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*The greatest thing which God can give
is love*

*The greatest thing which man can know
is love*

*The only thing which will not fail
is love*

*The only thing which frees and saves
is love*

IT IS TIME TO LOVE

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*Some day the glorious sun
Will rise in stately silence
And I shall not see*

*Some day the wondrous wind
Will whisper songs in secret
And I shall not hear*

*Some day the glinting waves
Will shimmer in their gladness
And I shall not know*

*But way beyond the stately rising sun
And out of sound of wondrous singing breeze
And far outreaching glinting shimmering sea*

*Some day the voice of all eternity
Will call in tones of universal love to me
And I shall know.*



*Who WERE the Essenes?
Who ARE the Essenes?
WHY are the Essenes?*

We will commence with a brief answer to the first question; should we enlarge upon it, and it would be most interesting to do so, we would delve into the history of every country and every religion known, even into the foundation of the Masonic order with which the Essene order was closely related.

The Essenes were for many centuries the Cosmic thinkers of the earth, in other words, they were the ancient spiritualists.

In Judea at the time of Jesus were the Philistines, the Sadducees, the Pharisees and the Essenes.



It is time to serve.

The Philistines were the socialists, the iconoclasts, the dissatisfied and general disturbers of the peace,—The Sadducees were the professional people, the lawyers, and the doctors and the wise men, the balancing element as it were.

The Pharasees were the aristocrats, the idle rich who considered themselves a little or rather, a good deal better than their fellow men,—and the Essenes were the people of the spiritual or cosmic vision, believers in God and the God of humanity, teachers of brotherhood and non-resistance and consequently were regarded as somewhat incompetent in their manner of living.

The Essenes separated themselves from the world and what they considered its contamination that they might practice brotherhood in their lives and become perfect.

Occasionally, as in the cases of Jesus and John the Baptist some one of the bretheren entered into the active service of the world for missionary purposes, as it were,—to preach and teach the gospel of healing and brotherly love.

There were three degrees in the olden order of the Essenes with many lesser degrees in each; they were termed:—the Neophites, the Bretheren and the Perfect.



It is time to think.

Possibly some students of holy lore may recall quotations from some of the masters, speaking of the Bretheren and the Perfect: The term Perfect was used by the early church to distinguish those who were initiated into the mysteries of Jesus the Christ.

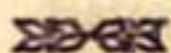
The Essenes were among the first to recognize the power of mind over matter; they taught and practised healing of the physical body many centuries before the time of Jesus.

The Essene Order had a powerful influence in Egypt for many hundreds of years; it had its greatest and most centralized Temples there, sending its Neophytes over all the world to teach and heal mankind.

It came into prominence in Greece thru the influence of Pythagoras who was an Essene and who instilled its philosophy into the minds and hearts of his students and followers.

Still later the Essene teachings were established in Judea by another of the Bretheren known as Jesus Christ and thru His influence the Christian Church was modeled after their order and many of the Essenes were absorbed into the Church as founded upon His life and teachings.

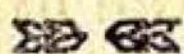
The Ancient Essene Order was composed of the Constructionists of the time; it was devoted to the spiritualizing of the race and they practised healing of the body and of the mind and lived in the broadest charity which they knew.



It is time to pray.

The Essenes worked without money and without price but the powerful force of their consciousness attracted sufficient for all their needs which was all they wanted.

Out of the Essene Order have come the most inspired teachers of all the ages and it is recorded in history as the oldest order known.

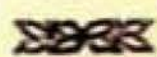


Who ARE the Essenes?

The modern Essenes are a band of people who are coming in thought from every section of the globe and who are agreeing to think and speak and act constructively.

Which means that they help each other and all the world to abide in the realm of health and success and aliveness and that they refuse to recognize sickness and poverty and death.

Naturally the modern Essenes live and move and have their being according to the time in which they live so they do not follow a leader or obey a creed or declare a cult; they know that the constructive thought always leads the individual to the understanding of the one life and to the knowledge that God is that life.



It is time to work.

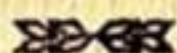
The constructive thought is one of love balanced in wisdom.

To think constructively one thinks in his heart so he becomes the thing he thinks in his heart.

To speak constructively one uses words which are clean and accurate.

To act constructively one follows his heart thought therefore he follows his highest inspiration and always does the best he knows.

The modern Essene Society recognizes no autocracy of leadership, each member is a law unto himself and follows his heart dictation concerning his own highest conviction of truth.

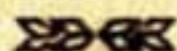


WHY are the Essene?

The Essene Order is brought again into prominence because it is again time; while it has never been entirely obliterated from the planet, there have been times where it has remained apparently inactive,—until a period arrived where its subtle influence was necessary;

Now has come a time when the confusion of Babel is evident.

The intense destructive activity of the forces at the present time demands a universal constructive interpretation and at such times the cosmic consciousness of the Essene Order comes into position and throws a white light of interpenetrative power upon the race.



It is time to prepare.

The Essenes always respond to demand, seen and unseen, here and every other where are thousands of the bretheren responding to the call of humanity.

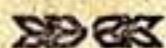
The Essenes do not advertise, they are not asking for money, they are simply and quietly moving with the constructive forces for the reconstruction of the earth home.



The modern Essene Circle asks of its members that they think constructively all the time and that they each agree to concentrate for one entire minute every day at twelve o'clock of their local time, on the thought of love and co-operation with every other member of the circle, thereby keeping a continuous non-relaxing force of constructive thought encircling the earth.

Those at the heart center of the modern Essene movement have formed themselves into an inner body which they term "The Essene Square," and which is intended to sustain the entire circle.

The members of the square each give two dollars a year to the Essene fund, this two dollars entitles them to all the literature, magazines and studies, etc., which are sent out by the Essenes and to free treatments and letters whenever they are required, also to the privilege of serving wherever and however they may feel inspired.



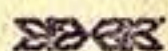
It is time to give.

The method of uniting with the Essene SQUARE is very simple, just write to the headquarters in Denver that you desire to become a member and you will receive a certificate and receipt which will entitle you to membership with its privileges.

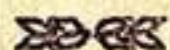
To unite with the Essene CIRCLE, a letter to that effect will bring you a certificate of membership to the Circle which will place you on the list for its free literature and its co-operative work.

The officers of the Essene Square are:—President, Mrs. Carrie Anderson; Secretary, Mr. Vernon Hendry; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Cradock and Editor, Grace M. Brown.

All you who hear the call and who feel the urge of the spirit, come with us and work with us and pray with us that we may in togetherness help to free the earth home from the delusion which is bringing such woeful destruction upon itself.

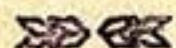


This issue of the Essene message is an answer to the question so usually asked concerning the Essene Circle and its work, herein is its reply.



He who is chaste in his love, always abides with his heart's treasure.

Because the law is supremely just to its servers.



It is time to help.

My Christmas greeting to the Essenes and lovers of truth every where.

People at this season are seeking to show their love to each other in giving tokens of some kind.

But listen, dear ones, the real spirit of Christmas is born in your heart and mine, so loved ones, far and near, within my heart I breathe forth to you love tokens of good cheer, joy and plenty.

Let each one feel and know that I wish for you, the realization of your most sincere desire this day:

MRS. CARRIE ANDERSON,
President of the Essene Square.



There is no escaping the fact that we are all moving along in togetherness; there is no holding back, no separateness, altho we can make the way very hard for ourselves and for every other one of ourselves.

And even tho we may think we can not do very much, we can help,—we need not be the one who is holding back, we can move onward smilingly and give our soul shine to help light the way.

After all there is no greater work to do than to give the best of ourselves in the best way that we know.



Poverty is not a visitation of God; it is a visitation of ignorance.



It is time to give.

YOU AND I

JULIA SETON.

We have lived on a star in the solemn sky
Where the blue shut out the smiling earth.
Don't you remember dear, you and I;
And we held the key to our soul's rebirth.

Up there your eyes have looked into mine,
Up there you have spoken your soul's deep truth
Though you have forgotten that vow sublime
It lives in the conscious cosmic proof.

To-day there are pathways all unknown
Which had their birth in those dear dead days
And here in the reaping we walk alone
And gather our harvest thru winding ways.

There are ages between the past and now,
There are mighty cycles to come and go
But between our lives stands that deathless vow
It calls to us and we hear and know.

We close our life to the call of sense,
We open our soul to the voice sublime,
To know—to recall—this is recompense
And our NOW is aglow with a joy divine.

Across the ages you call to me,
From the heart of the NOW, I answer your cry,
From the star world past to the world to be
Living—loving—you and I.



It is time to hope.

YOU AND I.

GRACE BROWN.

We are living today on the dear old earth
And learning its lessons, you and I,
We are voicing the word to the children of men
Which we heard in the wonderful days gone by.

The mighty cycles which come and go
Have vanished across the mists of time
But the truth which enfolds in its love embrace
Still lives and speaks with its voice sublime.

Aye, we close our life to the call of sense
As we give ourselves to the service of truth
And our hearts are aglow with a joy divine
As upon its altar we lay our youth.

What matters the life on the radiant star,
What matters the bond of the deathless vow
When in your beautiful shining eyes
The love of truth is reigning now.

Adown the ages you answer my call
From the heart of the universe dear, I cry
As we meet in the service of glorious truth
Living—loving—You and I.



It is time to believe

There is just one kind of nature which is vitally absorbing to me and that is human nature; each soul must be an intelligent experience in God's great life and naturally in touching human beings we are touching a conscious experience in the infinite.

Some people are evidently out of our range of experience because we never do understandingly touch them no matter how long we may be associated together,—and others surely belong to us in experience because we touch them so directly and and immediately although we have apparently not personally contacted them often.

As I think of these BELONGING sort of friends whom I have touched so recently and personally met so few times, a beautiful face comes before me which embodies the rare combination of gentleness and strength, of purity and experience, of great love and great wisdom and it is the face of Sarah C. Morse, Vice-President of the Illinois district of the International New Thought Alliance.

Mrs. Morse says she is just six years old which means that she has been in the New Thought World six years, but for a six year old infant her work is somewhat phenomenal for she is an inspired speaker and her healing work is most powerful,—and into it she brings the six year old enthusiasm and the age old knowledge.

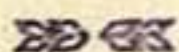
It is time to serve.

From hearsay or her own say, I know little about Sarah C. Morse,—the few hours we spent in togetherness we were so busy talking about infinite things that we had no time for personalities but this I do know:—that her quality is fine and free, that her love consciousness is transcendant and that I would trust her with my greatest treasure.

After all it is the soul friendships which really count, the sort of friendship that loves the thing you ARE rather than the thing you do or do not do; which appreciates your character and knows nothing about your reputation. The friend who does not judge you, because his love is greater than judgment and who does not forgive you because there is nothing to forgive.

Some of these days when we have all forgiven ourselves and forgotten there ever was any thing in this world but good, a lot of unpleasant sounding words will disappear and then may-be when we know the God of each other and of ourselves we shall know God in the infinite truth of the all-life.

The realization into which the race is entering today is that they have the power to attract any quality of expression which they can formulate in their minds; that they have the divine right to possess all the attributes of God which they have the desire-strength to attract and the conscious ability to assimilate.



It is time to forgive.

A CHALLENGE.

Before this age that worships incident,
Material and symbol, and whose schools
Proclaim the manifest Omnipotent!

I raise THIS STANDARD on
Thought's battlement;
GOD IS. THE SPIRIT RULES.

J. A. EDGERTON,
President of the International
New Thought Alliance.

The International New Thought Alliance is the response to a demand for fellowship by the many different centers and organizations along advanced or New Thought lines.

As it now stands and as most of us understand it, the International New Thought Alliance has no rigid creed; it means what it says The NEW thought and every body who intends to think the newest thought that he is able to comprehend and to free himself from other people's opinions is quite eligible to join the Alliance.



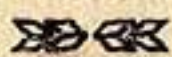
It is time to rejoice.

It is the time of the new humanism when men and women and even children are claiming the privilege of thinking for themselves and everywhere we are seeing groups of students who are forming centers for co-operative study and who have chosen a different name and a new angle of research for themselves.

Many of these centers or societies of the New Thinking are finding a strength of association in the International New Thought Alliance and just so soon as they realize that such association does not limit them, on the contrary it is broadening and strengthening in its effect, very many more will join its ranks.

The Church of the New Civilization has long been a strong element in the New Thought Alliance. The Essenes have more recently allied themselves with it. The Weltmer School of Nevada, Mo. is one of its supporters, The New Thought League of St. Louis also stands with the Alliance and many more who appreciate the strength of association.

And just so long as the International New Thought Alliance is wise enuf and loving enuf to keep its doors open to truth and closed to personal opinion, it has the opportunity of becoming the greatest spiritual power of co-operative force on the earth planet.



It is time to unite.

God is the cause.

God is the effect.

Man is a part of God.

Therefore man is the cause as he is the effect of manifested expression in the universe and in his own being does he symbolize and externalize that part of the universal life which he selects to be.

God is not BEHIND any law or process of nature, nature is the divine substance as its laws are the divine activity. Nor is man a sporadic being whose destiny depends upon the will of an arbitrary and despotic other being.

Man is a part of the divine nature and his will is the activity of his own nature.

Nothing is lost in the great vortexian current of activity and a force once set in motion returns to its center of motive energy, increasing in strength as its momentum increases.

Suppose this force sent out is what is called an evil force, a thought of hate or an action of injustice; it returns with added destructive energy to its generator and the responsibility of its dissolution or its assimilation rests with that person.

Suppose that it is a deed of mercy or a thought of love; it also returns with a hundred blessings and it brings with it a power-force of construction and success to the sender.



It is time to think

The divine economy demands utilization.

Every disturbed element and every atom must find its exact equilibrium and its harmonious place of expression before it enters its own sphere of usefulness,

We reap exactly the thing we have sown.

We cannot escape a thing which really belongs to us by denying it or repudiating it or refusing to recognize it.

The one thing which we can do to free ourselves is to meet it in the love spirit and when it is something we have sown in hate we can utterly dissolve it and free ourselves from its reaction by thinking in our hearts the most purifying force known; the force of love.

No person can possibly injure us unless we place ourselves in line for that injury.

No thing can possibly reach us unless we are the plane of its action.

No force can possibly touch us unless we have something within us which relates us to that force.

We cannot possibly feel something when we are so far from it we are not aware of its existence.

I may injure myself, that is my privilege, but I cannot injure you unless you allow it; You may destroy yourself but you cannot destroy me unless I invite you and attract you and place myself within range of your weapons.

And you and I are certainly able to meet whatever reaction is ours through the action of our own intensive force.



It is time to love.



Blessed is he who has the courage of his own conviction and who follows its accurate lead.

Blessed is he who knows exactly what he wants and who does not falter in going after it.

Blessed is he who sees the good in himself and so attracts all good to himself.

Blessed is he whose soul shine is the light of his own path to success.



It is time to bless.

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Sunday:— I am a part of the universal current of life, therefore I am health.

Monday:— I am united with the universal activity, therefore I am alive.

Tuesday:— I blend myself with the universal opulence, therefore I am wealth.

Wednesday:— I breathe into my body the infinite strength, therefore I am strength.

Thursday:— I am conscious of the great constructive energy, therefore I am love.

Friday:— I realize my relation with each and all of God's creatures, therefore I am joy.

Saturday:— I believe in the goodness of all humanity, therefore I am good.