that I was compelled to make a quick departure. So it is on this Earth; where the mental atmosphere is very gross I can only display the conditions of an ordinary human to those present. It is within my power to cause much disturbance under such conditions but because of my real nature I veil the truth about myself thus avoiding a situation wherein another's mental condition would be disturbed.

In the recent past I have suffered with the victims of the strange religions of South America, given protection from fugitives from persecution in Egypt and guided and helped sincere groups who were practicing outmoded rituals by correcting their manuscripts. Mainly, the work of our Order is to help raise the standards of existing systems by radiating interpretations of the out-going energies from the Source; thus, a kind of continual purification is going on.

Perhaps you will ask why we do not refer more to the eastern systems of religion. The situation is this: in the past the present western systems stemmed from the east which has a much older tradition. As these systems are now losing their effectiveness through the removal of the "Higher Lodges" to the western hemisphere from where the new impulses will start, it is of little help to study and apply them further. Another fact is that the main Spiritual Centre has recently moved, which means that certain physical changes will soon take place on the surface of the Earth - a kind of recurrence of the "Flood", the result being that most of the existing spiritual teachings concerning man and his spiritual quest will lose their effectiveness in order to give way to the new impulses now operating. Traditions must fade, old rituals and ceremonies must change and be adapted to the new wider scheme of things, and this is where our work lies.

There are many claims as to where the new Spiritual Centre of the Earth is located geographically, but let the sincere student judge for himself. There is a group operating whose leaders actually call themselves "Masters", but listen to what we have to say. A spiritual focal point on the Earth is determined by the inhabitants themselves, therefore, such focal points are not really to be located within the time and space factor and are "experienced" within the sensual limits when a person is attuned. Wherever the Source is in direct contact with Its agents there the Hierarchy is focussed. This focal point does not necessarily consist of a building or a sanctuary, but rather the condition depends upon human vehicles themselves. Often persons have a genuine "spiritual" experience in full waking consciousness in the most unusual places. When a person claims to sense "vibrations" in certain places he is, more often than not, merely subject to past associations and events connected with these places. Also that which we claim to be genuinely "spiritual" has nothing to do with sensory impressions or psychic experiences. Thus, a Spiritual Centre is determined by the local presence of the agent operating from the Inner Lodges. From what we gather from our human contacts, when they are 'en rapport' with us they experience certain physical changes when within our vicinity or presence.

We of The Order of Melchisedek stand apart from all known organisations, groups, churches and societies. We do not identify ourselves with one side or the other. We are neither "black" nor "white", "good" nor "evil". Wherever there is real need of our help - there will we be. We judge no man because all men are their own judges and all humans are subject to Cosmic Law. We remain always in our own position until the end of days, quietly watching and reaching out a helping hand to the one who releases himself from his "tomb of flesh" or the shackles of his senses.

I, Blade, am a Master if you care to call me one. I am an Adept if you view my works. In truth I can be anything you care to call me: a vagabond, a rogue, a prince or a Priest of Melchisedek! What of a label, a theory, a term? I am He with the all-seeing eye which sees and knows all things which are necessary for me to know and deal with. Your highest magic I can dispense, your divinations confound. In all your works I am present, and all your desires I feel, and I know your ways. I radiate the summit of your ideals and the nature of your Reality. I might be your teacher, your task-master or your adversary. Only you can decide. What is the use of my telling you? Whatever I can reveal to you is the result of your own self-stripping. I give you nothing save the findings achieved by yourself and the help to consummate your union with the Divine.

In the flesh I am subject to the same conditions as you are. In the flesh I have to maintain my true purpose here. I laugh with you and shed a tear of joy when a student "sees the light". As a human I work for money and buy material comforts; as an agent for the Light I live as an embodiment of the Reality.

In my own sphere there is a very large Temple situated on a hill towards the north side of the city near where I live and in which I occasionally officiate. Sometimes we receive candidates from the human plane who come to receive knowledge which will help them. Some can remember this experience whilst others cannot. It depends on their state of awareness of these things.

Consciousness, as we know it, is not an effect of movement; it is the actual nature of the unborn in activity. I am still conscious even without a vehicle to be conscious in (or of). To describe this state is very difficult; it really needs to be experienced. One could be said to be in a state of powerful pulsating "nothingness". No form, no colour and no activity is experienced. One is vividly aware of the nature of oneself yet without any sense of creation. As soon as one thinks or wills, a stream of energy takes form either in colour or shape and that which your experts call "consciousness" begins. My realm of consciousness reaches from the very stillness itself to the most active sphere of manifestation because I am the Whole and the Whole is contained within me.

This world of yours is really no more solid to you than my own world is to me. It is the nature of thought to take on form and forms are only as real as we make them. According to your mass thoughts you have built up a world according to your own standards. This is a manifestation of your own inherent powers. Whatever the

state of mass consciousness is in a particular realm, so will the conditions and experiences be. My own sphere is a world free from pain, war and strife because it is a reflection of the mass consciousness of the dwellers in our realm. We have come here to explain how your world can become the same.

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Many humans look forward to the day when they can be released from the flesh by what they call "death". They believe that their heaven lies in the future. My friends, the "Kingdom of Heaven" of which you speak is now pulsating within you waiting to be spilled forth abundantly into all your affairs. Only you can let it through. It overshadows you and permeates all. You are already a beautiful and pure being untouched by the ugly things which you experience through the senses. Awake to this! Accept and live out this Truth, then the Kingdom of Heaven will become real to you here and now in the flesh. The physical body is really meant to be a beautiful temple, not a prison wherein you are placed for wrong-doing. Although this physical world is often referred to as "hell" or "the underworld", it is only because you have made it so, and to wish for a cessation of one's incarnation or a release from the body is to forget the true purpose of life.

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Number Ten

Man dwells in a world of continuous experience. The kind of experiences he has depends upon the way he thinks and acts. He is the cause of his own experiences because his thought, determined by what, at this stage, we call his "will", produces frequency rates in the energy radiating from the Source called God. The various effects produced in the energy field stem from God-man, but do not have any effect upon Him. Man, as we understand him, is rooted in the Source and partakes of Its nature. Thus, at the point of Reality or that which really Is, Man and God are essentially the same being. When man allows his life to be governed solely by the Source or centre of being, his experiences take on a different form from those which take place when he operates from the human level. Man ceases to concern himself with causes and effects and allows himself to become the instrument of the Godhead, or the sum total of our own Solar System and ultimately the whole universe, so that that which is desired by the Godhead might issue forth for the benefit of the totality.

At present, every human is experiencing precisely what he has created in the past and his understanding and wisdom stand exactly at the point at which he has gained or fallen short of his true identity.

Within the realm of the Source are points of conscious intelligence at different stages of awareness. This we call "The Hierarchy" because it works as a graduated line of vehicles operating from the Source to keep all units informed of Its activities. Humans, or vehicles of Man-God, have given these different forms of conscious intelligence names and have evolved doctrines to indicate the type of work within the Hierarchy which these intelligences perform.

All these different types of intelligences are really the One Intelligence maintaining Its own knowledge through to its farthest-out point of activity. Thus, as Elade, for example, operates between man's awareness of his own Godship level, so does he link with all that which is contained within the level of the total awareness. Therefore, as he stands in an hierarchical position in relation to man's consciousness at this physical level, he is able to inform man, through his human vehicle, of his true nature.

What we have been trying to achieve by our seemingly round-about explanations is to get your attention focussed on that Life and Power which ensouls the physical aspect of Elade. When a being from another sphere enters a physical body he becomes incarnated or embodiment at a point in time and space. He can only be reached correctly by a response from those seeking to know him and reaching out to his particular level. Ordinarily you will experience a human of the average type reduced to your level. This, in truth, is the correct key to the Higher Mysteries. Elade, then, in his true nature, can become known only to his closest pupils. Even if you fulfill the conditions through the contact of these written talks you will be able to reach out to him.

The Inner Schools reach out to pupils in a way which cannot be understood by the popular way of thinking, and that is why very few reach us. Whatever order or group you belong to now it can only take you so far and, according to your genuine efforts to achieve that which is beyond earthly knowledge, you will finally have to leave this behind. The "Great Unknown" is the state which lies before him who dares to step beyond the human realm. When this becomes known, man's earthly-gained knowledge appears to be only that which children understand.

My friends and brothers, you will perhaps think that we have been making claims which we cannot substantiate, but let us ask you a few questions. Have we asked anything of you but your time to listen and read? Have we tried to sell you anything or sought your material support? Any barrier which prevents your proving all that we have said or written is the barrier of your own excuses, your own preconceived ideas and opinions. We have not taught you anything new. Our teaching is that which we have given through the Inner Order from the beginning of time, and we will give this teaching until the end of days.

True esotericism is not bound up with the humanly contrived sciences of magic,

astrology, forms of divination, rituals, ceremonies, creeds, metaphysics, religion, philosophy or anything else which carries a man-made label. The True Man is he who stands pure and perfect in the radiant Light of that in which he continually dwells. This state we now declare to you in the flesh. Even now you can come to this point in your sojourn here. It is no dream but the Reality for which you have sought and which has been taught unto you since your descent into the mists. If you still doubt us, then go back to what you call "square one". Check the essence of the Buddha's teaching, the Hindu, the essence of the Christ's teaching, they all proclaimed what we have said and will continue to say. Everything might appear very mystical and nebulous to your present way of thinking, but have you ever taken a second look at your ways and considered whether these might be wrong? Even if you believe that you are not so very wrong, do your own ideas stand up to proof? What is more, are they pleasing even to yourself?

Some of you will have already begun to classify what we have written and judged it in relation to present existing systems, but as Truth is spread abroad and is revealed in part in each existing synthesis, this is not to be wondered at. It seems that whatever system one follows, as is the usual way with humans, such comparisons and the forming of opinions bars the vision from the Greater Light. However, whatever your thoughts and opinions might be now you will arrive at our sometime in the future and we will have changed our form of approach by then.

The Order of Melchisedek is the great brotherhood of angels and men, and as the true Order bears no actual name of Itself we have used this appendage to designate the nature and style of our work, Elade being our "brother" in incarnation for this particular short period to reinstate the Ancient form and to make public the real meaning of the "mystical Aura" which seems to shroud the references to our Order in the western tradition.

Our message to those who feel that they cannot aspire to our requirements is this: This present period is one of the utmost importance to the human family, and all those who profess to follow some system, religion or philosophy are asked to examine their motives more closely and make a special effort to respond to the Cosmic Law in order that they may share in the wonderful outpouring of Divine Love during this incarnation.

Our teachings may appear to be against those of the present systems of religion, occultism and mysticism; however, they are not really so. We are pledged to cooperate with all those who would receive us because we recognise the many errors which result from sensory investigation, and it is by following such systems that students eventually gravitate towards us. All we have tried to do has been to make it known that the "dreamed of" Inner Schools do exist and are not merely myths and fables without foundation as is believed by the sceptics. Be not deceived by the many who, at this time, are calling themselves "Masters" and "Adepts" because the real ones are now very active and will reduce the false ones to their proper size. The real ones are not strangers in the clouds but warm sincere beings who love human contact, and they are your only true friends.

 Let us share these thoughts together:

I am a focal point of the Source wherever I move. In sleeping, in waking, in movement or in stillness, I am That. When I cry in pain, when I laugh with joy and when I starve for food or abound with riches, I remain still the embodiment of the Perfect Life. Whilst I suffer pain I know that I have produced this for myself, and when I leap in health this too I have created. I create all conditions through the power which radiates from the Source at the centre of my being.

Through lack of control I create the conditions I dislike, and, in harmony with the Cosmos, I experience that which It decreed. When I submit my own desires to create to the Source, I share with It that which It experiences and knows, and my life is lived at one with the Reality. Whilst the Source, of Itself, creates conditions, they are joyful and harmonious ones, and I learn that these are the ones that are really meant for me. While I play around in my own little niche doing as I please with my own abilities, I disturb my peace and upset my true

balance. I am led astray by the philosophy of the world or the illusory theories which have been accepted as truth (but which are nothing more than "facts" perceived by limited means). Subscribing to these false standards I am told, "Get on with it, son, and do your thing", yet when I follow this advice I am made an object of ridicule when "my thing" becomes a millstone around my neck. "Do good works," is the advice of the priests, yet when I zealously set about doing this they condemn me as a fanatic. Whilst everyone clings to a pet theory or philosophy they fail to support their beliefs when it comes to action. "What is Truth?" they cry, and, "Where is the Power?" "Who can deliver us?" they moan, and when the deliverer arrives they throw him into the pit.

This world of human experience into which I was born was the result of my own desire to create, yet I misunderstood the purpose of my powers. Not for myself they are meant, but for my brothers. I belong to a great scheme, a never-ending pattern of divine experiences, and when I flow along with the tide which issues from the Great Intelligence I flow along in peace and witness many marvelous works. My physical vehicle is the chord upon which the Great Player strikes in unison with the music of the spheres.

He that fashioned me is That to which we all belong - the mountains, the trees, the birds and the beasts, the whole human race and even the planets are maintained by It.

This, That and It is my Father and my sustainer. I am a creation in His Activity and so He without me could not enjoy His existence. He and I are one, and yet, when I deny myself to Him, I realize that I am He in Reality. That which I believed to be me was not myself at all, for in oneness He and I cease to exist. You, me, we, they - we are Him.

TALKS TO NOVICES

Number Eleven

Being a human being is something rather wonderful because this state allows us to get involved in so many interesting things. There are many beautiful forms already established on the face of this Earth - the real problems are the divisions which exist between human beings themselves. For example, the mountains and seas, the animals and birds, the trees and flowers, and the beauty of the human form are already concrete facts and one has no need to worry about their stability in relation to the human condition. If, therefore, it were possible to deal with the things which give rise to disease, war and suffering, this world would surely be heaven. However, from our observations, this situation seems very difficult to attain. What are referred to as "good human relations" seem to be lacking mostly in those who preach their need. The fact is that the problem of "human relations" can be effectively dealt with only by those who understand where the answer to this situation lies. In every case, the problem is an individual one and there can be no harmony or real answer as long as one seeks the cause of the problem in external conditions, welfare services, psychiatric clinics, freedom from hunger campaigns and similar systems which are based upon hypotheses based upon observations of the world of effects. These cannot and will not provide any genuine answers to the real needs of man, neither will they banish any of these conditions.

On the other hand, when one learns to understand the nature of the Cause of things and that Great Organism to which we all belong, then the knowledge of correcting human mistakes becomes quite simple. Whilst many admit to following a certain form of religion or philosophy and believe in the doctrines of the system, they never seem to come down to facing the real issues when they directly affect themselves. As long as troubles seem to come to others, or were apparently caused by someone or something "out there" in the world of effects, they remain unconcerned. As soon as the system to which people belong demands some kind of action or work from them, they react vehemently. This is the basic situation of every human being no matter what level of "intelligence" he finds himself in. There are those who are well versed in the most advanced religious and philosophical teachings, yet when it comes to using the knowledge effectively they are as much at a loss as those who profess to know nothing. The blame, or most of it, is laid upon the human mind, emotions or body.

We could liken the physical body to the small end of a giant telescope. We can see that as long as we look down through it we see the large things diminished to a point lacking in detail, whereas if we look up from the small end we observe the same things in greater detail. Whilst these things observed exist in their proper size all the time, it becomes a matter of how we are looking at them. Thus, if that which is true of the Cosmos is already established, we cannot do anything about it no matter how we look. The only thing left for us to do is to discover how we can enjoy more of that which Is and how to share in the Wholeness which is a permanent reality.

Since we are all permanent living beings within a vast realm of continuing experiences, it behoves us to be in the position to share the nature of the Whole. Since we have evidence of our continual process of manifested experiences (of whatever sort) it seems quite odd that many, through lack of cooperation, continue to create conditions which they learn to hate. This is the state of self-willfulness, the condition wherein a person makes a demand upon his environment for selfish ends rather than seeking cooperation that the right conditions might come about. In this situation, one desires that the world conform to his own requirements instead of letting it conform to the rightful conditions for the mass.

Many volumes have been written about the "races and the races" and doctrines put about concerning man's progress through the mineral world to his present state, and much confusion exists regarding the correct understanding of these things.

For example, it is useless your trying to imagine that you were once a diamond, a daisy or a rabbit! Take a look at this globe - is it not like a many-splendoured garment veiling an interior? You are not the seas, flowers, birds and animals in one sense, yet you are hiding behind them seemingly as a Whole. Because you, as an

individual, are really the Whole Man-God at Source, you have not traversed through four kingdoms, but rather you have manifested through these particular veils or garments as a whole, because that which we experience through the senses is merely the "activity field" of the Complete Intelligent Organism which we really are. Unless we can view the process from the understanding of Wholeness, we miss out and fail to understand the truth about our universe. The "four kingdoms" do not exist as boundaries or grades of intelligence or even form. When you look into the heart of a diamond, a daisy or a rabbit you behold the Whole there, not a little soul doing his own thing. As we have said, all form is likened to the surface of one level of activity only, therefore that life which ensouls the diamond, the daisy or the rabbit or a man is complete and whole at that point in time and space. We do not have, nor can we have, the Whole sleeping in the mineral, dreaming in the vegetable, and so on. We have the Fullness of the Godhead operating at all times in every place. When one comes to God realization he quickly sees that he has never been an isolated unit but the Whole all the time, and that this state existed before he realized it. Therefore, it is only a matter of human speculation and misunderstanding which holds that one has to evolve or graduate from one place or condition to another. This is the time and space factor again. We have to forget about our own idea of isolation to realize the Whole. One has to forget "grades", "stages", "levels" and "degrees" to realize the Whole. because it is man who sets these limitations on himself. If you look at what Paul says in Colossians Chapter 2 you will see that he also taught this truth.

We, as humans, speak of "spiritual" experiences, "psychic" experiences, "religious" experiences, and so on, but really, as we have said, all life is a continuity of experience which is actually the activity of the Self. There is never anything "special" about these experiences, and the kinds of experiences we have depends upon how we live and act. When one labels or catagorizes his experiences he does not understand the true nature of the universe because all experiences are merely formulated in the light energy field, except, of course, the ultimate experience of the Self across the abyss.

Experiences had whilst under the influence of so-called "soma drinks" and other drugs are only effects gained by disorientating the sensory frequencies received via. the physical body. As for experiencing God - well, since He is really everywhere, whatever we do we can never be away from Him.

Let us deal with a few illusions about illusions!

The world of form is not illusion as such because it is the activity of God in manifestation. The illusion, then, is man's concept of it. This concept consists of man's theories regarding the nature, properties and laws operating within this field of manifestation or activity. Such an illusion exists because of the limited scope of the physical senses. Because these false and inadequate views have become accepted as realities, man dwells in an area of experience or a "world" which is the result of, or is built up on, these suppositions. Because these suppositions can be proved false in the presence of Reality or Truth, or that which is found to be the true nature of life itself, man is said to dwell in the illusion. Contributions to the illusion include the following concepts:

- (a) That man is a soul limited within a physical body.
- (b) That the "animal nature" indulged in by humans is the true nature of man.
- (c) That the causes of the troubles and diseases experienced by man are to be found in the world of effects.
- (d) That the answer to any question raised by man is to be found by using the senses as a means of investigation.

The student occultist might now ask, "What should I do then? Use my E.S.P.?" It can be seen from what we have said that as Extra Sensory Perception is precisely what its name suggests, this method is also open to criticism because of its limitations. The same goes for investigation by so-called astral projection or, again, by using the mental vehicle. Once you can dispense with the use of any vehicle you

are then entirely stripped down to the exercise of the faculties of the true Self and it becomes You who experiences all things and You who knows, and you learn that "vehicles" are really modes of expression within your own consciousness wherein you enjoy and communicate with the realms of activity. You are also in a position to know exactly what you want to know.

People say, "How can we get proof of what you say?"

If you are not a naturalist you cannot name the birds and the flowers. You have to live the life of a naturalist to discern the joys and the laws of nature. So it is with us. You have to live according to God's ways before you can recognise and understand His world, and that is what we are really asking you to do.

The true art of all initiates lies in putting "facts" to the test. One never immediately accepts or rejects any source of knowledge no matter how irrelevant it might seem. He tries and tests for proofs; in fact, he is more scientific and exacting than those who call themselves scientists. Truth can be proved, but many facts can be shown to be the truth because it is possible to "prove" anything by using sensory methods. Because of the nature of the energy upholding forms, this energy takes on the exact thought patterns of the thinker; therefore, this is not a reliable source of investigation.

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Blade stands as a voice echoing from the past, fulfilling the present and looking forward to the future of man's glorious heritage, trusting that some of you are prepared to respond to the impulses from the Source which are reaching out to you at the present time.

You need not seek him out personally if you do not wish to, but you can begin where you are to understand the realities of life.

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Number Twelve

We have talked much about "inner levels" and "planes", and we have said that this Order operates from the "inner planes". What do we mean by this?

The "physical level" is that area of conscious awareness perceived and understood via the medium of the senses of the body through which we are now operating. The "physical body" and "physical world" are really no more solid, as it were, than the next level of which we are not conscious at the moment. This brings us back to what we said about the Continuity of Consciousness.

We live in an entirely "spiritual" creation or area of activity which is manifested from the Source or Centre of Universal Consciousness. All manifestation or activity is comprised of what we could call, at this stage, "thought substance" or light energy pulsating at different frequencies.

By "inner levels" we mean that there are countless other worlds of experience which are just as "solid" and real as is this world to the perceptive faculties of those who live and operate in those spheres. Thus, from this particular "level", another world or area is contacted by becoming aware of or experiencing it equally as real whilst still operating at this level. To achieve this expanded state of awareness one has to loosen oneself from the binding illusions which firmly attach him to one area of his own consciousness or function, for just as you are reading this now and this talk comes to you from, say, London, it is only another area of your own expanded consciousness at this level keeping you informed of knowledge you are desiring to understand. Elade is merely another facet of your own conscious awareness informing you about yourself at this level. Because Elade is an intelligence which has incarnated into this level from his own area of function, he keeps you informed that man's consciousness is unlimited in scope. Throughout the whole Cosmos and this Solar System the same rule applies. The Gods or Super-Intelligences do not use space-ships or flying saucers to visit us in order to help us, but use the normal and natural methods of contact. If a "God" wants to bring certain knowledge to Earth from his own sphere he comes to us as a "human". Check your records. When you look up into the sky at night and see millions of stars you are looking at the "physical" level of other Gods. This is how it appears to you through the senses and you have a feeling of a great distance. In fact, the great distance experienced externally is matched by the experience you can have internally when you expand your own awareness.

This "human level" for example, is "inner level" to Elade. Levels do not exist in reality. It is a matter of where our own area of function lies.

There is a continual process of some intelligences moving their areas of function, especially those that are "more advanced" or who have released themselves to a greater awareness of the Universe. Thus the "angel" sphere from which Elade has come is only another facet of your own consciousness of which you are not fully aware, and he is the vehicle or form by which such information is revealed to you. You believe that you are a human because all that which you can understand is "human" to you. However, you are really something greater, and it is only by releasing yourself from your present illusions of separateness that you can become yourself as you really are.

So you can see that the "calling down" or "invoking" of the Gods is no mystery because they are, in reality, thought forms in manifestation to us of our own expanded awareness. The "Order of Melchisedek" represents the particular area of expanded awareness you have or may acquire. Now you see that it does not represent a body but rather a state to which you have belonged all the time without knowing it. The "knowledge" attributed to this particular "level" is yours for the asking and all that is required of you is to be Yourself in expression.

We would like to add, however, that this Order was once an organised body. It was a selective, very advanced pre-flood mystery school and those of that group who achieved the final mystery made it possible for many others to be caught up into their radiated energy producing the great teachers of the post-Flood era.

It is an operating area of activity within this Solar System and beyond and it will continue to be linked with the Earth until the last "mortal" discovers his "immortality". From this area, teachers and agents come and go. Because the Earth is your present area of function you should become fully conscious of your true status. This rules out getting information from what you call the "psychic levels". Teacher and student meet in the flesh and understanding must come in the flesh.

Orders represent states of ordered life or experience within the Whole and this manifests in a particular sphere as "groups" or "communities" of beings who comprise and imbibe that particular type of consciousness to which they belong. The Order of Melchisedek exists as such a "group" on this planet and beyond, and those who come to us through the hands of the Agent graduate, as it were, through to this Order. There are, of course, other orders of beings with their own particular kinds of work, and "students" of other systems graduate through to them. To which group you eventually graduate depends upon your own path of approach according to your inherent make-up or desires.

To acquire the Melchisedek expansion of consciousness it is necessary to dispense with the physical modes or tools used in meditation and magic to establish a concrete pattern of harmony in Earthly experience. Once you become released from physical or sensual attachments the process of expansion accelerates, and we have "teachers" or "instructors" at all "levels". These teachers and instructors are actually the agents of your unconscious to your conscious self. Thus Elade represents your teacher or instructor through to this Melchisedek level, and you will have to dissolve him in future to go on to greater glories. So to make "Oaths" or acts of obedience to existing Archons or Hierophants in any school is to place a limitation upon your own progress in the process of unlimited awareness.

What we have tried to point out is that there is really only One Level of consciousness and this is the area of God's own activity showing in an unlimited number of forms. The "Gods", Agents or Messengers are intelligences or beings who have expanded their awareness to such an extent that they can come and go through any area they wish, and do so mainly to teach and to show the less experienced how to enjoy some more of God's Kingdom.

This involves the laying-down of certain "rules" or "laws" to which pupils must adhere if they want the same abilities. No-one can break the rules or barter his way in because as one can only play a certain tune on a piano by depressing the right notes, so there is only one way to achieve God realisation.

The term "inner level" refers to a particular realm of your own expanded consciousness which you are not aware of at this point in time and space. In reality these other realms are just as real and true as the one you now experience within your physical body, and the way to get out of the narrow field is to become attached to none. We have tried to show you the correct of doing this in these talks, and if you are a person of resolve you are required to prove this out.

In support of what we have said, we refer you to John 14:1-4, John 10:16, Romans 12:4-5 and Romans 13:1-8.

When we plunge deeper into this teaching it becomes known as The Angelic Doctrine and it is very interesting, but let us heed the warning in The Bhagavad Gita: "They who worship the Shining Ones go to the Shining Ones; to the Ancestors go the Ancestor Worshipers; to the Elementals go those whose sacrifice to the Elementals; but My (the Most High God) worshippers come unto Me."

"What have the angels power to do? All things. For on them is all wisdom of God and all His art. The angels are pure and clean, without sleep in an eternal waking state. The body of man is imprisoned in sleep, therefore he must be awakened if he would attain to the wisdom of angels, that is to say, to the wisdom and art of God ..." (Paracelsus)

We should now be clear on the following points:

God has fragmented Himself into His creation, which is the very essence of

nature of Himself.

Man is the Son of God because he is the perfect replica in miniature of his Parent. Man contains all the possibilities to become as Almighty as his Father, but as there are other Sons and Creator Gods, man must reserve himself to an act of sharing in and cooperating with the Whole. This is where a correct understanding of Love comes in.

Man possesses the ability to go in and out of all worlds and he achieves this when he is attached to none. He belongs to the great communion of all intelligent life and shares his experiences with "Super Intelligences" and the "least" alike.

When a Great Teacher enters a certain sphere of activity, or "incarnates" into a world, he gives it a boost, or supercharges it with his own radiation, which speeds up the process of awareness in that particular world. This manifests as, on the one hand, a great revival of spiritual interest, and, on the other, as a breaking down of the existing systems.

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Conclusion

Here is a little study exercise to show how every religion is really the same at heart.

Each religion has its own doctrines and dogmas, its numerous sects, cults and denominations.

All are agreed on the necessity of a form of discipline.

All religious systems, sects and cults are humanly organised.

Whatever man does, the Truth remains.

If there are laws to be observed, then it is only by these laws that the Reality can be experienced.

The Bhagavad Gita

"He whose reason is everywhere unattached, the self subdued, controlling desires, goeth by renunciation (discipline) to the supreme perfection of freedom from obligation. How he who hath attained perfection obtaineth the Eternal, that highest state of wisdom, learn thou only from Me and precisely."

Comment: The "path" is warm with love and not quite as cold as it appears.

The Dhammapada

"All that we are is the result of what we have thought; it is founded on our thoughts, it is made up of our thoughts. If a man speaks or acts with a pure thought happiness follows him like a shadow (the overshadowing) that never leaves him."

See Psalm 91.

Manual of Zen Buddhism

"There is a Reality even prior to heaven and earth. Indeed it has no form, much less a name. Eyes fail to see it. It has no voice for ears to detect. To call it Mind or Buddha violates its nature, for it then becomes like a visionary flower in the air. It is not Mind or Buddha; absolutely quiet, and yet illuminating in a mysterious way. It allows itself to be perceived only by the clear-eyed. It is Dharma truly beyond form and sound. It is Tao having nothing to do with words."

See Isaiah 64:4.

Sayings of The Tibetan Lamas

"To him who knoweth the true nature of things, what need is there of a teacher? To him who hath recovered from illness, what need is there of a physician? To him who hath crossed the river, what need is there of a boat?"

See Matthew 9:12.

"The astronomer maketh calculations and divinations concerning the motions of the moon and the stars, but he doth not divine that in his own household his own womenfolk, being at variance, are misbehaving."

See Isaiah 66:1.

Sayings of Confucius

"It is only the able and virtuous man who can attain to this perfection and can sacrifice when he attained to it."

See II Peter I:5-7.

The Zend Avesta

"One may heal with holiness, one may heal with the Law, one may heal with the knife, one may heal with herbs, one may heal with the Holy Word; amongst all remedies this one is the healing one that heals with the Holy Word; this one it is that will best drive away sickness from the body of the faithful; for this one is the best healing of all remedies."

"You shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free." - Jesus

Mohammedan Scriptures

"He sees without causes when his eyes have become penetrating. You who are bound by sense, pay you attention to causes. He whose soul is beyond natural qualities is in position of breaking through causes."

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." - Jesus

The Book of the Dead

"The Osiris Nu (the Osirified author of the text) is strong both upon earth and in the underworld (the mists); and the Osiris Nu shall not tarry, and he shall not lie without motion in this land forever. Being doubly beautiful shall see with his two eyes, and he shall hear with his two ears, rightly and truly. Osiris Nu is like unto Ra (in his image and likeness) and he sets in order the oars of his boat (he brings order) among those who are in the train of Nu. He doth not tell that which he has seen and does not tell that which he has heard in the secret places."

See Matthew 9:27-29.

See also Romans 12:1-2.

"For in and out, above, about, below,
'Tis nothing but a magic shadow-show,
Play'd in a box whose candle is the Sun,
Round which we phantom figures come and go."
- Omar Khayyam