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..THE MESSAGE..

One of the most comforting and reassuring passages of the Bible is found in Exodus 33: 14--"My Presence shall go with thee; and I shall give thee rest!"

The practice of the presence of God brings Rest, Peace, and the happiness of Understanding Confidence. Even devoting but five or ten minutes a day to seeking attunement with Him deliberately in the Silence, brings rich reward, while to keep a conscious realization of His Presence ever with us, means a blessing beyond telling. The Spirit of God is always at hand, about us everywhere, only awaiting our attunement, our recognition and conscious realization,--then His power and His good will flow to aid us, to strengthen and encourage us. But it needs the effort of the Will to keep the thought of Him ever uppermost in our minds and thus, through realization, keep the channel clear.

To this end, the faculty of Attention is necessary. No matter what the task that is occupying us may be, we can do it better if the Spirit of God works with us than we can possibly do it alone. If we recognized this fact, we would learn to turn continually to the Inward Presence as to a friend and ally. Our conscious minds are prone to become absorbed in the work we are doing. We concentrate upon it, we strain every nerve yet often it falls short of success. Why? Because we have depended too wholly on objective wisdom and power. If we would but preface every task with the silent thought 'This is your work, Father, you help me to do

it'--things would move far more easily for us, inspiration would give impetus to make the work lighter, the Presence would go with us to assure our success and we would find rest.

It is very easy to practice the presence of God, which is very comforting in troublous and difficult times and very satisfying. After awhile it becomes a matter of habit to turn one's attention to the realization of the ever present Spirit. Blessings follow. Joyous achievement in every sense of the word, because it is not this little weak "I" that is now accomplishing something, but the "I" linked with Divine Power, so that the Supreme Energy works through us as soon as we have provided the Channel and the focal center upon this plane. We are the Channel;--the focal center of Manifestation is what we want to be. The "Rest" spoken of, is not the abatement of labor, but rather the cessation of effort and strain, release from the wearying physical and mental struggle, a deliverance from the effects of little annoying things that hamper and defeat, from discouragement and disappointment and the half-successes. To be as one with the great Creative Energy, to be filled with the Divine Presence means not only restful, uplifted inspired work, but glorious attainment as well.

The young English girl, whether washing dishes, scrubbing floors, or other distasteful work, yet did it as she would do it unto the Christ. We, too, if we achieve, must thank him, and give praise, for the strength to accomplish, for strong muscles and light feet, we must feel gratitude continually as we work; thus, maintaining attunement with Divine Power. If our work is mental or

intellectual, then before we begin, let us ask His co-operation. We will find the mind clearer, fresh ideas will come faster and the way will open more quickly. When we do earnestly entreat God's help, difficulties straighten out for us as if by magic, rocks in the path are removed or disappear, limitations are unaccountably overcome, and our objective is attained without inharmonious drawbacks.

There is nothing in the world to compare with this habit of instinctively making God One's partner in all work and play, in every joy, success or trouble, in every sorrow or loss. Nowhere else can we hope to find the patience to endure, or the strength to carry on during these days of adjustment now at hand. In the light of the Divine Presence, fear and grief are everlastingly banished, the needs of body, mind and spirit are met each day, and there is continual unfoldment of Eternal Truth to the human consciousness.

Today, there is a great need that the world turn to seeking God's Presence; that would, in truth be a New Deal for Humanity. It alone is the way by which harmony may succeed inharmony and discord; peace supplant war; rest displace turbulence in world affairs and human want and misery disappear forever. Let the World but get a true realization of the Presence of God and Right will oust Might, God's Kingdom will come to Earth, and Peace will Reign.

The way is to realize that, though you are but one amongst many, yet you can add your part by doing your part and practicing the presence of God each day and each hour.

"My presence shall go with thee and I will give thee rest."

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It has been observed our Dean has an unusually fine Calendar hanging by his desk.

AS ABOVE -- SO BELOW

Someone has said that Man is a minature Cosmus, containing within himself myriads of Solar Systems, Planets, Moons, with huge Star Galaxies everywhere. It has also been said that we are a cell in the body of God. As the mind dwells upon these thoughts the immensity of the concepts staggers the imagination. Perhaps, after all, we are but dwellers in a minute cell, our sun and planets, all a part of this cell which is the physical body of God; thus, our cell, God, in which we move and have our being, is but one of the countless other cells of a larger organ or part of a whole which we call the Cosmus, realizing also, that this larger part or organ in the body of the absolute, is of no more relative size to what lies beyond the Cosmus, than a ductless gland or other organ in our body may be in comparison to the whole body. Neither is the combined minds of the countless Rulers of the infinite number of cells constituting the group mind of the Cosmic Ruler of any greater degree than the countless cell-minds constituting the group mind of a ductless gland is to the total mind and consciousness of what you call yourself.

It indeed transcends the limitation of our vision to picture the immensities of our Solar System the life and dwellers upon its Planets, their wealth of Knowledge and achievement as constituting to the absolute, but the relative size and advancement of a tiny cell, so small it requires a powerful microscope to even see its distinguishing features; -- contemplate the comparison of the Knowledge, mind and consciousness of this cell to the total Knowledge, Mind and Consciousness of a Man. Our God is indeed infinite, beyond our comprehension or realization made known to us only by the nearest possible metaphor, yet even He is but the ruler of a tiny cell in a minute part of the greater body of the Cosmus, which revolves around its Cosmic God and whose outer

form is Arcturus. Do you see why progress in Knowledge and Understanding is endless and do you envisage something of the endless road of development as we in turn become cells, rulers of our Universes, developing consciousness still further through the evolving consciousness of the life evolving in our System, and then on and on from Cosmos to Cosmos and beyond, without end--it appals with its immensity, yet through this long journey, along each step of the way, you are still you. Mind Consciousness and Personality are the same, save for the changes you, yourself, build as you grow and learn. The point, therefore, is that surely there is no need to hurry, surely there is no need to make undue haste. Contemplating the immensity of that endless journey forward, indeed we can relax a little and take time to be thorough, to pause and to make sure that at least each lesson is learned as we come to it that we may not need to repeat that difficult lesson at some future time. Let us be little concerned with the end of the study we are now taking together, let us enjoy each lesson, taking our time to study and contemplate each letter, making sure progress with little concern for speed. Life will follow life through the entire millions of years of this Manvantara, and after that--countless Manvantaras learning again through our own Universe, over which we shall rule as starry diademmed Gods, infinite to that Universe, but a tiny part only of the Cosmos to which we shall be still finite. Let us turn now after just a glimpse of the Road--that Mystic Way, which lies ahead, and concern ourselves with today--the one day which we can call our own, let us study and learn and apply a consciousness of doing it unto Him each day in every

humble task in no matter how humble a niche we may find ourselves. This concentrating upon the one day at a time with this realization is the secret of the Philosophers Stone. It makes the tomorrows inevitably happy, and it makes the yesterdays fade with no vain regrets.

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Nearly three hundred Ministers are in training. Teachers and Practitioners are getting ready. Meantime much must transpire before

the masses turn from their new dream to our church and humbly say 'Teach me.' Utilize the time of waiting to perfect yourselves.

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Dr. Alan Emley, Ph.D. F.M.B.
Author and Philosopher

Ye Editor pauses for a moment in the daily routine of work to introduce to the members of the Brotherhood a well loved friend, Dr. Allan Emley. Dr. Emley is the author of numerous books and magazine articles, perhaps the best known book being "Solar Psychology." Dr. Emley's articles will appear from time to time in the Messenger. He sends his greetings with this thought: --

S E R E N I T Y --

"The man of superior mind is placidly composed. The small minded man is in a constant state of perturbation." -- Confucius.

A quick, nervous man entered a street-car. He extracted his fare from a pocketbook, and obtained a transfer. He selected a seat, looked around and then changed to another. With a swift movement his hand sought

and the Prophet said to Ali --

"Look for the moon in heaven, not in the water! . . .

If you desire to rise above mere names and letters,
Make yourself free from self at one stroke!

Like a sword be without trace of soft iron;

Like a steel mirror, scour off all rust with contrition; . . .

Make yourself pure from all attributes of self,
That you may see your own pure bright self. . . .

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his pocketbook, and with relief in his eyes, opened it and made sure that his coins and his transfer were safe. He inspected each newcomer, and turned to see all who left the car. He craned his neck to look out ahead. He turned quickly and peered through the windows at each side. His muscles tensed whenever an automobile approached, and he breathed a sign of relief when it passed unharmed.

By the time he reached his office he must have been exhausted. He had done a day's labor in the short time since he left home. He is wearing himself out with unimportant little things. He will be old in body while still young in years. He will die long before his allotted time.

If he could ask a Master, "What should be the first attainment?" perhaps the Master would answer, "Serenity." Perhaps he would tell this man, "Be serene. Be able to retire within yourself and shut the door. Be still! Remain calm in the midst of the storm."

"All things may come to him who has attained serenity. He remains unmoved amidst the hurrying of those about him. He heeds not the million things that are wearing away your life, yet he sees the glory of the dawn, the golden noon and the purple of the dying day. He hears the buzzing of the bee, the whisper of the breeze, and watches the slow unfolding of the flower. In each he finds a key to the mystery of the Universe."

Would the man on the street-car believe that?

Could he know that in the dawn, noon, evening and night he might find the cycle that applies to every evolving thing, whether it be a day, a year, a life, a nation, a people, a world or a universe? And that, understanding this principle, he might become a prophet?

Could he translate the buzzing of the bee to: "I have the secret of fin-

ancial success? I gather honey - more than I can use. I save and accumulate. When I die I shall leave much honey to others. If you knew my secret you could become wealthy. Here it is: "I concentrate on one thing to the exclusion of all others."

Could he understand the breeze when it whispers, "I move? I represent the only thing that is certain." Would you know what this certainty is? It is change.

Could he see the blooming and dying of the flower, and know the significance of the fact that within its heart are the seeds that perpetuate the forms for the flower life of the future; and that here is the secret of life and death?

Can he see himself in the flower? In the breeze? In the bee? Or in the day?

Serenity! What a treasure lies before him unheeded! With it he would have the key to his problems. He could unlock the door to his own soul.

Without it he is a chaser of moonbeams, a prophet of nothing, a singer of meaningless songs. He knows not even the insignificance of the things that fill his little life.

Perhaps Omar had watched such a man when he wrote:

"When you and I behind the veil are past
O but the long, long while the world will last,
Which, of our coming and departure, heeds
As the sea's self would heed a pebble cast."

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It is a wonderful inspiration to us of the Brotherhood to note the reception accorded the Messenger by all of you. Many have sent postage and a little extra in Alms to help and for all of this, - "Thank you."

OLD JOE'S COLUMN

A suggestion for 1934.

In accepting the invitation of the Dean of The Mystic Messenger, I feel a sense of added responsibility, a responsibility I have longed for and prepared for, though I will confess the invitation came as a complete surprise to me.

I have known the Dean and his co-workers for some time and anything I might say in way of compliment could hardly do justice to the work they have done and will continue to do, placing on terra firma the hundreds of wanderers who have not found a place to anchor.

A spick, span, brand new calendar hanging on my wall reminds me that another milestone has been passed in my journey, and yours, to perfection. The old year, for as such we now classify 1933, was very good to me. My health was good, many, as though to encourage me, have told me of their appreciation of my humble efforts. I have made many new friends and kept all of the old, tried and true ones. I have nothing to complain about, for even my critics have given me something to think about and profit by.

New Year Resolutions are in order, unless you like myself, have passed the point where a special day must be set aside for them. The great trouble with New Year Resolutions, is; we find so much fault with ourselves all at one time and try to make the corrections as if by magic. Then when we break one or two of the resolutions we discard them all, treating them as the proverbial cat who sank to the bottom of the mill pond well weighted with rocks.

Self improvement is a long drawn out proposition; one that usually lasts a life time, and then is not satisfactory. The great trouble, to my way of thinking, in making New

Year resolutions is, that we start out to do too much at one time.

A machinist has a shaft three inches in diameter. There is an order for him to reduce one end of the shaft to two inches in diameter. There is no tool made that will reduce the diameter of that shaft in one turn of the lathe, so the experienced machinist sets his gears and does the job in many revolutions of the shaft; maybe as many as 365 revolutions are required to get the proper diameter.

There are 365 days in 1934, and I am going to propose a resolution. Resolved: That during the year 1934 and ever thereafter, I will be watchful to repeat no slander or hear-say thoughtlessly that will reflect on or injure the character and reputation of another.

That resolution is not a new one, you will find it in Mosaic Law. "Thou shalt not bear false witness."

I do not care to sermonize, but wouldn't this be a better world if none of us repeated the idle gossip we hear every day? I wonder how much our conversation would be limited, were we to confine our chin wagging to what we knew to be facts, especially when discussing the intimate actions of another?

We can lock our doors against a thief, protect ourselves against the prying eyes of the curious and somehow keep away from the installment vender, but there is no protection from the wagging tongue of gossip and even the best of us will occasionally repeat things that may injure another.

If during the year we can succeed in not repeating unkind things we shall have accomplished much and laid the foundation for greater accomplishments. May I wish you joy and happiness in your accomplishment.

Old Joe.

THOUGHTS AT RANDOM

Included as an important part of the Church Training work is a practical series of lessons on Horary Astrology, the art whereby any question which is asked of you or arises in your mind can be answered. The first part of the series deals with the values of the Signs, the method of erecting a chart, etc., just as in ordinary astrology, later work takes up esoteric studies not usually given and the special work on Horary Astrology. It is very important for the Minister, the Teacher or Practitioner. All who teach, heal or advise. It will no doubt appeal to many others who have expressed a wish to learn Astrology under the Brotherhood Guidance. Members of the Church Training Work will of course receive this special study in the regular course of their training, others who may be interested in Astrology alone and who desire to learn more of it, should discuss the matter with their regular Teacher.

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A new arrangement promises to speed up Brotherhood mail. Most of the Railway Mail Cars coming into the South East now have a compartment for the mail of the University and its Teachers and all mail is sorted into packages and tied before reaching the Tampa Post Office. Thus there is no delay after the mail comes in to Tampa, all that is necessary is that the packages of mail be delivered. We are sure that this will be helpful and we appreciate the co-operation of the Postal Railway Service, which is occasioned, of course, by the tremendous volume of mail received daily by the Brotherhood.

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Do you know that the 119th Psalm is a Mighty Magical Ritual of Invocation? 176 verses divided into twenty-two parts, each headed by a letter of the Hebrew Alphabet. Each invokes a special attribute of God. Used by recitation, they raise the vibrations to

the Higher Planes, whence response comes in a flash of intuition. Some respond, or are more easily able to attune with The Divine Mind by means of one set of verses than another, find your chapter of eight verses, and use it, commencing each time with the Power name preceded by Jehova, thus, Jehova Nun, "Thy word is a lamp, etc!"

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One reason why evolution - not revolution - is necessary; The Local C.W.A. sent a call to 1400 men listed as in need of work--many were on the Charity list and being supplied with food. 1400 men needed for vegetable picking, 1400 out-of-work men called--less than one hundred responded, a second call went out,--none responded. Another organization was operating a free soup kitchen--it offered these men work at two dollars per day to cut wood which was needed for the poor--not one man showed up to go to work--but all were back in line for soup the next day.

FOR A GLORIOUS CHRISTMAS

The members of the Faculty extend their thanks and appreciation to each and every one of you. Each Teacher has answered individually the cards and gifts received but many of the beautiful cards did not carry any name and several gifts likewise. If you have not heard from your Teacher, write--that he may acknowledge your card or gift.

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A member sends this--

Isaiah 52:7 "How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of him that brings good tidings."

Mercury, Messenger of the Gods
How beautiful upon the mountain are thy feet bringing good tidings to those who wait.

Bringing with the winged staff
Blessed Truth that imparts
Vibrant thrills to human hearts.
Behold Mercury upon the page
As Mystic Messenger of this Age.

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