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AN OPEN LETTER

THIS issue of the DIVINE LIFE is devoted mainly to the Call of the Council of Uranian Mystics, and subsequent correspondence relating to the same, for the purpose of giving those who desire to become members of the Divine Life Center, Lodge II., of the A. U. M., an opportunity to send in their applications for membership. One application, from an advanced soul, has already been received, with the suggestion that the Call of the Council be published in this issue.

While THE DIVINE LIFE will go on in the even tenor of its ways, in its own trend, it will have additional matter of interest to those who are seeking the way to the goal, the Christ-consciousness, through practical spiritual development. All real soul growth comes from *within*; the teacher merely furnishing practical aids and right methods for unfoldment; thus assisting nature in accelerating the awakening and quickening of the inner, or soul, faculties—termed the spiritual birth. Each stage of development is dependent on the disciple's ability to grasp the laws of spiritual unfoldment; and this only comes by degrees as the pupil develops the inner sight and hearing as he advances on the Path. A word to the wise is sufficient. THE DIVINE LIFE will continue to give all matters of interest, of the outer court of the Urania Mission, Lodge I., of the A. U. M.

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A CALL FROM THE COUNCIL OF URANIAN MYSTICS

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DEAR SISTER CELESTIA—Your little message from the Divine Life Center is receiving an immediate response. Dear Heart, the fields are indeed "white for the harvest," and the faithful laborers are gathering, although few in number, yet, mighty in their strength of purpose, in love and hope immortal; rest assured that no soul ever served faithfully, ever walked according to the Light given that they were not recognized by the Holy Ones of earth as well as Those watching from the higher spheres. The very angels keep watch and ward over the lonely workers, toiling on apparently unknown, unrecognized. Well may you say we can do any thing, every thing, for the Mas-

ter's sake ; I, too, have had to learn to set type [another bond of sympathy.] We have our own press here on the Desert ; and it is our duty and pleasure to serve in any capacity wherever the demand is most urgent and the supply least in evidence.

I am transmitting the following message from the Council :

«Let not thy heart be troubled, we go before thee to prepare the way ; eventually, obstacles will be overcome, and thy path made smoother. The Divine Life Center was divinely appointed to its mission ; be not troubled ; you are of the new day, the diviner expression of Love and Wisdom. The founding of the Heart Center on the Desert has just passed its cycle of gestation (seven years), this period of Silence was necessary ; the natural prelude to the establishing of the outer sub-Lodges on this Continent of the Uranian Mystics. Lodge I., Urania Mission, has but recently been established. The door is open to receive the Divine Life Center and its faithful laborers as Lodge II., A. U. M. of U. S. A.; this message carries with it all love and all that stands for fraternal unity and helpfulness. The Spirit and the Bride say come. Peace be unto thee, beloved Daughter of Urania.»

Perhaps a word of explanation may be necessary to a clearer understanding of Their message ; the reference to the period of Silence refers to the seven years we have worked from this Heart Center, without making any public propaganda, or effort to reach the people on this lower plane, with the single exception of one call and this was

for the purpose of giving those who had been taught on higher planes the opportunity to come in touch with the A. U. M. on this plane, and formally unite with the Center to which they Karmically belonged. The Mission of the A. U. M. is the carrying forward the work started by that great Loyal Soul whom we know as H. P. B., it is our portion to restore to Christianity its lost Mysteries, and to show that it is identical with that of every great world religion ; we know, and will prove that the Blessed Master of Nazereth was indeed a Prince Adept, a true Son of God, that His Crucifixion was a triumph and not a sacrifice as the Church believes. The Lodge will restore, to those able and willing to accept it, the most pure and ancient Religion, the worship which prevailed during the reign of the Sons of God, on this planet.

I may not have time right away to send you a list of names, as I am very busy preparing to go to URANIA MISSION. This place we intend to close for a period of time, seven years perhaps, as it has served its first purpose; it will not, however, be closed before about the last of Aug., so your letter will reach me as usual here. Should you feel led to accept the call of the Council, I will transmit your answer. As soon as we begin our public work from URANIA MISSION and henceforth, all Lodges formed will, if desired, be noticed on all publications sent out by the A. U. M. We have quite a number of publishers who are Associates doing good Outer-Court work. There is much more I could say, but time so presses busy ones, and I know you will feel intuitively many things that are in my heart to express. The light of my soul goes out to greet

thine, and in abiding Love, I bid Peace be unto thee,
Daughter of URANIA.

BENEDICTIONS UPON ALL LIFE.

Lovingly and Fraternally, SISTER ONFA.

DEAR SISTER ONFA: Your return message brought tears of joy to my eyes; and while your letter received an immediate reply, through the Silence, the message from the Council has been under consideration, and the time for my answer has arrived :

While I am more than willing to work on alone "unknown and unrecognized," still, if it is the MASTER'S will and I can do more for *Them*, on the outer plane, by entering the "open door," and the Divine Life Center becoming Lodge II. A. U. M., of U. S. A., I hereby accept the Call of the Council,—in the name of the MASTER—whom it is my greatest desire to serve.

Sincerely and Fraternally, CELESTIA ROOT LANG.

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Beloved Sister Celestia—

I too shed tears when your precious message of Silence reached me, and I poured out my heart in thanksgiving for the Light of His Name that had again united our Path, although for the past seven years we have been much together on the higher plane, and especially for a good many months past have I been often with you in spirit on this outer field of endeavor. As indicated by the message from

the Council, the past seven years has been a period of Silence, although the work has been carried on actively and our membership has spread to many lands, yet we are "The few" and this but the dawn of our call to come forth before the world as a living embodiment of Brotherhood, "Children of One sweet Mother."

There are three distinct degrees, or stages of unfoldment. The first are the Seekers who must be taught the fundamental principles as we know them, and gradually be led toward the ideal of Christ-Consciousness. The second are those ready to take up the "Life," ready to enter upon the training of the novitiate who hopes to become an accepted Chela. The third are those who work under direct instructions or influence from the Masters. Those of the first and second degrees sign applications for Associateship in the A. U. M. For those of the second degree when ready for the practical aids suggested or given to the Chela by his teacher, there is "The Pledge of Silence," which merely covers the practical methods or technical methods of Yoga practice furnished the Teachers by the Masters. All members of the third degree are pledged in the Supreme Lodge, and there are neither outer applications nor pledges for them: their names are recorded in the Book of Life; they are KNOWN.

When I have to some extent explained to you the purpose of the Heart Center, you will readily understand and know best how to serve in your own individual way the purpose of the Masters. There are many details into which I have not time to enter at present but will from time to time. We know that on this Continent there is forming

the new race. From the beginning of racial existence on this planet, wherever the new nucleus forms, there is an effort on the part of the Lodge to found a Center, in some chosen locality for the purpose of centering there, this to be protected either by the environment of so strong a guardian wall that protection is secured. A few of the Brothers or a Master might take up residence there and thus come in closer touch with the new-born of the race. Such a place must be entirely self-supporting, and able to shelter and care for all such Chelas as the Master or Brothers might desire to call under personal training, there being no financial obligation whatever on the part of the disciple, nothing but to render such helpfulness as his or her own heart through love might dictate. From such a Heart Center all helpfulness of whatsoever nature must ever be Love's free offering, and all received must come in like manner. Every effort on the part of those appointed to such a place, must be directed to preparing the place to this end. The purchase of the needed land, (we own ours), the building of shelters, the planting of fruits, and all such products as are suited to the maintenance of such a Center. URANIA MISSION is the place they have secured for this purpose. The property is an old abandoned Indian mission. The climate is ideal, the soil is rich and there is an abundance of water with also water rights from the Government's great reservoir of Elephant Butte on the Rio Grande. There is a large old adobe house with a small chapel connected; both are nearly in ruins, but the massive walls will stand a hundred years and the repairing is only a simple matter. We will begin cultivating as soon

as possible. In this beautiful valley to which we go, there are no Americans save those of our own Order. The rest of the settlers are Mexicans, a kindly, helpful people. This place here will be closed for future use. I think with this explanation you will fully understand the relationship of the whole body to its Heart Center. As indicated by your Lodge number, Divine Life Center is the first Group to form; up to the present all members are under direct assistance and instruction from this Center Lodge: we are all but sub-Lodges of the Great Lodge. . . . There are many Brothers and Sisters much more highly evolved than we, from whom we receive help in many different departments of work. But beyond all—when we are born to the «Resurrection in Christ»—it is at the feet of our Beloved we kneel, and are, henceforth, a living witness to His promise, Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the age.»

The official head, of each Sub-Lodge is known as Chief Councillor and may select his associates. All the A. U. M. Lodges are at-one in basic principles, but perfect individual freedom as to government of their individual Lodge; and all will ever render loving helpfulness to each other, and may at all times look to the Heart Center for such help and council as they are able to give. Each person joining any Lodge will be expected to send his name, and such data as the application blank calls for, to the Heart Center, that they may be inscribed on the Book; also receive whatever the heart has to give. I enclose you the Application blank that you may see the data re-

CONFUSION OF TERMS

MUCH of our spiritual ignorance arises from the confusion of terms. It is the greatest obstacle in the blending of the Eastern Wisdom and Christianity. A perfect understanding of the two terms, Buddha, and Christ, would do away with much of this confusion and set the mind right. Buddha means enlightened, illuminated; an enlightened or illuminated consciousness. Gautama was a Buddha; the term Christ means enlightened, illuminated consciousness, to express which we use the term soul-consciousness or Christ-consciousness; then Jesus was a Christ, a Buddha, and Gautama was a Christ. Another cause of confusion is fixing in the mind a generic term to an individual. Now the mind needs to let go of this idea; it can never grasp the Impersonal Self while it is held to the individual. I might almost say that the distinction between the esoteric teaching and the exoteric lies in this very distinction. In the exoteric or Eye Doctrine, Jesus as Christ is worshiped as an Individual; while in the esoteric or Heart Doctrine, Christ is Impersonal. It is clinging to our old ideas that blinds our eyes. When we have once cut loose, it is just as easy to think in terms of Buddha, or Brahm, as of Christ, as it is all One,—the Higher Self, the Impersonal. When we have come into soul-consciousness all such distinctions pass away.

 RAJA YOGA

KARMA YOGA, Bhakta Yoga, Raja Yoga and Gnana Yoga are the four methods prescribed in Hindu Religion for the realization of the Infinite. Of these, Raja

Yoga is the psychological method of realization, and is what may be called, the scientific method. It is based on the analysis of the mind. It seems to appeal to many minds more powerfully than the other Yogas.

The human mind is the most wonderful thing we know, and, no matter how much we study it, there seem always to be depths which our greatest efforts appear unable to fathom. There is a certain attraction attaching to a new method of investigating this marvellous instrument which we call mind, of detecting and of explaining its subtle workings.

The object of Raja Yoga is twofold : first, to understand the mind and its workings, and, second, to control it ; and, succeeding in this, to go beyond the mind itself and reach the one background of mind and of all things else.

It must be evident to every one who thinks at all, that it is a tremendous task not to be lightly thought of, not one in which speedy success should be anticipated. To become proficient in any one of the physical sciences is a life work. It is not a matter of a few days, or weeks, to gain even the smallest mastery over so subtle and elusive a thing — the mind.

As already pointed out, the object of this Yoga is to reach that true knowledge of the Self, and to enter upon it for ends lower than this, is not only a waste of time but is also injurious. Even if it were possible to acquire great powers, these are sources of greater temptations to error than any that can now assail us. The greater the height, the greater and more fatal the fall.

The safe course is to fix the mind firmly on the true

goal, paying no attention to lesser things. The foundation upon which every attempt to realize the Divine must rest is absolute purity of mind. Every religion in the world tells us, in some form or other, that only the pure in heart can see God.

Almost every one who attempts to make his mind fix itself on any one subject, finds that he is not able to do this easily. His mind never wanders so much as when he tries to fix it. Only by patience and perseverance can mental control be gained. A regular course has been prescribed whereby slowly mastering one step after another, we can conquer this unstable mind and force it to do our bidding.

Raja Yoga is divided into eight steps, and is also called the «Eight-fold» Yoga. It requires to be regularly practised. When the power of complete concentration has been gained, and when this has been joined to the highest form of meditation, the goal is reached. The goal is what may be called «Samadhi,» or the super-conscious plane.

There have been in all ages, and in all lands, men who have claimed to have reached this super-conscious state.

Their testimony about it agrees in a striking manner, considering the wide differences of race, creed and intellectual development which separate them. On one point all agree. That point is, that there is something to be reached by the human mind. What that something shall be called is not a matter of perfect agreement, but, that it is life supreme, all admit. The Hindu Rishis tell of this state. Buddha called it «Enlightenment»--«Nirvana»--

«the sum of all delights.» The Mohamedan Sufis reached it. The Christians attained it. The testimony of these, one and all, claims that it is a state of transcendant happiness.

While we believe that there is such a state, we naturally feel desirous of reaching it. All things desirable have to be paid for, and this state, the most desirable of all, has, perhaps, the highest price. Each must win it for himself, and no one can give that happiness to us.

The practice of the Raja Yoga begins with certain physical trainings. A rigid system of morality of the highest order has to be adhered to. Raja Yoga enables us to use the subtle powers of perception in the study of things beyond the reach of our senses. It has specially to do with the meditative side of religion. It strengthens the will by continuous drill. It cultivates the imagination. Lastly, absolute mental concentration is gained, which leads us to Nature's secrets.

Raja Yoga is designed to teach the only real religion. Every human being has the right to realize the true religion, and if he perseveres in the search he must succeed. With energy and practice, we shall surely realize our oneness with the Divine.

R. S. Swarnavelu, in «Kalpaka,» India.

«Look only on that which is invisible alike to the inner and outer sense.»—my Impersonal Self—the inner Master, Krishna, or Christos.

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quired. This symbol used was for the period of Silence, and will not be in use in this manner any longer, but in its place will be used the Symbol of the whole Association, and symbolize our whole pilgrimage of evolution.

I am requested to tell you that you may publish the call of the Council, also any information, contained in this letter concerning the Heart Center, you may see fit to give out, you are at liberty to use your own discretion.

I feel so impelled to pass on to you a recent message received from a dearly Beloved Holy One of India, sent as an outward greeting on the completion of my seventh year here; «Go on Sister dear and soon you will find yourself at the lotus feet of our Lord, forever beyond delusion, the veil lifted before all so-called mysteries.» It is not often that I receive any outward letters or tokens, but occasionally on such anniversaries as the closing of the cycle of Silent service. Many letters came from different parts of India, giving loving encouragement for the next step.

The Uranian date is that of the establishment of the Great Lodge, as you may have gleaned from the booklet on Evolution. It would be well to give both the address of Heart Center, Lodge No. I., URANIA MISSION, Via Las Cruces, N. M., and the full address of Divine Life Center, Lodge No. II., 255 Oakwood Blvd., Chicago, Ill, so that readers may communicate with either.

As I explained in my letter, all that goes forth from the Heart Center is sent free; this need not necessarily be the case with you. All should understand the law of ex-

change, but all do not live up to it, and should perhaps be reminded to make offerings.

There is coming an ever increasing demand for our literature in India, among the English Associates, they seek to learn of us because of the old karmic tie. There is much I wish to write but for lack of time.

With abiding Love and Peace, fondly and fraternally,
SISTER ONFA.

URANIA MISSION,

Via Las Cruces, New Mexico.

BELOVED SISTER CELESTIA—Yes, dear heart, you are to go on with Divine Life Center, just as you are guided; for you are as much under the influence of the Great Lodge as I am, even if you are not as yet in outward conscious touch. I will quote you from a letter received from One of the Holy Ones of India, by the same Post that brought your letter; and, Sister dear, I am told to tell you that, what applies to this Heart Center Lodge, and its Chief Councillor (myself), is also for Divine Life Center Lodge, and its Chief Councillor (yourself). «We must make our Lord's name our refuge; hold fast to the Light that shineth *within*, and go on working under His command; we must realize that we are chosen agents and our works are His; He is the Piper; we are the pipes; let Him play the divine harmony (works) through the instruments of His choice. Remember, Sister dear, take no responsibility upon your own head; seek not to be master of the works wrought through you; for unburdened the pilgrim walks fast and steadily to his goal. . . . Remember that thou-

ands of hungry hearts are depending on, and awaiting, your especial care and help; vast is the field of thy mission and difficult, but He will make smooth thy path, and henceforth, I will be with you, and you will feel my presence and help, now with redoubled energy begin real work thy force will be doubled.» This Brother, who has sent this message, we know as H. B. Sister dear, let us obey our Holy one's words. What have we to do with responsibility? I simply go on working as the day brings forth its duties; and I have witnessed many «Modern miracles» and so will you, dear heart, for in His name such are being constantly wrought. The Lodge regards you as a Third Degree Associate; hence your appointment as Chief Councillor; for where there is no Third Degree Associate, the Group select their Chief Councillor; but only a Third Degree Associate forms a Center, alone, under directions, either conscious or unconscious, of the Great Lodge. You may sign and send one of the Applications; it is a mere formality, for the sake of proper records of the Heart Center; but your name was registered by the request of the Council, many months ago, in the Records of the Inner Sanctuary.

Dear heart, URANIA is the MOTHERHOOD of the Universe; therefore all inclusive; every manifestation in the universe is Hers, since She is the root of all substance and the Soul of all things. Through Her we have our Individualized consciousness. From the Eternal Flame we came as undetached Sparks; sharing the One Consciousness; unseparate and uncreate or unmanifest; She, URANIA, gave to us our individualized separate consciousness of

«I am I.» The Lodge teaches that beyond the Ever Virgin Mother of the Universe is the ABSOLUTE, the Rootless Root; UNKNOWN and UNKNOWABLE; SHE, URANIA, is this VIRGIN MOTHER. Jesus of Nazereth called HER «Bride» when alluding to Her to the multitude, or to His exoteric students or disciples, because Her name was, and is, to sacred for the uninitiated to comprehend; for in connection with the knowledge of the Motherhood. . . is revealed the highest esoteric knowledge of which we will ever be capable of receiving in our mortal forms; we have but to remember that SHE is the MOTHER or manifestor of all the Sons of God; they but «Fashion» the substance She has made manifest. She supports and sustains all the substance in the universe: and all the instinctive intelligence in all Nature is Her Personality; while the Soul or Over-Soul, as Emerson calls it, and the Intellect is Her Individuality. With this briefest possible explanation of the manner in which URANIA is regarded by the Adepts, you will understand why we use the especial terms with all our literature, for, in time, to many will be revealed the deeper truths, concerning the teachings of all the great Masters; and more especially to us the occult teachings of Jesus,—the strong meats which He gave only to His initiated or Pledged disciples,—and it is by especial request that we use the closing lines; and the Uranian date is never to be omitted on the cover of our literature.

As yet I have not had time to finish your precious offering, «Behold the Christ.» I can only say that my soul went out to you in silent embrace; there are no words to express this unity of love.

Know you will be interested in hearing this. During the seven years here, nearly all the time, I have had with me a little girl of the new race, conscious born, now in her eighth year; one of the last Bible lessons we had together, I reading and she explaining, was the ten virgins, she gave the identical explanation that you gave, and used almost word for word; she is now with her mother. I immediately sent her a copy of this verse. She was especially fond of the Bible and of ancient history, always explaining these as though she had an actual part in the lives of the times and spoke from memory.

Dear heart, give my greeting and love to the Sister soul of whom you spoke. You are fortunate to know one such and to have the strength of this unity. With abiding Love, Peace be unto you.

Fondly and Fraternally,

SISTER ONFA.

Mrs. Celestia Root Lang—

Dear Friend: Your book, Behold the Christ, received. Many thanks.

I have read it with great interest, and it has been helpful in solving some puzzling questions. There are moments when the awakened soul is bewildered at all the strange experiences and new conditions, that are springing out of the inner volcanic upheaval.

To reach the inner adjustment and harmony divine, it needs divinest determination, continuous labor, faith supreme, and a love that passes all understanding.

We all have to pass through the various stages of evolution, until arriving at the one great Goal—yes, we can reach it here on earth. Your book, and magazine, "The Divine Life," will be a glorious guide for many a traveller toward the heavenly land. To become divine, like God himself, here on earth, in the material body, to bring the Ideal into expression and translate the mortal into Godhead—you have set yourself a high task, my dear friend. Will the heavenly visions of the Great Saints be fulfilled? Shall the hope of the Prophets come true? Immortally here on earth, in this our body, death overcome through love, divinest love—Amen. I am taking the greatest interest in your magazine, "The Divine Life." Let me have the next number as soon as it appears. You are doing a great and noble work. Your writings are like the forerunners of a new gospel—the gospel of Love Divine. May your book illumine many a reader.

Yours for the uplifting of Humanity.

J. B.