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What Makes Christmas?

What magic wand has touched the Earth —
What Spirit hovers o'er;
What permeates the atmosphere
And clears our path before?
What melts the discord of our world —
Holds in abeyance strife;
What makes it easy to forgive
The past mistakes of life?
What harmonizes every thought —
Engenders peace within;
What mitigates our selfishness,
And makes us feel akin?
The Spirit of the Christ returned
To bless our planet wide;
Like golden snow, It falls upon
The Earth at Christmas tide.
The Light of God now stirs within
His creatures everyone;
For to mankind this Holy Day
"I AM" THE LORD CHRIST COME!

Also in this issue: Our Beloved Archangels Zadkiel and Uriel; David's Test; The Healing Chalice; How Free Are *You?*

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To our Gentle Readers:

We, the staff of Hope, wish you all the joys, the henediction, the God-Peace of this Holy Season. We do ask Beloved Jesus, Himself, to enter into your hearts, your homes and your affairs, and bring to you and your loved ones His Everlasting Peace. We ask Jesus' Holy Mother, Mary, to make Herself known to you in the healing of your minds, bodies, worlds and affairs. We ask that God's Holy Angels enter into your worlds and find acceptance of Their Presence as Real Beings, Who serve you and yours, not only at Christmas, but all the long year through!

We ask that you can accept the beautiful transmuting flame (Forgiveness) for yourselves and all mankind and, in such acceptance, know freedom from distress.

We ask that Beloved Joseph, Father of Jesus, protect you all, as He did the first Holy Family and as He is willing now to so do for you.

Let Christmas be a "new beginning" that does not end with the "holy day" celebrations but extends onward into your entire life henceforth.

So, at Christmas Time, our gift to you, lovely friends, is the invocation of the benediction of the Divine Beings, provided by your Heavenly Father, active in your worlds now. As this benediction is accepted by you, each one, it becomes a national and planetary PEACE that can never he destroyed by any destructive use of free will!

God bless you, now, and always.

"The Staff of Hope"

OUR BELOVED ARCHANGEL ZADKIEL

Archangel of Invocation (prayer) and Forgiveness

OUR BELOVED ARCHANGEL URIEL

Archangel of Healing, Ministration and Peace

One of the least known and yet the most active of the Archangels is Lord Zadkiel, Archangel of the Violet Fire of Forgiveness (through prayer), transmutation of evil (through love) and service in teaching those interested in the science of transmuting their own past, present and future distresses through self-conscious application. Lord Zadkiel is the One Who provides the purifying "fires of purgatory" spoken of in some orthodox religions. This "purgatory" (cleansing by fire) need not take

place after so-called death but the soul may engage in such conscious purification while in embodiment on Earth, if such an one learns of the Violet Fire (article appearing on Its use in this issue).

Let us first remember that the Violet Fire is not painful nor is It a punishment for sin, rather the untransmuted evil deeds that a man commits (consciously or unconsciously) are in themselves his punishment, as these deeds are performed through the use of God's life given into man's keeping, and which return to him as the manifold agonies of mind, soul, body and affairs. Let us also remember that each man *must* (here or hereafter) pass through this "purgatorial process", redeeming his own energies and restoring them to their natural estate of harmony! Lord Zadkiel will help YOU to do this HERE AND NOW!

The Archangel Zadkiel is usually robed in beautiful royal purple garments, His aura a blazing radiation of Violet Fire, and around Him are always Legions of Angels garbed in varying shades from delicate violet to deep purple, depending upon Their development and service to Him and to the Seventh Ray (Violet Ray) on which He voluntarily serves the Earth and Its evolutions.

In the life of the Holy Mother of Jesus, Mary, it was the visible Presence of Lord Zadkiel enfolding Saint Joseph which confirmed to Her that Joseph was the Chosen One of God to protect Her and the Infant, Jesus. Even Saint Joseph, Himself, was not aware of Lord Zadkiel's Presence at that time.

At Inner Levels, Lord Zadkiel has provided Temples of the Violet Fire of Purification wherein souls who have passed through the change called "death", or souls still in embodiment, may learn how to invoke and utilize this purifying power of the Violet Fire for the redemption of their own energies (as well as for the use of those who desire to ask the Angels to take their loved ones there for such instruction.) Lord Zadkiel is assisted by His Own Divine Complement Who, most naturally, uses the name of the jewel denoting the Violet Ray. She is called Holy Amethyst. The activity taught by Lord Zadkiel and His Helpers is to consciously *change* the destructive quality of energy in thought, feeling, spoken word, and action and to *sustain* by free will the constructive use of this energy through the above mentioned channels.

Since man (each soul) has lived for millions of years, there is an accumulated "debt" which each one owes to God for the mis-use of life. This debt (recorded in each one's book of life)

is presented for payment, a little at a time. It is called by some "karma". Lord Zadkiel and His Helpers will teach you and your loved ones to pay this debt more quickly and when that is done you will be "without sin" and thus no longer experience the distress of returning unpleasant reactions that result from sin. To remain in suffering and distress, saying "It is God's Will", is an insult to a *God of Love*... Suffering and distress, ensue from destructive use of life (through the free will choice of each soul). Maturity of consciousness makes every soul accept the burden of his own transgressions and then set about redeeming the cause and core of those transgressions. Even Earthly parents do not continue to punish a child when that one learns of his mistakes and endeavors to desist from further mistakes of a similar nature. Is your God less just? No! Certainly not!

The very instant you ask for forgiveness for your sins (known or unknown) Lord Zadkiel and His Helpers, Messengers of God, set about helping you to undo the errors of the past and provide for you, as soon as you can accept It, the conscious knowledge of the purifying power of the Violet Flame. Once, in ages long past, when Angels walked and talked with men, Lord Zadkiel and His Helpers had a focus of the Violet Fire in the physical world, visible to the physical sight of all mankind. That focus was located where the island of Cuba now stands. As more and more of mankind learn of the Violet Fire, call It into action and invite the Messengers and Teachers Who are proficient in Its use to help them (Lord Zadkiel, Holy Amethyst and the Ascended Master Saint Germain) this focus will again manifest on the surface of Earth and souls will not have to pass through so-called death to learn the way of redemption for themselves and all evolutions belonging to the Earth.

We invite you, our gentle readers, to invoke the assistance of Lord Zadkiel and Holy Amethyst to help you to *feel* the desire to forgive yourselves, first; then, those whom you feel have injured you or whom you have injured. Finally, as your consciousness broadens, you will want to help in evolutionary forgiveness and redemption. If you have loved ones who have passed through the change called "death" remember they are still very much alive on the other side of the "veil" and require your prayers and assistance too. So, for them, call Lord Zadkiel and His Helpers and these Beings will see that your loved ones do get assistance, training, forgiveness and love.

Beloved God of Mercy and Love! I thank you for the gift of forgiveness.

I remember the statement of Jesus, "Whosoever's sins you forgive, *they are forgiven* and whosoever's sins *you retain*, they are retained." Teach me, Lord, to forgive for I know now that Jesus' statement "forgive us our trespasses *as* we forgive those who have trespassed against us" is an eternal verity and we shall be forgiven in like manner as we, in turn, forgive others.

I invite you, Lord Zadkiel and Your Helpers to make me a conscious forgiving Presence here on Earth. I ask Your intercession for all my loved ones here and those who have passed through the veil called death so that they too may benefit by Your understanding of forgiveness, transmutation and self-conscious endeavor in the redemption of our own soul's transgressions as well as that of all life belonging to Earth's evolutions. I thank You for Your help. Amen.

(Note: Remember, beloved ones, that the Violet Fire is a gift of God and, therefore, is not painful nor distressing in any way. It is merely the changing of the qualities of distress into qualities of a harmonious nature. Jesus Christ, Himself, used this Violet Fire when performing all His Miracles of Healing, Precipitation and Restoration of life, sight and limb. As wooden logs or coal are ignited by an individual to give forth heat (a constructive use of physical fire) so does God, through His Divine Messengers, ignite the Violet Fire around anyone is distress to perform the miracle of Divine Alchemy—brining peace where there is inharmony; health where there is disease; supply where there is limitation, on and on ad infinitum.

THE ARCHANGEL URIEL serves on the Sixth Ray with the Master Jesus. His service is to minister to all the evolutions belonging to the Earth (some ten billion souls, although only about three and a half billion are embodied at this time, as well as countless elementals and imprisoned Angels). He wears the beautiful Ruby Robes of the Sixth Ray and is surrounded by myriad bands of Angels, also clothed in garments varying in shades from delicate pink to deep rose. His Divine Complement, Donna Grace, assists Him in this service of Ministration to the requirements of those in distress. Great Legions of His Court are always present in and around institutions of incarceration, hospitals, prisons, old peoples' homes and some of His Legions are always present where there is a soul in distress of mind, body or affairs. According to mankind's acceptance of these Angels can the Beloved Angelic Kingdom best serve them.

Wherever Lord Uriel and His Legions are present there is a tremendous pressure of peace in the atmosphere. Beloved Jesus, Who serves with the Archangel Uriel, is well known as the "Prince of Peace". Those who desire individual, family, national, and planetary Peace would do well to learn about the Archangel Uriel and His Helpers and to endeavor (through honest prayer) to invite Them to assist this dear Earth and Its evolutions, particularly at this time. The outer mind of man has little, if any, concept of the desire for PEACE in the hearts

of all peoples. Peace comes first through the individual — then to the family, the business, the nation, the race and the planet. Will you not offer to be such a conductor of Archangel Uriel's Peace on Earth today?

The Archangel Uriel, as do all the Archangels, has Temples at Inner Levels where He, Donna Grace and other Teachers, develop the consciousness of all who signify a desire to become a peace-commanding Presence in whatsoever sphere they dwell. The very nature of Lord Uriel's service — ministration — brings to the mind of the one studying under Him the requirement for peace which precedes all permanent healings of soul, mind, body and affairs. Peace is a conductor of healing rays. When an individual is in a state of turmoil, his aura (energy around him) repels healing. When an individual is at peace, his aura accepts the healing rays. Thus the steps of Lord Uriel are so natural, first ministering to the one in distress, then giving him peace and, finally, over the very ray of peace, pouring the healings so required.

Beloved Presence of God! I thank You for providing Ministering Angels to guard and protect us all. I invoke Lord Uriel, Donna Grace and Their Ministering Angels to help all life in distress. I ask that I may be enrolled in the Temples of Ministration, Peace, and Healing and learn there how to offer my energies to this so worthy a Cause! I do bless You ALL for Your service to life! Note: For further instructions by Lord Zadkiel and Lord Uriel Themselves, you may purchase from The Bridge to Freedom, Inc., P. O. Box No. 335, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the book "The Seven Archangels Speak". Price $4.00.

DAVID'S TEST

Long, long ago, when Jesus lived on Earth in Palestine, a boy named David, lived with his mother and small sister, Ruth, three miles from where Jesus lived with His disciples.

David was a bright, impetuous child, full of affection for his mother and sister, Ruth; yet there was one weakness in his character — he too often lost his temper.

An early illness had left Mother Rankin an invalid, and, being widowed, she had to support her family as best she could. Fortunately, she was talented with needlework, and her fine embroidery was much sought after by the ladies of substance round about. It was a meager livelihood, however, and often the cupboard was bare.

"It will soon be Mother's birthday," said David to himself, on this particular morning. "I must think of something for a

present. I know. I shall give her some of those special grapes from Uncle Joseph's vineyard."

Now David's uncle lived some five miles away, and the only means of transportation for the Rankin family was to walk. So he made ready to set out.

"Where are you going, Son?" asked his mother, seeing him dressed for the journey.

"I'm going to see Uncle Joseph, Mother. He promised me he would show me the secret of what he does to grow his lovely grapes. Some day, I am going to have a vineyard, and grow the best grapes in the world!"

It was a happy boy who returned home, laden with the precious cargo of fruit, and other goodies as well. — Happy, that is, with one exception — his feeling about Nathan, his arch enemy — a boy of a very boastful, overbearing, and jealous disposition. A cloud of resentment shadowed the sunshine in David's heart, especially now as he anticipated the approaching contest in which he would face this very Nathan as his opponent.

These shooting matches with bows and arrows were arranged by the Centurian who took a kindly interest in all the boys of the neighborhood. A gold cup was the prize offered to the successful competitor of the forthcoming game.

Came the expected day for the match. Great excitement prevailed among the spectators. A large gallery of parents and friends had gathered to urge on their favorites. The contest was keen. Gradually, the inferior ones were eliminated, and at last, as was expected, only Nathan and David remained. Both boys were equally in good trim.

The score was even at one stage, but toward the end, Nathan was one point to the good. Overcome with pride, he looked at David with a leering smile of triumph, and with a boastful air toward the other lads at the sideline. Whether this made him a trifle careless or not, the shooting of Nathan was less consistent after this, and the game finally ended with the score three points in David's favor.

This was too much for Nathan's egotistical nature. He would not take such loss without revenge in some manner.

His boon companion, Ezra, seeing the dark look on his friend's face, said, "Say, Nathan, do you know David went to his uncle's the other day and brought back some grapes for his mother's birthday, tomorrow?"

"For his mother's birthday, eh!" replied Nathan. "That's

an idea, Ezra. Perhaps there won't be a birthday present for his mother after all."

That night, Nathan crept stealthily toward David's room, peered into the open shutter, saw the grapes within easy reach, on a wooden platter close to David's form.

David stirred uneasily in his sleep, awoke, noticed the empty platter, and with a stiffled cry, jumped up, and saw at a distance, the retreating form of his enemy silhouetted against the faint light of the new moon. Throwing on his garments in great haste, he pursued the thief, but Nathan stepped into a dark doorway, and David continued his search in vain.

Tomorrow was his mother's birthday, and he now had nothing to give her. His heart was heavy. Anger and antipathy gnawed at his vitals. He resolved to "get even" with Nathan at all costs, and with this determination he set out early the following morning.

Now, Jesus, looking out over the countryside in thought, saw this unhappy child and, as He often did, suddenly left His disciples, saying He would walk out alone and return at nightfall.

David, on his errand of vengeance, his head bent, his lips tight, and his fists clenched, stopped suddenly.

There on his pathway appeared before him a majestic Figure, with eyes of starry brightness, and a smile of infinite tenderness. "David, My son," said the shining One, "I have come to see you and your mother. It is her birthday today. Turn back, and let us go together to your home."

"How does He know my name?" thought David, "and how does He know it is my mother's birthday," his mind pursued. Somehow he could not refuse the Stranger's request, nor did he wish to do so. A strange compelling attraction held him.

"Mother, I have brought Someone to see you!" exclaimed David, as soon as they entered the room.

"Come in, please. Welcome to our humble home, and come in to see me if you will, for I cannot rise from this bed," called the widow in response.

The Lord entered the room where the widow lay, and the children stood on either side where He sat. A wonderful peace pervaded the room. David now forgot all about his cruel disappointment over the stolen grapes, and his resolve to take revenge. He gazed into the eyes of the Stranger, which held him, and an extraordinary happiness flooded his whole being.,

"I'm sorry I have such poor fare to offer you," stammered the widow, glancing furtively toward the meager provisions in the cupboard.

"There will be enough — I will gladly sup with you on your birthday."

Placing His hands over her for a few minutes, He commanded her in a tone which brooked no refusal, "Rise, daughter, you are healed of your infirmity."

Instantly the pain departed and a feeling of bounding health caused her to exclaim with joy, "Thou art the Lord, the Healer of Galilee! Praise and thanksgiving for this blessed day!"

The children were overjoyed to see, presently, their beloved mother seated with them, and the Lord in their midst.

Could they ever forget that day! How He talked to them in golden tones about divine things, telling them wonderful stories which inspired and enthralled them! Then the miracle happened! The table was instantly laden with the choicest foods, and best of all, the choicest grapes ever seen rested on the wooden platter, heaped high. Two miracles in one day; and a third — His coming.

It all seemed like a dream, for suddenly, after two magic hours, a golden haze of light filled the room, and He was gone!

That night David had a remarkable dream. The Lord was the center of it. Hundreds of children were gathered round His feet. He remembered clearly in the morning these words spoken by the Lord to the enraptured young hearers: "Your hearts are to show forth God's love, your minds are to think always of His service, your hands are to be strong to protect the weak, and to work for God, and remember, as you serve others, you serve Me. I have gathered you together, for I want you to be My helpers in the world, and My blessings will ever be with you. I shall often be with you in your dreams, and, though unseen, I shall watch your progress also as you grow through the years." His hands were upraised in blessing, and the gathering dispersed.

David was eager to tell his mother as soon as he awoke, and he also told her of the episode concerning Nathan stealing the grapes.

"Now," said his mother, "you must see what you can do to help Nathan, so go at once and try to make friends with him."

"All right, Mother, it seems easy now, I know. I'll give him my best bow — as he has always wanted it — and I can make

another." "Why not give him your gold cup instead — you treasure that most of all?"

David had a severe tussle with himself, then brightened up— "I'll give it to him, if he'll take it, Mother."

Nathan had already suffered some remorse for his action. He refused the present of the cup but gladly accepted the proferred hand of friendship, for somehow, something of the Magic Love which filled David's heart was communicated to the slumbering spark of love in Nathan's nature, and transformed it into a living flame. David and Nathan became inseparable friends thereafter, and when they grew up became followers of the Lord Jesus and were loved for their holiness and wisdom.

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HOW FREE ARE YOU?

Some years ago, in a small suburban town, there lived a lovely lady who was sincerely seeking TRUTH — about her own personal world, and about all life. She felt deep within her heart that there was more to the business of "living" than just a day to day existence — trying to be as comfortable as possible. She, therefore, sought out many books of instruction and often spoke (perhaps a little jokingly) of being a "free soul"! She had a little daughter who was very precocious for her age and, small as she was, she loved discussing much of this instruction with her mother.

One day while the mother was busily engaged elsewhere in the house, the small daughter answered the door-bell which had been rung by a gentleman who was taking a political poll of the neighborhood.

Greeting the child, the gentleman asked if her mother were at home. Upon hearing the child say that her mother was busy and not available at the moment, the gentleman asked if she knew how her parents would vote in the autumn — to what political party they subscribed.

Said the little girl, "Well, my father is a Republican but my mother is a FREE-SOUL!" (I doubt if the gentleman ever found out how she voted!!!)

What is FREEDOM — God-freedom, that is? All mankind's so-called "freedom" is a *limited* commodity, but REAL FREE-

DOM is IN GOD — is WITH GOD and in REALITY IS GOD HIMSELF! Then why not look to Him to give us that which HE ALREADY IS and *enjoy* the fulfillment of our own Divine Plan which is to be co-creator with Him! ALL LIFE WANTS FREEDOM — because that desire is inherent in all life no matter in what form that life is expressing. Why? Because ALL LIFE IS GOD IN ACTION and, no matter how covered up that original perfection becomes by the erroneous, shadowed thoughts, feelings, spoken words, and deeds of the outer self, THAT GOD-FREEDOM WITHIN WILL EXPRESS ITSELF at one time or another. It cannot be otherwise!

It is the *Will of God* that you be COMPLETELY and ETERNALLY FREE — not just with the "Four Freedoms" spoken of so much here (blessed as that much freedom is!) but free as Beloved Jesus was and still is! "He the Great Example Is-the Pattern for Me . . ." we have sung so often and this is so true. Jesus USED the God-powers within His Own life (healing, precipitation, supply, controlling of the elements, etc.,) and thus manifested FULL FREEDOM, right here in the physical world, through a flesh body which, although it had been completely purified *before* that embodiment, (so that He was born without destructive karma) yet, His body was similar to our own.

Freedom is not just the ability to move wherever one chooses to go. Once there was a woman who took a pet bird to California from the East. That bird travelled thousands of miles, but he went in a cage and actually saw little of the country through which he passed.

So mankind moves his body and possessions freely from place to place, but his limited outer consciousness (the "outer self" which is all he is cognizing at present) is still confined to the "cage" of his doubts, fears, resentments, and other human discordant thoughts, feelings, spoken words, and actions. Such limitations will not allow him to perceive and experience the real God-world — the Kingdom of Heaven — (sustained Harmony) by which he is always surrounded, and which the Beloved Jesus said *is actually within us.*

You see, God (Heaven-Harmony) is always present, but for this Truth to be experienced, it must be understood and accepted.

Now *you can be just as free as you really want to be.* All of us in embodiment today have bound *ourselves.* It was not God's idea in any way. We did this by deliberately turning our atten-

tion away from our Source (our own individualized God-Presence Whose Name is "I AM" — Exodus 3:14) and so, in time, long, long ago, we forgot our Pattern of Perfection and His admonition to LOOK TO HIM for all our needs. Now by the Supreme Graciousness of Life, there has been provided the free and limitless use, for those who have so "fallen from grace", of a very real Activity of Divine Love's Forgiveness and Mercy — the Violet Transmuting Flame. Its very nature is — when sincerely and rhythmically called into action — to FREE ALL THE LIFE IT CONTACTS AT ONCE — or, as quickly as its users will CONSCIOUSLY ACCEPT Its service to them — letting go of that which they do not want!

One takes embodiment upon the planet Earth (which is the "schoolroom" of the Universe for us) to learn how to successfully apply the Laws of Life and how to live "The Middle Way", in the perfect balance of Divine Love, Wisdom, and Power. This Earth is the octave of the action of "cause and effect" for every thing musthav e a CAUSE before it can have an EFFECT! There is really no such thing as an "accident" for what appears to be such is merely the EFFECT of a CAUSE previously sent forth— which is just now expressing itself. Do you see? Conversely, there is no such thing as "luck" which is merely the reaping of a happy reward for some selfless and lovely CAUSE sent forth in the past — perhaps so long ago that it is forgotten by the outer mind BUT THE LAW NEVER FORGETS and when the balancing time has arrived for that (either blessing or distress) to return to its sender, nothing can stop it in its course. Naturally, we welcome the return of the good; and only the calls to Almighty God and the Messengers of Mercy to transmute the recoiling evil energy into good, will forestall the return of the unhappy EFFECTS.

How is this done? Very simple it is — if everyone will make the following daily practice three times a day — before leaving his room in the morning — before entering sleep at night, and sometime during the noon hour: First select a place where one will be undisturbed during the period of the exercise; next, place the attention upon the living heart-beat within the body. (That heart-beat is the focus and anchorage of God's life in each of us, and that is the "Holy of Holies" in which Beloved Jesus put His Faith — in the Father's Name "I Am".) He began all His great fiats of Truth which have lived all through the centuries with that Name. Did He not say, " 'I AM' (is) the Resur-

rection and the Life of My victorious perfection;" and, "I AM' (is) the Way, the Truth, and the Life."? In so identifying Himself with the Father, He connected Himself with the All Power of God. Then (continuing with the exercise) give the decree which we offer at the close of this article. By giving such a confident, authoritative prayer, we call into action His Name "I AM", which is the authority over all substance and energy here and everywhere throughout the Universe.

So, while the attention is held upon the life-beat, KNOWING THAT IS THE PRESENCE OF ALMIGHTY GOD WITHIN YOU, give the statements referred to and PICTURE IN YOUR MIND'S EYE a great pillar of Violet Flame coming up, in, through and around you from the heart of the Earth to the Sun, Itself. Picture this pillar of Violet Fire to be about nine feet in diameter at least — larger if you desire to have it so. IT CANNOT POSSIBLY DO ANYTHING BUT BLESS YOU *so please* do not fear it! It is one of the most marvelous God-friends ever provided for man because Its rhythmic daily use will remove the CAUSES AND CORES of your distresses — be they physical, mental, emotional or financial — and then their EFFECTS — your experiences of them — MUST DISAPPEAR! Its (the Violet Flame's) nature is to love, bless, heal, prosper and illumine you— so LOVE IT in return, and USE IT as prescribed and you will bless the day you began this very pleasant exercise! Never miss a single "treatment". After a while you will be consciously able to SEE this Flame in Its beneficent merciful action around you, and, in a very short while, your body, mind, and affairs will begin to outpicture greater perfection. TRY IT! It costs nothing to try — then STICK TO IT until you have results! More concerning this Violet Fire of Freedom's Love may be found in the pages of all July issues of "The Bridge to Freedom" from 1953 on. ACCEPT THE FLAME OF FREEDOM and LET IT SET YOU FREE!

Suggested Prayer or Decree

My very own Beloved God-Presence of Life, Whose gift of life to me is the very energy which is beating my physical heart and Whose all-powerful Name is "I Am", I humbly and sincerely call on Your Merciful Law of Forgiveness for every mistake I have ever made in the destructive use of Your life, thus distressing my own world and the world of others.

You have promised: "Ask, and ye shall receive . . . " I am asking now for the full power of your Violet Flame of Divine Compassion, Forgiveness and Mercy to blaze up, in, through and around me now and, as easily as a blow

torch would consume tissue paper — let this Merciful Flame dissolve and transmute instantly and forever the CAUSE and CORE of every shadow in my world. Let it be instantly replaced by an eternally sustained and ever expanding focus of the Three-fold Flame of Life, the perfect balance of Divine Love, Wisdom, and Power.

What I call forth for myself, I call forth for all life evolving on this Earth, still unascended, as well as for the actual substance of the planet itself. Help me, Beloved "I Am" to *consciously accept* this done RIGHT NOW with full power! I thank You for this new found Freedom in my world.

THE HEALING CHALICE!

All mankind and life in general, using the Earth as a schoolroom, require healing of mind, soul, body, world or affairs. Disease (lack of ease) is prevalent in the lives of individuals, nations and the planet itself. There is a Way to help to consciously create the natural God estate of *ease* through the individual, his family, nation and — finally — the planet itself.

For this purpose, the Beloved Mary, Mother of the Ascended Master Jesus, has suggested that Tuesday in each week be devoted primarily to invoking the Healing Power of God and His Divine Messengers to bless all those in need of prayer; those who cannot pray (not knowing the science of prayer or having the capacity to pray for themselves); those who will not pray (having no faith in God to answer them); and those who earnestly desire the assistance of God and willingly join these selfless souls in their invocations and prayers to Him for assistance.

All over the world, groups of dedicated men and women (aware of the consecration of their particular prayer groups to Mother Mary and Her Son, Jesus) gather together and form a CHALICE, lifting their voices in songs and petitions, lifting their hearts to These Beloved Ones as Mediators for the alleviation of mankind's distress. Because of the difference in time, this means that throughout the entire twenty four hours designated by Beloved Mother Mary, some group of individuals is praying for YOU! You are invited to accept these prayers on your behalf and share in the blessed benediction that flows from God, through Mary and Jesus, to you and all you hold near and dear, if you so desire!

To those who hath, shall it be given and those those who hath not, even that which they have shall be taken away . . . Jesus.

The open door to the receiving of the blessings of Healing is the receptivity of your own consciousness.

In all communities across the face of the Earth, there are places of prayer wherein is a focus to hold mankind's attention

upon the Deity — whether it is the rough hewed wooden statue of the primitive man or the exquisite representations of the Divine Beings Who represent to each race their Intercessor before the Father's Throne. Thus the sincere prayer of a Fiji islander, or an unlettered Tibetan, is as efficacious as that of the most cultured member of human society who joins his prayer force in a cathedral of beauty and perfection. It is the *approach* toward prayer that is important. It is the *belief* in the supplicant that such prayers can be answered which opens the door to the blessings of Healing from "on High." An old proverb goes, "He who has faith in the power of a sardine's head to heal, will be healed." This may seem sacrilegious at first glance but it contains a great Truth. It is the faith within a man that there is a Power (God) Which can and will answer him that makes healing possible.

"And God made man in His Own Image and Likeness!" How many members of the human race are outpicturing this Likeness? Jesus did and so can you and I. Jesus promised us this when He said, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do." (John 14:12) Among the things which Jesus did was to heal the sick - to manifest God's Image through His Own Blessed Being. He said further— "If it were not so, I would have told you." Here He assures His followers that His statements are true and that the practical Christ man — with the attributes of Healing — can be manifested by all who desire to ask Him to help them to like attainment.

Now, there is a peculiar "quirk" in the human mind. Some individuals, while bemoaning their unhappy experiences, are really enjoying their misery and do not want to be helped. These are the "sick in soul". For them, more than any other group of unascended mankind, do the members of the Healing Chalice pray! A shipwrecked mariner does not ask for the authority of the valiant coast guard who rescues him from death. He willingly accepts the helping hands reached out toward him and gratefully partakes of the restorative gifts of nourishment, warmth, medication, and so forth, which help him back to renewed vigor and vitality. Mankind, when it is enmeshed in miseries, is often rebellious against help of a spiritual nature. It is the joy and opportunity of the members of the Healing Chalice to continue to reach out helping hands to these people until, in their extremity of distress, they will gladly accept the sincerely offered assistance.

The only thing which *fears* prayer is the human creation

which is causing the distress of the individual. This creation is intelligent and knows that, by prayer, it will be removed from such an individual (even as Jesus called forth the evil spirits from the man possessed and cast them into the sea). Thus, individuals who are truly most in need of prayer — often hold on to their misery — because all have free will. They amplify the distress (which is a vampire activity living on their own very life and attention) by talking, writing and thinking about the distress and they reject the assistance of the Heavenly Host Which stands ever ready to assist each and every one of us to greater freedom and understanding, greater peace and ease. WHAT YOUR ATTENTION IS UPON YOU BECOME! If your attention is upon God and His Messengers and upon the Power of God and His Messengers to heal your distress, you can receive the assistance you require today. If your attention is upon your limitation and you refuse the possibility of Divine Healing, you — yourselves — close the door to your own world. One day you shall open that door again. Hasten that day!

No truly God-guided Healing Power conflicts with another type of healing. It complements and strengthens every channel of healing (even through the medical profession). The Great White Brotherhood use only that qualified essence of Healing which is of lasting benefit and good to all. Never do They release Their God-given energies against a person's own free will choice. They await the invitation to assist all. When people resist God's assistance, the Healing Essence invoked by others stands around the individuals until such time as they are willing to accept it.

Gratitude to God for His Presence and His willingness to help all in distress is a wide open door to more and more of His blessings. Remember that only one of the nine lepers healed by Jesus returned to thank Him! Let each of us have grace enough to be grateful to God and His Helpers for all the assistance we have received and — further — invite Him to increase His blessings through us to bless our fellowman! We invite you to join us in the "upper chamber" on Tuesdays and bathe in the benediction of the Healing Essence of God — thus you — in your own homes — become a Healing Chalice also!

"Two men looked out through iron bars
One saw the mud! the other Stars!"

THERE IS NO DEATH

Life not only stretches forward into eternity, but it also stretches backward into infinity. We have always lived in the Heart of God as Spirit — like unto our Creator.

While the human mind cannot conceive of a beginning of God, the Father, it can by a stretch of the imagination conceive of the beginning of His Spirit children. We are told in Genesis "In the beginning God . . ." Jesus said, "The Father is greater than I".

Man's beginning on Earth goes back to the Garden of Eden itself, in which he lived as a pure being, of peace, happiness, and security under the guidance and protection of God, the Father. Man, therefore, is, fundamentally, a pure Divine Spirit made in the image and likeness of God, but he has also developed a soul and a personality which makes him, now, rather a complex creature in himself.

The "Holy Christ Self" was created as an instrument of this Divine Spirit ("I AM"). It is an intelligent consciousness projected from the individualized Spirit and was intended to assist in the service of creation, for which the individual Spirit first came forth, having applied to God, the Father, for that privilege and opportunity, to fulfill the statement of Jesus, "*Thy* (the Father's) Kingdom come; *Thy* will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven."

Every Divine Spirit was created by the love of God's Heart and was endowed with *free will.* It was given the power of creation like that unto the Father, and the All-loving Father sent His Sons and Daughters forth unto the various planets which had been prepared for this purpose and for their enjoyment. The Earth was one of these planets and a certain number of Divine Spirits came to dwell hereon to learn the power of creation and thus widen the borders of their Father's Kingdom.

In order to facilitate the work of creation, these Divine Spirit Beings projected forth part of Themselves. Thus we have the Holy Trinity — the Spirit (the Father), the Holy Christ Self (the Son), and the Holy Spirit (the feelings of love emanating from the Son) — animating all mankind.

The Holy Christ Self is an Exquisite Being of Light — the Holy Grail — through which the indwelling Spirit of the One God shines. It holds constant the Immaculate Concept of the Divine Design of the Father, which the outer consciousness is

privileged and even obligated to outpicture sooner or later in the world of form; but, It (the Holy Christ Self) never permits Itself to be drawn into the retarded human vibrations of doubt, fear, depression, jealousy, disease, or discord of the outer personality. When we learn to raise our outer consciousness into harmony with our Holy Christ Self, we shall experience Its joy, buoyancy, perfect harmony, poise, and peace — not only during moments of inspiration and enthusiasm, but under all circumstances at all times. This is no ephemeral dream. Such a state of affairs has existed upon our Earth during the Golden Ages that have been, and which will come again as soon as we permit the Holy Christ Self to control the undisciplined lower consciousness. A few, among mankind, have pointed the way to such possibility — outpicturing the Holy Christ Self, submitting the human will to the Will of the Higher Self — which then manifested the perfection of the lifestream. Perhaps the most well known Beings Who manifested the great Example are the Master, Jesus, and the Lord, Buddha. Now, naturally, we do pour out our love and gratitude to such persevering Beings for showing us the "Way", but They, Themselves, would be the last to expect such adulation. Rather do They admonish us to look — each to his own God-self — and out-picture Its Own Plan, waiting to be externalized in the world of form.

When that which you think you are (the outer self) is no more and that which you really are (the God-self) stands forth having transmuted and sublimated the personality into Immortality, then we shall have become Gods and Goddesses of Light — joyously willing to remain in embodiment — here — a living example of God's love and light so long as mankind require assistance. There can, therefore, be no death. Immortality is a certainty. It is true that we periodically lay aside the flesh garment (the outer overcoat) and enter into Realms and Temples of Light — there to receive instruction to be applied in a future Earth embodiment, but is that *death?* Are you any less the real *you* in the spring when you lay aside the heavier garments of the winter? Are you any less alive when the real you sloughs off the atomic structure, and you move freely in the Inner Realms, relieved of its encumbrance?

"Death" so-called at the present time, is really a rest period between embodiments — a temporary release from the tedium of "living," even as the night gives us opportunity to withdraw from the problems of the day.

Since the "Fall of Man" into the ways of the flesh, it has been necessary to provide a means of periodic withdrawal of mankind from the weight of his own mis-creations. This release has been termed "death". On no other planet in this system is "death" a necessity or a seeming reality. Only upon the Earth Plane have we become so deeply enmeshed in flesh, that periodic releases are an act of mercy of the Cosmic Law.

Great Beings, looking upon the Divine Pattern for the Earth people, seeing the original intent for which they were created, and realizing that the Light within the human heart (were it again activated and stimulated by Divine Love, Wisdom, and Encouragement) — would — over a period of time — draw these "prodigal" children back to the Father's House — these Great Beings set about to devise ways and means for this humanity. It was necessary to establish

1. Cosmic Law which governs the life of man, including his cycles of birth and death.
2. The Law of the Circle, or Cause and Effect, by which their thoughts and actions (good and bad) would return to their creators.
3. The "Supreme" Court of Cosmic Law, presided over by Perfected Beings called the Lords of Karma, before Whom the lifestreams appear before birth and after death.
4. Necessity for Re-embodiment until each one can control and constructively direct energy *here* on Earth, like unto that exemplified by the Master, Jesus.

Thus, under such provision of the Cosmic Law, man begins (through free will) the process of redemption — individual, national, and planetary. The Self (which lives on after the "death" of the personality it expressed through in many previous Earth lives) learns in special Temples, presided over by the Ascended Masters, that *life* is eternal, that one embodiment is similar to one grade at school, that his own free-will choice of the use of God's energy has set up *all* the unpleasant causes which affect him adversely in life, and finally that the Day of Evaluation (before the Karmic Board) takes place at the close of each embodiment.

When, he comes to realize that the personality is but an usurper of the Divine Authority of the ever-present Holy Christ Self within his beating heart, *then* (and then only) he begins the process of learning to "be still and *know* that 'I AM' God" within himself. He listens to the "still small voice" within him. Then

does the humble, repentent, reverent individual say I (the outer personality) must *decrease* that *Thou* (the Holy Christ Self) may *increase.*

Eventually such realization will awaken within the minds and hearts of all mankind and they will desire that increase of Divine Perfection to express through themselves *for the Glory of God.* Then will the Kingdom of Immortality be established on Earth and "death" will be no more. To this end, the Merciful Father has allowed man to come to Earth again and again knowing full well that *one day* such awakening would come. The Rising Sun of *that* Day already casts its beams upon our Path.

"WRAPPED IN SILENCE!"

What exactly does that mean to YOU? Think about it!

It is not the silence of frustration, when angry words are bottled up and thoughts are not expressed, and strong feelings are repressed by an effort of will. That is not true Silence, for in that aura is chaos and confusion, inharmony and discord!

Would you be wrapped in the POWER OF THE GREAT SILENCE? Then must you come first to your Lord in prayer, to the secret recess and chamber of the heart into which you may retire for communion with God! In that communion comes strength; strength to the soul; then the soul is enabled to create consciously that Silence — which is neither lethargic, negative, nor frustrated; that Silence which is positive, assured, in control of all the energies of your vehicles, and which at any instant, through the power of 'listening grace', makes you a conductor for the radiation of the Masters and wherein you shall find and hold that balance and that peace which truly does surpass the understanding of the human mind.

When the soul has come to a point where the outer world can no longer satisfy it; where every avenue of so-called happiness has been followed to its end and the bitter draught has been taken; when the soul has reached the extremity of the destructive use of free will, then comes the time when the Infinite Presence of Almighty God, Who awaits that hour, can begin to reach that soul, and self.

Holy Mary, Mother of the Master Jesus, was One of the most magnificent examples of that Silence, or Peace. It is recorded that Beloved Mary learned from the time She was three years of age until the great Law of Life took her Home, to remain

in that Silence; Her emotions at peace, Her thoughts concentrated upon the one project to which She had dedicated Her life; Her memory free from the slightest stain that might affect the Child Jesus and His Mission.

Beloved Mary has said "Although I spoke very little I did not go around solemnly at all. We laughed and sang and lived a normal life from all outer appearances, yet that inner core of Being held the Silence in the energies of My world. Thus I saw Lord Zadkiel, the Archangel, when Joseph, My espoused, came, and through great Zadkiel's Presence, I knew that Joseph was chosen of Heaven for Me. Thus I was able to receive Beloved Gabriel and the wonderful announcement of the coming of t' Blessed Jesus. If I had been busy talking all the time, telling of My Life, and My energies had been so chaotic, the Archangel would have come and gone and I would not e'er have known His Presence." (the Annunciation by Archangel Gabriel).

Beloved Mother Mary has also stated that after the birth of Her Son, "If I had allowed Myself to relax that constant vigilance I should not have recognized the truth in the dream of which Joseph spoke to Me saying that 'We flee from Herod into Egypt'. I was able to say, 'Yes, Joseph, We are directed of the Lord."

At this Holy Season of Christmas when the ethers reverberate with the Glorias and songs of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men, if we will turn our attention to Holy Mary and ask Her to infiltrate our feelings and consciousness with HER momentum of the Great Silence — oh, not once, but all through the Holy Season — we will find our ability to enter into that Silence becoming a tangible reality. Not only will we be the beneficiaries of good — peace of mind, soul and body — but we will be radiating centers of Peace — that Peace which is one of the greatest requirements of the Earth and Its peoples!

Beloved Jesus offered us His gift of Peace — "My Peace I give unto you not as the world giveth and then taketh away."

As Christmas is recognized as the 'season of giving', let us avail ourselves of the gift of the Silence (Peace) from the Master Jesus and His Holy Mother. As our 'cups' become filled with the magnificent virtue of Peace, let us dispense that gift to our friends and then, in that true contemplation and radiation, to all mankind. We will remember that the Master Jesus has said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

OPULENCE

To manifest Opulence you must contact the Consciousness of ALL Good (GOD). What this Ever-Present Consciousness is, and how one can tune into it are the questions that will be answered in this article.

Since our purpose is to render the greatest possible service to HOPE readers, we will leave the platform to one of our Ascended Lady Masters, Who as Such, is a Member of the Spiritual Hierarchy of the World, also known as the Great Brotherhood of Ascended Masters. These are Ascended and Cosmic Beings Who have reached the spiritual standard set by Jesus the Christ and Others as the attainable goal of every one of our readers who choose this Path of Opulence of Good. We refer to Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus.

Her unpublished statements say:

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"The God-Consciousness in the Universe is an eternal, ever-present state of Thought and Feeling penetrating all streams of Light representing it as the Godhead's Own Self Conscious Realization of Light.

Into this God-Consciousness various Lifestreams have tuned through self-conscious endeavor to unite Their thought and feeling and continuous state of being with Reality. According to Their capacity have They received more or less of the ultimate realization, vision and beauty and are Those Individuals rated in evolution as Ascended and Cosmic Beings.

The endeavor of every aspirant, chela and spiritual novitiate is to come to a point of realization wherein his or her individual consciousness is raised to a point where it contacts and unites itself with the Cosmic Truth ever-present.

This raising of the consciousness is the Spiritual Path and the sustaining of the consciousness in Truth is the Spiritual Way, and the realization of the ever-present consciousness of All Good is the reward of the lifestream who has sufficent *determination* and *constancy* to pursue this Spiritual Path to the fulfillment of realization.

We see, therefore, that the ascension of Consciousness is an hourly process wherein the separate human consciousness, filled with its concepts and beliefs, is gradually quickened in vibratory action until by its very vibration it joins the Ever-Present Truth, which previously vibrated so rapidly that the human conscious-

ness was completely unaware of Its subtle presence."

Thus spoke our beloved Ascended Lady Master.

II

Now as to the second question on how to contact the God-Consciousness, rather than attempting to answer it in human words, and for the greater benefit of our readers, we will let the same Ascended Lady Master answer it. She says:

"For an individual to achieve Ascended Master Consciousness he must be eternally vigilant as to the condition of the *thought* and *feeling bodies*, as they form the vibratory action and wave length of his state of being, and to accelerate the wave-length of the vibration of his consciousness to a point where they tune into the Ascended Master Consciousness, the individual must entertain and maintain only those vibrations representative of the virtuous, harmonious, and pure currents that form the ever-present God-Consciousness of the Universe and of all Perfected Beings.

Great men and women who have followed in the footsteps of the Master Jesus, the Lord Buddha and Other Great Examples of Good, have, by contemplation and imitation of their Divine Masters, raised their consciousness to a point where it blended with and became one with the Master's.

These people while unascended, formed a perfect channel for the conducting of the Ascended Masters' particular gifts which could pass through a consciousness only akin to Their Own, and these people have become great forces for Good because through individual application their consciousness has joined to and become one with their Master's, and in this way they performed all their service in the Master's Name.

If you, who seek to serve God and to unite your separate selves with the One, dwell upon the consciousness of any single Ascended Being Who will train your consciousness into His or Her Way of thinking and feeling, this will bring about conditions and blending processes which will insure your individual ascension and make you an individualized outpost of the Powers of That One. Then All the Ascended Masters (being One) can use your consciousness freely as Their Own when it no longer *dips* into the vibratory action of the human state at the slightest stir of the ethers.

I trust this will assist you in your very earnest and sincere endeavors to sustain and maintain a realization of the consciousness "too pure to behold iniquity".

III

The above simple Instruction will enable anyone to tune into the Ever-Present Consciousness of All Good, thus enabling him or her to manifest Opulence. Let us summarize the main points that should be borne in mind by anyone who may wish to apply the above.

1. The Consciousness of All Good is Eternal and Omnipresent, and therefore interpenetrates all life.

2. You tune into It by raising the standard of your thoughts and feelings, and sustaining that higher standard.

3. To accomplish this you must have sufficent *determination* and *constancy* in your efforts at purification of your thoughts and feelings.

4. When this process of purification raises the vibratory action of your thoughts and feelings, it enables you to perceive the vibrations of the Ever-Present Opulence which surrounds you, like the radio and television waves pick up and transmit vibrations of a similar frequency.

5. One of the most effectual ways to elevate the vibratory action and wave length of your state of being is by dwelling upon the Consciousness of an Ascended Being.

6. One of the results of this endeavor is that you become an outpost of the Ascended Host for dispensing the Opulence of All Good in your surroundings and finally achieve the spiritual altitude of Jesus the Christ, that is, become an Ascended Master and a Member of the Spiritual Hierarchy Which rules the World.

ANGELS OF FIRE

It would seem that Fire has always been the chosen Element of God. The Bible gives the familiar examples of the Flaming Bush, from which Moses heard the voice of God on Mount Horeb; the Pillar of Fire which guided the Israelites through the wilderness; and the "cloven tongues like as of fire" which "sat upon" each of the Apostles at Pentecost.

Fire was used as a symbol of God's Presence, Guidance and Power.

At the heart of all great religions is the thought of fire in some form, from the worship of the Sun, as its source, the adoration of the perpetual flame upon the altars of ancient peoples,

as well as their sacrificial fires, to the Christian statement that "Our God is a consuming fire." Many traces of the symbolism of different forms of fire which prevailed among the religious beliefs of ancient nations are present today.

Divine Radiance, the highest form of fire, which is Spiritual Fire or Divine Life, still rightly has its place in our worship and is represented in many symbolic forms.

The flames of physical fire, one of God's greatest gifts, always rise heavenward, directing our attention upward. Thoughtful attention so directed, changes the emphasis from the physical flame of the Ancients to the Inner or Divine Flame, the Source of all creation.

Fire is in and through all things; it can even be drawn from stones by the stroke of steel. A great mystic has said that it was Angels Who taught man how to make fire by striking flint stones.

Fire differentiates man from the animals who fear it, while man has made it serve him.

Fire on Earth and Cosmic Fire, though similar in appearance, serve vastly different purposes.

An Angel looking at a flower sees the force flowing through it, creating and maintaining the plant from within, as electricity flows through a wire. To a human being, the flower would appear to have outward form, texture and color only, and the electric wire appears merely as a wire. An Angel is conscious of the causes, which is Divine Fire — the "Fire of Creation" — of all life, while man rarely sees beyond the effect.

Cosmic Fire is neither flame nor heat but a form of electrical energy and inherent in all forms of life.

Fire on Earth is an expression of Divine Intelligence releasing created substance. This physical release of manifested creative fire excites the Nature Spirits of fire and They revel in this physical manifestation of Their own element. In physical fire, the fire element is active almost exclusive of the other elements used in the construction of form. It is evident, then, that where Cosmic Fire always *constructs*, physical fire often *destroys*.

The Fire Elementals which serve in physical flame have little consciousness on Earth, for Their work is to reflect the consciousness and manifest certain forces of the higher realms. Since They accomplish Their work by contacting and working through all the other Elementals, all of Whom willingly serve Them, (when man does not interfere), They are the most difficult

of all Elementals for man to contact. They can be seen by those with inner sight flitting in the flames.

These Fire Elementals are tiny centers of consciounsness which exist on all planes and in all kingdoms. There is no life without some form of fire.

Salamanders are the lower Fire Elementals, emanations of the "Gods of the Elementals", sent to manipulate and manifest the lowest form of the Flame on whatever planet they are sent by the "Lords of the Flame".

Salamanders, the youngest of the Nature Spirits of fire, through the process of evolution, become glorious Lords of Fire. As Their bodies seem to be built of streams of rushing fiery energy, They suggest, rather than resemble, the human form. The face, which is generally veiled by an aura of flames, is human in appearance, though more triangular in shape with oval chins. Their upward slanting eyes seem to burn with delight in Their element's power of consuming substance.

The Salamanders vary in height from two or three feet to the colossal size of the Fire Lords connected with the Sun. These Solar Fire Lords are magnificent, beautiful and awe-inspiring in appearance. Each cell in Their bodies resembles a blazing furnace, while the aura of leaping flames about Them obscures Their faces. They are the very embodiment of abstract beauty and living fire-power of God.

These energies of fire and flame are directed by Archangels of Flame and Gods of Fire, according to the will of the Supreme Lord of Fire, the Source of Their Being. The power of fire passing through Their bodies is transformed, shielding the Solar System, "lest the fiery energy should blind the eyes of those to whom it is a source of light, burn those to whom it is a source of heat, and shatter those to whom it is a source of power." *(The Kingdom of the Gods*, Geoffrey Hodson). These Mighty Ones stand close before the fiery throne of the God of both Angels and men.

So many of the greatest things in life are invisible — the air we breathe, the refreshing breeze on our faces, the comforting warmth, chilling cold, health-giving vitamins and minerals in our food, pleasant perfume of flowers, invigorating aroma of pine, and love of parent or friend, to name only a few. Are these things real? We cannot see them, although we may see a result of their action or being. They are all so much a part of our

lives that we take them for granted — without a thought of the Love which has provided them.

Few humans are gifted with "inner sight" which permits them to see how these gifts of an All-wise Father's Love are supplied and maintained for the enjoyment and well-being of His children of Earth. Some form of elemental life, and there are many, permeates every plane of existence. Without these Invisible Helpers there would be no life. How much of love and gratitude we owe These unseen, but very real little Beings, all about us, Who serve ceaselessly that we may live.

Fire is a power which comes to Earth through the Sun, Its conscious use is given only to man, of all God's creatures. As valuable as Earth's fire is, it is but the outer-most garment of the Divine Flame which burns eternally upon the altar of God, and "lighteth the heart of every man".

All fire must be handled with care, that is, treated with respect. A lack of care can cause great loss, disaster and pain — yet physical fire can bring cheer, beauty and great comfort.

The law concerning fire on the higher planes is equally exacting. The Flame of Divine Love in our hearts, sometimes spoken of as "the Jewel in the heart of the Lotus", is God's Flame or Life-force surging through our hearts creating and maintaining life.

It is necessary that an altar to this Flame be erected in our hearts, that we respect It, care for It, protect It, and hold It as a sacred trust, making and keeping our bodies a temple of the Living God.

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ZADKIEL, ARCHANGEL DEAR

Zadkiel, Archangel dear
Coming to Earth today,
Winging Your way to us here,
Bringing us Freedom's Ray;
Lift our attention on high,
Make us of Your world a part!
For Your being so selfless,
So willing to help us,
O Zadkiel dear! Bless Your heart!

Zadkiel, Brother of Light,
Flood Earth with Violet Fire;
Help us to make all things right,
Purify all desire;
Take away pain and distress,
Let all in peace now abide;
Let the Love of God seal all
In Flame that will heal all,
And Angels stay close by our side.

Zadkiel, Eternal Friend,
All through the ages past,
Help us all good to defend
Bringing Earth home at last.
We hold You close in our hearts,
Archangels, Archaii too,
For Your service unending
Our praise is ascending,
O Great Central Sun, bless Them too!

Melody: "Oh, How I Miss You Tonight"
(Key of G)