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The Association of Uranian Mystics appeals to those who have outgrown mere organizations, ceremony and ritual; and realize that their spiritual advancement depends upon their own efforts, now, as much as it did when they first learned their alphabets in school; though the Uranides teach those who make effort to learn, yet each must himself bring out of himself the greater teachings concerning his Self. This Fraternity joins hands and assists all other efforts being made by the Great Lodge to accomplish that which they have set out to accomplish, and therefore are not at enmity with any other body that may be interested in the uplift of the race. Those who desire the Higher or Divine life, the higher vibration—soul-consciousness—will be attracted to us and will remain true to their own Higher Self. Such as belong to the mere surface seekers will never care for more than the teachings of the First Degree; others again, will cling to us as particles of steel cling to the magnet. These are the souls that will make the Uranian Mystics a name that will sound with an echo down the corridors of time. Embodying as they do, in the Outer and Inner Court, the esoteric Wisdom of the Ancient Mysteries, the Great Masters and Prince Adepts, thus combining the whole in one great central shrine at whose altar all bow in reverence to the Highest.

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## SPIRITUAL BIRTH

“**H**OLD fast to that which has neither substance nor existence,” which is a part of Me, my own Higher Self.

Whereever, whenever, and in whosoever, the Spiritual Birth takes place, then is the Higher Self, Krishna, or Christos—the Christ—born into the world from age to age; in that person, or persons, the consciousness unfolds by steady growth through the seven portals, or births, until it becomes the Christ-consciousness—illumination. In Jesus, the Christ-consciousness was pre-eminent; the lower self being completely merged into the Higher; he lived in and had his speech from the Higher Self. “He spake as never man spake”; that is, as man the personal self never spake; thus his speech, like that of the prophets, carried authority; it came from the same source—God-consciousness.

## THE URANIAN MYSTICS

**T**HIS Sisterhood and the Brotherhood formed on similar lines constitute the Central Heart of the Order of the Golden Rule, and are composed of women and men who have reached, through effort and aspiration, a stage in evolution where spiritual growth and unfoldment must take precedence over all other interests in life; who have pledged their own immortal Selves to devote all the energy and power of their lives to the uplifting and betterment of their fellowmen, regardless of nationality, race or creed; who firmly believe that the religion of every human being, if sincerely followed, is the manifestation of the inmost soul, the essence of the spiritual Self of that being, and as such is holy ground. None are able to enter the Pathway of the Uranian Mystics who have not attained to this state of human consciousness. Having reached this point, they are brought under practical instructions for soul development. Soul sight and soul hearing are taught by scientific methods, followed by demonstrating the continuity of life beyond the change called death, through the conscious transition from the physical body on to the higher spheres of life. Each stage of development is dependent upon the disciple's ability to grasp the laws of spiritual unfoldment.

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**HEART CENTER, LODGE 1., A. U. M.**

ON the 7th, at 7 p. m., we held our first service in the little ruined Chapel. You must have felt the wave of Divine Life flowing out; you will know that the Holy Ones were present, the vibration reaching many waiting souls ;

and ever since letters have been pouring in bearing the date of that memorable night; many ties were renewed never before taken up in this incarnation; other Mystics brought into connection with us on the outer plane, those who are a part of this particular plan of the Great Lodge.

I enclose a letter received from an aged Unitarian Minister, I think he is about ninety, he is a real saint on this earth, his dear old face wears the light of illumination :

Santa Barbara, Cal., Oct. 7, 1908.

My dear Sister Onfa: It has been some little time, from a physical sense view of the matter, since your impress or psychic shadow presented itself in a signal manner before me until yesterday. So you are still engaged in the great moral and spiritual battle or struggle to uplift the race to the beautiful planes of light, truth, purity and Godly loveliness. Yes, I see that you are making your noble self heard, seen and felt, even far from your New Mexico home. Yes, such as you, who are few and far between, are selected, chosen, ordained to unseal life's book, and illustrate the spirit of the Golden Rule; as it has proved next to the impossible for the masculine side of the race of intelligence to do it, save one, the name and life of whom has held the pose of a Divine Mystic for over nineteen hundred years, as the calendar of time has marked it. I repeat, your Heaven appointed place is that of a modern mystic or spiritual illuminator. «The seed of the woman must bruise the serpent's head,» and I am quite sure the work, or mission, is to accomplish that victory. It may require the completion of the twentieth century and even more to accomplish the work; but it must and

will be done in the loving Father's own good time; and I presume you are one of the mystic prophets who are calling the people's attention to the great work that all must soon take part in its consummation; and you, yes, you are to be one of the Heaven inspired leaders in the grand salvative work. I am talking to your real spirit Self and not to the personal. Write me soon and direct to me at 1536 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, Cal.

Success to your in your every noble uplifting work.  
Yours in the spiritual bonds of the Golden Rule, now and ever.

M. E. TAYLOR.

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BELOVED SISTER ONFA :—In regard to forming Divine Life Center, Lodge II, A. U. M. First, is location ; and as the Great Lodge is located on the interior plane, all sub-Lodges of the Great Lodge must be likewise located ; hence, there will be no local *place* of meeting for the sub-Lodge, only the "upper room" or higher consciousness.

And, as the officers are known to be members of the Great Lodge, that is, they are Initiates, because they have *become* ; they have developed the "latent possibilities," the soul faculties, soul consciousness, in other words—Christ consciousness—they are those who have attained the "pure state"—Nirvana—and having made the great Renunciation, are willing to work on the outer plane for the sake of the younger humanity.

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the Chief Councilor. All the sub-Lodges arrange their own admission fees, and in every way conduct their Lodges independent of the Heart Center. It does not seem that it would be possible for the other sub-Lodges to establish and maintain their Centers without monetary offerings at stated intervals. It is not difficult for the Associate for himself or herself to know the degree to which they belong as explained in my former letter. The obligation of Teacher rests upon all, for we each teach by word or example those on the next rung of the ladder. Each Chief Councilor is free to give instructions of a practical nature to such as may seem ready, or so deemed by the Chief Councilor, designed to stimulate growth or unfoldment of soul-consciousness. Fraternally,                   SISTER ONFA.

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### ASSOCIATION OF URANIAN MYSTICS

*To Will, to Dare, to Do.*

**A**S a preface to this briefest possible outline of the principles followed by this Association, a word of explanation regarding the title under which this body of students of the ancient Wisdom Religion, or Theo-Sophia, will not be amiss. The name «Association of Uranian Mystics» was selected by the Great Lodge as one befitting this especial expression of activities being put forth for the betterment of humanity—Uranian or Universal—for into its ranks are received individuals, or already organized groups of workers, of all Races, Nationalities and Creeds, irrespective of Sex, Caste or Color. Any group or individual applicant will be received when found-

•duly and truly prepared, worthy and well qualified.

The Uranians are called Mystics because they delve into the mysterious realm of man's spiritual nature and into the supersensuous spheres. Their endeavor is to understand the Law of Correspondence—the correlation of man to the universe in which he lives—and to arouse and unfold the latent possibilities of Consciousness and Will Power, for it is alone through Consciousness and the Will to act that the supreme law of Love can ever be fulfilled or man become a Master Builder.

The Association of Uranian Mystics makes no claim of being the only direct effort of the Great Lodge, at present actively working for the uplifting of humanity, but they do claim, as an organized body, to have an especial work to do as a part of a great plan, and in perfect harmony and union with every other expression emanating from the same Parent Source that adheres strictly to the Positive or constructive Principles of Spiritual Unfoldment. The ethical teachings of the Uranides follow the precepts laid down in the Golden Rule, for this Rule is, and ever has been, the highest ethics of all great world religions. This section of the Association of Uranian Mystics is called the Outer Court, through which all students must pass ere they can hope to enter as Neophytes the Inner Court, where practical occultism begins, where every effort is directed toward awakening all the higher faculties, where the apprentice becomes the journeyman—the independent workman, for the unfoldment of his own Spiritual Consciousness, the reconstruction of his own temple of being. Constructive Methods are the basic principles or steps up which he mounts to a knowledge and use of

his sevenfold individuality. This school adheres strictly to the Positive Principles of Evolution, or unfolding, of man's latent possibilities, for it is the aim of the Neophyte to become a Master. Through this system of training he is placed forever beyond the possibility of subjection to the will of another, whether of carnate or decarnate entities. That the Uranides do attain to higher states of consciousness through this method of unfolding is proof of their connection and alignment with all Groups or Sub-Lodges of the Great Lodge, for all follow the same basic principles, differing only in technicalities connected with practical methods of training. They are at one in their recognition of the Universal Brotherhood of man, and in Moral Responsibility to live up to their highest possible conception of human fellowship. The Prince Adepts of the Great Lodge have through ages of practical experience found that for many students the "line of least resistance" lies in a thorough knowledge of the Law of Correspondence, hence the effort directed toward impressing upon the student's mind the absolute unity between every atom of the universe, and a knowledge of the opposite poles of the eternal energy, one acting as Positive or constructive, the other as Negative or Destructive. The Positive energy is ever busy building up new and higher forms of manifestations, ever assisting toward higher states of individual and racial consciousness. The Negative force leads to disintegration of forms, and to individual and rational subservience to the will of others. In the action of the two forces we see exemplified the law of the survival of the fittest. Once the student realizes the inevitable re-

sults of the working of the two forces, he will endeavor to align himself with the constructive side of nature, to become a Positive center in human evolution, to radiate the uplifting power of the universe, will try to understand the true spiritual meaning of "If I be lifted up, I draw all men unto me."

Peace be unto the Daughters and Sons of Urania.

BENEDICTION UPON ALL LIFE. . . .

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When will we mortals learn, that it is the power within, the real Ego, the inner man, that shapes our end, and not our personality, nor our environment; two persons may have the same environment, and their destiny continually diverge, and thereafter, the same environment will never draw them closer together; because one's destiny is the trend of their soul.

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I KNOW of a certainty that there are souls sufficiently evolved who have attained the degree of journeymen, independent workers, to help carry on the work of the outer Sub-Lodge of the Great Lodge; and Sister Onfa informs me that she is assured that others will gather around me and that THE DIVINE LIFE will become a power for good. The following is an extract from a letter :

Enclosed find my application for membership in the Divine Life Center, Lodge II., of the Association of Uranian Mystics, and my offering as fees to you and the MASTER. I like the call from the Uranian Mystics very much. They are from the Ancient of Days, and we are, and Sister Onfa is an adept of no small degree. . . . It is right for me to state my object in joining the Uranian Mystics. It is this I want to become acquainted with the highest evolved souls

experience belong to the new Race that is forming on this continent, and cannot be understood by others who have not come into the same condition, hence the conscious soul's longing for companionship; which it can never find except with those of the same class of unfoldment.

Truth exists for those who have the eyes to see. As Jesus said, «Having eyes» (inner eyes) «they see not, having ears» (inner ears) «they hear not,» for want of the development of the inner or soul faculties. Spiritual blindness is not a fault, but an undeveloped condition.

Spiritual growth consists in advancing from a lower to a higher plane of spiritual consciousness, and those who are the most earnest in their search for spiritual food will advance the most rapidly.

The correction of error arising through ignorance is the source for attaining knowledge. This is the mystic meaning of the saying of Paul the Initiate: «The law is the schoolmaster that leads me to Christ,» Christ knowledge, or Christ-consciousness.

The individual entity «grows» his own soul by the self development of his own latent potentialities, or soul faculties, by the exercise of his own will. He overcomes by his own efforts. He passes each portal of attainment by his own exertion. He is not chosen, nor elected. He creates himself; there is no favoritism in spiritual growth.

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«BE humble, if thou wouldst attain to wisdom. Be humbler still when wisdom thou hast attained.»

The following type-written letter was received by a friend who sent it to me asking: "Do you know anything of this"?

KIND FRIEND: I want to tell you all about the Magic Circle and how you can become a member FREE if you join now. It will be of wonderful assistance to you in your search for truth. If you are sick it will help you regain your health; it will help you to gain financial success, and will be a wonderful source of inspiration to open up to you the realms of knowledge from the great Universal Spirit. I also want you to have a copy of my book "The Living Fire, the Soul Power of the Universe." It is just what you need for your development for it contains the whole Philosophy of Natural Magic, a complete knowledge of the underlying secret of all magical operations and practical instructions for the development of the magical or magnetic powers within yourself. It tells you just WHAT TO DO and HOW TO DO it; the WHY as well as the HOW. It teaches you how to attain the Christ-Consciousness and live the Christ life. . .

My answer is, yes, the letter is quite transparent; and my warning is, beware of all such charlatans who pounce upon such terms as Christ-consciousness and the Christ life, and make them a by word and a hissing—for money; and beware of "Magic" in every form; there is but one kind of Magic; and though it masquerades under the name of "Natural Magic" it belongs to the Black Art. There is no magic in the demonstration of the natural, and practical, spiritual unfoldment which leads to the Christ-con-

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sciousness and the Christ life; the inner sight and hearing are not developed by magic. Do you find the stamp of devotion? or the mark of a knowledge of the Higher Self? or anything spiritual in the letter; neither did Jesus teach the HOW of financial success?

No amount of teaching will help one to live the Christ life, in the normal state of consciousness; that is where the mistake is made; there must first be a spiritualization of consciousness, it must be "lifted up" into a higher state of vibration.

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Those who wish to unite with the Uranides on this Continent may apply to the Association of Uranian Mystics at the Heart Center, Lodge 1., Urania Mission, VIA LAS CRUCES. N. M., or DIVINE LIFE CENTER, LODGE II., A. U. M. 255 OAKWOOD BOULEVARD, CHICAGO, ILL.

Divine Life Press. In a list of booklets and leaflets, on the last page of your magazine, I see one on the "Association of Uranian Mystics". I am very much interested in the subject, and would like to know more of them, especially the branch at Aden, N. M. Please let me know how I can obtain this information? Yours, Mrs. J. B. M.

We shall publish one of the Uranian leaflets in each issue of the *DIVINE LIFE*, that, while it is in type we may print 500 copies, thus the Divine Life Press may lend a helping hand to the Heart Center in bringing out the Uranian Literature, and having the same for sale, at the Divine Life Center, 255 Oakwood Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

## A PICTURE OF TWENTY YEARS AGO

An artistic and cosy room,  
 On the walls, pictures, bracket and bust,  
 On the furniture—a little dust.  
 A woman weaving on the inner loom ;  
 The radiance of That Light fills the room,  
 Falling upon her as she sits alone,  
 Guiding the faithful pen back and forth.  
 Ancient Works piled upon the floor,  
 From whence she has gathered her store  
 Of knowledge—laid fold upon fold—  
 From which she is weaving «The cloth of gold.»

To-day, the outer picture has changed ; and I see myself sitting at my table in my own private office,—stick in hand, in place of pen, eagerly setting the type for THE DIVINE LIFE—which has been sent out to all parts of the world ; carrying the message of the spiritual birth, the Christ within. It is not a work undertaken for the sake of profit ; it is intended purely for disseminating spiritual knowledge, and demonstrating, to the few, the reality of spiritual unfoldment ; hence it has a mission of its own. This issue closes the second year of its struggle for existence ; and now, it seems to be standing on the threshold—waiting,—to carry the glad tidings of that which is «coming to pass.»

If we could get 100 New subscribers it would enable us to enter the DIVINE LIFE as Second-class Mail, and then we would increase the number of pages.

To every New subscriber, for one year, we will give THE DIVINE LIFE, and a copy of «Behold the Christ WITHIN.»