

THE RUSTLE *of* HIS ROBE

*A vision of the dawn
of the New Day*

*"Now a thing was secretly brought to me,
And mine ear received a whisper thereof."*

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DEDICATION

**To the Pioneers of THE NEW DAY, to
those who can interpret the symbols, to
those who can see the signs of the time, and
to those who have received THE MESSAGE.**

The first edition of *The Rustle of His Robe* was published in 1901. In this edition a few quotations have been added, heading some of the chapters, and some new interpretations of the Symbols seen, and which now are much more clearly understood.

“But that Real King is in Himself sufficient unto Himself, and independent of all; neither doth any advantage accrue to Him from the love of contingent beings, nor doth any hurt befall Him from their hatred. All earthly places appear through Him, and unto Him return; and God singly and alone abideth in His own place, which is holy above space and time, mention and utterance, sign, description, definition, height and depth. And none knoweth this save Him, and whomsoever hath knowledge of the Book.”

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.—ST. JOHN.

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Note—When the first edition of this little book was issued the author thought the Message it contained was for one particular organization. But time and events have convinced the writer that this is not so, but that the Message has a universal significance.

As these are the Day of Unity it is hoped that this later edition will aid to strengthen the bonds of Universal Brotherhood irrespective of beliefs and religions. For indeed it is true, "That Brotherhood is a fact in Nature and not a beautiful theory."

The Author.

PREFACE.

Here is an account of a dream set in symbols, a picture taken from the stellar film, a vision—call it what you will, O man of intellect and much learning,—it matters little as to your opinion concerning this word-picture. This I know, that for one brief span of time the veil was lifted. I give herein a description of the prophetic scene, in words poor, indeed, but the best an untutored mind can wield.

Although many years have come and gone since this “shadow of coming events” was cast upon the screen of the inner vision, yet the picture, in every detail, is as vivid and as living today, as on the early morning it was seen. Such pictures are burned upon the tablet of memory, never to be effaced.

It is indeed true that the midnight has passed, but the New Day will make as naught that darkest hour which must precede it.

Today the rustle of His Robe is heard in no uncertain sound, “if ye are of those who hear.”

Take ye a thread from the Robe, weave it into a Garment of everlasting joy. This Garment is your need. Lose no time in the weaving of it,

for that Darkest Hour is even now closing in upon the world; then who shall weave, who shall see to gather the golden threads from the Robe?

With the coming in of the New Day all religious strife must cease. The bond of Unity forming the Brotherhood of Man is being forged.

Every thinking person must see and sense something portentous in the signs of the time.

We are told that the next thirty years will be pregnant with events, such as will try and test the Nations of the World.

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In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall.

—DANIEL.

Take immortal Cups from the hand of the Cupbearer of Oneness, and thou shalt become all consciousness and listen to the invisible Utterance of Reality.

—THE HIDDEN WORDS.

Being able to leave thy body at will, then art thou able to learn, able to see, able to hear. Then shalt thou know certainly that thy body is not Thyself. Live the life, and thou shalt know the Truth within thine own heart, and Peace shall dwell with thee.

—THE THREE TRUTHS.

CHAPTER I.

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A VISION OF THE TIME OF THE END.

I dreamed a dream, and after many days the meaning was revealed to me by His servant; one who wore the yellow robe and beneath the yellow was a robe of red.

In his left hand he held a staff. In his right hand he carried a golden cup filled with water that shone. Around his head were seven Rays that were like the sun.

He came out of the East, from the land of mystery, where the Holy Ones keep watch upon the mountain top, where the Lote Tree blooms; though Its Beauty is veiled, and Its fragrance is filling the earth; though Its leaves are hushed and Its blossoms closed.

And this is the dream that I dreamed:

Then I returned and saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun; and behold, the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power.

—ECCLESIASTES.

O, Wealthy Ones of the Earth! The needy are a trust of Mine among ye. Then protect them carefully and be not wholly occupied with your own ease.

—THE HIDDEN WORDS.

CHAPTER II.

I saw the palace home belonging to one who counted not his riches rock upon its foundation, then it appeared to stand firm. Its four walls symbolized many things—the world, limitation, oppression, prejudice, ignorance, injustice and spiritual blindness.

Within these walls were many people and I was among them. Each person possessed a chair. The chairs represented houses and all worldly belongings, and according to their design and decoration was the social and financial standing of the owner.

Many of the chairs were heavily carved, inlaid with jewels and upholstered with rare material.

On the jewels, in the carving, and woven in the material was blood; and the blood cried out to the owners of the chairs, but the owners heard it not.

The people adorned themselves with costly garments and yet they appeared to be unclothed. At this I wondered and immediately there was written on the wall, "These are they of the church of Laodicea." Then I knew the people knew not that they were naked.

Thou sayest, I am rich, and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing; and knowest that thou art the wretched one and miserable and poor and blind and naked? I counsel thee to buy of me gold refined by fire, that thou mayest become rich.

—REVELATION.

O Son of Existence! With fire We try the gold, and with gold We test the creatures.

—THE HIDDEN WORDS.

CHAPTER III.

Now the place was warm and I was weary, O, so weary; and I prayed for rest, but there was no place for me, no portion I could call my own where I might bide a time. Then I wept and prayed to be lifted beyond the walls, where the air was sweet and love was everywhere. For answer the Wind brushed across my cheek and a Breath whispered thus, "You may have this for a while. But beware of the sleep of Desire."

Then I turned to look for the Breath, and a chair was given me. But rest came not, because the Breath had taken my heart.

Then I said, I will remember no more the Breath. I will forget Its words. I, too, will spend my time in making my chair beautiful to look upon and soft to recline in. It shall be the place where my heart is, and I will be languid with the perfume of the Dust. I will laugh and make merry as others do, and I will have no cares. So I arose unrested, and made preparation to amuse myself with baubles.

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When I reached out to take the many things floating all about me, the Breath hurled them aside beyond my reach. Many times this occurred and always my hands were left empty.

*I said in mine heart, I will prove thee with
mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure.*

—ECCLESIASTES.

*O Children of Desire! Divest yourselves of
the garment of vanities, and strip yourselves of
the robe of pride.*

—THE HIDDEN WORDS.

CHAPTER IV.

Then I grew thirsty and said, "I will drink of the water I see held in the many different cups. I drank from each, but the water satisfied me not; so I threw the cups to the ground and cried for the water I had seen held in the hand of the Holy One.

I must find the water, I dare not fail; yea, I shall find and drink, for the promise is to those who seek, and the Holy Cup is given to those who ask.

Then I looked at the chair that was mine, and I thought how plain, how poor it seemed compared to those chairs about me. But the wood was white and clean, and I was glad that it was so. Then I said, "It is mine, it is lawful for me to take pleasure in it; surely I may enjoy possession."

Then again I heard the Breath, and my heart was made glad as I felt Its presence against my cheek, and I thought, "Ah, this time I may go with It beyond the walls." But the Breath whispered, saying, "Cast thy chair aside."

And I said, "I cannot, for I am weak and heavy with the sleep of Desire. The chain which

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binds me to the chair is strong. The iron chain is strong, do Thou break it for me." Then the Wind blew about me, a darkness settled over me, and I was cold with fear for I knew not what was to befall me; and I prayed that I might hear again the Breath and feel Its presence.

*O Perishing Shadow! Open the Eye of
Truth and you will behold the Manifest Beauty.*

—THE HIDDEN WORDS.

CHAPTER V.

I waited in nameless dread, then I heard the rustle of His Robe and felt upon my forehead the benediction of a sweet strange Presence; and It breathed into my soul that which gave life, and thrilled me with gladness. And as I made to hold fast to His garment the Breath said to me, "Dost thou love me?"

"Aye, with all my being."

"Then give me thy heart."

And I bowed my head to say, "Yes," but the Wind again touched my cheek and the Bréath warned me, saying, "Thy heart is in the iron chain and locked in the sleep of Desire. Awake, thou, and cast the chain from thee. Thou, thyself must break it; thou alone hast riveted it. Break it, and the water which thou seekest shall be given thee when thy time cometh.

I made complaint and answered thus,

"Though Thy words give me life, yet Thou art only a Voice in the Wind. Why should I listen to thee, or weep for thy Presence?"

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Then the Breath sighed and passed away and I
sank deep into the chair.

Where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also.

—MATTHEW.

O Servant of the World! Many mornings the Breeze of My Grace passed through thee, and found thee upon the couch of heedlessness, and wept over thy condition, and turned back.

—THE HIDDEN WORDS.

CHAPTER VI.

After many days I grew weary of the chair, and the chain hurt so that I could not forget it. I prayed for strength to break its iron links, to hear the words of the Breath once more.

But It came not, and I said, "I will stay no longer here, the place is hateful; rest will never come to me whilst I hold to the chair and the chain."

And, as I made this resolution, I stood upon my feet, and looked about me, and I was astonished to see windows in the walls, for, till then, there had been none there. A great white light now shone through these windows, and I saw that the sea was all about the walls; the waves dashed against them, and the walls shook and trembled. A great fear possessed me so that I could not move. I felt the earth rock, and saw distress, plagues, calamities, and a great war such as the world had never known. The faces of the people within the walls were blanched with terror; their cries, prayers and curses filled the place. I cried out, "Oh, God, why must this be?" And in letters of fire written above me were these words. "TO AWAKEN THE DEAD."

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And I saw a Word in the heavens, and its
glory shone and lighted the world.

Behold, I will send Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the Lord come.

—MALACHI.

O, People of the Delectable Paradise! Apprise the followers of Assurance that a new Orchard hath appeared near the Rizwan, in the Plain of Holiness, and that all the people of the high Heavens, and the dwellers of the eternal Paradise, are surrounding it. Endeavor to reach that Station and discover the truths of the Mystery of Love from the red Anemones, and unveil abundant knowledge of the Oneness from its eternal fruits. Enlightened are the eyes of whosoever entereth it safely.

—THE HIDDEN WORDS.

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CHAPTER VII.

After this I cast the chair aside, and the chain broke and I was free to go to the windows and to look through them at the things of mystery. And I said, "I will tell the people whom I meet that the walls are about to fall, that the sea is without, and they who listen may hear the rushing of mighty waters. I will tell them of the windows and doors in the walls facing the North, the South, the East and the West. I must tell this to the people that they may hasten to prepare for that which is about to come upon all Nations." So I moved to do this, but they laughed; some mocked, others grew angry and beat at me.

Then fear bound me again to the chair, and I wept because the people refused to believe that which I told them; and I was so alone that I grew afraid and I hid within the chair; and the windows and the doors disappeared for a time.

Afterwards my soul was again strengthened, and I stood once more upon my feet, and, as I pointed to the windows, I cried to the people, for this time there shone a Sword of Fire in the midst of the Heavens.

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But the people listened not, yet they reviled me, so I hid away again within the chair. Many times did this occur, then I fell upon my knees and held my hands out to the Word that shone in the Heavens.

I saw that the Fiery Sword turned every way, and I understood the meaning of its revolutions. I knew why it kept the Way of the Tree of Life; and the elect are they who will cross the Flaming Sword unhurt, and I understood how the Fiery Sword could be crossed.

Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple.

—MALACHI.

O Son of Passion! The possessors of wisdom and insight struggled for years, and did not attain union with the Most Exalted, the All-Splendid; they made haste all their lives, and did not meet the Most Beautiful. But thou hast attained the Destination without hastening and hast gained thy desire without seeking. Yet, after gaining all these degrees and ranks, thou wert so covered with the veil of thyself that thine eyes did not behold the Beauty of the Beloved, and thine hand did not touch the Hem of the Loved One. Therefore marvel at this, O, Possessors of insight.

—THE HIDDEN WORDS.

CHAPTER VIII.

I saw the reflection of the Tree of Life, and that Its Light was greater than the light of a billion suns; I could not look upon Its glory because of this brightness. But I dared to ask to be shown That which It reflected. And, as I did, the Flaming Sword was cast from heaven to the earth and it turned all ways, and I understood and reached forth my hands, and a staff and a rod were placed in them, and in my heart a word was written, and a Branch was given me as a shade under which to rest.

Then I covered my face before the Light, and I was awakened to life by the Breath, which whispered, "Fear not," and about me was a ring like fire.

Then I pointed to the earth, and to the people, and to the direful things that were taking place. And I said, "O, my Lord, make thy servant to understand these things."

The Breath turned my face to the east, and I saw that which made glad the hearts of the Watchmen and the Shepherds, who stood on the Mountain Tops; for a table was spread in the

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heavens with that which feeds the soul and sustains it during its times of exile.

In the midst of the table was the shining water, and They who served were the Great Ones.

I saw the table and the shining water descend to the earth, then I remembered the Tree of Life; for, behold, It also descended to the earth, with Its beauty veiled, and Its Branch o'ershadowed the table.

Then I made supplication that I might eat from that table, and drink of the shining water, and listen to the music of the Tree; but I was not of those who gathered about the table and who were served by the Great Ones.

Then I heard from afar the Breath, and it said to me, "Not now shalt thou eat from that table or drink from the golden cup of that shining water, for thou must first prepare thy garment. Light thy lamp and make ready thy heart, if thou wouldst be bidden to the feast."

I saw many people seeking to reach the table, and many, many who did find it and who ate and drank from its shining cloth and were served by the Great Ones.

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Now the Way to that table had many Paths, many and countless they were; for as many people there were, were as many Paths. These Paths were lonely, darkness covered them, no step could be seen ahead, and yet all Paths were different.

Many there were who lost their way; many there were who counted the cost too much and would have turned back, but the Way was closed; many gave their lives and shed their blood to reach that table.

They who found that table, who ate and drank from its bountiful supply, and who were served by the Great Ones gave praise continually. Their lamps were lighted and by their light others found the Way.

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In that day: A vineyard of wine, sing ye unto it. I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it. I will keep it night and day.

—ISAIAH.

O Son of Man! I poured out a dew from the vast Ocean of My Mercy, upon the dwellers of the world, and have not found one approaching; because all have drawn near to the impure water of wine, and have left the immortal, delicate Wine of Unity, and turning from the Cup of the immortal Beauty, have contented themselves with the mortal cup.

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CHAPTER IX.

Then I saw those who were in authority persecuting the people who had sat at that table shaded by the Lote Tree; and these rulers tried to destroy the golden cup that held the shining water, and pollute the bread that was like dew.

So the people starved and their thirst was not slackened.

Then the Breath said to me, "Prepare thy robe for the feast." I answered and said:

"I know not how."

"Thou shalt feed thy Brothers," came the Whisper.

Then again I made answer, "How may I do this when I have neither the Bread nor the Water?"

"Thou shalt serve. Thou servest thyself in serving others. The Whole is One, O, thou of the dull ears! But THIS shall come upon thee so that thy eyes may see and thy ears may hear.

Straightway a hand was upon my face, and it burned into the flesh, and it turned my face from

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the rising Sun and caused me to bend to the earth.
And I saw that this was so with all the people
about me.

In that day the Lord with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the swift serpent, and leviathan the crooked serpent.

—ISAIAH.

O Son of Spirit! Every bird seeks a nest, and each nightingale desires the beauty of the flower, except the birds of the mind of men, who are contented with mortal dust and are far from the eternal Nest, depending upon the clay of remoteness and casting away the flowers of Nearness.

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CHAPTER X

A serpent came and coiled about me, it coiled about all the people. There were those who struggled against the weight of the serpent and who sought a way out of the darkness which the serpent brought with it; they could not see this foe of mankind, they did not know that they were prisoners. But I saw that they who fought to be free were freed, and these went to aid their brothers.

Then I too set about to be free, and lo! the dark serpent became bright like the white light in the fire. I turned to help others, then the burning hand was removed from my face and no scar was left.

That which was Dark became Light, that which was Red became Blue, and Death was Life.

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you.

—PETER.

O, Stranger to the Friend! The candle of thy mind is kindled by the Hand of My Power; then quench it not with the contrary winds of desires and passions. Make My love thy capital, and cherish it as the spirit of thine eye.

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CHAPTER XI.

As I wondered over many things, the Breath said, "Fear not. These things shall cross the path thou and others must walk as ye tread the earth, for all must suffer many things and be tried as by fire, that the heart may be made pure before the feet can stand beneath the Lote Tree. Weave thee a garment of compassion and buckle it about thee with the clasps of service. Serve both great and small, for there is neither great nor small in His sight."

Then once again I reached out hands for the Bread and the shining Water, but there came from the sounding chords of the inner garment these words:

"Not now. Thou hast not yet earned the place that awaits thee at that Table; neither are thy garments pure enough to withstand that Light which melts the many garments into the Garment of Oneness."

*Whom will he teach knowledge? and whom
will he make to understand the MESSAGE?*

—ISAIAH.

*Glad tidings unto you who are drawn by the
fragrance of God!*

—ABDUL-BAHA ABBAS.

*. . . At that time this proclamation came
forth from the Retreat of Nearness, saying,
“More than this is not permissible.”*

—THE HIDDEN WORDS.

CHAPTER XIII.

They who turned their eyes to the East saw a great Mountain grow out of the midnight blue of the horizon, and it drew the plains and the valleys towards it while the earth trembled and shook. By night and by day the Sun guarded the Mountain, but its brightness was as darkness to the world, so it was hidden and unknown till that time when the people should have the inner vision. There shone out from the Mountain Top that Lost City, and it was of the whiteness of fine crystal. No pen is there of man that could narrate the wondrous beauty of this Holy City. Going forth from this City were many white birds, beneath their wings they carried words, and these words they took to all the nations of the earth.

Great was the rejoicing of those who received these words, and great was the conflict between the mockers of the Message and the Faithful. And while the battle raged and the noise of it filled the heavens and the earth, the "Star out of Jacob" crossed the Northward Heavens; and there went out from that glorified City, on the Mountain Top, a Light that was like no other light, and it searched the inmost depths of the hearts of men and the secret places of the earth; and it caused the terrible

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battle to disappear like a great storm, and there went up from the people a cry of rejoicing such as no man had ever heard. After this things were no more as they had been, for the Foundation of His Kingdom on earth was established; in silence it was established, for they who did this great thing made no sound as they worked.

Blessed are the Builders of the Foundation. Blessed are the Builders of the Temple that is set upon that Foundation. Blessed art Those to come who will complete the Temple that is to cover the earth with its glory.

But go thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot, at the end of the days. For the words are shut up and sealed till the time of the end.

—DANIEL.

Alas, that a hundred thousand ideal languages are spoken by One Tongue, and that a hundred thousand hidden meanings are unfolded in One Melody, and there is no ear to harken, nor any heart to perceive a single letter!

—THE HIDDEN WORDS.

THE SHELTER thou hast given the wayfarer will protect thee from the fiercest of life's storms.

—TEMPLE APHORISMS. TEACHINGS
OF THE TEMPLE.

CHAPTER XIV.

The dawn of the New Day of the fulfillment of the covenant was breaking. And that time of "rest" allotted unto Daniel was over; he stood in his place with Job, seeing with the eyes of flesh.

I stood again within the four walls, beside the broken chain, close to the chair, and it was as though I had always stood there. But now I was strong and fear fell from me like a garment no longer needed, nor did I shrink from that which might befall me.

I turned away from the broken chain and the chair to a window that faced the West.

The waters were everywhere, and had neither beginning nor end. Afar out, where the heavens and the waters were as one, forms moved, and they were like the pale, shining waters. They stood upon the waters and walked towards the walls and the window. And, as they came near they grew small—they were Children! And in their midst was an Ark, floating on the waters, cared for by them.

Now the Children spoke not, neither did they make sign, yet I knew their desire was to pass through that Way by the window. So I sought to

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open the window, but could not, and the Breath said:

“Thou canst not open the Way, it is not thy work.”

Repay thy karmic debts, rule thy desires, set thy mind in order, ridding it of idle thoughts. Thus shalt thou attain to knowledge, thine eyes opened, thy powers developed. Then shall thou transcend the limits of thy senses, AND SHALT LIVE.

—THE THREE TRUTHS.

WHO—what art thou, delusion of evil, in the guise of man, that darest persecution of the Eternal, that rendereth false judgment upon the Absolute? God and Christ dwelleth in every atom of Substance, Force and Consciousness. Thou canst not lay a feather's weight of condemnation on another and let God and Christ go free.

Hidden within thine own heart is every evil thou imputest to thy brother. Destroy it in thyself and thou shalt never behold it in thy brother.

—FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP.

CHAPTER XV.

Immediately I was in the midst of the people. I told them of the waters beyond the walls, of the Ark afloat in the midst of the waters, of the Children who would open the doors of the Ark that men might go therein and find safety, of the windows whereby Light might enter into the hearts of men, so that the seed of Divine Wisdom might take root and grow in the minds of men.

Many there were who heard and heeded. These put their chairs in order, and by so doing the iron chains melted away; in their place came a silver thread that held one to the other, so that all were as one.

I turned to the Light shining through the window. At the right of the window there appeared One who had Power to open it, and the Children entered. They walked not on the earth. They moved onward within the Light, amid great silence.

Few saw that Light nor the Children within it, but they who had put their chairs in order saw, and these were heartened so that they worked with wisdom and with courage. Each worked in his

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own way, in his own Path, yet they did work as one, knowing that the aim was one.

Then I made as to go my way, but I was shouldered from place to place by the many people. The sandal bound to my foot caught the shoe-latch of one who stood at my left and unfastened the shoe of him who wore the shoe. For this I was troubled. I stooped to fasten the shoe, but the wearer was angry and refused to be pleased. Three times did I re-tie the shoe, but always I failed to make the knot as it had been. I know not how long I was bound there to the task, but there came that way the One who had opened the window and He freed me to go my way, though I knew not the way I should take; so I followed Him.

None jostled Him. None saw Him as He passed that way. Then I saw that they who had put their chairs in order were also following Him, and these were of all nations and peoples.

Straight and true did they follow after Him. Though they stumbled and fell, and many were the weak ones, yet they kept in His Path through endurance, and through determination, and through faith. To the weak, and stumbling, and to those who fell the strong gave aid. And the strong

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tarried till these could again walk with their brother Pilgrims.

He who led them moved towards the West; when He came to the wall it vanished before Him, —in its place there appeared a Great Gate. Wonderful was the beauty of the Gate, for it was of crystal wrought in roses and lillies of the valley, and the crystal reflected all the colors known, yet they were not as the colors of the earth.

Three steps there were before the Gate made of stone and rocks that changed constantly, at times the rocks looked like needles, sharp, so they seemed impassible.

The Great Gate swung open, and beyond was the shining waters.

In the Gateway He bided a moment to turn His face towards those who followed Him, and He said:

“Come, My people. Blessed are they who enter the Hidden City. Blessed are they who shall find their Lost Estate. Then He moved out upon the waters and was seen no more.

The language of love is the lodestone of hearts and the food of the soul.

—THE HIDDEN WORDS.

Wouldst thou win to mastery? Then write thy brother's offenses in water and thine own in fire. The water will extinguish the fire, the fire will raise the water to vapor, and both thine own offenses and thy brother's also will disappear.

—FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP.

Stretch out thy hand, O man, on either side of thee and take thy brother's hand, in hut, in palace, home or street, and form a close wrought chain through which no jot of all the Love, the Righteousness, the Justice of a new, a greater age may pass, and thou wilt find that all the light and glory of the new-born sun will be reflected in thine own glad face.

—FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP.

CHAPTER XVI.

Great was the ordeal the three steps before the Gate imposed upon those who sought to mount them. All were tried and tested. But love and wisdom gave them courage and endurance. They counted not the cost nor were they mindful of the pointed rocks that pierced their feet. They had seen His face; they had heard His voice, naught else mattered.

O mighty and valiant of spirit were they who followed Him.

As each gained a step in advance of his brother, he turned to the one below him to give him aid. Neither would he take the next step till that brother had advanced. And as he tarried thus to aid the weak and weary, Lo! the sharp rocks grew smooth and firm to his feet. None passed onward till all had gained the topmost step. Then it was that the heavens sang with joy so that the foundations of the earth trembled with the glory of it. The mighty rhythm of it broke the iron chains of many who were still bound to their chairs.

It awoke the many who slept and slumbered, and they set about to help their brother-man, and

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to give aid to the lesser ones in the kingdom below.

The host of victorious ones moved towards the Gateway, they passed through and out upon the shining waters, and, as they went they formed in groups of threes and sevens and tens. There appeared upon the waters seven streams of colors,—Blue, Indigo, Green, Yellow, Orange, Red and Violet; these streams seemed each like a Path, and the many groups walked these different streams of color, each group radiating its own color, their garments making the color of the stream over which they moved. They went swiftly towards the horizon; there, where the waters and the heavens met, all of the different colors of the seven streams merged into the one color, the one stream, and this was the blue of the sky at midnight. The groups vanished within this darkness that was not darkness, and were seen no more.

But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

—ST. MATTHEW.

THAT WHICH thou hast sown, that shalt thou gather, whether it be in joy or sorrow, pain or peace.

—TEACHINGS OF THE TEMPLE.

O Son of Man! Breathe not the sins of any one as long as thou art a sinner. If thou doest contrary to this command thou art not of Me: To this I bear witness.

—THE HIDDEN WORDS.

Is it Christ or Judas! Ye who hold the scales of earthly power? . . . Will Christ or Judas hold thy mantle in the coming strife?

Choose ye must—and NOW.

—FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP.

O People of the Earth! Know verily a sudden ordeal is following ye and a great eagle is pursuing ye. Think not that all ye have committed is effaced from before the Sight. I declare by My Beauty that all your deeds are engraved in clear type upon Chrysolite Tablets.

—THE HIDDEN WORDS.

CHAPTER XVII.

The great waters became like a world of glass. Strange figures and symbols were engraved upon the glass and that which was writ thereon was in a language no man knew.

This was the imperishable Book of Records that holds the accounts, for and against man; by it he shall be judged. For on its pages are inscribed his every word and thought, all that he has done and left undone and the motives of his acts.

Let no man think himself unseen or unknown by the Lords of the Records, the Keepers of the Book.

As I watched the great waters like glass with the inscriptions thereon vanished, and in their place appeared waters that grew red. Above them appeared a vast army, a world at war, nation against nation, brother against brother. The people prayed for peace, and then the war was no more; yet there was no peace, no place was peace to be found.

The waters heaved in fury, no storm of earth waters was like unto the storm of these strange waters. Gaunt arms with taloned fingers reached up out of the depths towards those who prayed

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for peace, the hissing waters drowning out the uttered words.

Nevertheless there were prayers that took shape like stars, and these arose higher and higher till they settled firm in the heavens above the red and raging waters.

Days come and days go, but if thou watchest thou shalt see. THE SHOE-LATCH thou hast fastened for the halt and the lame will bind the hands of thine enemies.

—TEACHINGS OF THE TEMPLE.

So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men.

—GALATIANS.

O Friends! Consort with all the people of the world with joy and fragrance. Fellowship is the cause of unity, and unity is the source of order in the world. Blessed are they who are kind and serve with love.

—THE HIDDEN WORDS.

O Man, who livest in three worlds, conscious of only one—the lowest; look up, look inward and realize thy blindness. Know that power is given thee to create thine own destiny. Within thyself is Power supreme, unlimited—if thou canst realize Thyself.

—THE THREE TRUTHS.

CHAPTER XVIII.

Then I followed that way no more, yet I watched and waited. When I heard again the Breath say:

"Go ye, out of this place. Go ye, North-by-West. Thou hast earned the right to go, not for the tying of the shoe, but by the spirit in which it was tied. Thou shalt find a place wherein thou mayest bide a time. In that place thou shalt find that which thou seekest.

"Serve the Christ within thine own heart, that thou mayest serve the Christ within the heart of thy Brother. The Temple of God is the heart of humanity.

"Tarry ye not, for that time of upheaval is fast approaching when the Great Law of Readjustment must balance accounts between good and evil."

So I did as I was bidden. I journeyed not alone, but with many people. Now each sought to bear his Brother's burdens, but with no thought of self, and as he did so his own burdens grew lighter.

As we went there appeared, between the earth and the heavens, a spiral stairway winding upward

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till it reached the sky and on this winding stairway went the shining Children. They looked out upon those of us who journeyed far below them, and their eyes were the eyes of the Ancient Ones.

Now the way was hard to go. Pitfalls and sunken rocks hindered our steps. Places there were along the way, but these were snares to confuse the weary Pilgrim. Through troubled, through wild, deep places, through caves where the earth shook and trembled, through black shadows where the foe beset our way, through all these we passed. Many stumbled, many fell. Over these the strong ones watched and guarded, they tarried till the weak should rise and start again upon the Homeward Way.

Thus the weak were aided and they who had tarried to give them courage passed the faster on their way.

There grew out from the North horizon another world, it reached from east to west, it covered all that place between the heavens and the earth. Green planes and high hills. Valleys with groves and orchards. On the green planes were wide-spreading trees, on the high hills were forests. Running brooks there were that shone; still rivers that carried shining boats, for the boats and the sails were like fine

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spun glass. Some came to land, and the sailors stepped upon the shore.

From everywhere came animals, many were strange to us, many we knew, and they hurt not one another, nor the men who sat upon the land, neither did the men molest them. Of the peace in that place none could tell.

After a time each came to the place where he must bide for a time. While he bided and was sheltered he idled not and took no thought of time and rest for he needs must work and provide for and help his younger and weaker brothers.

THE WORDS OF THE MESSENGER

Many houses have I built and afterwards demolished, and now I have builded me yet another house in your midst, O ye sons of men.

I speak the words of Him Who hath sent me forth; He is the Guide, the Instructor, the Keeper of the Mysteries. His words are sure and fail not. He is the Lighter of Lamps in the Temple of the Most High. Ye are the Temples, and the lamp is the light of Truth within you. . . .

I herald the new Day; in it all things shall be changed. . . . Your boundaries shall be removed, your treasures shall melt away, and all your works shall run together even as metal runneth in the melting-pot.

Learn that these boundaries are boundaries of consciousness; that these treasures are the unstable theories and concepts of the intellect, unlighted by the Lamp of Knowledge of spiritual Facts. Therefore, when the light shineth in the darkness, your works—even your conventions, your institutions, your civilizations—shall run together in the heat of this New Day, even as metal runneth in the melting-pot.

Hear ye the words I speak, and fear not, for though destruction cometh upon many, yet for you it is the Day of Redemption. Ye shall come out of the house of bondage, that house which is Egypt, which is even the body-consciousness.

I am the Messenger of the Fire, the Messenger of the Whirlwind, the Messenger of the day of Adjustment. The Fire burneth but dross, that the silver and the gold may remain. By the Wind ye shall mount to the heavens—if ye be the children of discernment. In the day of Adjustment ye shall come into your own—even into hearing, and into sight, and into knowledge. But as for the stubborn, and the deaf, and the blind,—the Wind of Destruction shall carry them away.

—THE THREE TRUTHS.

CHAPTER XIX

Shortly after we had reached the place where we were to bide for a time there began strange mutterings in all places, among races, and among the nations. There were those who heard these mutterings and they sent out warnings, which were unheeded, and were mocked at by the many. Only the few heeded and obeyed, and those who had ears to hear, these made preparation against the coming of the great World-Storm that soon gathered and broke all over the earth.

The days of the World-Storm were many; terrible was its wrath. When it passed away, naught on earth was as it had been—all was changed.

Then peace and plenty soon began to manifest everywhere. All religious and racial differences became as though they had never been. The bond of unity forming the Brotherhood of Man grew and strengthened till the mind of man was conscious of his oneness with all. The people of the earth were as of one family, one kindred, one Nation, one Faith.

And they were governed as never before, for the Government was founded upon the Divine

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Plan and the Leaders had the eyes of the Ancient Ones. They had power to break the seals from the Book of Mysteries, so the people ate of the Bread of Life and drank the shining Waters from the "Cup of Oneness."

There were no more temples on the earth, but the Foundation remained, for this had withstood the upheaval of the World-Storm that came in that darkest hour before the dawn of the New Day.

For the foundation was of pure gold, in it were the immortal possessions of man, bought with a price that held throughout the Ages. It was the Treasure-House of TRUTH.

In the days before the Storm, the days of separateness, the days when each man's hand was raised against his brother-man, when cruelty was measured out to the dumb beasts, the people knew not that the Foundation of their temples was one, cast from the one mould. So they built their Temples according to their light and understanding of that day and time. Of many shapes and kinds were the Temples, and this caused dissension among the people; wars grew out of it, among the different nations, races, among the families, brother against brother; strife and sorrow were everywhere.

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They who knew that the Temples hid the diamond glow of the Foundation kept Their knowledge within Themselves, until that time should come when They could dwell amongst the people in safety. To such as were ready They gave the knowledge of the Foundation, and these set about to find the way to It, each for himself; for the Foundation was a thing every man must know for himself.

So when the Law of Readjustment went out to take effect upon the earth, these different temples, maintaining separateness, went the way of all that was weighed in the balance and was found wanting.

As I looked upon the earth and saw no more the Temples, the Breath whispered:

"Know ye not that it is writ in an ancient Scripture, 'They shall teach no more every man his neighbor; and every man his brother, saying, know the Lord; for all shall know Me, from the least to the greatest of them, saith the Lord. The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.'"

INTERPRETATION OF THE SYMBOLS

THE HOUSE—Man's material concepts of life—his world; the four walls being the limitations he has built in his mind and which confine these concepts to those only that agree with the reports of the five senses.

THE CHAIRS—Man's worldly consciousness, in which he at present sits, bound in it by his heart interest in earthly things and his belief in his separateness from God and from his fellow men.

THE GARMENTS—The selfish personality with which man adorns himself.

THE WIND—The Spirit of God making Itself felt in the heart.

THE BREATH—The Higher Self, which makes Itself known to the consciousness in earnest prayer, in deep meditation, in high aspiration. It is that Power back of and directing all the ways of mortal man, putting him through every experience of life necessary to make him realize that the Soul's real desire and purpose

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is not about outer things but that man may become a pure and selfless instrument for the Father's use.

THE IRON CHAIN—Man's Selfishness—his belief in and desire for things for self enjoyment, and which binds him to such things and prevents his hearing the voice of, and obeying, his higher nature.

THE WINDOWS—The avenues of mind through which, by aspiring for spiritual things, the light of the Inner Worlds shine, permitting the knowledge of other and higher realms of being.

THE WATERS OUTSIDE—The astral, psychic or desire world,—both the world of illusion and deception to the ignorant and fearful, and the hall of learning to the determined and courageous seeker after higher knowledge.

THE SWORD OF FIRE—A flash of illumination, permitting a glimpse of the Reality that lies beyond the World of Desire, peopled with the illusions born of the senses.

THE LOTE TREE—The Tree of Life—The Heavenly Kingdom, the Consciousness of God—The Tree of many branches in whose shade rests all of God's children, who come in complete surrender unto Him.

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THE MOUNTAIN TOP—Those who rest under a branch of the Tree of Life, with hearts fixed on God, who are lifted in consciousness to spiritual heights, where things are seen unbelievable by—and unlawful to—the human, separate mind.

THE STAFF AND ROD—Faith and Trust in God.

THE TABLE—The Christ Consciousness, which knows that All is Good, and that "All the Father hath is mine," and where all good things are spread waiting for us to take and use.

THE SHINING WATERS—The Water of Life, the water of Divine Love, which when we open our hearts and let it, will pour out unto all that thirst and at the same time will lift the veil of the senses and enable us to see into the Kingdom and know all our Brothers there.

THE GOLDEN GOBLETS, ALSO THE DIVINE ONES—The Masters, who hold and give out the holy Waters of Love and Truth to the thirsty and worthy ones,—the Great Ones who serve at the table.

PREPARE THY GARMENT—The garment of the soul, formed and fashioned of the loving thoughts, words and deeds to those around us.

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LIGHT THY LAMP—Learn to open the heart and let love out—that Light shining in the midst of the darkness.

THE BREAD—Divine Truth moistened with the dew of Christ's love in the heart.

HAND ON FACE THAT BURNED THE FLESH—The hand of Truth that experience burns into the mortal consciousness, so that even it knows.

THE DARK SERPENT—The serpent of the senses—the great deceiver, causing in us the belief in separateness from our fellow men.

THE GREAT MOUNTAIN—The high mountain we go to in the Silence of Spiritual aspiration.

THE HOLY CITY—The I AM,—the Christ Consciousness.

THE WHITE BIRDS—The Healing Thoughts of the Christ of God.

THE WORDS THE BIRDS CARRIED—"The Message" of Brotherhood.

THE GREAT LIGHT THAT WAS LIKE NO OTHER LIGHT—The Vision of Brotherhood vouchsafed to them whose hearts accepted the MESSAGE and who obeyed the Call.

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THE WATERS AFAR OUT, WHERE THE HEAVENS AND THE WATER ARE ONE—the Causal plane.

THE SHINING CHILDREN—The Great Ones coming into incarnation and bringing the Kingdom of Heaven with Them down into the midst of men.

THE ARK,—The Aquarian Foundation.

THE ONE WHO OPENED THE WINDOW—The Messenger Who brought the Message of The New Day.

THE THREE STEPS—The Three Initiations—the Steps all Disciples must climb before they can enter the Kingdom; the trials and testings of the Aspirant, the Probationer and the Accepted Disciple.

THE GREAT GATE—The Gate of the final Initiation that admits into the Kingdom of Heaven.

THE WAR SEEN ABOVE THE RED WATERS, THAT CEASED WHEN THE PEOPLE PRAYED FOR PEACE—A glimpse given of the Armageddon being fought on the Inner planes—the precursor of the World-Storm that followed.

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THE STRANGE WATERS HEAVING IN FURY—The transitional state of upheaval and readjustment seething on the Inner Planes, the effect of the Armageddon, and outmanifesting in the outer making all ready for the ushering of the Kingdom upon earth that it may be even as in Heaven.

THE SPIRAL STAIRWAY—The ever deepening and widening consciousness unfolding as we climb the Spiritual Heights of Divine Love.

THE NEW WORLD THAT GREW OUT OF THE NORTH—The first signs of the New Day brought down into manifestation by those who had listened to the Call of the Messenger in the Message he brought.

THE STRANGE ANIMALS—Those new natures resulting in man from transmuting the animal desires, appetites and passions of the old, and now learning to serve man for the purpose originally intended.