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THE HIGHER LAW

Thank God for Spiritual Law! that cannot be broken nor trampled upon with impunity!

We meet those who are desirous of finding the Way, who are searching for the Truth, and we find them standing still, not progressing. Why is this? The reason is obvious to one who has a clear understanding of spiritual law, they are up against the Law, and they are expecting the law to change. How is this? They want help; but while they are waiting for help, they let opportunity, after opportunity, for helping others pass by and do not lift their finger to help them; they see others loaded with burdens, that perhaps they themselves have helped to bring upon them, and they could lighten if they would, and yet do not lift their little finger to remove them, but continue to add to their burden by their constant complaint. Do such as these expect help? then, let them look to it, that they help others; that they are mindful in discharging their slightest duty toward others; as this is the higher law; and Spiritual law is no respecter of persons. And to those who desire to break it with impunity, I would say, **LOOK OUT FOR THE LAW!** as you would look out for a locomotive, It will not look out for you.

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“THE BHAGAVAD GITA”

The Song Celestial.

O KRISHNA ! O Christos ! Help me to bring out the inner meaning of Thy Words hidden in this Poem written by Thee in the dim ages that are past, but as true to day, to the awakened soul, as at the time it was written. It might well be styled the dialogue between the Self and the SELF, the awakened Self, and its own Higher SELF. It is a drama of the victory that the awakened or re-born soul must achieve over its lower or personal self, before it can be united to its Higher SELF, before they can become One.

As though to make the lesson more affective, the plot was laid on the field of battle—“between the two armies.” In the plot, and on the surface of the poem, Arjuna, the Warrior Prince, was to vindicate his brother’s title and

destroy a usurper who was oppressing the land; but in the occult meaning, the usurper is none other than his own lower or personal self, which has taken possession of his rightful inheritance of which he must be dispossessed.

To make the conflict more bitter, the friends of his personal self, and personal interests and that of his better self, loved tutor, comrades and friends were on both sides, wringing his heart with personal anguish and making a conflict of duties as well as a physical conflict. The battle field lay between the Higher and lower planes of consciousness; to reach the higher, he must transmute, or "kill out" the lower; and to the lower planes were attached all his relatives tutors and friends; could he slay these to whom he owed love and duty, and trample on ties of kindred? To break family ties was considered a sin; where was the right way, to free himself from all this inherited bondage without reproach? How slay without sin?

"I, who am stricken in soul by pity and the sense of guilt (condemnation), and confused in mind about duty, pray thee tell me certainly what is the better course. Declare this to me: I am thy disciple; teach me now prostrate before thee."

Krishna's reply to Arjuna is the burden of the poem; and while it teaches the deepest philosophy,—it is the scripture of Yoga—as Krishna is called "the Lord of Yoga," and yoga is literally union; often translated devotion, and it means perfect harmony with the Divine Law; the becoming One with our own Higher SELF. To reach this, balance or equanimity must be gained; so that the self, united to the SELF, shall not be torn away or ruptur-

ed, forced or dragged down to a lower vibration by being affected by pleasure or pain, love or hatred, desire or aversion, gain or loss, or any of the pairs of opposites, for these are our foes. The object is the harmonizing of all that which constitutes man, until the whole vibrates in perfect unison with the One, the Inmost, the Supreme SELF,

He must learn not to be attracted, nor repelled, discharging every duty to the fullest extent without attachment, and expectation of the fruit, or reward, of his actions. His heart is aflame with devotion; all his acts sacrifices laid upon the altar. He has no personal interest in what he does; he carries out the duty imposed upon him, as doing all unto his Lord, his Higher SELF, who is the doer working out his evolution which ends in his becoming One with his Lord. He the Bride, his Lord the Bridegroom, thus Yoga or union is accomplished; and the reincarnating Ego and the Higher or Divine Ego are again united.

All the teachings of a Prince Adept are symbolical, because they are written in the language of symbol or occult cypher; hence we must pass from the outer to the inner planes, and see on the plane, "between the two armies" the battlefield of the soul. Arjuna becomes the type of the struggling soul of the disciple, and Krishna or Christos, is the Higher SELF. Krishna through this discourse makes known to Arjuna the greatness, the impersonality, the omniscience, of the SELF. When the SELF means the ALL SELF, it is printed in capitals; when it

means the Higher SELF, in small capitals, the personal self in low case; as it is difficult for an untrained reader to follow without being confused; and there is sometimes a play upon the word, self, as in this sentence, "Raise the self by the self."

The poem shows the hidden path which leads the aspirant from the lower levels of consciousness, and sense desires, to the loftier heights where desires are dead, and the Yoga dwells in the interior consciousness, while his body and mind are engaged in the duties of every day life; hence he lives on two planes of consciousness; calm and undisturbed on the higher; active on the lower.

The central teaching of the Bhagavad Gita, is, that the Yogi, or Mystic, need not be a recluse; that union with the Higher SELF may be attained, and the disciple live the divine life in the midst of earthly affairs, that is, he may live the inner life, within the outer life, be in the world and not of it, when he knows that the kingdom, the final inheritance, is within him; when the duality between his personal self and higher Self has ceased; yet, the dual consciousness remains as the mystic is then conscious on the three planes, the physical, psychical and spiritual.

There is no other book that I can recommend to the advanced student equal to the Bhagavad Gita for the seeker after soul wisdom, and a knowledge of the Self, as taught by Krishna (Christos) Himself.

Savior! Savior! The Christ in me,—my Higher Self,—hear my lonely cry? Give me the strength to manifest Thee to the world; that they may know Thee, the SELF, whom, for each, to know aright, is life everlasting—is immortal life now; and that Thou art in me, and I in Thee.

Thou art Impersonal, all-pervading! when I am conscious of Thy Presence, then is the instrument in tune, vibrating in perfect harmony with the Divine Law; when I am not conscious of it, then is the instrument out of unison and discordant. The Soul in unison with its Lord is always joyous and content; lulled by the Soundless Sound, which is dulcet, and sweet as the music of the spheres.

Many prate about Love! love for humanity? How many love humanity well enough to sacrifice the comforts of the personal self? Where is there one of these praters that will do it? Few know that they must sacrifice the personal self first, before they can know what the feeling of love for humanity is.

Sometimes, when I have been in the higher vibration endeavoring to express the inner consciousness in language to give to a world that, as yet, only the few want it reminds me of Moses on Mount Sinai; and the tables of stone on which he inscribed those ten simple commandments; and, on coming down from the Mount, found the people worshipping the «Golden Calf.» Moses had to ascend to the «Mount of Vision,» or cosmic consciousness, to be able to write those ten commandments; but that was far easier for him than afterwards to engrave them on the hearts of the people at the foot of the Mount.

BRIEFS TO FRIENDS

THERE is a positive difference or distinction between the physical persona—personal or mask—the evanescent tent we sport, and the conscious intelligent spirit—for the first is only a veil or shadow through which the spirit Egos address themselves to each other while incarnated; therefore the sporters of said personas are not prevented from exercising their inherent or inborn functionary rights and power to present or manifest themselves to places of attraction. Such as very dear relatives and friends, that, too, to any part of space when conditions are favorable, and the law that enables one to transmit thoughts to another across the continent or from continent to continent is proved to exist, and by that same law the thought sender, the spirit Ego, can travel or go and manifest to friends at any distance while the persona is quietly resting on its couch or chair in its local resting place. Such is this mysterious life of ours and this wonder world in which we are all playing our, as yet imperfect parts on the truly dramatic stage.

We are still simple school children—all of us, and while some dear ones among us think or feel that they have attained to the acme of all knowledge, or all there is to know, they soon or later on in their experience and earthly observation lesson journey, as students in their various departments of the physical and metaphysical—Wisdom School, find themselves obliged to exclaim,

What Next? as they turn to other pages of the Infinite book of apparent mysteries.

Well, let us delve on and for ever on
And solve the problem as best we can,
And as we labor sing our ideal song
In answer to our Father's plan.

THE HIGHER LIFE

In the divine beautiful higher life,
Where all expect to find there home—
A home that's free from sadful strife
And cease to wander or to roam.

It is the goal where bliss doth reign
And richer joys do grace each soul
On that immortal seraphic plane
And where no funeral bells do toll.

Aye, to that home so attractively bright
With no sombreous scenes to 'loy,
Where all is pastime of sweet delight,
And ecstatic pleasure, peace and joy.

In the loving Father's own good time
Where Light, Truth and Love doth rule
In the higher life, all perfect and sublime
Such will be our celestial school.

Yours in pure spiritual love bonds forever.

M. E. Taylor.

A. U. M.

ASK AND YE SHALL RECEIVE

“**T**HOSE who ask shall have. But though the ordinary man ask perpetually, his voice is not heard. For he asks with the mind only; and the voice of the mind is only heard on that plane on which mind acts. To ask is to feel the hunger within — the yearning of spiritual aspiration.” “Light on the Path”.

In response to this silent demand of hungry hearts — of aspiring souls — this message comes from the Heart Center of the Uranian mystics, an Association representing a Brotherhood of advanced Souls. Through this Mystic center efforts are being made to reach the true students of Occult Science, or “the science of practical spiritual unfoldment,” especially those far enough advanced to demand something more than theories to satisfy their desire for knowledge. To those who seek practical methods for bringing into effect in their own lives the fundamental laws of spiritual growth, of which they have formed more or less clear mental concepts, this message may come in response to their own silent demand; this opportunely knocking at the threshold of a waiting soul may prove the guiding light on the path leading to greater heights.

Every student along the more progressive lines of thought has accepted, theoretically at least, the statement, “Man is an exact counterpart of the Universe.” Every occult student is familiar with the oft-repeated phrases, “As above so below,” “The Macrocosm and Man the Mi-

crocosmical Image." Quotations innumerable might be added, all familiar enough, pointing to the perfect correspondence between the Macrocosm and the Microcosm, but to be able to demonstrate this correspondence man must know how to arouse to vibratory action his own potential powers. In order to do this, he must first understand the Septenary principles of his own being and their correlation to the Septenary scale of Nature's creative forces on all planes of manifestation. In reality the forces of the Universe and Man are ten in number, but until man can arouse to action and bring under perfect control the Septenary scale of his forces, connecting AT WILL his consciousness with the Cosmic Consciousness, the subjective Triad completing the scale of Being must remain to him at best but a vague concept.

The student who would attain to mastery over the forces of Nature must be able to arouse, to control and to transmute the corresponding forces of his own being, and to raise their rate to a positive vibration above the force of Nature he wishes to control or divert to his own purpose. The key to this end lies in the Spiritual Will and the Creative Imagination.

Only those who are daring enough to test their immortality can hope for power over their own lower nature. Those who have the courage should know that, like Arjuna, they have Krishna (Christ, the Higher Self) as guide while the battle rages, and to victory all the higher powers silently assist.

This battle of self-conquest is the work of the Neophyte of the First degree of the Uranian Mystics. Purity of mo-

tive and fervor of aspiration toward the Light of Truth will determine the degree of success or failure. The Brotherhood can furnish methods and opportunity, but application and appreciation must come from the student.

By "Living the Life" the disciple may, even in the present incarnation, reach the exalted Third Degree, may be able to conquer "the last enemy." If he falter not in his endeavor to keep his feet in the narrow way, he will reach through Regeneration the Resurrection in Christ; he will arise from "the dead" conscious of the indestructibility of his individual consciousness, through transition from the physical form into other planes or spheres of Higher Life. Like Paul the Initiate, he will return from the "third heaven" with sealed lips, the glories thereof being incomprehensible to dwellers on lower planes; or he may, by the power of his own will, acquire knowledge on the earth plane and, by the strength, power and wisdom gained, fulfill more satisfactorily the duties of the position in which he finds himself, or create a better environment wherein he may find broader scope for the expression of his Greater Self.

The Path must be sought for the Light alone. He who seeks to enter, urged on by selfish motives, will fall within the clutches of the PITILESS LAW OF CAUSE AND EFFECT.

The earnest Neophyte will receive many practical aids, potent in their power to help, yet simple enough to confound the wise(?) Those who wish to unite with the Uranides on this continent may apply to the Association of Uranian Mystics at the Heart Center on the Desert.

REINCARNATION

THE doctrine of reincarnation has lived as a vital doctrine in all ages. The test of its truth is that no age can destroy it. The mightiest thinkers and greatest intellects at all times, without a moment's cessation, try to disprove it, but still it persists and always will, because you cannot destroy truth.

All Masters know the truth of this beautiful evolutionary system whereby the eternal soul is continuously casting off cruder bodies for fresher and more refined bodies.

Reincarnation, like all blessed truths, robs life of many of its terrors, especially death; through its study we come to know that death is only a birth into the Angelic Spheres; that we remain there for a while and get spiritual strength, refreshment, knowledge and wisdom, and then come back to earth for another experience and another service for the good of the Whole.

Browning said:

"I count life just a staff
To try the soul's strength on."

Many of the world's greatest poets had positive knowledge about Reincarnation, as their works are full of it.

Emerson said:

"The rushing metamorphosis
Dissolving all that fixture is,
Melts things that be to things that seem,
And solid nature to a dream."

Evolution and Reincarnation are one doctrine. Man eternally strives and hopes and must have countless forms on countless planes to reach infinite perfection. "Evolution gains its dynamic force through an all-pervading spirit of hopeful endeavor, or, in other words, an ideal which is always an impelling forward attraction.

"And striving to be man, the worm
Mounts through all the spires of form."

Dig deeply and profoundly into the ancient doctrine of Reincarnation and the modern scientific evolutionary doctrine, and open your mind to truth about the oneness of Life and Being and its eternal and progressive expression from the *pure* and *simple* to the complex, the more complex, back to the complex and *pure* and *simple*—the grand, eternal Involution and Evolution of all souls.

REINCARNATION IN NO WAY OPPOSES RELIGION PHILOSOPHY OR SCIENCE, BUT HELPS TO MAKE THEM ALL FAR MORE COMPREHENSIVE.

Reincarnation helps us recognize and realize the glory of God in *all* things, *all* beings; we then *know* God as the All Good, the All in All and through All.

Every form in the universe is the expression or manifestation of God in some degree of evolution; every being is God walking on some one point of the Eternal Path of Life—the Progressive Path. In a while each and all souls by the divine and beautiful law of Reincarnation, incarnate in the *etheric matter* and are then angels. Most men in this planet's present stage or degree of evolution reincarnate here in gross matter—each time a little finer matter. In a while, as they reach infinite perfection they

they reincarnate in higher and better developed planets or in the Angel Worlds.

When we come to fully realize all the truth in connection with Reincarnation, the whole universe is practically known and is our field of action. Then, "the infinite boundaries of space—hitherto called empty—are filled with God ; and if with God, then with Love, Life, Intelligence, Wisdom, Beneficence, Poetry, Beauty, Cohesion, Energy and Truth. The Father gives all—Himself—to His children. All spirits are embraced in Spirit. Matter is resolved into an appearance. All things cease to have separateness, for nothing exists but Being.

Realizing the truths of Reincarnation will fill our minds and our hearts with fervent, universal love for *all* and make us *freed souls* at-one with the eternal God, and eternally peaceful, blissful, forceful and helpful. Moreover, it opens the mind to the great God and not a petty and tyrannical Creator with whimsical human attributes.

The Mystic Magazine.

"Have patience, Candidate, as one who fears no failure, courts no success."

"Have perseverance as one who doth forever endure. Thy shadows live and vanish ; that which in thee shall live for ever, that which in thee *knows*, for it is knowledge, not of fleeting life: it is the Man that was, that is, and will be, for whom the hour shall never strike."

THE TRUE LIFE

UNTO whom is this word spoken? To where is this philosophy tending? Does it appeal to you who have read the pages of the *DIVINE LIFE* as voicing the principles of the true life? If it does not so appeal to you, then, it is not for you. This Philosophy would have no adherents except for those in whom the Christ is awakened, to those it will appeal very strongly; for no lukewarm followers can be its disciples.

To destroy ignorance requires action; in the true life, which is the divine life, there has to be true living, true effort, true service, true love, true co-operation; the superficial life will not suffice. Only whole-heartedness will avail; so, if you have not this, it is evident you are not yet ready for the true life, with its ever expanding consciousness, sublimity and peace.

In the true life there is increased activity, none are idle, for the spirit that actuates it is all life. No dormant soul has that spirit, nor can participate in that life.

Idleness is no part of the true life—life is activity— whoever would enter in to the true life must become it and that by their own exertion; deeds, not theory, count. Theories are only tinkling cymbals and sounding brass.

Are you indifferent to the true life? Then your only consolation is that some great sorrow shall shock you so severely as to make your soul feel its great need, and compel you to look for a better and truer life.

Whoever is a co-worker with God is alive, and whoever is not a co-worker with Him is dead while he liveth.

FROM THE HEART CENTER

Beloved Sister : I was glad indeed to receive your dear message and the *Divine Life*; as I was beginning to feel just a bit anxious for I know you are working beyond your natural strength, doing the work of three ; yes, it is thus modern miracles manifest. Courage! dear heart, the needed press will come, and the help to run it, I feel sure.

I only wish I could transmit to you all the appreciation of *Divine Life* that comes to me, and I know it is only a question of a little time, and your subscription will be greatly increased. Our needs are practically the same, other than we do not particularly need a new press, but some one to set type and do the press work, and above all a better outfit of type ; but I abide serene knowing that when the right connection can be made it will be, and our real helpers will come forth as eager to serve as we.

Yes, ours is a great undertaking ; but since we are not to bear any responsibility, but just to serve, as light and strength be given, all must be well ; for back of us lies the Infinite Power of Love seeking to express Itself.

Well, I have at least "accomplished a few things." The house is roofed, floors are laid, the yard graded, and the garden plowed ready to plant; trees and grape vines will be set out next month, for this is the season when such things are done here.

Thank you for the picture of the home of "*The Divine Life*." I am sorry I could not have a picture of the old Mission, "Before and After", for no one will ever be able to imagine the "Before" when in later years they see the aftermath to all my trials and tribulations.

Courage, beloved ! I am sure we will be given strength to fight the good fight even unto victory. So abide thou in Peace and Infinite Love.

Fraternally, Sister Onfa

Yes, Beloved: I know that help will come to you, that "Divine Life" will fulfil its mission; and as you are the Instrument, Chosen for the purpose, surely you will be sustained. I too have even the most menial service; but we can and must, in time, be relieved of the purely mechanical work; others can do this, and our time is too precious. Peace be with you. Fondly, S. C.

Dear Sister : I understand how very busy you are, and having plenty of time myself, I will write from time to time to let you know how I am progressing in the higher life. I am still on the Highway rejoicing in the love and comfort of the Blessed One who has broken the sealed tomb of my mind and arisen in my hear and is alive forevermore.

I have just received the Divine Life and appreciate very much what a pity that you cannot have the means and support to enlarge it, and give us a greater feast of good things; but have courage, the Blessed Master will never leave nor forsake you, and the tiny seed you are sowing may in time become a great tree.

When you think of buying a new press I will not forget to add my mite to the fund. We cannot all be sowers or reapers, but each can do something in the great harvest that has arrived; and we are all co-workers; all having the same Spirit and mind of the Blessed One.

I would like some more of the booklets and leaflets when you have them to spare; and remember I am always with you in Spirit, to encourage you in the great work.

Yours Fraternally, in the Masters service. F. J. I.

From a recent letter from a gentleman in Washington :

“There are so few souls that are looking for the Light that understand the laws underlying Soul growth. The world is filled today with teachings that are only partially true and can never lead the soul to the Christ-conscious plane; faith alone can only lead the soul to the threshold of the Christ Life; from there on it is the Mission of chosen ones (who have through renunciation of the things of this world of illusion) to give them the basic principles of evolution. I have received the leaflets so kindly sent me; also a copy of *The Divine Life* and have been very much impressed with it; shall send in my subscription. The world today is demanding a higher standard of living and there are so few that can point the way; that it gives me great joy to know that you are giving the truth to so many souls. Enclosed find M. O. for \$10, a thanksgiving offering; may it carry a Love message to many a soul weary of life in this realm of sense, and bring peace to those that give. May Peace be ever with you. L. L. S.

I think this letter speaks for itself as to whether there is a demand for Uranian teachings; as to whether “*Divine Life*” has a mission.

“It is impossible to help others till you have obtained some certainty of your own.”

And it is impossible to obtain this certainty until you have attained the inner-consciousness, and experienced these things over and over again, and then all you can do for others is to point out the way.

Dear Madam: I enclose a dime for sample copy of "The Divine Life." I do wish I could find a publication, some writers in the New Thought line that had something besides philosophical and speculative abstractions, or flighty fancies to dish up.

For the past six or seven years I have been on the "still hunt" for something that would fit my case, that I could assimilate, or that would go without bolting; but so far my search has been fruitless. I thought I would try your magazine, it has an attractive name, I hope the contents corresponds to it.

Then I saw something of your affiliation with an "Order" which is another thing I have been looking for; a Fraternity, a Brotherhood, or "Holy Order," that would be so, in more than name and form.

Well, may be I'll find out more about it. Hoping your magazine will be what I want, and give me the desired information.

Respectfully Yours, O. D.

Dear Friend: The teachings of the DIVINE LIFE are good, noble, pure and true, and that is why I renew my subscription.

Sincerely Yours. L. M.

Chicago, Jan. 10, 1909.

Don't be afraid of a little opposition; nothing but opposition will ever bring out your best qualities and help you to develop your own latent possibilities, or soul faculties,

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