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THE MESSAGE—"YOUR GOAL"



The Mariner, who faces daily the dangers of the Sea, and to whose judgment has been entrusted an invaluable cargo of merchandise and Human Souls, rises to his position only after many years of practice, of observation, of tests and trials. Certainly when he commences his career, he does not hold any vain hope that he shall reach a position where he can do away with the dangers of the storm and fogs, dangers of collision with other vessels or with icebergs. He holds no such delusion, but recognizing these dangers, seeks to improve himself to the point where he may face them, where he may anticipate them, and out-general them.

It is one of the most unfortunate things that so much stress has been laid by many Teachers upon Occultism, as a way of escape from the dangers of life, the difficulties, financial, and otherwise, which come to human beings, rather than stressing it as a way by which one may learn to face these hazards, to anticipate them and overcome them. There is a vast difference in those two viewpoints, a difference which is as vast as the space between East and West.

This error is found not only in practically all beginners, but in a surprisingly large number of older students who have studied for many years. They still feel that they should be able to wave some Magic Wand, and cause the storms of life to cease, and the waters to become quiet, and obey their will. They

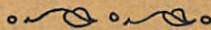
do not realize that these things are caused by Great Cosmic Tides, by ebb and flow of Universal Forces usually beyond their control. Yet Occultism does offer them a way and a means by which they may train themselves, by which they may acquire knowledge to foresee these conditions, to prepare for them, and to render them futile in their power against them. It is true that this latter way requires work; requires study, perseverance, application, and more and beyond all it requires thought, it requires the ability to use the Intellectual Processes in terms of pure reason, unbiased and uncontaminated by the emotions, by the biases and prejudices, the petty likes and dislikes which are contained in the life of the average person. But when once that freedom of thought has been obtained, and once the person has developed clarity of Thought, then there comes Understanding, and there comes to such a one the ability to marshall to his aid the serried ranks of Heavenly Hosts in numbers beyond his Imagination. Not to change the set of those Great Tides but to so maneuver his ship that he will safely out-ride the gale.

Let us therefore, not cry like weaklings to God, to mitigate our difficulties, but instead let us ask for Understanding and the Strength to carry on.

When God answers Prayers, He does not answer it by causing the closed bank to open again, by checking the panic and restoring business, He does not do it by paying the mortgage in full, but He does answer Prayer

by a ray of Divine Inspiration, so that if our mind be quiet, calm and trustful, we will understand, we will see the solution, we will work it out ourselves, but if that mind be storm-tossed with fear, doubt and worry, even that Divine Ray is lost in the depths of the mental gloom.

So the Message for this month, to you Students of the Brotherhood, is this: remember and keep constantly in mind your Goal; remember the difference in these two viewpoints, and never allow yourself to confuse the two. You are treading the Path for the purpose of training yourself to meet and overcome these difficulties which are brought to Humanity thru the operation of the Great Laws. Not to stop their operation, not to prevent their functioning, but to render yourselves immune to them.



○ Adonai! Thou Art the
Light and Life of My
Soul. I Love Thee:
I Adore Thee.

Illuminate My Mind:
Strengthen My Will:
Enflame My Heart with
Love for Thee and for
All Beings.

And Bring Me Unto
Conscious Union With
Thee --
True Wisdom and
Happiness.

Aumgn!
Aumgn!
Aumgn!

Dr. Sydney French



MY SEARCH

I sought throughout the heavens for God, in light of suns and moons, in all the waters of the earth, and fires beneath; till spent with toil of search, despairingly I laid me down to rest.

I gathered and devoured the knowledge other men in search of God had culled and booked, then turned away distraught. Everywhere were Witnesses of God, but nowhere could I find that God for whom my soul had sought so long in vain.

The years sped by, my youth was spent, and old and weak and worn I reached the brink of that great mystery which man hath termed "Death's Stream."

Patiently at last, I lay with fast closed eyes awaiting what might come, when lo! my sight was quickened and I knew that I was seeing God.

Not the God whom I had vainly sought and even feared; not a lonely figure seated on a throne to judge and sentence erring Man; but as the Universe itself with not a missing star, a blade of grass, a gnat or human form.

And strange and stranger still, I saw as in a glass within my failing human heart, that single Universe unfold, and from its depths another and another without end arose, and then I knew, and marveled that I knew, that I was God, in God, Of God.

All things, all creatures, were in me and I in them.

Anonymous

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Mabel Pendry.



OLD JOE
SAYS —

For the past two days, I have been investigating the history of the old Missions that are so much a part of the early history of the Lone Star State.

I am, I am sure, of the gregarious type of humans, for I do like companionship, but there are times when I like to go alone and somehow hear and see the many things, the ears and the eyes of others fail to hear and see.

I went with friends to see the San Jose Mission, they were satisfied to look from the outside, but I wanted to get on the inside and see all that was to be seen. They were satisfied to have a superficial view, while I wanted to look into and through, if it be possible.

What prompted the priests and others to come to the new world? Why did they establish Missions to educate the Indian and teach him about the Master Jesus? Why were they willing to endure hardships and privations when they had no hope of getting a monetary reward for their service?

There comes to every man a call for service - a call that is as real as any invitation he could have from lips of man. Some hear and heed; these are the successful men, others hear and heed not; they are the misfits, the square pegs in round holes.

These priests and their associates were called to a pioneering service and they took their best knowledge with them. They had heard the call - "Go ye unto all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." They obeyed the call and these old Missions tell a story of labor and sacrifice for that which they believed to be

their calling.

Perhaps I am a little more psychic or sentimental than some folks but the trip I took, alone through the Missions of San Jose and De La Purisima Concepcion, were both pleasurable and profitable. I should like the privilege of sitting in the old cloister, alone, to listen and meditate. I should like to climb the winding stair in San Jose, without being disturbed by the sound of moving traffic or the whisper of a human voice. I should like to walk up and down through the arch ways where the priests walked, meditated and prayed.

To many, images, drawings and the like recall so much superstition and false beliefs on the part of the laity, but look beyond the image and the painting and drawing and there is a meaning that is only revealed to the sincere. Those images and drawings are only the channels through which force flows, they are not the objects of worship, though there may be those who bow to them. Personally, I am not a Roman Catholic, but they have certain ritual that is very profitable to any one who will use it aright.

Standing in the chapel of San Jose Mission facing the altar on which was a statue of the Master Jesus, there came a thought that perhaps I could be enlightened as to the real purpose of this Mission. I stood there for a few minutes, alone. The guide had gone elsewhere and as I somehow pictured the mission in its early days with priests and men and women giving their lives in a missionary cause, there came to me this thought. "And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me."

Was that not all I needed in way of an explanation?

Old Joe.

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from unruly puppies.

contributes the following article

Becoming A Master.

Each of us probably thinks, as we journey on the long path of evolution, that it will be a very wonderful experience to attain Mastership. Yet Mastership is a relative position on the path, rather than a particular state of development.

You are already a master in your own sphere, and, if you would know something of the experiences and pleasures of the Great Ones who are serving our race, you may do so by serving a still lower form of life.

Last Christmas my three youngsters found great joy in the gift of a puppy. It was a little intelligence dominated by the instincts of the great family of Dog. Its subconscious memories call for destruction, lawlessness and rebellion from all order, but it is a lovable little creature, affectionate and full of happy life, and is capable of surprising things.

It paid no attention to the commands of the three little masters, who were more or less in the position of a modern minister trying to lead his congregation. It tore their clothing, nipped their arms and legs, and they were entirely unequal to the task of shaping its future.

So they called on Dad, a bigger master, who had gathered more than they from the school of experience. Great was their joy when Dad consented to take over their loved puppy for training.

Now the method of teaching a dog is not unlike the one by which human beings are led forward and upward. To the Great Masters, we do not appear to be much different

First come the sins of commission. They must be met with punishment that grows in severity as the sins are repeated.

The puppy plays havoc with the washing that dangles temptingly on the line. Swift and drastic is the punishment, and most woefully does the little intelligence wail. It didn't know it was committing a sin, and it still does not understand why it should be punished. It only desires to follow its primal urges and have a good time. Perhaps it thinks God is very unjust.

Eventually, after repeated corrections from the stern hand, it learns its lesson. Then it can sit and look at the washing with a wistfulness not unlike that of a dyspeptic looking at pork pie while dining on succulent spinach and warm water. Other dogs may tear the washing and get away unscathed, but not this particular dog that is following the master's teaching.

Next come the sins of omission, and far different is the training for them. Such sins are treated with extreme patience, encouragement and a system of rewards.

The master gives the command, "Charge!" It means, "Lie down and be calm." The puppy doesn't understand, so it is forced gently down, and then is given a piece of meat, just as the worn out man lies down in a doorway and finds peace and strength in sleep. Eventually the puppy learns obedience, and lies down without being forced.

Gently, with infinite patience, the master teaches the law that turns a squirming, ignorant puppy into a splendid, useful, intelligent dog. Very happy are the little masters as it progresses step by step.

It learns to jump over a stick, to shake hands, to sit up, to roll over, and to say its prayers. And, in learning, it breaks away from the primal instincts and urges of the great family of Dog. The intelligence of the master has been substituted for the intelligence of the group, and the puppy has advanced a long way up the joyous path of evolution. Some day it will know the work it is intended to perform, and, without question, it will do the master's will.

The master, too, has learned much. Through experience gained, he is ready for a still greater task.

THE ORIGIN OF THE BROTHERHOOD.

A final word may be said regarding the Origin of the Mystic Brotherhood, which is unique amongst Organizations of the present day. It maintains its cloistered aspect, and contacts its chosen Students thru its weekly lessons, which are read by the Student in the privacy of his own home, and by the personally dictated letters of the Teacher assigned to work with the Student, as well, of course, as by the Psychic work of the Teacher Himself, directly with the Students.

The Great Ones are organized into Orders or Classifications amongst themselves upon the Inner Planes, and the Mystery Schools of the Earth Plane, which are genuinely non-commercial, and which maintain the high standard to be expected of them, are pendants of these Invisible Orders. Naturally these Schools grow up around the Personality of Initiates who are able to rise in consciousness and make Psychic contact with the Great White Brotherhood. The Organization takes place upon the Inner Planes, and the Initiates who are Heads of their Organizations are themselves under the Authority of this Unseen Organization, tho independent of each

Other upon the Earth Plane.

There is a considerable degree of commercialization among the different Mystery Schools and Fraternities upon the Physical Plane, altho agreeing upon fundamentals, some stress one aspect and some another, of the Ancient Wisdom. They differ widely, not only in efficiency, but also in purity. The Mystic Brotherhood as one of these Mystery Schools endeavors to maintain the highest of standards. It has contacted on to the Western Esoteric Tradition, and it works the Christian, Hermetic, and Atlantean Aspects of that Tradition. These three aspects give sufficient scope for the temperamental differences amongst its students and members. The Christian Aspect is Mystical and Devotional; the Hermetic Aspect is Occult and Intellectual; and the Atlantean Aspect concerns the Nature Forces, and is essentially the Way of Beauty.

The Mystic Brotherhood, its University and Church are independent and self-contained; they are not affiliated with any other organization upon the Earth Plane and they render a unique and different service of unusual assistance to the Treader of the Secret Way.

THANK YOU

A formal yet sincere word of thanks is due from the Brotherhood to its student members, for the daily evidence of an unusual thoughtfulness and kindness upon their part. The extra amounts to help in the work, the little extras now and then for aid in defraying some of the expense of mailing this little magazine for which no subscription is charged, and last but not least by any means, the extra stamps dropped into the letters before mailing. For all this and the benedictions of love which flow from your letters we say, "Thank You and God Bless You!"

(These points will answer many questions)

The Brotherhood desires first of all to build a sane, balanced harmonious nature, with the emotions under control, and a disciplined and cultivated mind. No Intellectual or Spiritual Gifts can avail when this essential basis of stability is lacking. Secondly, those who desire to affiliate with the Brotherhood in this work of the University, must be capable of steady work, prepared to accept discipline, and willing to begin at the bottom and work their way up. Naturally, of course, affiliation with the Brotherhood does not interfere in any way with the ordinary duties of Life, or with the obligations which have been assumed, provided only that they have sufficient time for a certain, reasonable amount of study and thought.

The qualities which take a man or woman to the higher degrees of Initiation are the same as those which would bring that man or woman to the front in any walk of Life,-- Application, Intelligence, Determination, Perseverance. These when dedicated to the Master's service, produce results. It has been said that Man must work as hard at Occultism as he works for the prizes of his Profession upon the Material Plane. When that is done Success is Inevitable.

The Brotherhood of course does not require any special regime of life, save that one's living should be temperate, clean and orderly. The best diet is one which maintains physical fitness, and that is a matter of personal idiosyncrasy and circumstances. Its method of training in the various departments does not produce a sensitiveness to external conditions which so often leads to Fadism and Eccentricity but aims rather at the production of a strength and resiliency which can rise superior to circumstances.

The other day my little daughter (age 6) and I were walking along the street when she suddenly asked: "Daddy, are we poor?"

For a moment I was at a loss for an answer. I realized that the question was inspired by the appearance of lack in our affairs and the frequent discussions of my wife and myself relative to ways and means for meeting our obligations. Then, like a ray of light from Heaven, the answer dawned on me and a realization of my many blessings brought about an uplifting of consciousness, and a paean of praise and thanksgiving welled from my heart.

"No, darling, we are rich," I replied, "I have diamonds, and rubies and pearls and gold and silver in abundance--and you share them with me."

"But where are they?" she asked.

"Well, there's diamonds in the sparkle of your eyes," I answered as I touched her eyelid with my fingers. "And there's rubies in the red of your lips. Open your lips and I'll show you the pearls." She opened her lips and I placed a finger on her teeth.

"And where is the gold?" she continued.

"It's in the glint of your hair as the blessed sunshine caresses it," I replied as I stroked her hair.

"But where is the silver?" she persisted. "Is it in your pocket?"

"No, dear, it's here," I answered, as I touched my temples. "Now you see, I am rich beyond the dreams of avarice. I have diamonds, and rubies and pearls, and gold and silver."

She jumped up and down in her delight. It was a great game and we rehearsed it again and again. The diamonds (she touched her eyes);

the rubies, (she placed a finger on her lips); the pearls, (she indicated by touching her teeth); the gold, (she stroked her lovely tresses). And the silver--ah me, she ran her dear fingers through the gray hair on my temples.

It was a great game we played--the game of worldly possessions. And praise God, I've won it. I'm rich!!

-- J. F. Manning.

EAST

You know I often think of the significance of that line in Maternick, "Never forget that you are to close the gate!" The bewitching story in the Bible tells the Lord God planted a Garden Eastward. In truth there is a Garden we need to visit, We must take a turn to find it. The Gate is not far from any of us, but Spiritually we must turn to the East, which is symbolical of turning to the quiet, secret of the Inner Life, which balances the Objective activities of our Western Civilization. Clang and speed of productive efficiency of our Western Life has been the symbol of human value; routine is good, to be busy is good, to be quick is good, but this outward energy requires balance. Our noise is prone to senselessness, we become strangers to the deeper meaning of life. People look at everything and see nothing. People possess many things and lose possession of themselves. Routine is good, but not all the time. To dwell with crowds is good, but not all the time. To hurry is good, but not all the time, lest we become like the character in one of the novels, "Who loved to feel that every minute of the day was of importance and that it did not matter to what you were hurrying, so long as you hurried." We need to escape sometimes to understand that Life itself, which cannot quite be reckoned in time, is important. There is nothing, be it ever so beautiful and dear, from which we do not need for awhile to escape.

The Garden was Eastward, and it is here that the Sun of our strength has its rising. It is planted within the very promise of our own nature, close beside the road of routine, but withdrawn a little from it. Close beside our rushing life with its grind, and duties and whirl of pleasures is the Garden of the Soul. There one may not hurry feverishly, but may know the boon of quiet diligence. There one may not feel self important, but may salute the neglected self. There the deafening tumult of voices dies to a distant murmur, while we listen to the voice of the Higher Self, whose word is ever our highest authority, recognized by us as the whisper of the Ego, acting as our Father in Heaven. A hundred times in a day one may turn for a moment to this quiet place. We are always in the East when we turn to it. I know that you have found this Garden, I know that you understand the language I speak, and know something of the place and beauty, and good happenings and the glorious peace that you have found. But when you enter it, do not forget that you are to close the Gate.

(Anonymous)

THE UNIVERSITY

Many letters are received wondering about the Brotherhood and its University, and wondering perhaps because contrary to most Organizations, we do not talk about ourselves. We have always felt that the space in the Magazine, and in our letters was too limited to fill it with unimportant things, and after all the channel is always unimportant; it is the Message which is of value, and the Message can be judged by itself, by what it says and gives, and not by what the channel may say about itself. Channels have a failing sometimes of spending more time talking about themselves, and their ability as a channel, than they do to devoting their

time and effort to transmitting the Stream which flows thru them, or in making sure that they send that Stream on its way, uncontaminated in any manner.

But still some few facts may be of interest. The Business Department of the Brotherhood, that is the University work, requires a suite of eleven large rooms, between twenty-five hundred and three thousand square feet of floor space. The Directing Faculty of the University consists of a board of five, a Director of Records, a Director of Lectures and Bulletins, a Director of Production, a Director of Art, and a Director of Astrology.

There are six Teachers, devoting their time exclusively to correspondence and psychic work, one covering the Advanced Work, two covering Regular Work, two covering Welfare Work, and one covering Astrology. These have their assistants, of course, and sometimes the work is interchangeable. There are twenty-eight who give full time service in these Departments.

Perhaps one of the most interesting Departments, is the Craftsman Shops, including the printing equipment. One of the new Machines recently installed is a Lithograph Off-Set Printing Press, which operates by means of zinc plates, on which the printed matter is etched. These zinc plates have the subject matter either photographed directly upon them, or by use of special ribbons are printed upon by the typewriter, and the hand work done with ink; this is then placed in an acid solution, and afterwards placed in the press. The monthly Messenger is printed in this way, directly from these zinc plates, which combine both the typewritten message, and drawing and printing, which is done by free-hand work.

There is also a complete Multi-graph Equipment, electrically driven, and capable of producing some seven thousand copies per hour. The Electric Mimeographs have a speed of perhaps three thousand copies per

hour. While the Brotherhood is not a large Organization, in the ordinary sense of the word, yet one can visualize something of the amount of work which is done, by remembering that one thousand letters per week are written, averaging one and one half pages, or a total of sixteen hundred pages of typewritten matter, single spaced. Well over two thousand lectures are mailed each week, which require some six thousand pages. It has always been the purpose of the Brotherhood to work for quality rather than quantity, and to render to each student the personal, interested work of the head teacher assigned to him, and that the total number be restricted, sufficiently that the psychic contacts can be properly maintained, and regulated.

IMPRESSING THE SUBCONSCIOUS MIND.

Before one goes to sleep is the best time to visualize new and ideal conditions and to talk quietly to the subconscious mind, giving it the suggestion of health, wealth, and wisdom one desires to make evident. Constant Affirmations and the visualisation of new conditions, combined with progressive action, will soon manifest in a different condition altogether. Whatever the conditions of your life don't lie down under them or try to accept them as God's will for you. God's will for everyone is perfection and nothing less. And only as we are going forward to this ideal goal, letting the spiritual express through the physical ever more adequately and perfectly, are we in harmony with His plan for us and the Universe.

But does it not make life vitally interesting and worth while to be allowed to do our own growing, to know that we can change ourselves in accordance with the picture we hold in mind?

Oliver Mercer.



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