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THE MYSTIC MESSENGER IS AN AUTHORIZED CHANNEL FOR THE MESSAGES OF THE WHITE BROTHERS OF THE LODGE INVISIBLE AND CONTAINS CHATS BY THE BRETHREN AND THE NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD AS ITS PENDANT IN THE WESTERN WORLD

☞ THE MESSAGE - VISUALIZATION ☞



There are many practical and helpful examples about us which indicate in a graphic way the primal laws of the Cosmos. For instance, the capable construction engineer in his work, is reflecting the Law of Order. The individual must use the same systematic way of procedure if he wishes to utilize capably the vast forces which he is endeavoring to contact and release. If he is seeking to change his financial standing, he must plan no less diligently than the engineer; indeed, we know that the contractor would expect little to be accomplished thru the mere wishing that his projects be completed. He expects to deal with a myriad assortment of details; knows that estimates must be carefully gauged, and he anticipates emergency problems which will have to be capably met. He uses foresight and experience to guide him and in so doing points out the way to those who are seeking attainment even though it be along a far different line. To affirm, "I Wish a More Satisfactory Income", is but to generate the Forces of production. We must find a means of transcribing that Force to the proper level of manifestation.

On this most material of all planes methodical procedure is essential. We are bound by man-made laws and edicts; we are seeking that which is of the earth earthy, and of course, must respect the rules and laws governing this particular level of manifestation.

But the inquirer asks, "What use then is the Affirmation?" Simply this - the visualized picture, the spoken work, has the effect of registering the desire to improve. It implies that the rules of procedure have been accepted, and it acknowledges one's readiness to exert such effort as may be necessary to reach the desired Goal. In turn then, it releases a vast storehouse of energy in an overwhelming impetus to act. If action is entered into without plan there is no way of calculating the result; however, if this driving force is disciplined to a logical routine an ameliorating of conditions will result. How rash is he who, fired by the surge of enthusiastic ambition, dissipates his energies in unwise and fitful undertakings! He is much like the construction engineer who would unthinkingly unloose the sluices holding in check tons of potent destruction, and release the mad rush of waters which have thus far been confined in his dam, to flood the unprepared valleys below.

Power - whatever form, on whatever plane it may be, must be controlled to be effective.

When we go to the source of all things - Universal Mind - let it be with a sensible, sane and coordinated plan. Life's experiences both bitter and sweet, should have taught us many things; exemplified many valuable lessons; each one in God's world is a well-equipped unit for the plenteous maintenance of himself and his family. This is a natural birthright - just as

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species of fowl and of beast have varying degrees of skill and ability in the tracking down of their prey, so have we talents suited to our particular needs, and success is going to depend upon the manner in which these talents are manipulated.

Set yourself to the stern task of eliminating the qualities in your nature which you deem unfit for your purposes - lay them aside as being detrimental to your progress, and be willing to accept such minor compromises as may be necessary at this stage of your plan. Cultivate, too, a spirit of cooperation, rather than one of obstinate assertiveness.

When meditation has brought to you a definite decision as to the nature of the occupation which is best suited to your circumstances, turn to commercial history and study the lives of those who have already succeeded in that particular field of endeavor. Every creature since the beginning of time has faced variations of similar problems, and it is off-times encouraging to read and study of the early struggles of others, and to fully comprehend that the same power which enables them to express themselves in a successful manner lies within us ready for use. Pasteur, Savonarola, Newton, Harvey, Bach and Goethe - all those who have been leaders in their fields, have taught us the meaning of persistence, of vision, and of courage; their problems are still being duplicated by their successors. Do not fall into the error of thinking of your difficulties as being unique. If that were so, you would be alone indeed; on the contrary, you have similar problems, translated into the terms of the 20th Century, and also with them, the same inherent ability to overcome adversity and negativity, always in proportion to your willingness to guide and direct these Divine Forces.

When your vocation has been selected, then enter into or con-

tinue, the work of perfecting yourself in it. Be absolutely certain of your proficiency, and never fail to benefit by experience or actual association with that vocation. In a word, be prepared to offer to the commercial world something in the way of service which has a practical worthwhile value, and be a master of your vocation.

If one's goal is money then we seek a vocation which will supply it at the earliest possible moment. Do not, for instance, seek in the higher arts for immediate relief, for there practice and prestige must be the deciding factors, and both require time. Time, which of course, is expensive. Your cherished dreams may be spun in free moments, and will be all the more inspired because of a certain freedom from worries over financial matters. Be secure in the attainment of a livelihood for immediate necessities, and then if you have a demanding aspiration, spare yourself no effort to bring it into fruition. Make of it first a hobby, then when opportunity offers and when responsibility on the material plane lessens, make it your profession.

When you have decided upon your vocation and prepared yourself in it, then you will be ready to make it available for use. In other words, you will be marketing your wares. It may be that you will have mechanical abilities to barter; or, you will be selling your memory your personality, your inventiveness. Whatever it is, it is going to stand the test of usage and efficiency. For suggestions as to marketing these qualities, we can turn to the modern department store, for here dealers are connoisseurs in the fine art of selling, and nothing could be more helpful to the doubtful salesman than a leisurely attentive stroll thru such a modern bazaar.

Here he finds that first, the wares are of a nature that are in immediate demand; second, they are

attractive in themselves and also interestingly presented; third, they are of a price which is in accordance with their quality; and fifth, their durability is assured by right of the reputation of the house. Can we always honestly say that we, regardless of what we may be selling, ourselves or our products, fill such an exacting standard? Learn from this example and coordinate your Vision into a practically manifested plan.

The Supply is here for us to contact, it always has been and always will be. To sum up the important points of the discussion, we might say that effectiveness in Visualization depends on these things:

1. Freedom from harassing and distressing worries and restrictions -- the deliberate casting out of thoughts which, because of their general negative nature, are doing more harm than any other one thing in tying us to present limitation. Relax tautness, and permit yourself to enter into the game of life with renewed zest and interest.

2. Self-analysis and the deciding upon one definite vocation as that which is most likely to produce the desired financial results - be careful to select only a vocation which is in practical demand at the present moment.

3. The eradication of undesirable traits, mannerisms, or actions from the personality. Groom yourself to fit the position you intend to fill.

4. Preparation for better service, always constant development.

5. Concentration on Attainment. If you are confident of the efficiency of the services you have to offer, if they are of a nature in immediate demand, then there is no reason why you should not put every effort into making this plan successful, knowing it to be according to the Law. Think only of the assured future. There is nothing that can keep you from realizing the ambition which you have de-

vised, if it be a feasible one, for you will be operating according to Divine Law, your supply will come thru the means best suited to your state of consciousness. You will find nervousness and fear vanishing, you will enter into your work for the sheer pleasure it affords you -- it may require time for you to completely revise any present error which may be obstructing your progress - habits both good and bad, are deeply rooted, but once you have set out upon the Pathway, you will then be brought into rapport with the forward-moving processes, and will in effect, borrow from the progressive tendency of the Cosmic Evolutionary processes.



A SUGGESTION

Many times a student asks us as to the disposition of their Lecture Material. We suggest that you keep them in a strictly private place; either in metal or wooden boxes which will not be accessible to others, or in notebooks which you alone use. We do not wish to overstress this matter of secrecy, but we wish the student to be careful in guarding the material which is being sent him for it contains potent suggestions which in the hand of the untutored might lead to a misunderstanding or misinterpretation which would work for their detriment.

Therefore, we suggest that the student observe a moderate discretion at least, not only in the disposing of his lesson material, but in his conduct and manner of conversation. When there is an opportunity of speaking definitely of this subject to one whom the student knows and understands to be a follower of the Pathway, although perhaps on a different level of attainment, then these truths may be discussed with ease and with profit, but do not run the risk of jeopardizing your peace of mind and your progress, too, by deliberately entering into arguments regarding

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Occult Philosophy, or stressing the work which you may be doing in circles which are antagonistic to your efforts. Time will prove the sincerity of your motives and your accomplishments will demonstrate the verity of the truths you are following.

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- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

1. For those students who have reached or passed Lecture # 170, there is now available the first of two Charts giving a diagrammatical outline of the Correspondences of the various Paths of the Otz Chiim, or the Tree of Life. The first chart contains the Correspondences of the first eleven Paths; later, a supplementary Chart containing similar information concerning the last eleven Paths will be issued; these two being arranged so that they may be joined to form a continuous Diagram. If you have reached this point in your Lectures, you may communicate with your instructor and he will be glad to enclose one of these Charts for you in his personal reply.

2. The Brotherhood would like to express its appreciation for the many contributions which have been coming in thru the personal letters for the Mystic Messenger. We have received many splendid articles, as well as quite a number of original poems, and wish that it were possible for us to publish all of them. Each and every one has been deeply appreciated and they are being retained for immediate or future use.

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- DEFINITIONS -

In response to the requests for Occult definitions of various words employed in the Lectures, we shall include in the Messenger each month an explanation of the key words most frequently used. If there are words you would like to have defined here, speak with your Instructor concerning them.

Caballah: a system of Occult Philosophy, a mystical interpretation of the Scriptures at first handed down orally thru chosen individuals but later committed to writing. It treats of the nature of the Universe and teaches that God is the original principle of all being, that creation is the process of emanation. Symbolically it is a system which by means of its glyph, the Tree of Life, interprets all modes of Religion Philosophy.

Karma is the influence of Past Lives as it affects our present Life and demonstrates in environment and in character.

The Etheric Double is the vehicle of vitality, the Life principle, which is perpetually circulating through the physical body. It is the etheric counterpart of the mundane organism.

Aura: the aura is the electric field of vibration extending about the body.

Concentration: the dictionary defines this word as meaning: "the act of converging toward a center." The Occultist goes a step further, for to him Concentration means the focusing of the attention that one may become attuned with his Higher Self. It does not imply merely riveting the attention to one point but includes the releasing of one's higher faculties, and too, the utilization of such energy as may be necessary to attain the desired objective or goal. It further means the willful shutting out of unessentials, and when employed rightly implies the active repression of counter-influences.

Thus this word offers an excellent example of the double meaning of many words in constant use; the Occultist seeks the esoteric interpretation rather than the obvious one and in so doing extracts the maximum of inspiration from his study.

- ACKNOWLEDGEMENT -

Dr. Alan Emly

A wise and enlightened master has ended his task among us, and has enriched us immeasurably by the teachings he brought into our lives.

The letter announcing his promotion to a Higher Order was a remarkable letter. It is worth studying:

"July 11th, 1934, marked the quiet transition of our beloved Sri Dayananda, S. C.....We rejoice with him that he has proceeded to accept the Honors of a Higher Initiation, which have been more than well earned by his life of Service....."

Contrast that letter with Robert G. Ingersoll's beautiful tribute given beside the grave of his brother. His hopeless call received no answer. There was no voice from beyond the tomb.

Contrast it with the announcement of the passing of any orthodox minister. I read one recently which ended: "We pray the Almighty God to aid the wife and children of our brother and may He comfort them in their inconsolable grief."

These three attitudes toward the transition periods of those we love are typical of the three stages of religious development. Intelligent Understanding comprehends the Law of God. Disbelief understands little that cannot be discerned with the five senses. The lowest stage of all is Ignorant Belief, which bows its head under the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" and weeps.

In looking over the many letters and lectures from Sri Dayananda, I cannot think of one phase of life that has not been explained.

He kept his strong personality in the background because he wanted his students to develop their own individual traits instead of copying his. Yet that calm, serene, masterful nature stands out clearly in his writings.

Long ago I found that he pos-

essed a profound sense of humor. which is true of all balanced natures. I once wrote an account of an occult lecture I had attended, where the lecturer offered health, wealth and complete psychic development in three lessons for ten dollars. Sri Dayananda answered that "sometimes he couldn't blame the Pharisee for thanking God he was not as other men."

Especially will I treasure the last letter I received from him, written five days before he left us. He acknowledged a semi-serious article I had written for the Messenger. His letter continued: "No apologies at all are necessary. Personally I had many a chuckle during the reading of it, and can anticipate the same for all our students. Occultism, after all, is not a matter of 'wailing and gnashing of teeth.' There is always room for a hearty, human laugh."

There is no grief within our hearts from the fact that Sri Dayananda has chosen to go from our midst. There is only a wonderful feeling of Thanksgiving that we were permitted to be thus long under the guidance of so great and understanding a master.



"SRI DAYANANDA"

By Edythe C. Toner.

Thou who hast lately worn
Earth's vesture for a time
With such celestial grace,
Hast laid thy garment by,-
But left
Our world a fairer place.

They who - high privileged -
Have touched
Thy garment's hem,
Have caught the gleam
Of the Eternal Light
Beckoning them.

Transcendent Spirit!
By thy Light
Our souls were fed;
Our feet upon the Cosmic Path
Were gently led.

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The way grows brighter now...
Thy feet
The Way has trod!
Oh! Holy Brother! May thy rest
Be sweet,
In God!



- FAMILIAR SPOTS -

We, the wife, daughter and myself, have just returned from our annual trek to the New England states, where we enjoyed a visit with friends and relatives and a communion with nature that I seem to be able to find, only in the mountains and valleys of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont. There is something about New England that attracts me and each year I look forward to the time when we shall drive thru her towns and villages getting a bit of history here and there that creates a desire for more.

I first visited New England in 1916, arriving at the home of an uncle and aunt of the better half the night before Thanksgiving. My first Thanksgiving in that atmosphere I shall never forget, neither shall I forget my first visit to Pilgrims Rock. Some how my sensitive soul seemed to touch the Over Soul that has been built about the celebration of the event so sacred in early American History.

New England people have always treated me kindly and my associations with them have been pleasant and profitable. As a salesman for one of New England's largest printing houses, my greatest success was in New England. This I attributed to my Southern accent rather than my ability to represent my line efficiently. Business men accustomed to allotting time to representatives would insist that I stay an additional few minutes to converse with them and my luncheon engagements were always filled with pleasant conversation about historic spots and events.

My work took me to every town

and hamlet in New England and I took advantage of the opportunity to see all of the historic spots I could without interfering with my appointments. There are many villages that seem familiar to me, the outstanding one being Franklin, N.H. On entering the town a strange feeling of familiarity comes over me, as though I am returning to a place where I had lived at some time or other. Savannah, Ga. is another city I feel the same familiarity about, yet, as in the case of Franklin, I do not recognize a single building or recall the name of a street.

On being introduced to a gentleman some years ago, he looked at me and said, "---- I feel as though I have known you for a thousand years." And I had to confess that I felt the same way about him.

Is it possible that friendships built in former incarnations some how recognize each other in this one? Is there a soul attraction the conscious mind is aware of, yet fails to recognize, or if it does recognize fails to draw from the sub-conscious a clear picture that brings with it a recognizable setting?

There is a possibility that meditation on old landmarks will bring rich rewards to those who on seeing them for the first time feel as I do, a strange familiarity with them. The first attempt may bring nothing, but if such periods of meditation are persisted in, especially in the midst of the setting, the reward will in due time appear that will be more satisfying to the individual than the reading of many volumes written of the experiences of others.

Souls attracted to each other by mutual understanding have much in common and to my mind, it is of these attractions that strong friendships and soul mates are evolved, expediting Spiritual Illumination and progress along the Path to Attainment.

Old Joe.

- CABALLISTIC STUDENTS -
Notes on the Planes of
Tiphareth

In approaching Tiphareth from Yesod, we perceive the Symbol of the Lyre of Orpheus - a Lyre composed of Seven strings, each string signifying a different level of the Universe. We see also that there are seven bands of color which are based upon the four elements of Fire, Air, Water and Earth; each element is divided into its Higher and Lower aspects, and its Positive and Negative phases. This is the formation of the eight levels of Tiphareth, the first and last sections making the octave are not duplicated, and the Seven Planes result.

The lowest of the levels is assigned to Saturn, and is black or brown in color; the second plane has for its ruler the Moon, and is the Plane of the Etheric consciousness, being silvery in color. The third level is assigned to Mars, its color is Red, and it corresponds to the Lower Astral Plane. The fourth plane is the sphere of Mercury, its color is orange, and it refers to the Concrete Mental level. The fifth plane is assigned to the Planet Jupiter its color is blue, and it is the plane of the abstract mental; the sixth plane is the region of the Sun, the ruling planet of Tiphareth, its color is Gold, and it is the region of the concrete spirituality. Above, is the seventh sphere which is pure white light, it is the region of absolute Unity, the abstract Spiritual.

When we pause to compare the harmony of these levels, we immediately perceive that a definite rhythm exists between them. For instance, the pure white light of the abstract Spiritual of the Seventh Plane is related to the black of the first, the latter being the lower octave of the seventh. Furthermore, the gold of the concrete spiritual is related to the silver of the etheric, the sixth and second. Then, the abstract mental blue of

the fifth, balancing the impetuosity of the red of the third; the orange of Mercury on the fourth is the Key, and acts as the fulcrum upon which all else is balanced.

In thinking of the planes, we oft-times fall into the error of considering them singly, or of merging them in sequence, whereas a more illuminating understanding of them comes from considering them as operating in opposites and in polarity. The Otz Chiim represents this clearly -- Mars opposite Jupiter; Mercury and Venus; Pingala and Ida; Yang and Yin -- Harmony is the ultimate result of opposition, action and energy the issue. Considering opposition, Mercury and Venus represent the aspects of Reason VS Emotion; in respect to Polarity, we find that Mercury is the form-making faculty of the consciousness, building imagination, whereas Venus is the emotional force which fills the thought-form.

All reaction is motivated by two sets of impulses, the urge comes either from the center, or from the periphery, from above or below. That, is, from the emotion or the senses on one hand, or from the Higher Self or the Archetypes on the other. If the sensations of the individual move the imagination to act, the generated force will move downward, if the Archetype motivates the action, force moves upward.

Herein lies the value of meditation, for the consciousness is turned inward, instead of outward, from the periphery to the center. In meditation Consciousness is not affected by the sensations, but by the Archetypes. If we but dwell on this thought, we find that it makes clear many things, especially today when conditions baffle the understanding of average individuals, for it is the recognition of the source of the impulse stimulating the imagination and resulting in Action which points to the difference between the erratic and emotional radical and the constructive builder and Leader.

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- THE HELPING HAND -

Because many of the Brotherhood Students have requested the privilege of relating their experiences for the encouragement of those who may find the Pathway of Attainment difficult to travel, we have decided to open one page each month in the Mystic Messenger to voluntary contributions of this nature. The student may submit the account of a recent experience, or relate one which has already been described to his instructor. They need not be of psychic nature, they maybe of a practical aspect, such as the one contained in this issue.

We ask that the following rules be carefully studied and adhered to by contributors:

1. The narrative must describe an actual happening, in which the student has directly, or indirectly participated.

2. Each article must be signed by the student contributing it.

3. Articles must be no longer than can be conveniently contained on one page of the Mystic Messenger.

4. The Brotherhood reserves the privilege of retaining those articles which are not published.

5. The decision of the Mystic Brotherhood Faculty as to the most helpful article submitted each month will be final.

6. Write on one side of the paper only.

7. Address articles to "The Helping Hand, Care of the Mystic Brotherhood University, P. O. Box 425, Tampa, Florida."

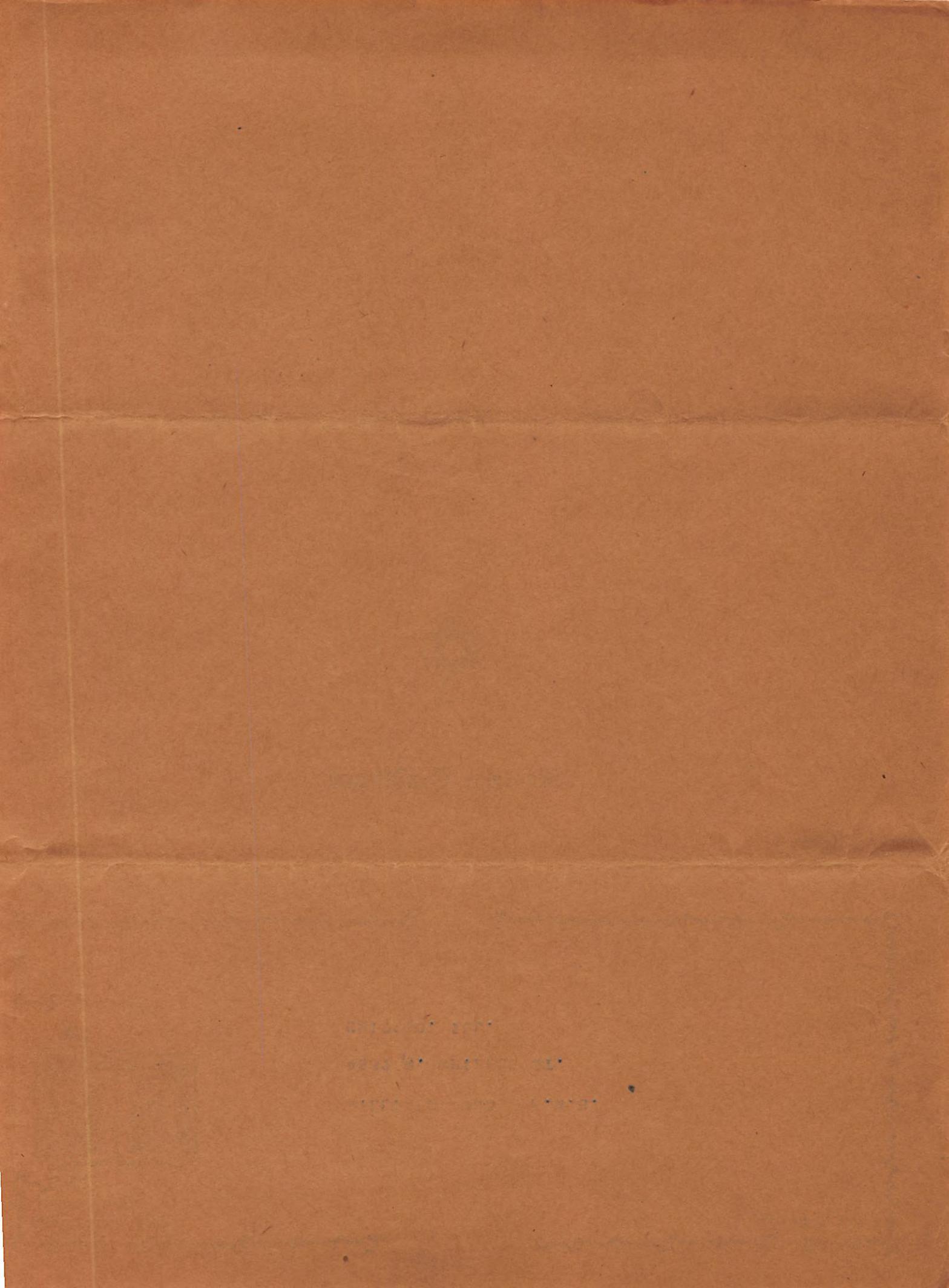
THE SELECTION FOR SEPTEMBER

At the age of forty-six years I awakened through financial depression to a keen realization of the fact that my quest for the source of God had not given me the deeper, inner feeling I craved or felt should unite the Visible with the Invisible ties. While in this state of mind I visited an elder Sister of the Mystic Brotherhood

University and was attracted thru the harmony of color to what proved to be the Pronunciamento. I felt from the first reading of her copy an alluring awareness, "as if I had known all it said before." I eagerly wrote for one and became a student. From my first contact with the Illuminated Truth presented, life was viewed through new glasses, an incentive was generated to do even the humblest tasks better and in less than a year I have gained physically, in fact I am alive, positive kind and interested in every phase of every day normal life. The subtle difference in life I feel is due to finer and more comprehensive process of arrangement; as tho it were a fusing or knitting together through a heightened and intensified reality of the Occult Nazarene's principles until Christ has become real and His Love flows to me from the Eternal Springs of God, from which source we receive Life, Love and Power constantly passing thru our souls, vivifying us with the realization of an understanding heart and mind.

One message based upon the principles of practical Occultism was a real live mine of encouragement, and another, a subtle bridge we each build, upon whose firmness of structure we may carry unlimited loads, depending upon our Ideals and strength of Will-Power. The explanation of another Principle strengthens beyond all doubt "our heritage" and method of claiming it. I wish I might have space to tell you of the meditation periods as they revealed themselves and the joy they have brought into my life, helping me to straighten out many tangles and teaching me the beauty of "seeing the good" in all manifestations through a broader understanding and compassion. May we each move onward with our companions toward "the grand symphony of which death is the opening chord to greater and greater heights of "service", that our lives will inspire others to become one with us.

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