

# MYSTICISM IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY



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All earnest TRUTH seekers, whatever may be their creed, cult, color, or country, are actually seeking a way of escape from disease, disharmony, disharmony, discord, and the many other limitations of the personal self and its transient world, and an entry into the full consciousness of their own perfect Divine or true selves, which as eternal facts of being, ever await recognition and acceptance.

True self-identification is, there fore, men real aim and purpose, and although at the commencement of his search he may not be consciously aware of this ultimate goal.

The teaching and practice, outlined in this remarkable book, will lift man off whatever plane of thought he may be on and take him, step by step, along the path of self-renunciation into his ecstatic joy and freedom of oneness or unity with LIFE-GOD.

It has been my great privilege, as one of his West Australian students to know and commune with the author of whose spirituality, intellectuality, and sincerity I whose wonderful help and guidance I am extremely grateful.

Student.



**The Very Venerable S. Raynaud de la Ferriere**

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## **INTRODUCTORY**

### **SPIRITUAL BROTHERS**

We have the honour to make known to you our desire for contact with each philosophic, esoteric, and occultism association, and we shall appreciate your correspondence if you care to interchange points of view.

THE COLLEGE OF ANCIENTS has decided to make public the Sanctuary's Teachings in consequence of the New Age, which is designated the Aquarian Era. The Equinoctial Phenomenon of 1948 marked the beginning, of this New Aquarian Age.

His Holiness the Mahatma Chandra Bala Guruji, Head of the Satkumba Shanga, Great Dignitary of Spiritual Direction of the World, previously known as the Honourable Dr. Serge Raynaud de la Ferriere, President of the International Federation of Scientific Societies, has accepted, since 1947, the Regency of the August Universal Great Brotherhood.

Our Institution, which was in the shadow during the last two thousand years, was only in contact with some initiatic centres and also with I.I.; M:M.; M::B::; R.C. and with several kinds of Disciples of Light. But now this great ancient Institution is being made know to the world through a public vehicle, viz., the Mission of the Aquarian Order. This is being done through books, articles and conferences by the Venerable Master Raynaud de la Ferriere himself, and the Universal Great Brotherhood is now represented more than 25 countries. Exoteric works and esoteric works are organised with social services (healing, dispensary, library, play-grounds for children, etc.) on the one hand, while initiatic teachings (with the founding of Universal Brotherhood Temples, Yoga Institutes, Scientific Centres, Ashrams for Spiritual Perfection, Schools for Occultism, Colleges upon the basis of the Ancient Sages), are arranged on the other hand.

We are sure you will contribute to the great cause and for this, we ask, if you have some thesis or any other work for publication in our Album-Encyclopaedic Catalogue of all sects, religions, societies, groups, associations, etc. which participates in the ennoblement of human thought.

Naturally all membership (whether of an individual or a group asking for fusion with the Universal Great Brotherhood) is

completely free. The Call is only to make again the connection with the Supreme Direction and afford to everybody the possibility of receiving the Light which reveals the TRUTH.  
Peace is with you.

Om Tat Sat

## **THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTION OF THE WORLD**

In all the ages there has existed a Universal Great Brotherhood. In each of the Great civilisations (Mayas, Incas, Druids, Essenes, etc) an organising corporation consisting of the High Dignitaries of this Institution have had in their power the guidance of Mankind. During the last Great Age, the Great Masters, working for the Spirituality of the world, were gathered in Tibet only. This was because the period first ended was a negative epoch, that is, one reserved for silence (The Fish Age) in which the Sun in its apparent movement agreed with the Pisces constellation, when only “Gurus”, “Rishis”, initiates from diverse types and predisposed persons have had the right to enter such Esoteric Centres.

From March, 1948, as evidenced by a well-known astronomical phenomenon (the equinoctial precession) the Sun, due to its apparent movement of retro gradation (one degree each 72 years) has penetrated into the constellation of Aquarius (the water-carrier sign).

The Organising Corporation of the Universal Great Brotherhood will be called, therefore, the Aquaria Mission and for approximately two thousand years will conduct the affairs of the world as did the Piscean Mission (the primitive Christian) before it. If the Pisces Epoch was a negative period, secret and occult, the Era of Aquarius is a positive age; open and public, and the first task of the Mission of Aquarius is to reunite, not only all the religions and sects, but also to bring together the concepts of Science and Religion. In order to strike a balance between them it is necessary to introduce a little more philosophy into Science, and likewise a little more Science into Religion. Subjectivity and objectivity must become united, like the positive and negative poles, of electricity, because it is by the union of both that we have light, or like the biological function as exemplified by the union of male and female of the species. All this is symbolised by the two wavy lines described in the Zodiac as representing the Aquarian sign.

The intellectual knowledge and the mystic spirituality must be united without regard to race, creeds, beliefs, culture or sex and according to a common ideal for the amelioration or improvement of mankind by enquiring after individual perfection.

In order to attain this end the Universal Great Brotherhood has established an organisation which has always assisted in every

great civilisation and has formulated the same traditional teachings as given to the Masters and Instructors as well as the "Colleges of Initiation." To the college, interested persons may come to be prepared and to receive the Great Teachings of the Sacred Science. In the previous epoch these teachings were reserved to a privileged class, but now the Sanctuaries (or seats of spiritual and initiatic training) are places where the interested individual will be raised little by little toward the condition of true initiation, following the precepts of the Great Sages.

The organising council will be known during the Cosmic period of Aquarius as the "Mission of Aquarian Order", as were called the former Cosmic periods of Gemini, Taurus, Aries, or Pisces, respectively, "The Twins Order" (the Adamic period), the "Bull Order" (Egyptian and Hebraic epoch), the "Ram Order" (the period of Moses), the "Fish Order" (Christian Institution).

It is not a question of a better form of religion, but it is a question of the SYNTHESIS of all religions. Because this organism has to do with government of the world in terms of a universal pattern or design, it is an educational and cultural system rather than anything else. It is the Renovation of the world by the intellect. It is re-education of the human being and the restoration or re-establishment of the Eternal Word. (Eternal Verb: the Truth).

The Initiatic College, or boarding school, functions in different countries, where the Universal Great Brotherhood has established branches and three or four times weekly the applicant may receive the preparatory teaching to enter into the Esoteric Order, Centre of the Aquarian Mission. This is a limited circle where are instructed the students in such preparatory studies as Occultism, Astrology, Yoga, Cabala, etc., as well as those students of a certain mental level who will be instructed in a way that will prepare them as teachers to Humanity.

In certain countries (Tibet, India, France, South America) the Mission has founded Ashrams (magnetic spots for initiatic training) far from big towns, and in quiet places, where the student can live in harmony with Nature and practise the necessary exercises, mediate, and in a word, learn and work at perfecting himself in the proper atmosphere which is necessary for this purpose. After some years of purification and evolving along the path of initiation, the Adept will finally enter the Holy-Hidden-Sanctuary where he will conduct his life withdrawn from the outer world, as do the Great Masters. In this Sacred Retreat of World Spirituality (a centre

where is collected the Electro Telluric of the Age, being a specially magnetised place) which is already situated in an Ancient Place of Initiation in some Mountain Range, work the Leaders for Mankind for the guidance of universal affairs, and watch to see that humanity evolves along the proper path.

For thousands of years the Universal Great Brotherhood have had conferences with the "Sumum-Supremum-Sanctuarium" at the College of Ancients. In fact the August Institution which is in charge of the direction of the world is obliged to have a Committee of Sages to manage esoterically these human problems. Under an Order's Council functions an Executive Office, and from this "Home Service" different directions of Initiatic Vehicles like the Supreme Commandant of the Masonic Family (for the secret societies) and Holy Patriarchal Authority of the Universal Church (for the religious and mystic sects).

The "Theosophy" of Philalete of Alexandria is only a "hellenization" of the Atlantes Institution of Philosophical Priesthood, and the Disciples of the neo-platonic Gnosticism had, at the end of the 15th Century, lost touch with the Superior Direction, which contact was later restored by J. Boehme, "the Teutonic Theosophist", in the 17th Century. The same can be said for the Shravakas (Esoteric Theosophist Candidates) who separated themselves from the Theosophical Grand Lodge, in the same manner as the Sat-Chelas (Supreme Disciples), who, in 1906, severed contact with the "Study Group of the Oriental Metaphysical Questions". This study group was formed in New York in 1875 by Colonel Olcott, together with Madame Blavatsky, and is known today under the name of the Theosophical Society.

Many types of Theosophical Societies actually exist today, and amongst them are numerous Rosicrucian Associations. However, a Director of the Rosicrucian Societies exists in France (Centre of the Rose Croix Fraternity) as well as in Greece (where is situated the World Theosophical centre). In Greece is living a venerable Ancient of the Great White Lodge. It would be useless to continue further an historical analysis of the organisation of the Universal Great Brotherhood, which embraces the Masonic Rites, Theosophical Lodges, Rosicrucian Seminaries, Christian Churches, Buddhist Temples, Islamic Movements, Taoist Convents, Israelite Creusistories, Philosophical Study Groups, Humanitarian Associations, etc., etc., in order to understand that from time to time the different branches break the contact with the Supreme

Direction, resulting in merely ceremonial observances deprived of real value. This occurs because the rituals can be carried out with efficiency, but there is no transmission of "power," and Truth can only be expressed by the different Religions, Sects and Groups if they are in direct contact with the S.S.S.

The "Sacred College of Ancients" has authorised the contact between the Initiatic Centre and the profane world through the intermediary of an organism half Esoteric and half Exoteric which takes the name of "Mission" because of its direct relationship with the public. As a consequence of our coming into the New Age (Aquarian Epoch) it was decided the organisation take the name of the Era in which we shall evolve for the next 2,000 years. The Mission of the Aquarian Order, like the Mission of the Fish in the Piscean Epoch twenty centuries ago (beginning of the Christian Era) is the Public Vehicle of the Universal Great Brotherhood.

The Initiatic tradition (this preservation of the Sacred Science through the Ages) was transmitted by Secret Orders which from time to time were made known either by Masters or by their Disciples, who formed Groups which were always at the base of the Great Civilisations like the "Initiates Koamols", "Incas Sanctuary", "Toltec's Temples", "Maya Conferees", "Lemur Assembly", "Druidic Community", "Fraternity of Atlantis", "Egyptian College", the "Essenes Groups", "Tibetan Monasteries". Naturally time is required before all the different Religions can again unite with the Supreme Council of the August Universal Great Brotherhood, which today consists of one hundred and fifty-three different Movements.

Some of these organisations, in addition to those mentioned above, remained historically outside the conflict and have always been in direct relationship with the Head of the Institution, as for example the Superior Committee of World Supreme Masonic Council (which directs the Great College of Rites, giving orders to all the Great Lodges of Freemasonry and the mixed Co-Masonry), United Cosmopolitan Order of Masters (directing the Theosophical Societies, the Anthroposophical Movements, the Rosicrucian Associations, etc.), the Holy Primitive Pontifical Chamber (the Head of Cabalist Gnostic, Christic Church).

Amongst the organisations which are embraced by the Universal Great Brotherhood, we can observe the following:

## **EUROPE**

France: Ordre Catharre  
Les Reliquaires de la Guelionah  
Greece: Pythagorean Rhea Institute  
Tetraktrynian  
Italy: Adeptus-Consolamentum.  
Rito Xerophagistas.  
Scandinavia: The Draupnir Guardians.  
Sweden: Exegetic Society.  
Switzerland: Hellien Culte Protectors.

## **AFRICA**

A.E.F.: Les Descendants des Inities Malinkes.  
North Africa: Les Sa'ihun.  
Egypt: Aschai Association.  
Thesmothetes (Sphinx Guardians).  
Tel-El-Amarna Restorers.  
(Amenophis IV City).  
Ethiopia: Shelshelth-Ha-Qabbalah.  
Sahara: Les Nakibs du Dzikr.  
Sudan: Kadmonite Groups.

## **AMERICA**

Independent Rosicrucian Chapter from Central America.  
Nahualist of Antique America.  
Brazil: Xibaldaides.  
Mexico: Chichen-Itza-Templars.  
Panama: Guami Sect.  
Peru: Wari Runa Defenders.  
Venezuela: Liberal Catholic Church of Venezuela.  
Honduras: Sumos Initiates.

## **ASIA**

Afghanistan: Chitsabai.  
Arabia: Les Elus d'El-Quider.  
Burma: Kappa, Maha Bhatubhava, Smiti  
Buthan: Zarafi Sadhak Mandala.  
Ceylon: Satya Jnana Sabha.  
China: Tien-Foe-Whe (Secret Lodge).  
Koueit-Sang-'Conservators.

Ko-Chu-T'ung-Hsing.  
Himalayas: Maha-Samarasa-Sangha.  
Kumbh-Sabha'.  
India: Amrita-Akhara.  
Adhimuttikalakiriya-Sangham.  
Ahimsa-Dharma.  
Viriyadhika-Jatakamala.  
Vidyarthi-Skandhas.  
Indonesia: Parato-Gosha.  
Israel: L'Shem-Ihoud God `Sho B" Riq.  
Ov' Schekinthe.  
Japan: Yamato-In-Yo.  
Malaya: Samma Sambodhi Dhamma Upasaka.  
Nepal: Siddha Balpo.  
Persia: The Cufis Institution.  
Sikkim: Satyakama Padasala.  
Siam: Sila Dhamma.  
Syria: Pardes Guardians.  
Tibet: Bkah Brgyud Pa.  
Dzundulphug-Kargyutpa.  
Samarasa Sanmargha Sangha.  
Turkestan: Sinkiang-Votajas.  
Turkey: Beni-El-Mim.  
Yemen: The Yazidi Sect.

## ACTIVITIES

Although the August Universal Great Brotherhood is thousands of year's old, contact with the general public began only in 1947, at which time Serge Raynaud de la Ferriere, the Very Illustrious Eminence and Venerable of the Universal Great Brotherhood began to gather a group of scientific personalities in France.

Mr. Toutain, Director of Studies in Sorbonne (University of Paris).

Abbey Morreux; Director of Astronomic Observatory of Bourges.

Dr. Encausse, Inspector of Health for Parisian Colleges (son of Papus).

Professor H. Varcollier, President of Physic Group of France.

Professor Boutaric of the Dijon Faculty. President Harriot.

Consul Ellesslinger, of United States of America Embassy in Paris.

Mr. E. Tranin, of the "Cercle Polaire Charcot".

Professor Ananoff, of the Astronautic Circle.

More than one hundred other important personages have answered the Master's Call. Numerous other scientific personalities have made known their concurrence with the conclusions drawn by the Eminent Master de la Ferriere:

R. P. Dopp, President of Belgium Scientific Societies.

Mr. Lavachery, Director of the "Colonial Museum" of Belgium.

Mrs. Cluzel (Geographical Society), Washington.

Colonel Foss (relative of General Eisenhower).

Mr. Verhardt Leo, Mathematician, U.S.A. Counsellor of the last Roosevelt Administration.

Count H. de Souza, in Portugal.

Mr. Zadelhoff, in Holland.

Dr. Bourges, Algeria.

Prince de Broglie in Morocco.

Professor Marchand, University of Mexico.

Professor Kamienski in Poland.

Consul Segun, Sweden.

Professor Sommerfeldt, Denmark.

Professor Zavagno, Italy (together with his colleagues) and many other world-famous names.

Wherever the Master passes, such is the intense earnestness displayed by him that there is an impulse to form a nucleus, or group to further the activities of the Brotherhood. The American public, for example, have been tremendously impressed with him and on occasion have called him the Messiah. His popularity with the Press in America and elsewhere is essentially due to the great breadth of mind, his logical manner and positive attributes, and to the extent of his knowledge. As a lecturer, he was always welcome in the "Carnegie Hall" in New York, the Methodist Church in Brooklyn, in Masonic and Theosophical Lodges, in the "French Salon," at Rosicrucian Chapters and numerous other American Associations because of his complete impartiality. Hence, because it is a Synthesis of truth that is expounded in a clear and easily understood way, he is known and received by everyone as either a Philosopher or Scientist. He is understood by all and so accepted because his expositions take into account every conception and allow for every form of disputation. One day sees him at the Guatemala Free University having come directly from some spiritist meeting or from lecturing in a Masonic Temple or from officiating as would a High Priest of the Catholic Liberal Church. In this latter capacity, Dr. de la Ferriere officiated at the Mass in the Church of San Clemente Paroiss in Caracas. There, each Sunday, he delivered very interesting sermons to an attentive congregation.

After installing a Branch of our Institution in South, Central and North America, Dr. de la Ferriere went to India from New York, in which city he was the President of the International and Spiritual Peace Convention in 1949.

Every twelve years there is held in the Himalayas a great meeting known as the "Kumbha-Mela". To it travel all Yogis, Sanyassins, Sadhus and Pilgrims from every part of India. That a Westerner should assist is indeed a rarity, because not only is the question of language to be considered, but also that of knowledge and ritual, in order to penetrate into the Temple. However, no problem was presented here for the Master, who (known as "Mahatma" in India) remained unrecognised because of his oriental appearance in the holy-clothes, or specially coloured robes as used by a Sadhu, or holy man in India. In the Yogi Pilgrim, walking quietly without

luggage or servants, bare footed and like a native of the hills with long beard and sunburned skin, the Master, as a Western Scientist, remained unrecognised in the crowd. The Venerable Tdashi Sis-Sgan-Cakya Rimpocheh (The Regent de la Ferriere's name in Tibet) after visiting the holy places and assisting at the Sacred Wesak (annual meeting for Initiates in the Tibetan full moon during May) intended to retire to one of the solitary Retreats of the Kwen-Lun, on **the Sin-Kiang boundary**.



In the Way to the Holy-Kailas . . . Tibetan atmosphere

In 1947, after several initiations, the "predestined incarnation" realised spiritual illumination, and the world press announced that Dr. de la Ferriere, well known as a healer of the physical body and an eminent psychologist, intended to abandon public life and to spend his remaining days in prayer and meditation in the little caverns of Ekah-Brgyud-Pa in Central Tibet. However, rather than he should live a secluded life by being cloistered in a Monastery or walled up in some small cell of the many found in the Chang-Tang Plateau, from the past it had been decided that he should be an Instructor for Humanity. So for three years, without relaxation on his part, the Venerated Master travelled and founded study centres, colonies for the disciples of the Universal Great Brotherhood, and himself prepared the adepts who wished to take the Initiatic Path and to follow the traditional teachings which are preserved in the Sanctuaries and Retreats where are the living descendants of the Great Antique Priesthood.

He has lectured everywhere in order to make known to all the fact of the new age and to give to the world the Eternal Message of Love and Light. Today, in more than twenty-five countries the August Universal Great Brotherhood has representation and to each in turn the Supreme Regent of the Institution travels to guide and set aright the problems of each and all, curing the sick, receiving confessions, teaching student groups, organising new branches of the Mission, sometimes living in large cities, sometimes dwelling in jungle places, or travelling into the deserts or making expeditions into the hills when necessary. It is remarkable to see such a "high Incarnate" expose his body to all the vagaries of climate and adverse circumstances. The Master expends his energies for the good of Humanity, and makes every effort to be present where and when his presence is most needed and necessary. Dr. de la Ferriere was well known for his writings in the realms of medicine, meta-astronomy, psychology, etc., and his broadcasts in Europe and America have always been very much appreciated. Today as a Messenger of the New Age he is everywhere and at all times ready to conciliate all sects and religions.

Human thought of our time is influenced by the teachings of Christianity, Islamic, Buddhism, Brahmanism, Masonry, Theophism, Rosicrucian's, etc. Thus the time has come again when the world has needed to unite with those who are in the vanguard of Impersonal Service and have the Ideal of Knowledge and Understanding. For this the Master is a Symbol, so that if millions

of people have his picture, before which burns a flame day and night, it is because he represents each Individual's Idea and the Synthesis of World Unity.

The Venerable Master de la Ferriere is the Living Symbol of Light, Peace and Truth.

Haljorpas, L.K.C.,  
Ataman of Shemen-Tso Sanctuary,  
Tibet.

## A GLIMPSE OF THE MASTER

This foreword was written for a booklet published in New York in 1949.)

This little pamphlet represents an introduction to a book "The Master Speaks", written by Juan Victor Mejias, a disciple of Dr. Serge Raynaud de la Ferriere, the Venerable Master of the Aquarian Mission, who recently came to New York to attend a spiritual congress (International Peace Convention of June, 1949). Dr. R. de la Ferriere (once the leading Astrologer of France, he is the President of the World Group of Cosmobiology, President of Astrological Syndicate, etc.) has greatly distinguished himself in scientific, philosophical and occult fields. He is also the author of many remarkable books and treatises which include.

Coming of the Great Teacher.

Centre of Initiation.

Unveiled Mysteries.

Science and Religion.

Table of Planetary Positions.

Planetary Symbolism.

The Black Book of Freemasonry, etc.

In preparation are "Diseases and Medicine", and the "Dictionary of Esoterism".

In 1947 the Venerable Master de la Ferriere was chosen by the Spiritual Direction of the World to be the Supreme Regent of the Universal Great Brotherhood. He was to travel into different countries and there establish Spiritual Centres and Esoteric Colleges on the model of the Sanctuaries and Schools of Initiation of Antiquity.

This little booklet contains the impressions of one of the Master's Disciples from Venezuela. It will prove to be of great interest to all sincere seekers after truth. Especially has it great value for students of the occult.

T. Bourkoun,  
Assistant Secretary,  
Universal Great Brotherhood,  
New York Chapter.

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK "THE MASTER SPEAKS"**

Having lived at the Master's side for nearly two years, I shall endeavour to give my humble appreciation of him. In the History of Mankind, his name will be inscribed on the list of the truly Great Teachers of Humanity.

In Europe the press hailed him as the New Christ, and in the Americas, Avatar was the name given him in many of the newspapers. The young Master calls himself a simple Spiritual Missionary; his great modesty goes hand in hand with the greatness of his soul.

As an eminent scientist he could have distinguished himself in any of the branches of Physics or Biology, but he prefers to remain a symbol of Impersonality. Heeding a Higher Call and abandoning a higher plane of life he has felt it his duty to expose himself to the unholy vibrations of the secular world for the good of mankind.

With the same ease he discourses on Philosophy, Ontology, Geophysics, Cosmobiology, Meta-astronomy, and gives the answers to the most complicated problems hermetic. His knowledge goes beyond all that is known up to the present. He reminds me of the Magi of old who were Science and Religion incarnate, for Science and Religion are what he represents.

His great utterance: "I FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR MAN'S LACK OF UNDERSTANDING" reveals a universal love for mankind difficult for us to comprehend in its entirety. These are words of one whose spirit dwells far above our troubled world. His help in solving the problems of this troubled world would be immense if we only knew how to avoid selfishness and blind passion.

This great Sage, who is Truth incarnate, is everyone's friend. Only those resisting the Eternal Verb will declare themselves his enemies. There are some who would not follow him because his purity of soul made them feel ill at ease. At Caracas recently, someone trying to belittle the Master was told, "The whiteness of his raiment which symbolises him, blinds you".

It is difficult to classify this extraordinary human being; even his physical self does not seem to belong to our time. It is erroneous to think of him as a Mystic for he never speaks of any visions or revelations. No one knows whether he is more of a scientist than a philosopher, or more of an occultist than a religious leader. In his

lectures subjectivity and objectivity reign side by side in complete harmony: one listens and feels-here is a Master.

He has a wonderful gift for giving explanations with such clarity that anyone can understand. His theories are not obscured by borrowed fragments from the mediocre parts of metaphysics. Remaining within the limits of the positive, questions put to him receive direct and precise answers. The explanations given satisfy both those of lesser and greater understanding.

Universities and learned Societies have often bestowed titles and honours on the Master, who continually makes light of them. He prefers to remain that which the cross he wears indicates-an Aquarian Missionary and a Universal Brother to all Mankind. But unanimous consent acknowledges him to be not only an Aquarian Missionary but the forerunner of the New Age.

He descended upon us out of the clouds in the sky, coming from the Orient, as described in the Gospels (Matthew 27, 29, 30, Chapter 24). The Bible foretells the arrival of the "Son of Man" coming to fulfil His Mission of Peace.

As he stepped down out of the plane which brought him to Venezuela, even the most sceptical in the crowd, including many reporters, could not help feeling strongly impressed by his ascetic appearance. Clad all in white, monk's sandals on his feet, a large white cape on his shoulders, he gave the impression of being a living Symbol of His Mission.

Not only does the Master come with a Message of Peace, but he brings also a solution to the pressing problems of the day. As an eminent psychologist, he discerns the immediate need and gives the appropriate remedy. No problem is too difficult for him to resolve. He does not demand blind faith, or conversion to his beliefs. He encourages study and contemplation, gives advice on how to attain perfection, but does not insist on any rigid discipline. Those of us who call themselves his disciples have freely accepted his way of life without being coerced, for we have recognised his supremacy.

On his arrival in South America, he simply declared: "I have come to see whether some among you are ready to listen to the eternal lessons of the Great Tradition." Soon everyone felt an immense affection for him.

He spoke in Churches, Masonic Temples, and Occult Centres. Wherever people are willing to listen to reason, he is ready to share his knowledge with them. No artificial barriers of race, creed,

social caste, or difference of concepts, exist for this Spiritual Missionary. He demands nothing; he gives without limitation.

Like the symbol he wears, he is an overflowing Chalice, for he is the Universal.

Being the true Master he is, criticism has no place in his mind. He analyses constructively. One of his precepts is: "All opinions are good, if they are sincere; everyone must hold to his own understanding."

We in Venezuela were proud to have him stay in our midst for many months. He established an Initiatic College in Caracas. I like the other students who attended, felt at once we were experiencing something extraordinary. This College was like no other School of Philosophy where the usual theories hold way, nor did it resemble any of the so-called Esoteric Orders. As in the Sanctuaries of bygone days, we were taught the Truths promulgated by the Great Sages. The precepts and instruction we received could have emanated only from a Master who had slaked his thirst for knowledge at the very fountain-head of Wisdom.

Some of us were chosen to live in close contact with the Master, at the Ashram, which he founded as soon as the College in Caracas was well established. The Ashram is situated on a beautiful site at the foot of some tall mountains. There we led a healthy and harmonious life in an atmosphere pervaded by a feeling of holy consecration. Most of our time was taken up by intellectual activities and spiritual exercises. The Master, in a gentle but firm manner, guided us along the spiritual road to Initiation; teaching us many of the Sciences, developing our mental capacity and fortifying our spirit. The road was hard and painful to follow, yet filled at the same time with intense and profound joys impossible to describe. The Master made us no promises.

Our unique desire was to see the Light, no matter what the price we had to pay before attaining our goal. The trials and hardships endured and the exhausting studies were a necessary self-imposed discipline chosen by us of our own free-will. We were not and are not fanatics, but we follow the Master blindly, for his authority has been amply demonstrated; the Disciple never questions his Guru's orders.

It is necessary to live at close quarters with the Master to know what he represents. In the small, intimate occurrences of everyday life we usually obtain revealing glimpses of a man's character. I could write volumes containing such intimate details of the

Master's life; all show the real greatness of the man, under every circumstance. There are many instructors whose teachings do not coincide with their practices. The Master lives according to his theories without deviating from them one instant. His life is in perfect harmony with Nature and its laws but always he retains his own individuality. Even the most sceptical who come to him out of curiosity, were conquered by his sincerity and became true Disciples.

At the Ashram, during the periods of physical culture, his happy smile warmed us to the core, and then again we were awed by his inspired attitude while he officiated at the Cosmic Mass every morning. Carefree and agile as a young primitive god when swimming in the river, in the city his appearance is of the utmost elegance-in spite of his simple robes.

His noble air causes even the least intuitive people to feel that here is a superior being and a man of extraordinary gifts. Completely at ease under all circumstances, he is young and playful during the periods of relaxation, but severe and exacting when teaching in class. The Director of the Mission said, not long ago: "When I see him lying asleep at siesta time, I should like to take him in my arms, but when he is awake I lower my eyes when I speak to him." His Disciples never touch him. These varied aspects of his personality may cause different reactions; nevertheless Individuality shines forth at every instant.

Dr. Serge Raynaud de la Ferriere's personality is certainly a most imposing one, but is not to be compared to the Individuality of the Venerated Master. The physical being of the man born during the winter of 1916 in Paris, serves only as a means of expression to this Eternal Spirit descended from the loftiest spheres for our common good. Most certainly his personality shows the strongest of characters, but is only a fleeting thing compared to his Individuality of Divine Essence" which remains for all Eternity in the domain of Infinity. Only those sufficiently instructed can attain some degree of comprehension of this fact.

We, the Disciples, have seen him at work, sweeping away all doubts as to his Supremacy. Even the Official Authorities have come to recognise this fact. Scientist everywhere have adhered to his theories. In Paris, all the eminent Physicists refused to heed his plea that he be relieved of the Presidency and re-elected him once more to the office of the Presidency of the International Federation of Scientific Societies. In the United States, he was asked to lecture

in the Universities and Colleges. In Guatemala, many doctors have held important consultations with him; some became his Disciples and are now teaching and applying his principles. In Venezuela, five of the most important departments in the Administration are now supporting the Aquarian Mission founded by Dr. S. Raynaud de la Ferriere, Superior of the Aquarian Order now becoming more important every day.

As one of noble descent and a person of importance, the eminent Missionary could have taken up his quarters in the home of any one of the influential families of Caracas who would have felt highly honoured to give shelter to the Messenger of God. He chose instead, soon after his arrival at Caracas, to live in a native hut at the foot of the mountains in the State of Aragua, Venezuela.

From the very first he was called "the Prophet." His immediate care was to heal the sick and infirm living in the surrounding countryside. People afflicted with cancer, tuberculosis, syphilis and leprosy, crowded around him from morning to night. I shall never forget the Master as I saw him there, in his humble hut roofed with straw, and furnished only with a rough cot, two packing cases and a primitive altar.

Here the Master would kneel down each time, asking God's permission to lay his healing hands upon one of the sick.

He, who once lived in the Place de l'Etoile and in the luxurious international hotels used as a cook-stove four stones to shelter a small tire with which to warm some herb-tea. His food consisted of fruits and a little salad. His renown grew greater with each passing day. Some of the sick and infirm travelled as many as four days to see him and receive his magnetism. At Valencia the blind who consulted him had their sight restored. In Maracay, the paralytics now walk. A doctor in Caracas was cured of a neuropathology condition. The Master's healing hands relieved the painful asthma of a well-known Venezuelan doctor's daughter. The Director of one of the Hospitals did not hesitate to consult him about a serious case. As the months went by, the crowds of the sick and afflicted who came to be cured grew larger each day. Some days, working from six in the morning until nine o'clock at night, he gave as many as 250 consultations. Even then, the Master was unable to rest for he was often called upon to go forth in the middle of the night, travelling through the thick underbrush to reach the bedside of someone in a dying state.

A few at a time, some of the students who attained the level of Adepts, came to live near the Master. Now the small property reserved for the colony is impregnated with the most powerful magnetism. Although the Master has departed for the United States, his influence and magnetism remain and shall remain for a long time to come.

The Aquarian Colony is now firmly established; the Venerable Master brought it to life through his lectures and his great authority. The Colony is composed mainly of intellectuals (doctors, engineers, professors, etc.). Although individuals of both sexes are admitted, men make up the majority at the Ashram (Colony). At Caracas, the Initiatic College has about twenty per cent. Female students in attendance.



The Dr. de la Ferriere healing the cancerous, lepers, paralytics, blind, and all sick peoples in South America.

The Master lectured and taught over the weekends at the Initiatic College in Caracas. He also received and talked with everyone who was interested in his work. Every Monday evening he would be

impatiently awaited by the Disciples living at the Ashram. All his followers were heart broken when the Venerated Master announced his departure after having been with us uninterruptedly for 17 months.

On receiving an invitation to attend the International Peace Conference in New York, the Master reluctantly decided to leave us in order to represent the Great Universal Fraternity.

The world must not forget this great event or the speeches made by the Master in the United States. These speeches contained in this booklet will find their place in the History of Humanity, for they confirm, once more, the Eternal Truths brought forward at regular intervals by the great Spiritual Masters for the good of Mankind.

Let us pray that all sincere souls shall see the Light, and that the Aquarian Era shall reign.

AMEN. AUM.

J. VICTOR MEJIAS,  
(Getuls: first Degree)  
Aquarian Ashram,  
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## THE MESSENGERS OF PEACE

The Aquarian Mission has as its goal the uniting of Science and Religion. The separation of these two has had a disastrous consequence and has contributed to the loss of the real wisdom without which it is impossible for man to live in harmony, first with himself and, secondly, with his neighbour.

No matter how perverted a man may be, one always finds, on searching deep within him, a desire for peace. No matter how spiritual a man may be religious instruction he receives in this epoch is so incomplete that he cannot refrain from a bitter smile of disillusion at the idea of peace. He considers it a Utopian hope of man.

The Aquarian Mission is about to bring proof to all that the willing sacrifices and arduous labours of the Messengers of Peace are not energies that are given out in vain, for the reason that the epoch of struggle and scepticism in which we live is no more or less than a law, or more precisely an astronomical phenomenon, which appears at regular intervals.

In this period of transition are formed the bases for the New Era, the Cycle of Aquarius, the New Age which marks the beginning of a period of about two thousand years, which comes at each turning point in the history of humanity.

The Sacred Tradition teaches us that at each New Era the Spirit of God manifests on the earth. It is of no consequence what name we give it—Christ, Avatar, Messenger. In any case it is always a great teacher of humanity.

Those who *know* have seen in the sky the Sign of the "Son of Man," as it is announced in the Gospels. Once more the Divine Spirit manifests itself on the earth.

Let us have eyes to see and ears to hear. Let us not forget that the last of the "Fishes" shall be the first of "Aquarius." The divine Jhesu<sup>1</sup> has given us the means to recognise the One that will come to recall His teaching without distorting it by dogmatism or fanaticism. Our Lord, the Nazarene, announces that "He who shall come will speak in My Name, no longer in parables but in clear language, clear and comprehensible to all."

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<sup>1</sup>It is by design that the name is written without "s" and with an "h." The initiates knew the reason for not believing in the divinity of the Lord Jesus, if one wrote JESUS, which corresponds only to an historical personage.

He announces to us the possibility of knowing His Father, Our Father, by the intermediary-He who shall come<sup>2</sup> to wit: the Spirit of Truth. Our attention is drawn to the fact that knowledge is always written in italics in Holy Scripture. Knowledge will then be the star which shall illuminate our path. Science and religion must unite to complete their interlacing one to the other. This Mission is not only the goal for the Order of Aquarius, but it is the indispensable means for the evolution of the human being.

It is logical that in leaving the animal kingdom man had to lose some of his instincts to permit his intelligence to develop. The period of believing without knowledge has just died with the end of the cycle of the "Fishes". The new generations of "Aquarius" have need of knowledge to believe and to leave this abject Materialism which brings us egoism and, by consequence, war.

If there were one single sect, one single religion, one fraternity, which possessed the Truth without any distortion, it would not be necessary that a great teacher come into the world, but whether we wish it or not, the sign is in the sky. It is easy for us to recognise the Great Instructor. He knows and consequently is about to reveal to each one its share of truth and its share of distortion. He does not wish, naturally, any conversion unless there is union.

The great Instructor of the New Era is on the march through the world with messengers of peace for the gathering of souls of goodwill. To be a soul of goodwill is not so simple for if He comes to give us a reason for the part of truth that we possess, let us not forget that according to the example of Jesus, for love of us He is implacable in obliging us to open our eyes to the part of distortion that we equally possess. Let us give thanks to God and let us try to merit the manifestation amongst us of a Superior Intelligence.

L.R.F.

Aquarian Mission

Guatemala, Central America.

TO KNOW, TO WILL, TO DARE, TO BE SILENT.

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<sup>2</sup>The maxim of the Mission of the Order of Aquarius is the celebrated maxim:

## A GLIMPSE OF THE MISSION

At all times, from remote antiquity, there has always been a Great Universal Brotherhood or an Institution of refinement and culture, entrusted with the charge of supervising over the Spiritual progress of Humanity. This great Occult Force is made up of those best qualified amongst the Spiritually Enlightened, and to who is entrusted, about every 2,000 years, the direction of human affairs. Such an Organisation is composed of the highest dignitaries of this great Occult Institution. In this manner, there has succeeded each other, for thousands of years, the Order of Gemini, the Order of Taurus, the Order of Aries, the Order of Pisces and today the Order of Aquarius. As there has always been a sub-division of the Supreme Governing Body, it is on this account that some of the representative bodies of the White Brotherhood have been more publicly known, for example, the Druids, the Essenes.

In a similar manner, and since 1947, the Universal Great Brotherhood has entrusted the direction of the world's Spiritual affairs to the Missionary Order which conducts its activities under the direction of its Superior, the Most Venerable Serge Raynaud de la Ferriere, who is also the Supreme Regent of the August Universal Great Brotherhood. After the three years of his public Mission, the Master elected to continue his work of helping Humanity, and prepared for his next Mission. After the Holy Wesak festival of 1950 the Maha-Mandala of Sages conferred the title of Supreme Regent upon one whom the people everywhere named with respect: "The Master."

The principal activities of the Mission are:

- Scientific conferences and educational lectures.
- Meetings concerned with philosophical subjects.
- Cultural and theatrical recitals of a recreational character.
- Foundation of Libraries.
- Construction of Parks and Playgrounds for children.
- Special meetings for esoteric studies.
- Meditation centres.
- Healing centres, dispensaries, rest-houses.
- Foundation of Colonies for Spiritual development. (Ashrams).
- Preparation for free entrance to Sanctuaries. Erection of Temples for Universal Brotherhood.

The Mission is becoming incorporated in each country little by little and authorities in all parts of the world have lent their support realising that it is a work for the education of coming civilisation.

In order to demonstrate the necessity for the Mission we always begin in each town with lectures and answers to questions, so that not only have different governments recognised the usefulness of the Mission from the public point of view and from its cultural and social activities, but also from the point of view of teaching and educating people with regard to the welfare of future generations.

After lectures and explanations, the Master or an Instructor delegated by him, begins to found a study centre where are taught important matters.

In the first three categories, the studies are classified as follows:

*School of Initiation:* Astronomy, Astrology, Philosophy, Symbolism, Physical Culture, Art, Ancient Languages.

*College of Initiation:* Practical Philosophy (Yoga, Concentration), Psychology, Occultism, Esoterism of Religion.

*Esoteric Centre:* Archaeology, Archeometry, Magnetism, Theurgism, Metaphysics and Metaphysical Methods.

Here is given the answers to all those people who concern themselves with interpretations of the Bible, the Talmud, the Koran, the Popol-Vuh of the American Cosmogony, the Bardotodol of the Tibetans, the Zohar with its Masonic basis, the Zend Avesta, the Vedas and Upanishads, etc., and interesting studies from the Kabbalah, from Numerology, Physics and Chemistry of Occultism (Hermetism), Theosophy, Anthroposophy, Theogony, etc.

When this Centre has commenced to function, a properly constituted Committee takes charge of the administration work of the Mission. A provisional Constitution may be established as follows:

*Council of the Order:* President of the Executive Council, Vice-President of the Executive Council, Secretary of the Executive Council.

*Direction of the Mission:* The Responsible Director, Secretary General, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer.

*Administration,:* The Principal Director, Officer of Honour, Propaganda Chief, Publication Service, Cultural Direction, Secretarial Section, Assistance of Administration, Social Service Direction, Legal Council (plus 2 lawyers).

It is the work of the Mission to commence with close contact between different sects and philosophical, humanitarian, fraternal, scientific or religious associations so that this alliance will increase the authority of the Universal Great Brotherhood, which numbers today some 80 million members.

Following the example of other countries, we have begun in Australia this great work certain of Government and Ministerial help. The Mission has good reason to hope that the Government will make a grant of a piece of land for the establishment of Sanctuaries, schools, health-places, etc. A well-known Perth identity has offered his property in the hills for the establishment of an Ashram or similar department of the Mission. Also sympathetic movements have offered halls and every help in order that the teachings given by the Universal Great Brotherhood may be sent forth and known. Thus it is an honour for us that we should have a branch of this Association established in our country.

Let us then, listen to the words of the Master.

**FIFTH PART OF THE SERIES OF THE GREAT  
MESSAGES  
TA-KHAZE**

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PEACE TO ALL.

The above title must be for many, certainly, a very strange one, yet to give the source will serve no useful purpose. Nevertheless, one has only to look at Revelation, chapter 6, verse 14, for there is the “calling together of the Initiates”, and the significance of the title.

TA-KHAZE (come and look) is the title that I have chosen because the moment is a critical one, perhaps more than one at present realises. We are at the cornerstone of the history of Mankind. The Heavens disclose themselves to us so that we may contemplate the mystery. Can you see this? The Prophecies are being fulfilled at this present time. Can you not feel it so? The Light is there for all without distinction. Do you not know this?

Yes, all things are moved from one place to another . . .

Magnetic currents of the world are changing. Lands will disappear. Where the Spiritual ruled, Materialism will hold sway, but light will come where darkness once was.

TA-KHAZE . . . , and those amongst my Disciples who are ready will understand me.

This is, perhaps, of all the series, the most unconnected. The first of the series was written in Europe in 1947, the second in Central America in 1948, the third was written in 1949 in South America, while the fourth article was written in U.S.A. in 1949 and now one in Australia in 1950. This latter is No. 5 of the series. This article, therefore, is completely unconnected with the others of the series because it is necessary that the public are made aware of what was before, to them, a closed book.

Whenever and wherever I lecture for the first time, I find it necessary to answer questions on the following:

On Astrology.

On The Bible.

On Yoga.

On Naturism.

On Religion.

## ON ASTROLOGY

The Aquarian Mission teaches astrology in order to know the history of humanity in its evolution, which has nothing to do with horoscope.

It is a question here of a religious astrology, following the example of the Magi, worshippers of Jesus (representing astrology, magic and the occult sciences). Also one must cite some astrologers such as Aristotle, Galen, Plutarch, Pythagoras, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Robert Flood, Tycho Brahe, Kepler, or to have recourse to names which bear witness to the seriousness of astrology, because these personages belonging to religion like the Abbe of Sigonce, the librarian of Cardinal Richelieu, have consecrated themselves to it. It would be sufficient in any case to see the prefaces of St. John Jerome, ordained by the Popes Sixtus V and Clement III, but we can again mention the prelates Saint Denis, Saint Cesaire, Saint Malachie, Bishop of Ptolemais, Synesius, Nicephore, Bishop of Constantinople, Albert the Great (sanctified in 1934) proving thus that, even in our modern times, one does not banish the profane authors of the science of the stars.

One must also put in evidence the Bishop of Ratisbonne, better known to astrologers under the name of Regiomontanus, the Bishop of Freyssing, Leopold d'Autriche the Cardinal d'Ailly, the Cardinals Cusa, Cajetan, Ingegneri, Bernard de la Mirandole, Bishop of Caserte, etc.

One cannot really be dishonoured in studying astrology after the example, again, of the Dominican, Savonarola, Campanella, the Franciscans, R. Lulle and R. Bacon, the Benedictine, Trythmee, the Jesuits, Kircher, Postel, Torreblanca, de Villalpaude, Canon of Florence, Firin, Pierre Bungo, Jeromo Cardan (physician to the Cardinal St. Ch. Borromee), A. Sicler (physician to the C. de Neuville), the Archbishop of Lyons, etc. And there are many others that could be mentioned.

Even studied from the point of view of the individual, astrology does not include an absolute determinism. It only indicates to us the trials which are indispensable to our evolution and that part of free will which is given to us so that we can vivify our energy and direct it by knowing the favourable periods as well as our capabilities and possibilities.

God being present everywhere, we find ourselves under the obligation to study His Presence in the infinitely great as well as in the infinitely small. The sky is a great book open by the love of God to the intelligence of man.

### ON THE BIBLE

The Bible is the temple of secrets, whose doors open with keys giving powers in the spiritual world, as well as the material world. That is why they are transmitted to disciples only from mouth to ear in the initiatory colleges, and only to those who are worthy to receive them, so that the profane shall not make wrong use of them. Naturally, the Bible is not the only work of this kind which is studied by the Order of Aquarius. This movement of the new era does not stop with the evangelical teachings, but analyses also the Talmud of the Hebrews, the Koran of the Moslems, the Vedas of the Indus, all the sacred works such as the many diverse books on philosophy, also the study of the Hermetic doctrine.

The search for truth does not attach itself to a dogma. The Aquarian Mission has the duty to remedy the lack of knowledge which the state of the world proves, and to that end to be informed on all concepts so as to teach each one his own religion.

### ON YOGA

One often hears mentioned the philosophical science of Yoga. Without being a perfect Yogi the missionary of Aquarius studies this question because it is one more means for the psycho-spiritual development of the individual.

Yoga is a Sanskrit term and, in this language, means union, and also ligature, or connection. That is to say, in the sense of joining one's soul with the divinity, one's inner self coming out of the corporeal envelope to melt with the Universal Self.

All the work of Yoga rests on the search for equilibrium between the microcosm and the macrocosm. The adept Yogi would say, Union with Jivatma, and Paramatma.

With the aid of a psycho-physical culture the disciple succeeds in developing the nervous fluid centres (Chakras) which in the human being correspond with the endocrine glands or Plexus and, by the

vital energy released, the power to project his individuality into higher spheres. This method of realisation is based on the complete development of Kundalini, that most subtle canal of the human being which resembles a coiled serpent in the form of a spiral. Naturally, a strict discipline is required before beginning even the preparation of these exercises which demand a very severe way of living in accordance with the laws laid down by the great Masters.

### ON NATURISM

Osiris, Buddha, Zarathustra, Lao Tze, Confucius, Pythagoras, Jhesu (Jesus the Christ), Thales, Plutarch, Porphyry, Epicurus, Diogenes, Homer, Heraclitus, Plato, Hippocrates, Socrates, Aristotle, Seneca, Cicero, Voltaire, Rousseau, Wagner, Lamartine, Saint Peter, Humboldt, Nietzsche, etc., are proof of the efficacy of the vegetarian regime. The mention of these few celebrities bear abundant witness to the intellectual and spiritual possibilities which are offered to those who prefer to live in harmony with nature.

For those spiritually inclined, we shall recall that at the basis of every religion there is a commandment which says: "Thou shalt not kill". No exception of animals is mentioned. Thus whether it be the Christian or the Buddhist, to mention only these two, it is not permitted to make oneself the accomplice of a murder by buying meat.

To those who answer that the animal has no soul, we shall teach them, among other things, that the molecular cells contain an intelligent principle. If not, it would be not only to deny God, but also to deny the principle of evolution. This principle is charged with elementals and by the absorption of these elements on the animal plane one animalises oneself. Without going into the details of black magic, we draw attention to the fact that carnal nutrition lends itself to unsuspected dangers.

Consequently the occult laws justly say that "as long as there shall be verdure and herbs on the surface of the earth thou shalt abstain from the flesh of animals". (And also Genesis 1:29.)

### ON RELIGION

The human being was not made to eat meat. His teeth, his stomach, his intestines, his vertical position, etc., do not lend themselves to

that. (We shall not talk of the toxins contained in the corpse of which man makes his daily meals.)

There are no bad religions. Those two words do not go together. The most one can say is that there are incomplete religions, doctrines, or incompetent representatives of religion, because of the lack of knowledge, which is not their fault.

In view of the ninety per cent of poison contained in meat, one can easily do without its ten per cent: of protein by eating butter and cheese, basically animal matter, but which is fresh nutrition; thus vegetarians are not favourable ground for the breeding of microbes. A religion becomes incomplete when its devotee has evolved to the point of going beyond the stage which that religion represents. Religion is, in the last analysis, the intuitive realisation of the existence of the All, but this is progressive and, therefore, subject to change.

The Aquarian Mission, therefore, never demands conversion. One must first know well his own religion and this Mission teaches. It follows that conversion is not required to become a disciple of Aquarius. It is only necessary to place one above the dogmas established by the different churches.

The diverse churches are the means by which one arrives at the understanding of God in a certain fashion. This diversity of hypotheses is studied in the initiatory colleges of Aquarius.

The Mission of the Order of Aquarius is not just one more sect. Neither is it a better religion. It is a synthesis. Based on the eternal religion, in the universal sense it remains immutable, because it is in an esoteric frame.

Immutable, because in the past, as in the present hour, and for the future, there is always a great universal fraternity of which the Aquarian Mission is the expression for the period which now interests us (for the two thousands years to come, beginning now). It is thus not something new in its essence; but a change of name of the Council Director of the organization of the world.

The Mission takes the name Aquarian because it applies itself this time to the era of Aquarius, as the Great Universal Fraternity had its Piscean mission when the cycle of the sun was under the constellation of that name.

Once for all, one must not confuse the Aquarian Order with a sect, nor must one place this Mission as Christian or Buddhist, or say that it attaches itself to Protestantism. Neither is this movement either Masonic or Mohammedans. It is the ensemble of them all,

with something more, for it is the reunion of the principles of the Brahmin, the Sufi, the Rabbinical, with the teachings of the Druids, the Essenes, the Mayas. Added to this are the discoveries of science which support the teachings of the mysteries and explain many phenomena and occult concepts. All this is seen on the initiatory course of tradition.

Politics and the science of profane affairs do not in any way enter the consideration of the Aquarian Mission. It is an enterprise which occupies itself with the problems of man seen from the point of view of his real (spiritual) evolution. The Order wishes to re-establish the equilibrium between the great forgotten principles, and to guide humanity toward a higher state of consciousness.

A great Master has just said: "The failure is more on the part of the religionist than on the part of the religion." (Maha Chohan.)

All the teachings in their true state join themselves naturally to that of the Aquarian Mission, for in all doctrines there is one base and it is always the same. It is only the ritual which changes. The Aquarian Order is the expression of the Eternal word. It is the truth, since it is the synthesis.

How difficult it is for us to understand because we like to imagine that we can change the "imperfect" into the perfect at will. I recall an experience of this nature during my stay in Maracay, Venezuela (South America). When seated one day at my table busily writing, I noticed a poor wounded lizard crawling very slowly in the direction of the corner of the terrace from where there was no outlet. With its little leg covered in blood it had great difficulty in moving, and I imagined it would be awful for the lizard when it came to the corner without an outlet, realising how long it had struggled to be where it was at the time.

With the thought that I was doing good and helping the lizard, I took the little animal in my hand and placed it in such a position that it was exposed to the full view of a cat that was reclining nearby, unnoticed by me. The cat was waiting the moment when I should release the poor beast. In a few moments the little lizard was no more.

Had I not touched the lizard, it may have taken an hour or so to complete its journey, nevertheless by that time the cat would have been elsewhere and no longer able to see neither the animal nor the place where I had placed it, thinking only for its safety. Thus I became the agent of its death. Why intervene? If we have faith the Great All will see to it that everything is done for the best, for God

knows all our needs. With the idea of being a servant of God I rejected the thought of adopting the role of a Teacher to Humanity because my purpose was to be alone in some jungle retreat, to meditate. But this purpose was denied me because my task is to be a Missionary and my duty to be always in contact with the public, teaching and answering questions. To some of these questions I do not wish to reply because those dealing with my experiences in India, Tibet and other places, although interesting, can not be helpful for people or for the Mission. It is better to know and understand those matters which have a significance for this new Aquarian Age, that is to say we should have a knowledge of the fundamentals of the study and life we are about to take up, because this is the proper way to deal with any form of study. With this idea in mind this booklet should be considered more in the light of an introduction for those who wish to follow; that is to say, something in the form of a preparatory nature, a rough exposition of various subjects, to be thought of as extracts from distinct and definite Teachings. This is no place for a long and involved analysis of all those doctrines and conceptions which have taken volumes in the attempt to expound them. One can do no more than make extracts or quotations; certainly not a detailed examination.

On numerous occasions I have to draw attention to the fact that I am not a Preacher, and consequently no Orator. Nevertheless, I speak from the heart and with the idea to bring the Light: I teach but I do not convert. This Message No. 5 comes precisely at Christmas time and like a Chryst-alization of my Mission. I wish for Humanity the deeper understanding which can come only from great tolerance. Only thus can people have the Faith of a Christian, the Virtues of a Hindu, the Depth of a Buddhist, the Wisdom of a Taoist, the Discipline and control of a Moslem, thereby making of all these conceptions a connected whole or synthesis. This is the way to be an Initiate.

#### OCCULTISM

We do not know from where we have come, why we are here and where we are going. If a man knows these three things, then he knows everything.

There are different concepts about from where we have come. One concept is that we are composed of seven different bodies coming from seven different planets. But to know one concept is not

sufficient. So long as we have one label, such as Freemason, Buddhist, Hindu, Moslem or Christian we can only have one particular concept concerned, and not all conceptions of it. But that is the way and that is the key: we have to follow this traditional path; and this is the path followed by the "initiatic school".

What I am going to tell you today is not exactly the TRUTH; it is not possible to give the light immediately; you have to go very slowly. It is only the different concepts that I am going to give you today.

From the beginning of the world there existed a group of initiates or masters. I am not speaking of the masters of the astral plane; I am speaking of those who existed in the physical plane. In the beginning of the world the first idea was to form a group. In the beginning of the world there were not such problems as we have today; there were no problems such as earning a livelihood and so on. Hence they could devote more time for study.

You must admit that you come from somewhere, from God or from an atom or from anywhere. So, the first people who have come from the original and who were adepts were so very near the original source that they had all knowledge. Gradually as time advanced this knowledge was only held by the initiates. These initiates gave the knowledge stage by stage. Every two thousand years, the disciples of the first initiated masters come to the earth to teach humanity. So in every two thousand years humanity receives a new mission from a group of people so that the traditional Truth may not be forgotten.

A new group has now been started for such purpose. It started in 1947 and is known as the "Aquarian Mission."

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We receive the first teachings of the masters in this group. It is not a new philosophy that we are going to teach. What is required is the application of knowledge gained by studies. We learn so that we may be able to teach others. We can thus gradually bring all humanity into one brotherhood without distinction of religion, sex or colour. Everybody will be taught to be able to teach in turn and if possible we will teach the animals as well. Everybody in the human plane is the same; the only difference is in vibration.

In the beginning there was an idea, and this idea was put into writing. The first people wrote from bottom upwards. These were used by the Ka-o-mo-als, one of the first black races. Then we have

people writing from top to bottom. These are the Asiatic writings of the Mongols, the Chinese. Then we have people who write from the right to left. These are Semitic races, such as the Hebrews, Assyrians, Iranians, etc. They write from the East to the West because they think knowledge comes from the East, in the same way as the Sun which rises in the East. Then we have the Occidental people who write from the left to the right. So, you see the black-skinned race, the yellow-skinned race, the Semitic race and the white-skinned race all meeting together in the form of a cross. So you see that the symbol of the cross is not something new or something Christian only. This symbol existed 25,000 years ago in the MAYA civilisation. We see this symbol in the North of India, in the Himalayas, and elsewhere in vestiges of very old initiations.

Then we have the concept of the positive and the negative, the masculinity and the femininity. In the Hindu religion they have the LINGAM as the positive sign and the YONI as the negative sign. It teaches us that nothing can be born without the two polarities. Human beings are born with the force of man and woman. The light of electricity comes from the positive and the negative poles. The two polarities in science and religion are the same. It shows Purusha and Prakriti of the Oriental philosophy, the black and white in the occultism, the spirit crucified by the matter in Christian Theology.

In this cross, I have shown the arrow heads to give you an idea of the four different races, the four different symbols and the four different writings. They all converge on one centre, that that is the ancient mystery, the traditional initiation. (Symbolised also in the Sphinx of Egypt with its head of human form and face, body of a Bull, paws and tail of a Lion and wings of the Eagle; the superior octave of the Scorpion sign).

There are four elements in everything, fire, water, air and earth. These are the four physical elements, by means of which we live and evolve.

We find these four elements in this cross. We see also the symbol of these elements.

The symbol of water is the triangle . It is represented by O. The air is represented by the triangle with a line across  and is shown as R. The symbol of the fire is the triangle with its point to

the top  and is represented by A. The symbol of the earth is the triangle with a line across . It is represented by T. (Orat the mysterious word making TORA of the holy Hebraic Scripture; TARO the Egyptian Arcane, etc.)

The Boustrophedon writing is a symbol of the black race (Bull Age). In opposition to it we find the writing of the Mongol, the Chinese race. (This was in the time of the Scorpio age). The Semitic is the Lion age and the Occidental the Aquarian age (to know, to will, to dare and to keep silence). This Axiom is also in parallel with the four elements, the four Races, the four signs of the Zodiac, etc.)

There are different conceptions about the beginning of the Universe. According to astronomy, in the beginning there was a big mass of fire. From this fire sprang out sparks of itself due to movement. This turned round, and little by little it cooled down. This is the origin of the planets and the stars moving round the sun which is in the centre of the Universe.

A "constellation" means an amalgamation of stars. Thousands of stars make one constellation. There are many constellations in the Universe, but there are 12 constellations more important to us than the others. They are Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorni, Aquarius, Pisces. The signs are Ram, Bull, Twins, Crab, Lion, Virgin, Balance or Scales, Scorpion, Archer, Capricorn or Goat, Water Carrier and Fishes. These 12 signs make the Zodiac. "Zodiac" means animal round.

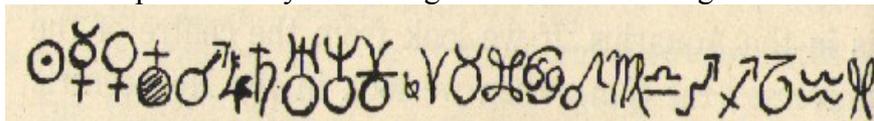
We know that the sun is the centre of the universe. When the earth goes round the sun it appears that the sun goes around the earth. So when we say that the sun is in the Leo, we understand that the earth is in the Aquarius. If we look from the centre of the universe (the Sun), then we look in the Heliocentric way, and if we look from this planet, it is in the geocentric way.

In astronomy it is working with heliocentric view, but in Astrology it is easier to take the geocentric way.

Astrology has for its basis mathematics and philosophy. Mathematics is required for astronomical purposes. By "astronomy" we mean the study of the stars and the planets so far as density, speed, orbit, etc. are concerned. By learning philosophy we know the difference between macrocosm and microcosm, the purpose of life, where we come from and where we are going, and,

with the help of astrology, we are able to know exactly what is going to happen to a particular man, what has happened to him, and why. Astrology has now been recognised as an important science in the Western countries. When a student has finished his course in the higher mathematics, he is usually taken on to the study of astrology which is a deeper science. At present some Universities are giving Diplomas for passing in Astrology. Astrology is, therefore, not a science to be learned in a few months or a few years. I shall, however, try to give you a general idea of the subject today.

First of all there is the sun which is the centre of our Universe. You must know that in mathematics and physics, we have certain signs to represent certain things, for instance, when we want to refer to gold or silver, we refer to them by certain definite signs. In the same way, the planets and the constellations which go round our Sun are represented by certain signs. These all astrologers know:



The distance of the planets from the Sun is approximately as follows. The figures represent the distance in million kilometres:- Mercury, 58; Venus, 108; Earth, 150; Mars, 225; Jupiter, 600; Saturn, 1 milliard 200; Uranus, 2 mil. 840; Neptune, 4 mil. 480; Pluto, 6 mil. 170.

During the olden days, there were no telescopes, and hence they were able to observe the planets with their naked eyes only. Thus they were able to observe only Mercury, Venus, and Mars. Jupiter and Saturn. Beyond Saturn only the Initiates were able to see. They were even able to reveal the existence of the 12 constellations known as the Zodiac. With the aid, however, of scientific apparatus, people have seen the other stars beyond Saturn-Uranus which is 2 milliard 840 million km away from the Sun was discovered by Herschel in the year 1781. Neptune was discovered in 1845 by a French Astronomer, Liverier, and Pluto was discovered in the year 1930 from an American Observatory (Lowell).

Between the Sun and Mercury there is a meteorite known as Vulcan. Though it is not yet recognised by Science, yet the occultists know of the existence at one time of a planet called Vulcan.

Around Venus is some matter which looks somewhat like a fog. There is a satellite near the earth known as the Moon, which revolves round the Earth, coming back to its original position on the 28th day. Mars has two such satellites. Between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter are the Asteroids. They are actually not Stars; they are sparks from the Planet Juno. Juno exploded at a certain period, and when this happened the Continent of Atlantis became submerged. This big cataclysm occurred some 15,000 years ago.

Beyond these Asteroids exist the 4 big moons known as the "Galilee-Moons." Further on is the Jupiter with 5 satellites which can sometimes be seen. Then there are Saturn with 10 satellites and Uranus with five (one being observed recently). Neptune has one satellite which is as big as our earth. Then finally comes Pluto, the last planet that we have discovered.

It takes 8 minutes for the light from the Sun to reach our Earth. We therefore, calculate the speed of light to be 300,000 kilometres per second. Calculating at this rate, we find that light takes 3 years and 8 months to reach the Wolf. Star No. 424 (34 Trillions 700 Millions (km) it must be noted here that our Sun with the 10 planets and 20,000,000 stars makes our Universe System. There are many such Systems. We have catalogued some 2,000 galaxies and 375 thousand different systems. How big is this Universe? And yet, man thinks no end of himself!

Coming back to the distance from the Suns of other systems, we know that the light of our Sun would take 9 years to reach Sirius, 16 years to Altair, 26 years to Vega, 41 years to Arcturus, 57 years to Aldebaran, and 362 years to Antares, 32 milliard stars compose then the Milky-Way and it takes 85,000 years light speed to go from one end of the Milky-Way to the other. This is the white line that we see in the sky. And then there is the Andromeda Triangle that is 800,000 light years away from the Earth. Then we have other constellations (Nebulas). This gives you a very vague idea of what Astronomy is. We have to know all this before we study Astrology.

These different Stars, these different Planets have their own vibrations, their own magnetism, and we are all affected by them. There are different materials, some attractive and some repulsive. This is known in physics and biology. We know we are composed of different materials, and, when we have too much of one material and very little of another, we know that we are physically or psychologically defective.

What we call "Karma" in oriental philosophy can be said to be the result of the influence of the different stars and planets. In fact, Karma can be easily understood by a student of Astrology. By long study, and observation, the scientists of old found that when one star or planet is in conjunction with another, it brings good or bad results. So is the case when they are also in other aspects (Sextil, Square, Trine, etc.).

The planets travel in their own orbits, but sometimes there is an incursion. We know that Mars made such an incursion in 1914 when it came very close to the earth. The consequence was the World War of 1914-18. Similarly in August, 1939, the same phenomenon appeared. The result was World War II.

Mars is composed of certain metals that are injurious to the nerves of human beings. Hence when there is an influence upon the earth we find the people (excited, every little incident makes the people fight and differences of opinion bring them into conflict.

If Mars can give us wars and excitement, Venus and Mercury can give us Peace. So, when Mercury and Venus are in conjunction, we can say exactly that there is going to be peace. In the same way different planets have different influences upon the earth. In short we can say the Sun gives us vitality; Mercury intellectuality and equilibrium; Venus gives love, sympathy, affection and arts; Mars gives the fighting spirit; Jupiter gives personality and wealth; Saturn deep knowledge and meditation and also difficulties. Uranus is the Altruist planet, and her influence is felt when there are volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. Neptune gives us occult and psychic powers and gives us sea voyages. Pluto is a new planet and we know little about it, but we know that it is there when new things are found inside the earth and also when there are wars. In this connection see my article on "Mathematic of Buddhism." She is also present when there is success in Yoga practices and in psychic powers.

The stars and the planets affect not only the earth as a whole, but also the lives of individuals. So, by looking at the position of these, we can say what is going to happen to any human being. The star chart of an individual is called the horoscope. It comes from the word "Horo", hour, and "scope" chart. Also Hour = time and scopia = writing, history. By looking at this chart we can say exactly what the characteristics of a particular man is, what is happening to him, and what is likely to happen in the future. But in order to get a correct reading it is important to know the exact hour of birth.

But there is also the influence of the Zodiac. Further on beyond the planets are the groups of stars known as the "Constellations." There are several constellations, but 12 of these are important so far as we are concerned. The names of these constellations and their corresponding signs are well known to you (Ram, Bull, Twins, Crab, Lion, Virgin, Balance, Scorpio, Centaur, Goat, Water Carrier, Fish).

As you already know, our planet is not standing straight, but is inclining  $23^{\circ}$ , degrees. It rotates on its axis once in 24 hours. It is for this reason that we see the Sun in the east in the morning and in the west in the evening. Though it appears that the Sun is moving, as I have explained, it is actually the Earth that is rotating on its axis.

The Sun is in the centre of our Universe, and our Earth, like our other planets and constellations, goes round the Sun, in its own orbit. That means that when the Earth has made one rotation in 24 hours which we call a day, it also has moved one degree on its orbit round the Sun, because the Earth takes 365 days to revolve round the Sun.

This orbit of the Earth comes under the influence of the 12 constellations. On March 21 it enters Aries; on April 22 it enters Taurus; on May 22, Gemini; on June 22, Cancer; on July 23, Leo; on August 23, Virgo; on November 22, Sagittarius; on December 22, Capricorn; on January 21, Aquarius; and on February 22, Pisces.

Thus the Earth makes one round of the Zodiac in one year. While making this round the other planets are at various distances, because their orbits are different. Mercury takes 88 days to go round the Sun, Venus 225 days, Earth 365 days, Mars 687 days, Jupiter 11 years 315 days, Saturn 29 years 157 days, Uranus 84 years 8 days, Neptune 164 years 281 days, and Pluto 248 years. These different aspects influence the life of man. Hence by looking at the position of the stars and the planets at the present time and their position at the time of birth, we can say what is going to happen to any individual.

We see here the working of the law of cause and effect. We are the result of the influence of the various stars and planets. We are, as it were limited in our lives by the forces outside our control. For instance, when a man is born in the sign of Aries with Mars in good aspect we know that he will be possessed of good strength and also

a taste for fighting; but on the other hand if he has Cancer as strong aspect, he will be strong yet passive.

To believe in Karma is to believe in astrology. A man who is good will be born under the good influence of the Stars and a man who is bad under bad influences. To work out any particular Karma, he will be born under that particular constellation that is favourable to him for the purpose. In this way he will have to be born again and again under different constellations till such time as he is strong enough to counteract their influences.

The parts of the body are also governed by different signs of the Zodiac. The head is governed by Aries, the neck by Taurus, the stomach by Cancer, the back, the side and the heart by Leo, the intestines by Virgo, the kidneys by Libra, the sexual organs by Scorpio, the thighs by Sagittarius, the knees by Capricorn, the legs by Aquarius and the foot by Pisces.

If each part of our body is governed by a sign of the Zodiac, we must realise the limitations of ourselves. Yet, as I have said, we can overcome the evil effects: by our own effort of the will and by careful living. We can even transmute evil effects to good purposes if we understand how to do it. Astrology, therefore, teaches us that though the Stars give us some predispositions, yet we can counteract them if we wish to do so. We already know that when Mars is near the Earth, there is likely to be a war. It is true that the influence of this Planet infuses the people with thoughts of ill will and strife, but if people realise the futility of war, if they are bent on bringing about peace, if they work for brotherhood, then the war that could otherwise have occurred would be avoided. You must, however, understand that co-operative effort is necessary to avert the influence of Mars. In other words, if the balance weighs heavily towards spirituality, the currents of materialism could be retarded.

It all comes to this, that though the body is limited to the influence of the stars, the spirit is not, because spirit soars higher than the Zodiac. It is in the Psychological plane. So long as we live in the physical and emotional plane, we are subject to the limitations of Karma and the astrological influences. Once we rise up above the mental plane, we are in the absolute plane where the law of Karma and the influence of the stars and the planets can lay no hold on us.

To escape from the Zodiac influence, there is a control method. This method is known by the general term of Yoga.

## THE YOGA SCIENCE

The struggle against ignorance is the first thing that must be undertaken, and nothing more astonishing still exists today, so support must be sought on the true significance of YOGUISME. YOGA, derived from the Sanskrit YUG, signifying ligature, connection, unified conformity-is the science which simplifies the union between the Individual and the Universe.

The child born of the father (positive source) and the mother (negative source) in this way obtains also "spiritual realisation" by the fusion of two forces: JIVATMA (the incarnate soul) and PARAMATMA (the universal soul). The Yoga Science can thus be defined as: Equilibrium between Microcosm and Macrocosm, likeness between the passive phase of Illumination and the active form of Realisation, a parallel between the Personal Being and the Cosmic Being, or better still, between the Individual Conscience and the Universal Conscience.

All this knowledge necessitates a profound study according to a susceptible process, especially dangerous to the mind without the conduct or the advice of a GURU (Master, spiritual guide). Primarily, it would be necessary to elicit support on Yoga Science's diversity that is to say on the different branches of which it is, in reality, composed. There are eighteen roads to attain Wisdom according to the eighteen chapters of the Baghavad-Gita, this sacred book of Hindu philosophy of which each road represents a particular Yoga: Hatha-Yoga (physical Yoga), Karma Yoga (the line of work), Jana-Yoga (the road of knowledge), Bakti Yoga (devotion), etc.

As we are in a material life with a physical body, it is quite natural to begin the study with Hatha Yoga, that is by the purest logic to think first of controlling the body objectively, as we must act with it on life's plan. It is not necessary, however, to confuse the "Asanas" (positions of Hatha-Yoga) with the more or less acrobatic exhibitions of certain circus artists, or even with the mortifying works of certain "fakirs."

There are eighty-four postures to practise in Hatha Yoga, because there are eighty-four types of creatures living on the earth. These positions have the privilege to detach vibrations specially studied through the Ages by the Great Unities. There are twelve traditional poses, but in the course of time variations have crept into the

original “asanas”, making today a total of twenty-eight positions for meditation.

The Fakir (Arabic term meaning beggar) is the being who exposes himself in public places in more or less rare positions, to collect money, whilst the Yogin prefers solitude to practise his exercises solely for spiritual means.

Those for whom gold or vulgar stone have the same value, those who are indifferent to joy or pain, and those who are convinced that Knowledge distracts the doubts and illusions of this material existence, by remaining united in superior spheres, are called Yogins. To accomplish that, it is not necessary to retire from the world or to abstain from food or rest, but wiser to remain in perfect equilibrium without disciplinary exaggeration. Naturally there is a minimum of precautions to observe before undertaking the pursuit of spiritual realisation, that is to say the student of Yoga must be prudent and respect well-defined rules.

There is no age limit, nor the restrictions of illness or physical defects or sex, for those who wish to transform their lives, be master of their destiny, control vices and suppress passions, be forewarned against all sorts of infections or indispositions and, in brief, to practise this ancient science named YOGA.

The Hatha-Yoga being a psycho-physical exercise one must visualise the two planes, that is to say firstly survey the physical body, the indispensable vehicle of all our actions.

One must realise the necessity of vegetarianism, among everyone, and more particularly among the investigators of truth. How can one speak of perfection of the individual, if the daily meal is the product of a murder, and then the absorption of animal flesh places the human being on the plane of vibration corresponding to that of the animal he assimilates and which he knows to be inferior! It would be too lengthy to reproduce here the reasons by which it is purely logical to be a vegetarian; this analysis will be the object of a special article. It is elementary to know that the human being, with his vertical station, his short intestines, his teeth made to eat fruits and herbs, the absence of acid juices sufficient correctly to dissolve meat diet, etc., make man a being to live on vegetation.



Picture on Symbolism. (Collection of the author)

There is another reason for not eating the carcass of an animal, but it seems that just the fact of nourishing oneself with putrefaction should be sufficient, but as humanity has not much aesthetic sense, it is necessary to give him more tangible reasons in the objective sense, as well as that which is knowledge of biological laws or religious commandments, that nutrition by means of animal flesh is prejudicial to the human being.

Panatipata Veramani Silckha Padam, Samadyam, with the first Buddhist, PANSILA, who forbade anyone to make themselves the accomplice of a murder, by agreeing to eat the smallest animal, adding the Hebrew law: "Thou shalt not kill" (Exude chap. XX, line 13). One can still mention a passage from Genesis (chap. 1, line 29) for Christians, and the verse 8 of the 22 chapter of the Leviticus for the Freemasons and other Occultists; everywhere mention is made of this first law, in the hygienic sense as well as the moral sense. Outside this nourishing diet which excludes meat, the drinking of wine or alcohol, and smoking, it is necessary to add a mental discipline which excludes all bad thoughts, that is to say a canalisation of ideas towards a precise point of human evolution.

It is only after these considerations that the student can commence truly the preparatory culture to Hatha-Yoga, not to respect these

laws would be to expose oneself to the greatest dangers, equally for the spirit and the corporal health. In each case, the Yoga apprentice exposes himself to perils with whose forces he tries to harmonise, more reasons for the student not to prepare that which would not respect elementary discretions.

The body, with its waste and its bad habits, needs to be purified before working to its perfection, to be placed in certain conditions favourable to its amelioration, taking many precautions, so as not to precipitate the organs into an in habitual state, without a transition period. Thus it is with all philosophies, thus Christ said: "Don't throw pearls to swine". It also says that the greatest light is negligible to those who have been blind too long; also, it is dangerous to divulge the Truth to those who are not prepared.

Everyone can thus attempt Yoga in so far as it is a question of following correctly the teachings under the guidance of a Master.

After the first consideration, preliminary to Yoga, that is, nourishing diet according to natural laws, and the preparation of the spirit towards perfection, begins the theoretical study of Yoga Science. This study has by origin certain biological gifts, which, with a knowledge of the body the student can more advantageously follow, by the succession of processes in the chakra mechanism. Official medicine at last begins to understand the importance of glands, and at present, we are part of a real renovation in this domain, so well known to the Wise Ones of Antiquity.

"The Great Mystery, the Eternal Mystery is Life ..." said the Belgian philosopher Maeterlinck; in fact we must accept the presence of an external force making this marvellous human mechanism function and providing it with numerous diverse religious conceptions. The moment is not to discuss the different theories of the soul or the spirit, but to understand that one cosmic force penetrates the body to put it in movement and to give it complete life. This supernatural force manifests itself by planetary influence, and thus the seven principal endocrine glands are known, directly with the astral system. The endocrine mechanism is now known and each gland is taken parallel with a planet of our solar system, so as to accomplish this occultism: "What is above is what is below, so that the miracle of the worlds may be accomplished."

As the Macrocosm (Great Universe) registers all Nature's laws with the aid of the planets, Microcosm (Small Universe, the human being) rules the organic laws with endocrines glands; thus this equilibrium enters: Planets and endocrine system, and the necessity

to establish the same equilibrium between Macrocosm and Microcosm, is the aim of Yoga (union, fusion).

The small organs called endocrines glands are placed in the human body: in the kidneys (the two sub renal glands), in the spleen (known as the "solar plexus"), the gland situated at the base of the sternum (thymus), in the throat (the thyroid), in the head behind the eyes (pituitary), and in the brain (pineal). The interpretations of the anatomical order are not the most important; this study has regard to assimilating the conceptions of macro-microcosmic similar: ties and the parallels of forces in different planes of life. A subtle force exists in everything which is the essence of the composition of bodies that is the vibratory fluid towards elements: the positive polarity is called PRANA, and the negative side AKASH. One can often make allusions to the pranification of things, that is to say to the spiritualists in the alchemical sense, so that AKASH is considered as more vulgar, that would be in some sort: PRANA for the spirit and AKASH for the matter. The Chinese philosophy made equally a state of these two polarities with the YAN and the YINN, and the Freemason must work with the occult knowledge of the two columns of Solomon's Temple. If PRANA and AKASH are in nature, the Yogin tends to harmonise himself with the Polarities, thanks to PINGALA (positive) and IDA (negative), the two subtle currents of the human being, and which are represented by the right and left side, when by the aid of respiratory exercise the body necessitates the influence of the Sun (by the solar nadi: PINGALA), or of the Moon (lunar nadi: IDA), according to the need of positive or negative forces, as the Taoists with the YAN (positive), and the YINN (negative). The right nostril (PINGALA) and the left nostril (IDA) are the apertures opening the passage to PRANA and AKASH to put SUSHUMANA in movement, that column in which rises KUNDALINI (an igneous serpent), this mysterious current which illuminates the chakras, carrying individuality in the elevated spheres of universal consciousness.

To understand exactly the value of the CHAKRAS, one must have an idea of endocrine glands and of the occult mechanism of the PLEXUS, these well-known nervous centres of the occultists and of the magi (not to be confused with magicians). The CHAKRAS are the "nervofluid" centres situated in the human body, and capable, with a special process, of offering aid of a physical amelioration, but still able to conduct the individual to planes of existence extremely elevated, not to mention the final realisation.

In reality there are thirteen CHAKRAS, but as certain ones offer very dangerous powers according to their use, only six are mentioned in the current Yoga, the seventh being "the lotus with a thousand petals" PARAPATI. The Chakras hold as secrets the series of these centres.

MULADHARA: that is, the root and the support of SUSHUMNA. Situated between the base of the sex and the anus, it is called by occultists the "sacred plexus," and is governed by the planet Saturn and the element "earth." The colour yellow-gold is attributed to it and its number of vibrations is six hundred. Symbolised by a lotus with four petals, it contains in its centre a triangle pointed downwards, which is the starting point of all evolution, and with it KUNDALINI begins rolling, the first sensation of interior warmth, which completes the development of the centres towards final illumination.

SVADHISTHANA: called the "prostate plexus," because of its situation in the body. This second "chakra" is scarcely more elevated than the first, and is symbolised by the planet Jupiter and the element Water. Its colour is red, and 6,000 respirations are necessary to put it in movement, represented by a six pealed lotus with a crown in the centre. The Great NADA (which commands the ten Nadis directing the 72,000 nerve canals) has its support in what concerns the power of Omkara (form of AUM).

MANIPURA-CHAKRA: the "solar plexus", the filter of the organism, the astral body's centre of gravity that part to which is attached the ode cordon. Manipura is governed by Mars, the planet or energy, and confirmed by the element Fire which reigns in that part situated above the umbel (in the hollow of the epigastrium). Coloured yellow, this ten-petal lotus needs 6,000 respirations to put SUSHUMNA in movement, this intricate cord which rests on the third chakra and mounts to the brain by the Nadis interpretation.

ANAHATA: or the cardiac plexus, being situated in the middle of the chest (a little below the thymus gland, of which it is the emanation). It is symbolised by white and the element Air, which directs the forces of which Venus is the governor, with 5,000 vibrations, for this twelve-petal lotus with a central triangle pointing upwards.

VICUDDHA: This "plexus" named "pharyngeal" by its contact with the throat organ is the emanation of the thyroid gland. This chakra is situated at the lower part of the larynx and is represented by a sixteen-petal lotus having as its centre two interlaced triangles;

black is its colour, and the number of vibrations 1,000. After the four Chakras having each an element of the physical plane (governed solely by earth, water, fire and air), here is the first centre with an element of the psychic and spiritual planes. The Yogin, attaining illumination from this centre, attains supernormal powers, because the element Ether is here the governor, with the planet Mercury; considered as a "messenger of the Gods" in esoterism.

AGNA-CHAKRAS: Situated between the two eyes, is the cavernous plexus sometimes referred to as Atlant's eye or Cyclops. It is here joined by the three Nadis IDA-PINGALA-SUSUHMNA, producing the clear-sightedness which permits the nervo-fluid centre to be attributed to the mental plane. AGNAKHYA as it is perfectly named, is symbolised by ruby-red, and has a thousand vibrations. The Moon is the mistress of the Chakra, which in some measure permits the illumination of PARAPATI, offering the possibility to make the central fire go out, KUNDALINI is in complete erection, and ready to raise itself out of the individual into superior spheres.

After ascending in order from Muladhara to Agna chakra the subtle internal forces of the Yogin is wholly absorbed in the Cosmic Universe, which is the final aim to secure the surrender of personality-the Light by which the Initiate becomes one with the Universe. Following the six Chakra comes the lotus with the thousand Sun Gold Petals, like the Sun itself, which rules this place in the same way as the emanation from the pineal gland. Commonly called Brahma Randra (the opening of Brahm ) , this opening at the top of the head opens the way towards the Universal Consciousness, it is why the component "the Absolute" is here the Symbol which signifies the stage that the Yogin has reached. The student must absorb more of these ideas before passing on to a complete training, as a Master-he has still to learn the harmonies, the writings of the Varnas each Padma to its parallel I in a known faculty the sacred words to pronounce while meditating on the various chakras to be studied with care and in constant accord with the names of the Divinities associated with each Chakra.

All this Philosophical practice is necessary to make oneself master of these points and secure a perfect control of his faculties, senses and abilities. Still the elementary concepts necessary to lead up to study are sufficient at this stage of the theory of HathaYoga and the student can then go on to the preparatory work.

However, it would be dangerous, notwithstanding theoretical knowledge to pass straight on to direct action on centres which have never been roused and to carry out exercises with an untrained body. It is wiser to follow the rules and begin gymnastic training without any mental concentration. This preliminary training secures correct muscular resistance.

Having gone so far the student could start on the Asanas or special positions of Yoga.

Consideration should also be given to the present state of the body—that is to say, that a person who has never done exercises before should go from 3 to 6 movements then on 9 to 12 and so on. It is better to do this in the morning outside or at least at wide open windows, winter and summer, and mediate in the evenings, the hours before midday being positive and after it negative—since bodily exercise demands active forces, thought or meditation, passive or negative forces. The same applies to the Asanas which are carried out at positive and negative times to suit the faculties they develop, in other words certain Asanas are for strengthening the physical body or active forces and the others to enhance the mental powers which demands more passive influences. Positive days are Tuesday (day of Planet Mars), Thursday (Jupiter's day), and Saturday (Saturn's day); negative days, Monday (day of Moon), Wednesday (day of Mercury), Friday (day of Venus). Sunday is the day of the Sun and is considered neutral (although it may be a positive force), the Royal luminary being the ruler of the System the cultural point of our whole world—it attracts and repels at the same time the forces waxing and waning according to requirements.

In the Asanas it is as well to begin breathing through the left nostril (IDA) on negative days and through the right nostril (PINGALA) on positive days—in the same way doing the postures using the left leg first on negative days and for the right leg the positive days.

In case of lack of time or great weariness exercise only one side each day according to the forces of that day.

Now for the student who has never done any physical culture, the first exercise is as follows: Standing erect, arms at the sides, heels together, shoulders back, raise the arms slowly in front of the body over the head, keeping them straight and the body erect, and rising up on tiptoe while taking a deep breath. Slowly lower the arms, and sink down on the heels while exhaling gently. It is most important to inhale deeply while raising the arms and to exhale when

lowering them. The exercise must be done smoothly without a break in the rhythm at first 3 times, after a week say 6 times, and after a month 12 times.

The second exercise consists in raising the arms above the head in a graceful movement, but this time keeping the heels on the floor, breathing in at the same time-but now instead of lowering the arms to the sides of the body bend forward, following the sweep of the arms until the palms of the hands touch the floor, exhaling gently, keeping the legs straight and the nose touching the knees. Up and down three times, then six and then 12 as with the first exercises. While the first exercise is primarily for breathing and the second for flexibility, the third is more especially for the muscles that is to say that without calling for strength on the part of the subject it strengthens the muscles of the arms and to a great extent those of the shoulders, extending the pectoral muscles and expanding the lungs. Body erect, arms straight and extended out in front, palms down, pass the right hand over the left, crossing the forearms and just touching, do this again with the palms turned up and the arms at shoulder height, then throw the arms behind the back as if to make the hands touch. Keeping up the arms at the shoulder, hands straight, and fingers extended. Swing back, this time crosses the forearms with the left hand over the right and repeat three times, gradually increasing as with the other exercises. Breathe in and out in timing with the arm movements, but in the main the use of the muscles of the shoulders and the top of the chest affect the development of the thorax.

After completing these three exercises the student could begin in the evening to practise the Asanas for meditation, to sit correctly with the leg (left) bent so that the heel is under the body between the organs of sex and the anus, placing the right leg so that the foot rests on the left thigh, knees in the palms of hands flat on the ground, the body erect, chin near the chest and the eyes closed. On negative days the left leg is placed over the right. These positions must be absolutely correct before any meditation is possible. After some time if the position can be maintained without discomfort for 15 minutes or so, the student could commence mental exercises, in other words to seek to make the mind a blank, forgetting surroundings and activities and obtaining a complete relaxation of thinking indispensable before beginning any thorough concentration. This Asana must be maintained every day for 30 minutes, then 45 and then one hour. After the first month of this

discipline the apprentice Yogin can go on to other exercises leading to perfection.

When a student has been doing these physical culture exercises for about a month he will feel more or less "disillusioned" about materialistic life and becomes keener to form a picture of the practice of Yoga.

It must be understood that a complete month of this discipline is necessary with at least half an hour of exercises morning and night. The preparatory period while learning the exercises does not count. If the student has not abandoned smoking, drinking and eating all animal flesh during this period he will have to wait longer to go on to higher Asana.



Mahatma Chandra Bala, Guru (de la Ferriere in Burma).

PASCHIMOTTANAS is the first position to practise. Sit on the floor with the legs together stretched out, putting the big toe

between the index and second fingers and touching the knees with the nose. Keep the legs straight and flat on the ground. Hold the breath while grasping the toes. In the case of difficulty experienced by stout people in doing this exercise, a beginning can be made using one arm and one leg only. This exercise greatly benefits the abdomen, it relieves gastric upset, is very good for the liver and the spleen, strengthens the endocrine glands, shakes up the intestines, overcomes constipation, dyspepsia, gastritis, etc. Thanks are due to the Rishis-Paschimottan, Sirch and Sarvanga who introduced this method into Hatha-Yoga.

JANUSIRASANA is just as important as the above because it assists the sexual abstinence so necessary in the disciple of Yoga. This Asana stimulates the "solar plexus" and relieves all urinary troubles and colic; it builds up energy and puts into action the force of Kundalini. It should only be done if the student has an earnest desire to reach "Brahmachary" (a life consecrated to divine things, consistent also with sexual continence). Sit erect the left heel under the perineum (space between the sex organs and the anus) the right leg extended flat on the floor with two hands grasp the right foot, one hand holding the big toe and the other hand the four remaining toes, bend the head to the knee. Keeping the leg straight-breathe evenly, maintaining this posture at first for 5 to 10 seconds, but later it can be held for 20 and 30 minutes. Return to the first position, straighten the body and then begin again, using the other leg.

Before attempting these Asanas it is most important that a shower be taken or at least a sponge bath with very cold water (both winter and summer) and giving the whole body a good rub down, paying particular attention to the genital organs, and it goes without saying that the exercises must always be done after a good bowel movement, and for preference not less than two hours after food.

PADMASANA or KAMALASANA is the Lotus position in which all apprentice Yogis should practise meditation. Sitting upright cross legged, right foot on left leg and left foot on right leg, little by little improve the posture, bringing the feet well up on thighs and turning them sole upwards, hands on knees, the arms straight and knees well on the floor.

In the beginning if difficulty is experienced, the exercise may be done with one leg, the other remaining under the body-this is "ardhapadmasana." Breathe evenly, it is a position for thinking, and with training may be held for longer periods.

After mastering these different exercises and carrying them out for at least 3 months, the student can pass on to other asanas and at the same time do more physical culture in the mornings. Gymnastics or Swedish culture does not clash with Yoga as long as the student does not seek exaggerated muscular development.

To carry out SHAVASANA, lie flat on the back on the floor, hands palm down, completely relaxed. Now think of the toes, then the leg, knees, thighs and so on, slowly projecting the thought that these parts do not exist and then that the stomach, breast and head are all sunk in sleep. Nothing more remains to be done save to make the mind a blank to be completely detached from the physical and moral senses. ADVASANA is the directly opposite position for relaxation, lying on the stomach, arms along the body, and palms to the floor.

SARVANASANA is very good for the thyroid glands and also the memory, and is recommended to all eye sufferers. Lying on the back, hands flat on the floor, slowly raise the legs to form a right angle to the body (this has the effect of strengthening the sacral and lumbar regions). Body and arms must be held flat on the floor while the legs are raised to the vertical position with the feet well flexed and toes out straight. When the feet are well in the air, take the hands from the floor and place them under the kidney region before raising the body further by drawing in the waist until the weight is on the nape of the neck. The opposite exercise following this is to lie on the back, raising the kidney region until the body rests on the head and buttocks without other support, bringing one leg up to the pit of the stomach and pressing while holding the foot in both hands.

HALA-ASANA is the rest in order to secure the maximum benefit. It consists in lying flat on the back for a moment then raising the legs (keeping them straight) slowly over the body, assisting it to bend by pressing the arms to the floor on each side, until the toes touch the floor on each side of the head, forming a perfect curve.

DHANURASANA is very good for the spine and improves digestion; it also combats obesity and slack muscles. Lie over on the stomach, bend the legs behind the back and grasp the ankles in the hands, the body forming a bow. Put the head back as far as possible and rock on the stomach.

Further progress leads to TIKONASANA, DRADHASANA, HASTHPAD-ASANA, SIDDHASANA, SVASTIKASANA, and after a year or so of study the student may begin on such degrees as

GOMUHASANA, VATAYANASANA, UTTIDA  
PADMASANA, KATSYENDRASANA, etc.

To sum up, having studied the ways of concentration, meditation and sublimation, the student can only start on the MANTRAMS after at least six months constant study and practice according to the teachings of the guru in everything that touches the psychological, physical or spiritual aspects of Yoga. The physical section can be undertaken without serious risk, but the mental training plays an equally important part and it is absolutely necessary to secure the help of a master and work only under his guidance. It cannot be otherwise-the sacred words, the symbols of Kailas, the internal revelations, the mantrams can only be passed from Master to disciple.

It is only with a thorough knowledge of Hatha Yoga that the student can go on to the other branches of Yoga, the sacred Science in the Traditional Initiation which makes possible through individual perfection that man returns to the plane from which he came-that is to say that his divine essence (or spirit) goes back to its beginning, the final end of all seeking for TRUTH.

## PURE LOGIC

*"Mens sans in corporei sano"*

I am asked what I think of vegetarianism. We can answer in three ways, and this will correspond to the three states through which one should always consider things: the material or physical domain which can be considered through science; the ideal domain, the astral plane, the sentimental way, so to speak, and then the pure spiritual plane, the divine body, the superior reasons which are at the same time the synthesis.

These ways of seeing will therefore satisfy the atheist, the occultist or the philosopher, and finally the initiate or adept of truth.

Naturally, many volumes could be written merely as an introduction to these subjects owing to the great ignorance and foolishness of humanity and the necessity for its complete re-education, but taking into consideration the splendid works and numerous articles already published, it is possible to give some advice by a rapid review of opinions.

Following the described plan we will begin by describing the biological question of a life placed more in harmony with the natural laws. Then we will discuss the esoteric domain in order to enlighten those who are interested in the invisible world, and, finally, we will present a paragraph which will give an idea of our enormous responsibility of watching the pathological mechanism, which is the starting point of the entire system on which it depends. According to a wise saying, "That which is below is like that which is above, in order that the miracle of all things is accomplished."

### *The Thesis*

Man does not die, he kills himself," as Lavoisier has so well expressed it. So we must find out how this happens. The mechanism of life is a wonderful process; it is the same eternal vibration which animates everything, only with a different vibration according to the kingdom. The cycle of the vital phenomenon is at least five times the duration of the matter's construction. Thus, a rabbit which takes 1 year to join his long bones lives 5 years, the dog who needs for this 2 years lives generally 10 years, the horse, whose bones take 5 years to join can

live (5 X 5) 25 years, the elephant takes 30 years to join his bones and lives (30 X 5) about 150 years, etc. Man alone does not follow this rule, since it takes 25 years for his long bones to join and he should be able to live at least 5 X 25 years or not less than 125 years.

In our century, the biological cycle of the human species is about 40 years, whereas we should be accustomed to seeing people live 150 years, at least, for those who would take a minimum of precaution. The great fault lies mainly in diet, and first of all in the fact that man, being obliged to maintain his temperature of 37° C., one affirms that it is the fermentation of food in the intestines which is the main factor. Actually one does not die from hunger after 4 or 5 days as one usually thinks; not only there is not the slightest loss of temperature when the intestines are completely empty after 3 days of fasting, but one can continue for 50 or even 60 days without loss of temperature of the limbs, slowing down of the heart or variation of the pulse. In spite of the lack of putrescent matter in the organism the temperature is maintained at a degree necessary to life. What actually happens? Merely that it is not the solid nourishment which man needs most of all, but the liquid elements. Actually man does not die so easily from hunger as he dies from thirst.

We lose daily two litres of water and the lack of its replenishment brings on the individual's death. The lymph in which the organism bathes cannot disappear without the respiration being subjected to fatal consequences. It cannot regain these two litres of liquid which constitute the human part indispensable to our brain, to our eyes, to the liquid of our mouth, the acid serum of our gastric glands, etc., and if this aqueous element is lacking the vital phenomenon disappears. Therefore, if the necessary water is given to the lymph (2 litres of pure water every 24 hours) the animal heat may be absent for many days: the great sympathetic will receive the vital rhythm.<sup>3</sup> For example, it is known that at present one can take the blood of men who have been dead for 15 or 20 hours and inject it into living beings who are succumbing.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> The production of calories is secured by the movement of hundreds of billions of red globules (one drop of blood as big as a pin head contains 5 million red globules).

<sup>4</sup> With a physiological serum the globules when kept at 37 deg. C. keep their vitality during 5 days. With a serum of citrate of soda and preserved below freezing point, they can live for a month.

Therefore the daily nourishment is not vital; the hepatic reserves in minute quantities suffice to keep the human body alive for two months with only water to drink.

But the problem which fasting, but rather the study of although this comprises the analysis through which the level of the average is shortened.

In this sketch we want only to discuss the physical domain and we would like to say now that the premature decay is due to the use of tobacco, alcohol, and we are considering is not vegetarianism, of the causes of life's length animal meat. It is useless to analyse the destruction caused by this violent poison of tobacco which the Caribbean used against the Spaniards by filling their arrows with tobacco (nicotine, called "curare" in Indian dialect). It is known that the nicotine of a single cigar can be found in the urine 8 hours after smoking.

Weakened against pulmonary and cerebral congestions, smokers often succumb to the accidents of the capillary vascular system or come to an untimely end through attacks of uraemia or acute nephritis. The nicotine destroys the cells of the liver or the kidneys as well as the epithelial of the bladder, which becoming poisoned brings death in horrible suffering. It is also well known that spontaneous cancer occurs with smokers and we shall not comment any longer on this vice.

The second factor of premature death is due to alcohol, whether it be beer, wine or aperitifs, etc. Thus, wine is harmful only because of its alcoholic content (100 grams per litre) and the defenders of wine, when saying that men who drink have lived for 80 or 90 years, forget its effect on children. Sufficient has been written about the effects of alcohol in the food of a mother who passes on to the foetus the defects which her own organism requires. It has been proven that a mother can alcoholism a child through her own milk. It should be noted here that new fermented wine can be absorbed without danger. Wine growers could very well sell fresh pasteurised grape wine straight from the press. It should always be kept in mind that 10 litres of wine contain one litre of pure alcohol of 90°.

Most often one dies from poisoning of the stomach and its annexes the pancreas and the choledoque canal which are destroyed by nourishment not suitable to them.

Let us remember the fine statement of Professor Cuvier ("Lessons in Compared Anatomy") that if the flesh of animals were not

prepared and cooked with spices to hide the cadaveric smell, man could never be persuaded to eat of it.

At the moment of birth, nature has placed in us the germs of death, the vegetable corpuscles which wait to begin their life towards the end of the oscillating current created by the arterial and blood currents whose seat is in the body. These "saprophytes" are placed between the red globules and as soon as the heart has ceased beating they appear with incredible rapidity. At first they are a germ; then become living corpuscles, the first agents of putrefaction.

It would be rather preferable to eat the meal of living animals. In any case the liver is too small to make the important wastes of flesh consumption innocuous, and then it rejects this surplus of azote which becomes uric acid (the basis of rheumatism, sciatica, gout, albumen and diabetics). The cadaverous alkaloid purines and ptomaines are terrible toxins which are absorbed by those who eat animal meat. (From 500 to 1,000 milligrams of purine are contained in 100 grams of fresh meat. )

We shall not make mention of parvoline, hydrochloride, mydalein, neuron, which appear as a resulting process from lecithin, which is a poison as violent as curare or muscarine. All these are toxins which have been analysed and proven to be cardiac poison of extreme intensity. We do not possess the same organs of mastication and digestion as carnivorous animals, neither the stomach with the powerful muscles, nor the strong jaw, the flat abdomen and small intestines, etc. The gastric juices of carnivorous animals are extremely strong in acidity. (The dog even produces digestive juices with a basis of ammonia.)

Strength does not lie in the fact of meat-eating; we have only to look at the horse, the ox, and the elephant. As to men, it has been proven that workmen given muscular work above the average consumed sandwiches of tomatoes and figs and drank pure water and had for their evening meals rice, olives and some fresh cheese. The Chinese who are able to carry 150 kilograms at a quick pace eat only rice. In Egypt the river porters who carry enormous weight eat only onions and dates. The Finlanders who are some of the best sportsmen are all vegetarians and have been the winners of the great Olympic prizes.

It is a great mistake to think that red faces are a sign of good health; this efflux of blood to the face has nothing aesthetic and mostly shows a lack of equilibrium in the circulatory distribution.

The vegetarians do not have the favourable ground for the microbial proliferation. They follow the cycle of their life without weakness and find this life wonderful to their last day.

### *The Antithesis*

We have just briefly reviewed the materialistic point of view, and while considering only the physical body we have discussed vegetarianism from a scientific angle. In the light of occultism it is also interesting to see the reasons that exist for the prohibition of meat, tobacco and alcohol.

All philosophies when recognising the three bodies of man, vary in their doctrines regarding the terminology and even as to the diversities of planes; but the fundamental basis is that the human being is constituted of a physical envelope, a spirit and an intermediary body which is a plastic mediator (often called the soul).

This second body, this "double" which is often called "astral body" is sensitive to the changes of the physical for the simple reason that these bodies interpenetrates each other and also because this fluidity personality is more subtle than our person of the matter, and being like an essence it becomes impregnated by all the events to which the causal body is subjected. When the physical body disintegrates, this etheric agglomeration serves as a vehicle to the spirit. This shows the attention which should be given to what the ancient Egyptians called the "Ka" and for which they placed food in their tombs so that (not the physical body as is often thought) but the other one be properly prepared for the journey to be made.

The aura is an emanation of the nervo-fluidic centres (chakras). Actually seven plexuses govern the being. The illumination of these allows "spiritual realisation." It is according to the degree of evolution of these centres that the aura is coloured with the hues attributed to mysticism, intellectuality, bestiality, etc.

The astral body is to a certain degree the emanation of the physical body and the colouring depends. on the constitution of its material envelope. Tobacco, alcohol and meat serve as palliatives to subtitling, these matters having the faculty of changing the purity of the corpuscles which form the "double." The physical and the astral bodies are so closely related that after certain spiritoid

experiences the body of the medium sometimes shows the marks which the etheric double may have received in the astral world.

In the same way, a bad treatment inflicted on the organism produces immediate repercussions on the astral body. Besides the fact that smoking destroys faculties which depend on the astral body and which are, through it, conveyed to the brain, the habit of tobacco contracted during this life passes over to the double, so that at the end of the physical body, the astral, being deprived of its vehicle for satisfying its cravings, is obliged to wander about, haunted by the desire to smoke, and being unable to make its physical body obey it, remains stationary, full of desire and unable to evolve.

The emanation of alcohol does not stop at the brain but saturates the air as we know and through this action envelopes the etheric body, which being obliged to bathe in this atmosphere loses its equilibrium and no longer responds to the necessary reactions.

Meat eating animalizes the individual. The magnetism of low vibrations produced by animals is transmitted to the double, which naturally reacts as a consequence and transmits these instincts of bestiality to the human being. The particles projected from the absolute into the world and which have not yet passed through the human kingdom are known by the name of "elementals" (not to be confused with the elementaries). These infra-atomic corpuscles are to be found in the blood of animals because they seek to acquire life, and by the absorption of any animal meat (beef, pork, fish, poultry, game, etc.) we place ourselves in a receptive condition to these dangerous emanations from the lower planes.

One feels very astonished when one has a minimum of knowledge of the occult sciences and sees so many people who pretend to be occultists, idealists and even spiritualists who 'smoke, drink, and eat meat. Some of them even pretend practising magic and are nevertheless "carnivores". If it were the case of "necromantists", one might understand them eating the meat of a corpse in order to lower their level down to those informal worlds which they seek; but this is not worthy of the dignity of a magician who ventures to accomplish experiences in harmony with the great laws.

People who possess a degree of mediumism must naturally be much more prudent than others. Their excessive state of passivity does not allow them any deviation from discipline and the first rule is complete abstinence from animal flesh in order to avoid a contact with the polarities of the lower mental planes. Naturally no spiritist

can allow himself to smoke, drink wine or alcohol and eat meat without exposing himself to the greatest dangers, if not in his present physical state, at least in the astral world where he can experience dreadful consequences which we will not describe in the present survey. As regards healers, it is quite evident that no recommendation need be made, because this class of people, being more advanced, abstain from any animal food in order to avoid being in a lower state than the patients, as well as not to transmit the fluids of infernal planes as contained in animal corpses. Naturally it would be a crime for a hypnotizer, as also for a magnetizer or other healer, to smoke, because he would transmit through his "passes" currents with dangerous emanations. All alcoholic drinkers are banished from the realms of those who have devoted themselves to healing, since it would be real black magic if any of these spiritualists possessed the least passion and were not entirely sincere. It is quite impossible to ignore these first elements and at the same time work in any domain of the astral world, such as spiritism, magic, magnetism, medium ship, healing, etc.

Occult laws are strict; one should not always attribute to adverse planetary influences or nefarious astral currents all the disagreeable consequences we experience through our own fault-these consequences are due to lack of discipline and to our ways of life.

Too many text books of personal magic or treatises of esoteric vulgarization teach us powers, forgetting to warn us against the dangers; this is due either to a lack of preliminary knowledge or to the omission of a very special diet to be followed. A very severe discipline must be observed by all those who enter the initiatic path.

Our physical organism is the indispensable vehicle on this planet, and it is our duty to watch it. Nobody would ever have the idea of using foreign ingredients to run a motor car, so why should we use harmful substances for our terrestrial vehicle? It is true that for many people the physical body represents the only reality. It is as though we took seriously the case of a motor car-we know perfectly well that we must drive it and that it obeys our command. It is the same thing for our spirit which must command the matter.

It is sufficient for the being to be assailed on all sides either by influences of the sublimated world, or by any other force, without having to produce an unbalancing in its inner composition. If the astral body is not in accord with the physical, what can one expect from such a disharmony? The mind can only suffer from this and

one will immediately understand the impossibility of evolving under such conditions or of simply living rightly.

### *The Synthesis*

The Christian commandment: "Thou shalt not kill", like the Buddhists "pansila" (virtue) "Panatipata Veramani Sikkha Padam Samadyam", are tenets which are to be found in all sects and religions.

Always at the basis of serious doctrines one finds the order of not to kill man or beast, because no restriction is ever made to allow the killing of lower living beings. In other words, the commandment prohibits the eating of meat because it destroys at the basis the possibility of slaughter.

In Genesis from the beginning it actually says that we have at our disposal all the herbs and trees of the earth, and further on it says that as long as there will be foliage on the surface of the earth it will be forbidden to eat animal flesh.

Not to kill also means not to buy meat, as otherwise one simply becomes an accomplice of those who kill animals. The mentionings in the Sacred Books are as strict on this subject as the Buddhist commandment which forbids the drinking of wine or alcohol, or prohibits the absorption of intoxicating liquors (Suramirayer Madjepama Datthana Verami). One should not confuse symbols mentioned in the Bible on the subject of animals and wine, because it has to do with sacred sacrifices about which we do not have to speak here; and as regards wine, the original texts tell us that it is of unfermented grapes. It is equally known that the fish, so often mentioned in the life of Jhesu<sup>5</sup> are related to the era of the Fish which characterised all the Christic epoch, as formerly did the eras of the Ram and the Bull, characterise their epochs, and in the same way the era of the Aquarius characterises the epoch in which we are living at present. (And which are thus purely symbols due to astronomical phenomena succeeding each other.)

In this way we see that there are serious reasons for pursuing a diet which the Ancients never discussed, the same as today it must be accepted by the Adepts of Truth.

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<sup>5</sup>Which is purposely written with an "H" and without an "S" in order to define well the Master Jhesu and not merely the historical Jesus.

We have just made a quick survey, beginning from the materialistic point of view to the initiatic stage, about the necessity of accepting a discipline which actually gives us an advantage. Briefly, we are discussing our own interests, but instead of accepting logic immediately, we often take a mischievous pleasure in complicating the existence not alone, of ourselves, but of the whole of humanity, and this is the great responsibility that some people have well felt. It is certain that many people do not have enough wisdom to be interested in their fellow beings, but the evil will continue to be, bringing prejudice to future generations and people.

Great Divine Law regulates evolution, and the smallest details have their importance, and the fact of not following the natural process places one outside the law of the history of humanity. This means attempting against the life of people, because this magnificent evolution which pushes forward the vital system through the different kingdoms, cannot permit any obstacle to impede the fulfilment of its aim.

Although the animal has no individual soul, it obeys a collective soul which makes it evolve to the point of allowing it to detach itself at the right moment in order to enter the human kingdom when it has attained sufficient elevation. To kill it is not only to arrest its evolution, but also to hurt a part of the body of this great collective soul which governs the animal race. But a more important fact is the absorption of a part of the magnetism (which has left the cells after the animal was killed, but which remains active until the moment of putrefaction) and which regains strength in an ambient temperature offered for the preparation and consumption of the daily meal of the "necrophagians" (eaters of dead flesh) . It will remain there later to display this same animal magnetism in its surrounding, thus saturating the air, family, friends, contemporaries with a fluid contrary to personal evolution. It is a great responsibility to know that one can be an obstacle to the well-being of one's children and family; it is a low state of mind to make of one's meal a daily crime and it is a poor conscience which would not revolt against the fact of hindering the advance of universal spirituality.

A little reasoning becomes necessary when an explanation can be given for different questions. This has nothing to do with fanaticism; vegetarianism is not merely a question of "belief", but rather of aesthetics, cleanliness, and hygiene. We should think of health, preserve the body in a state of normal strength, and not

expose ourselves to appear as veritable pathological museums through excesses at the dinner table. We have just explained everything in a scientific way from the spiritual point of view; it is above all a question of logic. In all theories one should always take into consideration the different points of view. A thesis is valuable only if there is also an antithesis which can not refute it, as otherwise why should we not accept the official point of view which is merely the opinion of a small group of people. It is only when one knows both ideas and can make a synthesis that one can arrive at a nearly correct certitude.

The opponents of vegetarianism always proclaim the indispensable protein in meat. This is very true, but one should not forget to say that in order to consume 105 of this precious matter contained in meat one is obliged to swallow 90% of toxins. Whereas it is so simple to take the protein in a simpler state by consuming butter or fresh cheese. For those who prefer avoiding even indirectly any connection with an animal, there remains the resource of nuts, almonds, etc., which present the same advantages. The fact of not killing is often being refuted by the fact that the animals would overcrowd the world if they were not suppressed.

Nature is perfect and knows how to preserve equilibrium, natural cataclysms take off the surplus of living beings; but on the other hand it has been noticed that after wars there takes place a recrudescence of birth in order to fill in the vacuum produced by these slaughters which increase in our so-called civilisation.

We should therefore, not be so intent in playing the part of judges on earth, and think more about the nefarious magnetism produced by a person merely by the fact of killing a fly. The movement of the hand requires previously that the mind impress this abrupt movement, and this demands an unleashing of forces with bellicose instincts. These discordant waves projected at each moment into space, produce perturbations in the peaceful atmosphere of those who work for the wellbeing of the human race.

When instead of being satisfied with copying that which is contained in the books of our predecessors one tries to enter the path of investigation, when one throws out all prejudices, when one leaves behind atavism and one begins to meditate in the observations already obtained, one cannot but change one's opinion on the way of living.

A little sincere meditation on the facts which have been exposed here should make us rally to this cause, because it is the expression of truth and pure logic.

## POINT OF VIEW ON BUDDHISM

Chance is an unknown progression and Time is a succession of numbers; the Future being composed of Chance and Time, they must serve calculations that would enable one to find the end of an event or future of a destiny. It is by "Chance" that I had occasion, on my arrival in Rangoon, to turn over the leaves of a pamphlet of the "Mathematical Society of Buddhism" (No. 1 of 1948) and my gaze was immediately attracted by No. 58 (page 3).

It is said that the primary cause of this total 207 of Mind and Matter are 29 types of associated KAMMA and the 29 types of KAMMA of which fruition is deferred, or 58 for both, and this is represented by the sum of the initial positions occupied by the nine digits in the value of P1 to 31 places, with total of 207.

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>

Examine the two rows representing the value of P1 to 31 places and positions in which the nine digits in it occur; it will be found that the last position for each digit will be as below:

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>
<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/>								
<b>total 207</b>								

Here we see 58 as a cause and 207 as collective effect (58 represents the initial position occupied by 9 digits).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	7	1	3	5	8	14	12	6
total 58								



Gautama the Buddha. (Painting by de la Ferriere  
and property of Mrs. and Mr. Oldmeadow from Western Australia.)

The number 58 recalls the word "HA-ADAM", which means in Hebrew MAN and which is so important in ZOHAR, the Hebrew Cabalistic book. In the same work, the Earth, which is named "HA-ARETZ" is said to have the value of 203 (HE: 8, ALEPH: 3, RESH: 120, TZADE: 72) so the total of the letters equals 203, and

if one adds to this number the four elements of matter (Earth, Water, Fire, Air) one would get 207, which is the total given in the thesis on the value of PI in relation to 31 positions, and which was defined by lord Buddha in the KUMARA-PANNHA-SUTTA in connection with the 207 types of mind and matter.

This vision of Man and Earth made me abandon the page for a few minutes in order to think of Plato and the commentaries of Timaeus.

Evolution of Man on this Earth follows a well-known theosophical process:

-The mortal causes (life, generation) are governed by the Moon; it represents the vital body, called LINGA-SARIRA.

-The fanciful motion or imaginative essence is MERCURY, it is also the intuition; this state is called BUDDHI.

-The appetites belonging to desires, governed by Venus, represent the highest spirit of what is named BUDDHI-MANAS.

-All that is sensible to Demiurge (in Greek THEOS ... God) symbolised by the SUN is vitality of PRANA.

-The irascible Motion is characterised by MARS, this is the Body of Desires understood by Kama.

-The Vital POWER by which the Unique Principle is the Common Cause is Jupiter, named the "Auric Egg" or ATMIC-AURA.

-The highest of the seven circles from amongst the Gnostic Attributes is SATURN, the slowest spirit: KAMA-MANAS.

When put together, the planetary value (Moon 1, Mercury 4, Venus 8, Sun 3, Mars 2, Jupiter 5, and Saturn 7) of 30 corresponds to the letter MEM of the Hebrew alphabet. This letter M is one of the three keys of the Cabala (Aleph, Mem, and Shin): A, M and S are constantly in the composition of the sacred words.

The letter Mem is also used in two different ways and is written differently: the open MEM and the closed MEM, but this last is used in the body of a word only ONCE in the whole original Bible in Hebrew, undoubtedly in order to better illustrate the UNITY of MATTER. It is the famous word "LEMARBE" (Isaiah IX; 6) which came to be a subject of intense research on M of Mystery and of Meditation.

Obviously what is most important in the theory of U Ba SEIN is his exposition of the universal constant PI. This is the starting point of a mathematical basis in philosophy, important I should say, because from this value will flow out the teaching of the ABHIDHAMMA.

The formula P1 has always been an object of research and to this fact I have drawn attention in my work entitled "THE BLACK BOOK OF FREE MASONRY".

The relationship which exists between the twenty two Cabalistic letters and the seven planets gives: 3.142857142857, the Euclidean transmission which, though far from being correct in the mathematical sense, is, nevertheless, rich from the point of view of esoterism. There is no need to insist upon the importance of the number 7 (7 planets giving 7 days of the week, 7 notes of the musical scale, 7 principal colours of the rainbow, 7 states of matter, 7 endocrine glands, 7 chakras, in order to be dissolved in Parapati, etc.... )

I must mention the variant 3.141592742 as the value of P1 in the hypothesis of the quadrate of the circle with a polygon possessing 12,000 sides. The theories of Mr. Uhlman in Venezuela and of Professor Henri Varcollier in France, have interested me vividly, but are out of context in the philosophical lining.

It is said that only 22 types of matter enter into the inter-relations of mind and matter and they are represented in each of the four categories (Volition, Mind, Heat-energy, Food-Fuel). This affords ample evidence of the geometrical and mathematical foundation of Buddhist Philosophy as six intersecting linear forces traversing a circular field can only cut the field into 22 parts as a maximum.

Just as there are twenty-two letters in the Hebrew Alphabet (which is the basis of Cabalistic knowledge) there are twenty-two regular polygons inscribable in the circle (3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 18, 20, 24, 30, 36, 40, 45, 60, 72, 90, 120, 180 and 360 sides) and, therefore on the basis of this Cabalistic geometry to which I made an allusion in my lectures at the different sectors of the Theosophical Society, I often mentioned the equation 5 equals 6, because this is a basis of research in occultism, with the help of keys such as:

$5E = \frac{10Y}{2B}$  Which I give on page 41 of my book, "CENTRES OF INITIATION"

Five equals six, because 1+2+3+4+5 produces 15, thence 1 plus 5 gives 6. The total of a number can be veritable only if it admits of visible value and invisible, which is then called the "Secret Value"

(S.V). The fundamental relation is  $VSN = \frac{N(n+1)}{2}$  thence the

$$\text{example } VSN = \frac{36 \times 37}{2} = 666$$

It is obvious that the example is chosen intentionally with a view to present without any loss of time, the capital number for the occultist or philosophical investigators. The number 666 being the number of the Beast mentioned in Revelations, Chapter XIII, v.18 and which many Christians associate with a personality said to be an enemy of the Son of God.

**123 132**  
**231 321**  
**312 213**  
**666 666**

It would be wiser to refer to the laws of the structure of space. This is the decomposition of 6 permutations of 1,2, and 3 in two Ternaries; these elements of symmetry and non-symmetry thus united are the mixed characters and serve as bases to the mathematical theory of groups.

The number 666 is the secret value of 36 which is the sign of spiritual manifestation in connection with the ideas of division. It is the incarnation of 1 in the figure 35 of the last veil according to the formula  $2^3 + 3^3$  well known to the Rosicrucian.

There are 36 decants in the Zodiacal Wheel (3 X 12 signs = 36), and according to the Veda there are 36 Tattwas. In Buddhism the importance of 36 is also great, namely, through multiplication of 6 senses (in Sanskrit: SADAYATANA, the six Sense Organs).

Therefore, one ought not to see in it the name of a tyrant, as many students of Symbolism do, but rather a Cosmic Symbol and the Bible indicates that it is the number of man, when referring to the question.

Nevertheless, one should avoid the guametric play which may give 666 for PANTHEISMOS, or the equivalence of the name of the prophet Mohamed in Greek language; MAOMETIS (40+1+70+40+5+ 300+10+200 = 666) which could also apply to the King of Israel (ISHRAEL means in Tibetan or in Veda "Lord the King Celestial Earth") himself, because HAMELEK equals 666.

One could expatiate in this manner and flounder about in vague symbolism lacking concrete value, whereas it is so easy with a little

learning to remain in the path of a scientific philosophy while offering mathematical recreations.

Sometimes I draw the attention of Orientalists to the fraction  $\frac{62832}{2000}$  which is the Hindu P1, just as I demand from the Hebraists

to study the magic square of ALHIM (Elohim) giving the interpolation of 3.1415. This leads to the establishment of the idea of similarity between the Jewish tradition and that of India, as in the case of ABRAM and BRAMA, the same letters composing the sacred name of the Hebrews (ABRAHAM) and the name venerated by the Hindus (BRAHMA) produce 144, which also corresponds to THEOS (the name of God in Greek: Th: 9, E: 5, O: 70, S: 60. Sum= 144).

We could extend this field of studies by citations from the Gospel according to Saint John which depicts the Judgment as accompanied by the sound of 144.000 trumpets. All this gives an insight into the perfect archeometric data of ancient predictions veiling the Sacred Science of Numbers.

My interest in Pluto is because for many years I Science of the Stars: the symbolism.

It should be noted that Pluto characterises the study of mines, symbolises the subterranean works and is always almost in powerful aspect in the heavens when there are violent earthquakes, or important volcanic eruptions. Strangely enough (there is always this element of chance) its name is associated in the denomination of certain materials, which it symbolises by its magnetic action. An example may be given regarding the delivery of American gasoline into French territory during the late war:

**P**ipe **L**ine **U**nder **T**he **O**cean.

Again our interest is increased when we consider the number 248 in connection with the equation of P1 as presented by the President of the Buddhist Mathematical Society.

The 248 years of the revolution of the planet PLUTO constitutes the sum of 164 years of the revolution of NEPTUNE and the 84 years of the planet URANUS.

Gautama Buddha said that the whole of the 12 immoral types of consciousness together with their 228 concomitants, also "Karuna" and "Mudita", each of which occurs 4 times in the nine lower Rupa planes makes in all  $12+228+ (2 \times 4) = 248$ . It compares and confirms the Law of Newton (that all actions have a reaction) with

the Buddhist teaching that matter and mind are two aspects of the same thing.

I have already mentioned 253 as the "secret value" of 22 (253 are formed by 248 years of Plutonic revolution plus the 5 elements to the mental transformation: earth, air, water, fire and ether in order to awaken the VICUDDHA-CHAKRA or the throat psychic centre in Buddhist YOGA).

I compare Pluto and Buddhism, because this luminary symbolises that suffering characterises the suppression of suffering and indicates the path leading to the suppression of suffering (which is the synthesis of the Buddhist Philosophy). Indeed, to those who know the psychological effects of this planet, there is the entire Buddhist teaching in its symbol of magnetic projection, indicated in its glyph. The graphic symbol of Pluto is a small circle surmounted by a horizontal cross-bar above which rises a kind of pillar which splits higher up to form two lines that bend back towards the base. Briefly it looks like the interior fire of the earth emerging through a geological chimney to the crater of a volcano in order to eject the lava by splashing it on the surface of our planet as if to cleanse it from all human impurities. This picture immediately calls up in one's memory recognition of the hidden forces of man (the Sacred Fire or the Prana) rising through the subtle column (Kundalini) until splashing out of the being (through the aperture on the crown of the Head, called BRAHMARUNDHRA, or the "aperture of Brahma") the psychic power, by long meditation, becomes transmuted into Spiritual powers, the ANAPANA, which lends assistance on Final Illumination.

Without doubt the Science of Numbers is a very beautiful study. I was drawn to it early in life through my studies about the similarity between the Macrocosm and Microcosm. In truth, everything takes place in the Great World exactly as in the small world. What happens in the Universe happens also in the human being (Universe in miniature).

The sun in its apparent movement retrogrades by 1 degree every 72 years (equinoctial precession), and in the human body there are 72 pulsations to indicate good health. The heart beats four times when we respire once, that is to say, with man there are 18 respirations per minute corresponding to 18 years of the nutation of the terrestrial axis under the lunar influence (note that the Moon evolves according to 4 positions). The 25, 920 respirations in 24

hours make us think of the precession of equinoxes and the apparent time taken by a star to come back to its initial position. The Great Year of Plato of  $365 \times 25920$  is too important not to be mentioned in this limited outline and in this connection one should restate the "theorem of Fermat", (Pierre de Fermat was a French mathematician who lived 1601-1665) according to which there is an infinity of whole numbers that obey the theorem of Pythagoras ( $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ ). For each group of 3 squares one should proceed with a serious study. Generally speaking, if "N" is bigger than 2, one can never get "a", "b", and "c" being wholes  $a^n + b^n = c^n$ .

This remains to be demonstrated and is very important in occult signification:

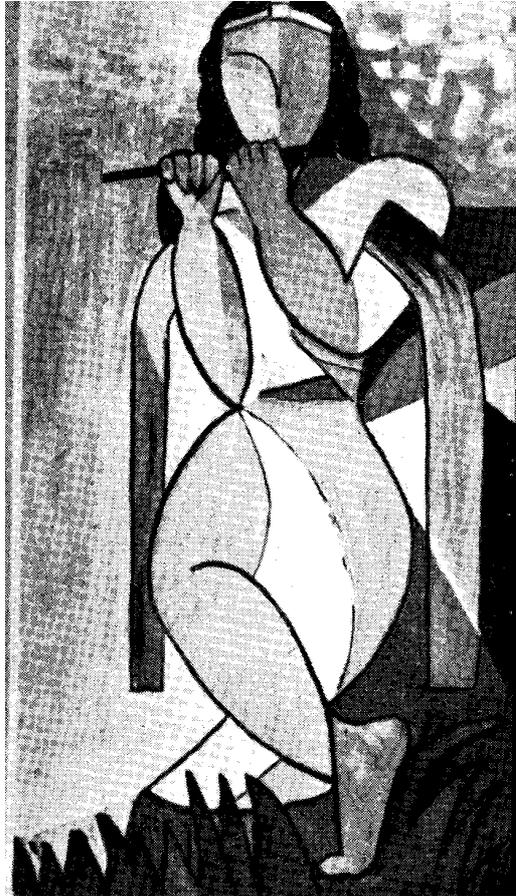
SABHA PAPASSA AKARANAN KUSALASSA  
UPASAMPANAN SACHITHA PARI YODAPANAN  
ETAN BUDDHANU SASANAN.

(To refrain from all evil. To do all that is good. To cleanse the mind. That is the doctrine of the entire Buddhist.)

All this philosophy rests upon the following sentence that each person, who is willing to enter into the Buddhist Community, must pronounce three times:

"I put my remedies in Lord Buddha, in His Law and in the community."

All the discipline can be learnt in the "Suuta-Pitaka", a collection of dogmatic instructions according to Buddha, or in the "Suuta-Nipata" one of the oldest texts of dogmatic doctrines. For all documentation upon Buddhist Philosophy one need go only to Mahavagga, Dhammapada, Samyuttaka-Nikaya, Chullavagga, Majjhima-Nikaya, Mahanidana Sutta, Anguttara Nikaya, Bhikkunt Samyutta, Kavattasuta, Mahapadhanasutta, BamcakaNipata, Devaduta-Sutta.



Lord Krishna. (Painting by de la Ferriere, and property of Mrs. J. Wilhelmsen-Gerner of Oslo.)

The "Sutra-Vairachedika-Praina-Paramita" is a roll written in 868 A.D. Translated by Wang-Chien, it was found in the Temple of a Thousand Buddhas in TungHuang (by the Hungarian explorer M. A. Stein). Just as the Christians put all their faith in Jesus, the Buddhists hope everything from Gautama. We know that the Sermon on the Mount is exactly the same in principle as that given 600 years before by Gautama Buddha in his discourses in Benares. The idea of Paradise, in the Christian religion, is the parallel of "Nirvana" in the Buddhist doctrine, and the use of incense, candles, rosary prayers, etc. in the Catholic Church is taken from the Buddhist temple ritual.

There are ten PARAMIS which are the base of the daily meditation:

1. DANA: May I be generous and helpful.
2. SILA: May I be pure and virtuous.
3. NEKHAMMA: May I not be selfish and self possessive, but selfless and self-sacrificing.
4. PANNA May I be wise and able to give the benefit of my knowledge to others.
5. VIRIYA: May I be strenuous, energetic and persevering.
6. KHANTI: May I be patient. May I be able to bear and forbear the wrong of others.
7. SACCA: May I be honest and truthful.
8. ADHITTHANA: May I be firm and resolute.
9. METTA: May I be kind, loveable, compassionate and friendly.
10. UPEKKHA: May I be humble, calm, quiet, unruffled and serene.

We must confess that Buddhism is, perhaps, the deepest of philosophies, and its followers have very strong arguments to convince people. In their doctrine nothing is subjective except what is transcendental, and they are very learned in discussion. The teaching lays emphasis upon four types of questions:

- a) Some questions can be answered definitely (Ekamsavya Karaniya), e.g., "Will every one who is born, die?" The decisive answer is "Yes".
- b) Some questions can be answered by resort to division. ( Vibhajya-Vyakaranyā ) , e.g., "Is every one re-born after death?" Answer: "Any one free from passions is not reborn, while one who is not so, is reborn."
- c) Some questions can be answered by counter questions (pratiprachavaykaraniya), e.g., "Is man superior or inferior?" The counter question is, "In relation to what?" "If in relation to animals he is superior, if in relation to God, he is inferior."
- d) There are some questions which require to be set aside (Sthapaniva). "Are the aggregates (Skandhas) the same as the soul (Sattva).

Ekamsena Vibhagena Prcchatah Sthapaniyatah Vyakrtam  
Maranotpattivisistatmanyatadivat.

To practise Buddhism, attention must be paid to the Pansila which are:

PANATIPATA VERAMANI SIKKA PADAM  
SAMADYAM.  
MUSSAVADA VERAMANI SIKKA PADAM.  
AKMESU MITCHATCHARA SIKKA PADAM.  
ADINADANA VERAMANI SIKKA PADAM:  
SURAMIRAYEU MADJEPAMA DATTHANA  
VERAMI.

This virtually means: Non-killing, non-stealing, no adulterous practices, non-lying, non-drinking of alcohol and after these five virtues, there are two positive commands:

To seek wisdom, and to practise charity.

Of course there also exists a secret part of the teaching, just as in Christianity, Hebraism, Islamism, and other religions. We have in Buddhism an exoterism (public teaching) and an esoterism (the occult part of the philosophy). In the PACITTIYA we can read: "The monk who communicates the text of the Dhamma to one who is not ordained, exposes himself to punishment . . ." In the Vinaya (vol. III, page 219), it is written that the Buddhist priest must keep secret the statutes of the PATIMOKKA.

If one is interested in the true teaching of Buddhism, he should study the Pali's texts preserved in Ceylon.

The PATIMOKKA is very esoteric. It is the formula for the confessional.

The THERAVADA (words of the ancients), is still studied by the monks of our days.

VINAYA-PITAKA is the Pali's canon and is accessible only after ordination (four years in the order). This collection is concerned with discipline.

The MAHAVASTU is from the school of noble MAHASANGHIKAS and is a part of the VINAYAPITAKA.

There are two great schools of Buddhism: the MAYA-YANA (Great Vehicle) is the Sanskrit school which practises more in the spirit than in the letter, and some times it is called the "North Buddhism". (Tibet, China, Mongolia, Siberia). The HINA-YANA (the little vehicle) is the Pali School which respects the letter of the texts, and is called the "South Buddhism". (Ceylon, India, Burma, Siam).

Numerically, Buddhism is the most important religion in the world. It numbers 500 million adherents, representing a quarter of humanity.

The story of Buddhism begins from the time Gautama gathered about him a group of monks, who made the first community in the VIth century before the Christian era. This Master teaches a completely moral discipline and no excursions are made into metaphysical discussions. The Buddha offers no theories but a spiritual development, nor has He any neither stock doctrine nor beliefs, but offers a WAY. His words are: "To know the Truth you must walk in the Path"...

Buddha is a title similar to Christ, Messiah, Avatar and means "Illuminate". The Great Instructor, SIDDHARTHA GAUTAMA was the 25th Buddha for Humanity, and was born in 563 B.C., on the frontier of Nepal. He became a perfect Buddha in Bodhgaya, India, and after his first sermon, sixty persons followed him as his disciples. He then began to travel for some 45 years gaining more and more followers. His last words were, "In truth I tell you that everything created is perishable, struggle without relaxing."...

His death occurred in 483 B.C., near the village of Kusinagara (India) one hundred and twenty miles N.E. of Benares.

We are at a loss to know what to admire most in this religion; the deepness of the doctrine, or the simplicity of the prayer in which is revealed a wonderful purpose and desire for goodness when repeated daily by the devout Buddhist:

MAY I SERVE TO BE PERFECT?

MAY I BE PERFECT TO SERVE...

SADHU!

## POINT OF VIEW ON HINDUISM.

I was in Brindaban (North India) in the Temple. There we meditated by the cradle of CHRISHNA which was rocked in a wonderful atmosphere to the rhythmic chants of the Brahmins. "HARI-AUM" was chanted repeatedly by all the pilgrims who came there with their gifts, which they deposited before the little bed of the Hindu-Hero who preceded Jesus and Gautama. In far off times he was recognised as the CHRIST and is still worshipped today by 250 millions of human beings.

"Hari-Krishna" (Glory to Krishna) is repeated without ceasing day and night in the Hindu Temple. It is a marvellous thing to know that from the fourth Age of our planet, people have repeated the Holy name of Krishna.

The repetition of "HARI-AUM" without cessation makes the sound MARIAM, and it was a pleasant experience for me to listen to the name of the Virgin of the Catholics in a religious place which existed thousands of years before Rome . . . Miriam is the Virgin Mother of the Hebrews. This idea of a Divine Mother has always existed (MAIA, mother of Hermes, MAYA-DEVI was the mother of Buddha) and draws attention to the similarities found in all religions.

In the Christian theology it is from the "No manifestation" (ABSOLUTE) that the "Creator" (THE FATHER) the "Christ" (THE SON) and the "Universal Consciousness" (HOLY SPIRIT) emanates, as in the religion of the Brahmins it is from the Great Power ( SHAKTI ) that the "creative" (BRAHMA) the "protective" (VISHNU) and the "destructive" (SHIVA) emanate.

As in the three phases of respiration, drawing-in of the breath, retention and expulsion (in the Mantra: Bija-Cakti-Tilaka, we know that the repetition of this prayer is called JAPA (and the most important part, because it is mentally done, is the silent repetition of the mantra), Brahma is the first creation and is the symbol of LIFE, then we need a form which is VISHNU, the sustainers, from whom come the "avatars", being a repetition of his form in different incarnations to confirm the presence of the Divine (like the second coming of the Son of God in the Christian religion). Then follows SHIVA who symbolises THOUGHT, signifying the "destruction" of bad ideas and the struggle against evil.

The AVATARS (great Incarnations) were a Fish, a Pig, a Tortoise, a Dwarf, "Narasingha", "Parasuvanu", "Krisna", "Rama"; for the ninth there are some who wish to accept Lord Buddha, and the tenth one is awaiting manifestation, although everyone knows that He is working in the world. The Hindus call him the "Kalki", the Buddhists say "Maitreya", and the Christians, "Christ-King".

Hinduism is an Oriental religion, best known as Brahminism. The first name was given by foreigners to the people, who professed this doctrine in Hindustan, but today, in India, there are several other philosophies and it is best to keep to the exact words SANATANA-DHARMA (Eternal Truth). But never make the mistake of confusing a Hindu with an Indian!

What is generally called Hinduism is composed of different sects; even then the variation is only in the dogma of detailed theories, but all agree with the idea of God, the existence of the Soul, the Universe, Karma, etc.

The practice of this religion (the second most important in the world after Buddhism) is completely different from the general conception held by the western world. For instance, it is an error to believe that the Hindus worship the cow. If we see some of these animals in the temples, in pictures, or symbolised in sculpture, it is the same idea which the Catholic Church uses in the representation of the Lamb, and for those who understand the profound meaning of the "agnus dei" it is easy for them to assimilate the importance of the bull, upon which Vishnu came. Sects in Hinduism are no more numerous than they are in the conceptions of the western world, with its Roman Catholics, Greek Catholics, Baptists, Church of England, Church of Christ, Congregational, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, etc., each claiming the same ideal, but without understanding together. In India we do not find this division of the ideal. Of course there are some Indian people who are Muslims or Sikhs and Jainism as there are Buddhists or a few Christians. The Holy Scripture of the Hindus is the VEDA, and this religion is called VEDISM by some who study it.

The VEDA (Traditional knowledge by Excellence) is found in the four writings: Rig-Veda, Yajur-Veda, Sama-Veda, Atharva-Veda, and each of the four books is divided into two sections dealing with (a) the "Mantra", dealing with ritual and formula, and (b) the "Brahm", concerned with the teaching of origins; and the objects and these teachings are contained in the "Upanishads". The Upanishads are the last part of the Vedic Texts.

The popular book is the "BAGHAVAD-GITA", a type of people's bible, like the "POPOL-VUJ" (story of the Mayas) in Central America. All the Hindus make quotations from the BAGHAVAD-GITA like the Christians do from their own Bible, the Muslims from the KORAN and the Hebrews from the TALMUD.

The BAGHAVAD-GITA was composed in the sixth century B.C. (post Upanishads). It is an Indian poem and the dialogue is between Krishna and Arjuna. Krishna, the divinity below human form, instructs his disciple concerning the most important things, such as the development of the nature of the soul, and the definition of man. For the most part it is the renunciation of the fruits.

The Baghavat-Gita (Celestial Hymn) comprises 18 chapters, and, like the Bible or other Holy Scriptures, is written with esoteric keys. The Eighteen Paths which show the Way of Salvation is only an esoteric meaning of discipline. Hindu philosophy has a strong leaning towards discipline and although the doctrines appear less deep than those of Buddhism, for most people, they are, however, a very complex study.

For those people who consider the Hindus as simple folk, concerning themselves with blind beliefs which they carry to fanatical extremes, I give hereunder a rough resume of the different departments of the teachings to be learnt, which will enable them to form some judgment concerning the Hindu religion. It is unnecessary to make any comments, as a perusal of the subjects about which the follower of the doctrine of Brahms should concern himself, will be sufficient to convince the intelligent reader that the Hindu Tradition is, in reality, one of the oldest of religions.

After the VEDAS one must read the PURANAS, for these have as their principal object the Relationship between Vishnu's Avatars. Each of the "Puranas" speaks about five kinds of things and there are eighteen Puranas. (Also there are eighteen UPAPURANAS about the same subjects and dealing with creation and the world, generations, chronology, the stories of the Heros, and Cosmogony). The two ITIHASAS are the "RAMAYANA" (dedicated to RAMA, the 7th Avatar); and the "MAHABHARATA" (dedicated to Krishna, the 8th Avatar), and this last contains the BAGHAVAD-GITA.

Also one must look over the TANTRAS (explanations of the Present Age) and then begin the study of the VEDANGAS, the first of [he Traditional Sciences; there are six VEDANGES which are the auxiliary sciences of the VEDA. The SHIKSHA is the Science

of articulation and correct pronunciation (for the prayers and for this the knowledge is very important). It is also the knowledge of Literature.

CHANDA: Science of prose. Application of the different relationships concerning the vibratory forms of the cosmic order which they have to express. A preparation for metaphysical realisation.

VYAKARANA: Grammar based upon conceptions and classifications in connection with the logical significance of the language.

NIRUKTA: Explanation of the important or difficult terms of the Vedic texts. It rests upon the symbolic value of the letters. (This is similar to the Hebraic Cabala.)

JYOTISHA: Astronomy and Astrology. (Science of Light.)

KALPA: Prescriptions for the accomplishment of the ritual. In the "Sutras" these prescriptions are condensed into formulas more or less after the manner of algebraically terms with symbolic notations.

In addition to the Vedangas there are four UPAVEDAS (of an inferior order but in accordance with the Tradition). 1, Ayur-Veda. 2, Dhanur-Veda. 3, Gandharva-Veda. 4, Sthapatya-Veda.

Then come the six philosophical systems of Hinduism. These relate to the "modus-vivendi" (the important points of life): NYAYA, VAISHESHKA, SANKHYA, YOGA, MIMANSA, VEDANTA, are the six DARSHANAS (point of view), Nyaya (Logic and Method). The understanding of everything after examination and testing. The knowledge resulting from the use of our reasoning faculties. In this method we must distinguish sixteen PADARTHAS which correspond to the categories of the ancient occidental logic.

VAISHESHKA: It is to Kanada to whom this development is due. It is based upon recognition of things as they are, characterised by their distinctive forms in an uncertain existence. We are to consider universal manifestation by analysing its many elements (it is very near the Greek conception) or better, perhaps I can say very close to the Middle Age conception of cosmology.

There are six PADARTHAS and all constitute BHAVA (Existence).

SANKHYA: The development of this field is attributed to KAPILA and concerns Nature. It says that the universal manifestation is to be considered synthetically when it begins with

the principles which determine the production from where it takes its reality.

The process is by regular enumeration in the different degrees of the manifested being. . . . This "Darshana" can be resumed in the distinction and enumeration of the 25 TATTWAS (true elements or principles) which correspond to the hierarchic degrees.

The "Sankhya" is "Nirishwara" and this means that the followers of Sankhya do not concern themselves with the conception of Ishwara or divine personality.

It is not necessary that we think about "atheism" in order to understand this, but we must know the dual doctrine of "Purusha-Prakriti".

YOGA: The development of Yoga is attributed to PATANJALI and has for its object the realisation of effective union between the individual and the Universe, and prescribes the method to reach this state.

The metaphysical realisation is constituted in essence by identification with knowledge, so that Yoga starts from the fundamental state of concentration. (EKAGRYA). We begin with Hatha-Yoga which is most important in order to realise the suppression of all obstacles to transmutation. Later, only by metaphysical realisation is it possible to come to superior states by the observation of Yoga-Shastra. Then in order to reach the final object one should practise Raja-Yoga.

MIMANSA: Developed by JAIMINI. Here is required the analytic study of the Veda to determine the exact meaning of SHRUTI (text from direct inspiration), and then to consider the consequences which are implied or discovered in the practical order or the intellectual. Mimansa has two parts which are designed by PURVA-MIMANSA (Karma-Mimansa), UTTARA-MIMANSA (Brahma-Mimansa).

These are defined in the study, which is concerned to relate the proof and the reasons for the existence of the DHARMA (the Law, the nature, the essential reasons for the existence of the human being) with the connection of KARYA (what is to be accomplished). This, with the "Darshana" are the directly connected VEDANGAS.

VEDANTA: Attributed to VYASA. Textually it means the End of the Vedas. Its base is the Upanishads and it is presented as ADWAITA-VADA (the doctrine of no-duality).

The principal teachings which are co-ordinated and formulated into a synthesis are found in a collection of aphorisms having the title of BRAHMA-SUTRAS, and in the SHARIRAKA-MIMANSA. It is to the Vedanta that can be attributed the most important of the ideas dealing with the pure essence of the metaphysics of the Hindu Tradition.

## POINT OF VIEW ON MOHAMETANISM

It is unnecessary for me to have the title "el-Hadj" before my name because I have made the pilgrimage to Mecca. The most important thing for a Moslem is the prayers, and the fact that we accept the belief that God is everywhere. Mecca has been a Holy place in Arabia since 571 A.D., and in this place was born MOHAMMETH (or Mohammed) who, after great meditation in his cavern on Mount Hira, began to preach the patriarchal religion.

The MOSLIM (Muslim means one who is resigned to act in accordance with the will of God) has to give heed to five commands given by the "Great Prophet".

1. Recite every day that Allah is great and Mohammed is his Prophet.
2. Address prayers to God five times a day.
3. Give alms to the poor.
4. To respect the "RAMADAN" (this is the month in which the devoted must fast as long as the sun is visible, and can take meals only at night during all the Ramadan period).
5. Make a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in a lifetime.

Of course ALLAH is the name of God and there are 499 names by which the Islamic people call the Creator. The daily prayers have to be made after each ablution, and towards the direction of Mecca, in the morning, mid-day, and 4 o'clock, when the sun sets and during the night.

All beggars are respected, and it was from the respect thus paid that the idea of "fakeries" was developed. People who undergo self-mortification for the purpose of receiving money are termed "fakirs" (beggars), although we don't need to speak of them in the same breath as the real Yogi (Wise Men). The first makes an exhibition, but the second is generally in a retreat. Friendship and helping the poor are always concerned more or less with a religious meaning.

The fast is not only a question of hygiene but its purpose is more significant, so that if Christians no longer fast, it is because in the western countries where Christianity has evolved the most, such a sacrifice is no longer appreciated.

The KAABA is the temple where the Holy relics are kept, and the big square stone which is worshipped by the followers of

Mohammed is a meteorite which fell to the earth when Adam and Eve were expelled from Eden, says the Moslem legend. All people, after they have been in Mecca, take the title of "Hadji," to show that they are sanctified, the same occurs when one makes the pilgrimage to Mount Meerut, coming back with the title of "Parahamsa", which is for the Hindu an indication that the pilgrim has travelled through the Himalayas for the purpose of worshipping God upon the Spiritual Summit of the world.

HAI in Hebrew means LIFE, and in Tibetan with the H only (pronounced HA) symbolises the "souffle" (the first divine manifestation) as with the Maya, who in the beginning of their civilisation made HH to formulate the idea of God. HI in old Chinese means divine breath (Souffle).

The Coran (or Koran) is the Holy Book of the Mohametan, and contains 114 SURATAS (70 were dictated in Mecca and 44 in Medina). This holy scripture is divided into 611 "ASCHRS" and makes 6,236 verses (from which are seven for the "Fatiha"<sup>6</sup> (1) chapter and eight for the last chapter, whose title is "The Men").

The second Surata is the bigger, having 280 verses. The Coran contains 46,439 words and 323,670 letters and each one has 10 special virtues.

The Book speaks of 25 Prophets. Jesus (with the name of ISSA) is quoted 19 times.

Five animals are taken for epigraphs at the beginning of five chapters, the Cow, the Bee, the Ant, the Spider and the Elephant. The SURATA (in Arabic Surah) 102 is a very important one for esoterism; the title is the "Answer of the Numbers", as in the Bible where are given the keys to the chapters "Numbers" and in "Psalm 119".

The "QURAN" (from qara, to read) was composed by Mohammed, who delivered the lessons to his disciples verbally. The recollections of his teachings were put into writing after his death in 632.

Mohammed taught abstention from strong drink and gluttonous practices. He preached that the practice of kindness and charity was a duty, which the family and family relationships were to be respected, to be in heart, humble, and to work. He preached a life after physical death. For three years he preached and had 30 disciples. After his exodus (15th July, 622) which marks the

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<sup>6</sup> FATTHA: The First Chapter of the Koran.

beginning of the HEGIRA (the Mohammedans Era), from Mecca to Medina more and more people sought to recognise in him the last Prophet in whom is symbolised the Jewish and Christian. Today 240 million people are Mohammedans.

The Islamic world is awaiting a Messiah. This Instructor of Humanity must appear to the world at the commencement of each New Age, to give the true teachings, as did the MAITRYA of the Buddhists, the AVATAR of the Hindus, the King Christ of the Christians, and the MAHDI of the Mohammedans. Each is the symbol of a New Age as the present time is the Peace Era of the Aquarian Epoch.

The esoterical doctrine of this religion is very complicated, for most of the secrets come from the Hebraic Tradition, and numbers play the most important role in the symbolic meaning. The Arabic mathematicians, from early antiquity, were very clever in solving difficult and abstruse mathematical problems.

The Koran, like the Bible is written with esoteric keys and a great part is based upon mathematics and as in the Jewish Cabala, the magic squares are the aids of interpretation. When a magic square can be separated into its various elements or other squares, it is called "Hipermagic", in those squares are also the "diabolic" which remain magic when we change a line for a column.

The square of 16 cases is called "diabolic", the constant 34, is not only obtained by the sum of a column, a line, or a diagonal, but also with the sum of a square into the same diabolic square.

<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>

Taking as an example the small square 4-5-14-11, and the large square, we find there are 86 ways to make the sum 34 in this diabolic square.

Of course, just as the Christian, who in general, takes the Bible at the letter and reads textually the exoteric verses, which have to be understood by means of the symbolic method, so most of the Muslims take the Koran as it is written, forgetting that each holy scripture is veiled by a writing which gives a "morality" or standard of life for the public generally, but also a teaching for those who can read "between the lines".

The Order of Qadrya is very advanced in this way, for they are the disciples of Sidi Add el Qader Djilani and follow a strict ritual in the unblemished form of the antique Initiation. The Foqara (postulants) are received with a wonderful ceremony when they take up the mantel, the cordon, etc. (we know the importance of the cape or mantel in all the Initiatic Orders). The wearing of the white cape in the Order of Christ, in the Templar Knights, the Druid Community, etc., has a deep symbolic meaning. In Egypt also, the new initiate into the Sanctuary received from the Dadougue the "Etangi" or white tunic.

The ASSACIS, also called the Ismalian Order, were an Oriental Chivalry. They were the guardians of the Holy Land and were also organised with an esoteric structure (see my book, "Science and Religion" or the article the "Knights of the Temple"), but the more immediately well known sect is the SUFIS (Cufis), who are surely the most advanced in the esoteric knowledge of the Islamic doctrine, the AISSAOUAH is a sect derived from Sufism.

The works of Muvaffik ed-Din are very well based (he was Grand Master of the Korasam), but the Ismalian teachings are still the more correct. Ismael is the last visible Khalife descended from the Wahabits.

There are plenty of books about Mohammedanism, but to follow what is being interpreted is difficult, and translation is made difficult because the Arab language is rich in grammatical construction. This fact on the one hand and the veiled wisdom on the other hand make a serious handicap for those who are interested to learn. Nevertheless, if read with the commentaries of some good investigator like Rene Guenon, for example, more light and understanding is obtained concerning this religion.

My conception has always been that Hoene Wronski was not only learned in the Cabala, but must have had quite good sources of reference in regard to the teaching of Mohammed, and of the Caliph Abu Bekr (the successor of the Great Prophet), not because of what this author has written about (in spite of many books never published) but because his philosophy, which covers a wide field, is covered by a great knowledge of Oriental mathematics.

The "Law of Creation" by Wronski was discovered in 1803 and published in 1810 ("Prologomenes of Messianism" and "Reform of Humanity").

The law of creation is the way of all spontaneous generation, thus the generative law and the universal equilibrium (Balance)

condition considered in itself as its own conditioned, a state which expresses itself subjectively by its auto thesis (or self-establishment) and objectively by its autogenic (or self accomplishment).

In its application the auto thesis embraces all contained in a system of reality, whilst the autogenic contains all that one must do for the accomplishment of this system, either by one way or by two aspects; one theory, the other technique, i.e., polarised unity, perpetually in power, of which the original elements are qualitatively distinct, one by its own activity, the other by its opposed passivity.

This constitution is based on the two elements of polarity, active and passive and from this quality come the elements organically opposed, coming from the primitive tri-unity, which brings to 3 plus 7 elements, resumed in two categories (primitively and organically deduced) of which each one has the combined poles. These 7 elements unite in 4 combinations.

I know that all these concepts tend to confuse the minds of people who like the simple facts, but we don't need to be sentimental when we are teaching the TRUTH. I realise also that with all this reasoning we limit our idea of God. Of course, this is so, and it is for this reason that I like the answer of the Philosopher of Phenicy, THALES, who, in reply to the question "What is God?" answered, "What has no beginning and no end" ... but this founder of physical science in Greece, who preached the immortality of the Soul, must still use explanations, because to realise the Universal and Eternal, we need some intellectual quotations. Perhaps this is the reason why the great Chinese thinker of the fourth century, B.C., TCHOL'ANG-TSEU was so ironic towards Confucianism, a religion which is very positive and transcendental and which does not appreciate the idea of the supremacy of reason, nor approve of intellectual examples in explanation.

We should know that the esoteric side of religion existed long before the religion began to be preached. So it is with all things. For example, though Hippocrates is recognised to be the founder of medicine, he was but a student from the Egyptian temples where medicine was known and practised in secret, and from his knowledge he only made a free science of observation. Herod employed the railway in Egypt but this knowledge was allowed to lapse after the end of the Great Dynasties, until the nineteenth century, A.D., when this means of transportation was again used.

Again, we honour Benjamin Franklin as the inventor of the lightning conductor, but we know today that there was a rod above the Pyramid of Gizah some 3,500 B.C. which fulfilled the same purpose.

It is the same with many things, unknown some 100 or 200 years ago, but very well known about 3,000 B.C. Religion has its hidden as well as its public side, and there is still an esoteric principle to preserve from the degeneration which results from a too profane teaching.

HASSAN-SABAH, the first Grand Master of the Ismailian Order, studied during the whole of his youth, the Sufism of Muvaffik ed-Din, although this philosophy existed long before. Then HASSAN II, called the third "Old Man of the Mountain" in the XIII century, allowed the secrets to be revealed, and was in consequence, assassinated. From the time he declared that if a knowledge of the Symbolic science was known, it was unnecessary to have the littoral or intellectual interpretation of sensory observations, the Assacis Order declined. Never has it been possible to give much light to the profane world, and for this reason all religions have their esoteric part. Geber was a great expounder of his time (VIII century) concerning the secret teaching ("Liber investigaticnis magisterü," "Testamentum Geberi regis Indiae", "Alchimia Geberi").

It is when we read books about the "Ilm el Nizam" (Science of the Balance, also called the Science of the Keys) that we begin to understand that there is something very old in the Muslim teachings, and such studies like the "Ilm el Quimija" show that the Christian Rosicrucian has taken their information from the Arabic world. It is not necessary to make an apology to Mohammedanism, because many great scientists have recognised the depth of the Islamic philosophy, which proclaims the Divine Unity. It makes no worship of symbols or Prophets, but worships only God as can be seen from the first page of the Koran:

El-Hamdu Lillahi Rabbi el'-Aalamin.

(Glory to God, Master of the Universe.)

## POINT OF VIEW ON CHRISTIANITY

One of the most complicated of religions is surely the Christian one. The complexity is not so much in its theology, which, more or less is a combination of Mazdeism and Buddhism, but in the numerous and different sects. Matters of the first importance that we have to consider are the two great branches of the Christian Religion: the primitive philosophy known in the more ancient Tradition of Antiquity (the CHRISTIC) and the new religious form which came into existence after the coming of Jesus of Nazareth. (CHRISTIANITY).

The "Christic" is the great Initiation in Eternity, the Traditional teaching of Purity (the stone known as the Crystal, because of its purity, symbolises this teaching). There existed a Christic Law before, during and after the time of Jesus. The Christic Institution has existed to give the world an Instructor each 2,000 years (exactly at each constellation of equinoctial precession) and the last group were the ESSENES (not the Hebrew sect, but the Esoteric Community of the White Brotherhood).

The Essenes, of whom John-Aschai (John the Baptist) was the Master of the Order, constituted the last organisation to proclaim the Eternal Word by the mouth of Jesus the Christ. He proclaimed the Christic Law and announced the coming of the King Christ, who is not to be sacrificed but glorified, because this second coming is to adapt to the needs of Humanity the Christic Law taught by Him.

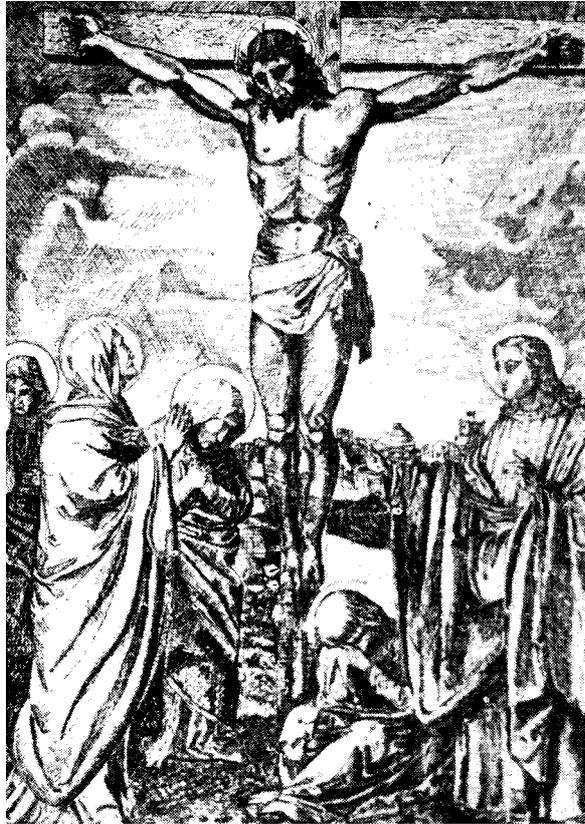
Christianity embraces all the many sects formed by the disciples of the Disciples, the Adepts of the Apostles, etc., a few years after the death of Jesus of Nazareth. Little by little they formed religious sects, and today those people who desire to learn of the wonderful preaching of the Great Nazarite have only to become members of one of the sects, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Evangelists, etc. Each one, is of course, proficient in regard to the preaching, but as a Soudanese said to me one day: "We worship only God and follow the method that Mohammed has given us. Don't you think that you forget God Himself, with so many interpretations of your Prophet Jesus . . .?"

This question recalls to me the fact that the ancient Government of Rome formulated its own religion the Roman Catholic. Then we

have the Greek with the same name of Catholic (Universal), the Apostle Thomas founded the Chaldean Church on his way to India, the Russians have also their own Orthodox Church, even the Albanian people have a Catholic Church of Albania.... So with the name of "Catholic" (Katolicos means universal in the idea of world unity) each nation has its own Christian religion, the Church of England, Baptist, Church of Christ, Christian Scientists, Congregational, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian and all the Protestant sects, speak about Christ with different ceremonies, dogmas and rituals. We can also mention the Salvation Army, the Seventh Day Adventists and other Christian sects equally well known. There are, however, many other Christian branches not so well known, as for example, Ophites, Monis of Turkestan, Massalians, Manicheism, Mandeans, Lampitians, Koukeans, Bardesanites, Audians, etc., which assert that they are the only representatives giving the true teachings of Christ.

It is correct to write Jesus when we write about the traditional and historical Jesus, the personality born in Bethlehem, and for whom so many religions claim to be representatives, but it is JHESU when we speak about the Master, the Initiate, the Eternal Instructor, from whom the Disciples (Nazarites) received the teachings, and still receive them through the medium of the Esoteric Centres.

Of course it is the same MAN, but the only thing that we can say is that one part is the personality (the Jesus, of whom there are public records), and the other part, which is the Individuality (the Jhesu, known to the Initiates). The same physical entity is considered by people to be a prophet divinely to bring into the world a new religion (whole of Christianity), but on the other hand is considered by the Disciples of the Master, the Eternal Christ of Initiation (only the Christics). The way in which His name is written shows how one considers Him; the popular Jesus has been destroyed by many writers, but the Master of (the Order of Fishes, the Initiate Jhesu, the Master with the Eternal Verb, the Christ, can never be touched by critics, calumny, or limitations.



Crucifixion. (Composed by de la Ferriere in 1942.)

The employment of the word CHRIST needs some clearing up. This title is generally accorded only to Jesus, in the same way that the title Buddha is given to Siddhartha Gautama. It is necessary to know that the word CHRIST means a "plane" or a "state" and this Christic level is the presence of the ray from the Universal Spirit which comes to illumine, to inspire and to quicken the Divine Spark which is in every human being.

The Universal Logos sometimes incarnates itself in a human form, as 2,000 years ago it came in the flesh of the little Emanuel, who took the name of JHESU the day of his Initiation.

It is not possible to explain here, in a limited way, this condition of Theology and Esoterism, but we can say that a person's salvation is dependent upon his own development to the extent that he can reach within himself to find by comparison the perfect stature of Christ ("Christ in you" ... Colossians, Chap. 1, verses 27 and 28).

People know that the child named Emanuel took later the name of Jesus of Nazareth, but it may not be known that the term NAZARIA represents the qualification for the Hermit-Therapeutics. The Nazarite (from Nazar, which means "to vow") is one who refrains from cutting the hair or beard, from drinking wine, etc. (Numbers, VI, 5; Judges, XIII, 5). This organisation, because it was a Nazarean movement (Amos, chap. 2, verse 11) was the Independent and Free-Essenes (those who do not live in the community) and here JHESU the Nazarite (and not Jesus of Nazareth) was educated.

How many Christians are aware of these facts, and believe that the Great Master ate fish. Any such reference is symbolic and quite easy to understand when we remember the "two fish" which represent the Pisces Sign of the Zodiac, and the "twelve baskets." (Matthew XIV, 17 and 20). Again we have mentioned "153 fishes" (John XXI, verse 11) which is a symbolical expression containing the secret value of 17, a number so important in Christian Esoterism. We know that the vow of the Nazarite does not permit him to drink wine. This is also true for the Essenes (the cup at the Supper was of raisins "fruit of the vine", Matthew XXVI, 29). The translator of the Bible should know that the "holy man drinks neither wine nor strong drink" (Luke 1, verse 15). Because he did not want to suffer death in a drunken state, Jesus refused the POSKA, a drink made from vinegar and absinthe and given to diminish the sufferings of a condemned person. The "Holy Soma" should not be translated as wine, nor should "lucis" from the latin Bible be translated as "fish", when it means "light", but the literal term is "dolphin." However, it would take too long to translate fully the Greek word "Ichteos", the first symbolic term to mention the CITRIST. (This term the primitive Christians represented by a fish on a cross). He was termed at times "ORIENS", which is a word symbolising the "rising sun", being a comparison with the ELOHI-QEDEM (the Ancient of days) who existed before any day. Oriens is a word which signifies the "sign of origen", and comes from the Hebrew root Q.D.M. (it is for this reason that QaDMon means Oriental) which can be translated by the idea of precedence (qadam). Such an idea in Anabic., referring more or less, to the antiquity of something as "qedem" in Hebrew or "qidm" in Arabic (el-insanul-qadim, the primordial man). ORIENS symbolises JHESU in his 1997 weeks of Christic Life. The idea of "precedent" (to be), as before His Incarnation in the body of Emanuel the son

of Mary, is confirmed when He answered, "before ABRAHAM I WAS"!

The public immediately discredited the idea that a man living during the Roman Epoch of that time could speak of his living during the 4th Racial period. Hence the Jews replied "Blasphemer, how can you be as old as our Father Abraham" . . . (who was born 24,177 years before our Era"). But how could he say that he was a "Nirmanakaya", a being who had reached the Sublime State, and that He did not desire to take His exalted position but preferred to be of use to his Brethren in Humanity and to help them by virtue of His great sacrifice. All this, however, is anirva chaniya (inexplicable) because it must be realised. Thus it is of no importance for some authors to say or write to the effect that Nazareth never existed (we have never seen a map from antique times which gives a position to this town), that the wedding of Cana is a myth (we know that at least three towns each named Cana existed) one near Tyre, the second in Galilee near Sephoris, which is today called Saffourich, and the third upon the road from Tiberiade. From the above it will be seen that it has never been possible to arrive at a proper location. We know also that the division of the loaves was never made in Caphernaem but in Perea: all these arguments have no value however, when we become aware of another reason which is stronger by far than any reason based upon historical documentation, we mean the Christic Law, which eliminates all the contradictions and differences supporting the different sects upon which Christianity is based.

Of course, the difficulty in this matter is that there are so many sects and each one follows a variation of the Christian teaching. A few months ago I was asked by a native in China why there are so many churches in the western world. Thousands of missionaries are in the East with explanations of Christ, which are always different. I was in a country where I was obliged to confess to the truth of the statement. Here the type of Temple was the same, the ritual the same for all, and worship was carried on with the same form of ceremonial in each temple, and by each person. It was very difficult to contradict him when he said to me, "You see we are Buddhists and so follow the example of Lord Buddha, but for Christians . . . some tell us that we have to adore the Virgin, His Mother, others that we must take the examples of Saint John, Saint Andrew or Saint Paul, or another Saint, that we must take wine, or that we must not take wine; that we have to pray to the Angels, while other

missionaries say that this is not necessary . . . thus we are very confused, and do not understand the religion of the western people, who call themselves the civilised world. If you are Christians there should be neither divisions nor disagreement, and surely you should follow the example of Christ as we follow the example of Buddha".

The 150 million people who call themselves Christians are not only divided into different groups, with distinct rituals, but hold different beliefs and in consequence, give to them different philosophical meanings. Of the great religions, the sect having the smallest numbers of adherents (Buddhism, 500 millions; Brahmins, 250 millions; Mohammedanism, 240 millions) is today the most divided in respect of creed, and Christianity loses supporters as time goes by. Of course there are Christians in name, but more and more people desire to investigate the Truth of things and no longer are they content to remain merely blind believers. The brain of the 20th century demands a logical explanation concerning spirituality, a state which has degenerated in the last Age, to the point that the spiritists have taken the name of spiritualists. The "spiritists" are those people who try to make contact with the dead, and practise mediumship. The "spiritualists" are the adepts of that philosophy which takes the Spirit as the Eternal part of life, in opposition to the "aspiritualists" (those who follow the materialistic philosophy and who believe in matter only).

The Christian theology has taken a viewpoint parallel to that of the Brahma's trilogy (Brahma Vishnu Shiva) in regard to the Creator (God the Father)-the Substance (the Son) and a Universal Consciousness (the Holy Ghost).

The ideas giving rise to God and Satan come from the Persian religion taught by Zoroaster: the GOOD (ORMUZD) and the BAD spirits (AHRIMAN, the devil). The Zoroastrian religion was preached 6,000 years B.C. (Zoroaster is the Greek term for Zarathustra -one who has old camels-)

Paradise and Hell are Mazdeism philosophical conceptions. The question of the Angels is one from the Hebraic tradition. This tradition is called Cabal (or Kabbal) and each manner of writing it means a different understanding of it. QABBALAH is the Hebraic Tradition (understood by esoteric and initiatic tradition) and the root letters Q.B.L. denote the connection between two things, placed one in front of the other (to receive, to accept, the verb is "qabal" from which is derived "QABBALAH" meaning "what is

received" or "what is transmitted" ) and the first emanations of this are the SEPHIROTH ( Splendours) . These are defined in Revelations, chap. V, verse 12. There are 10 Sephiroths (the tree of life with the 32 ways) from which one trilogy emerges above the seven other attributes ( like a sublime world-the Divine "Creator", one god in "form" and the third in "spirit", also the seven planets of the Tradition symbolise the seven states of matter). This trinity is KETHER (the Supreme Crown) HOCHMAH (Wisdom) and BhIAH (Intelligence). Saint Saul spoke of HOCHMAH (Koran. XV, 45) and qualified the "novissimus Adam" to make a distinction between the primitive Adam and the first man (Genesis, chap. 1, 27 or in the ZOHAR III, 3-a). It is too difficult to write here about the interesting "HA-ADAM" (in Hebrew-the Man) with the numerical value 57, and ADAMAH (in Hebrew-pulled from the Earth). In the QABBALAH, God, "Holy-Holy-Holy" is represented by three "Yod" (the 10th letter of the Hebraic alphabet, and a most important key). When written in a circle one associates it with the Masonic triangle with the eye T.G.O.T.G.A.O.T.U.

After the three Superior Splendours there come the seven other Sephiroths called "Knowledge". In this Divine attribution we have to recognise the "relative and absolute". The Catholic Theologians recognise here the "proprieties" and the "relations" and the "notions". In Revelations the correct name is GUELIONAH, the book of the Christian Kabbalah, the Apocalypse, we have the name of the seven inferior Sephiroths (these are the symbols of the seven double letters of the Hebraic alphabet: B.G.D.K.P.R.T. the "propitiatory veil"). John wrote in his first chapter "Grace and Peace upon you, from the part of who is, who was and who will be"-that is the exact translation for the Hebraic explanation-" Hayah, howeh vveyiheyih" and from the part of the seven Spirits which are before the throne (Revelations, chap IV, verse 5). That is to say the three Superior Sephiroths with the divine names "Eheyeh Iah Iahweh" from the name of ZE, equals 12, the name of 12 letters evolving from the name of four letters "IEVE", makes EFEIFEIE-EIEF to which the Talmud (Jewish Holy Book) refers when it mentions the name of 42. We know the mechanism of IEFE in regard to its transformation from IEVE.

These seven inferior Sephiroths are represented by the seven golden candlesticks, the seven lamps of the Kabbalists, the seven Chakras of the Yogis, the seven notes of the musicians, the seven colours of the physical from which is the "Son of Man", also the

"Bar Enosch" of Daniel. They are the seven spirits mentioned in Zachariah.

Below these 10 Sephiroths there are 10 other subSephiroths for each Sephira, making an unlimited number of Kabbalistic trees . . . but it is too long to examine this aspect now, because before doing so we would need to speak about "Ariq-Anpin" (the great figures) and "Zeir Anpin" (the little figures) whose forms are the divine essence in different potentialities.

The fundamental names written upon the sephirothic tree are called "SOUL"-(the "raza" mystery). Each soul receives another name symbolising "Life" (mila ratio) and each life receives another name which constitutes the "Body" of which the exact translation is the "garment" (Lebouscha).

The "Zeir Anpin" are the forms or the garments of the great figures, and from this we have the idea of the "Angels". But we are very far removed from the time when people believed in "Angels" (those nice white beings-never black or yellow, etc.), and the technical view given to the Initiate in Qabalah.

Here is a brief definition of the term "Aspiritualist" from my encyclopaedic dictionary of esoteric terms: "ASPIRITUALIST". In this doctrine everything is matter or force. Power is according to the different systems whether as product, cause or manifestation of matter. In this radical opinion the passions, the affections, the desires, and the thoughts come from the modification or the vibration of the nervous cells. Differences between people are, more or less, only a question of phosphor-atoms. Love, hate, pride, virtue, free-will, intelligence, etc., all such emotions appearing in the make-up of a personality are considered as no more than the actions and reactions of the chemical properties which go to make up the human organism, and can be compared with the chemical constituents which form the limestone capes or the granite hills, or other physical counterparts."

This doctrine now has few supporters, but it derives its strength from the note of absolutism and objectiveness it contains. It is the opposite view from that of the blind belief of the religious fanatic, a religious state no longer understood. No longer do people have a deep religious faith but ask a logical explanation of mysticism, and receiving no satisfactory answer from the representatives of philosophy, ministers of religion, teachers of doctrines, etc., begin to turn their thoughts towards the materialistic side of things and by

so doing, enlarge that group of people who can be termed "half learned."

The "aspiritualist" is not exactly an "atheist". We need to make such a distinction although our western languages are not entirely suitable for the purpose, and on many occasions I have found it necessary to explain how difficult it is when we begin to speak about philosophy, theology, esoterism, religion, etc., because of the limited meanings we are obliged to use in regard to these and such like terms. We should take the words in the original, otherwise we get only relative values when we translate from the Sanskrit, Hebrew, Pavi, Chinese, etc., etc., because we can give only subjective meanings to the terms so translated, we have more or less a similarity but never can we catch the correct meanings or the true conceptions of the Ancient Sages. The old languages like HAMITIC, HRAL-ALTAIC or Aryan groups from which is derived the Ancient Egyptian, Mongol, TOKHAN, etc. have themselves descended from the primitive Heliehtic Culture so that we must exercise great care when translating from the texts of the "dead languages" (Syrian, Runes, Greek, etc.), into modern modes of speech (Italian, German, English, etc. ) I will give an example from the Bible which contains many forms of miss-translations, not only from the original texts but in the numerous editions written in the "living languages". This example is from chapter 1, verse 27 of the Colossians, and in French shows that it is written about the "pagan" (paiens), in English is written the word "Gentiles" (gentilis" in Latin means "gens" . . . the same "family" or "clan" although it can be "national" but to translate the Hebrew word "goyyim" (non-Israelite people) the translators have taken "gentes" meaning "foreign", in order to describe the Romans. In Norwegian, the word used is "hedningene", Dutch gives "vreemdelingen". I take the above example because at this moment I am concerned with it, but on numerous occasions I have proved and shown how different are the meanings of other words in the Dutch, Spanish, or Portuguese Bibles. The same verses given above take on a completely different idea with the changing of a word, however, I don't wish to provoke a discussion concerning the differences from the original text from which the Bible was compiled. Even if one understands several languages to which he may refer in regard to the ideas expressed in his Bible, he yet must know the esoteric keys to give the correct explanation, so that in this sense the language in which his Bible is written, is of less importance because the keys

are universally understood. Each verse of the Bible expresses several relationships and each of the genealogy hides a series of numerical cycles, but here we touch again upon a secret part of the teaching (Matthew XIII, 11, 13 and 14). Jesus made known that there is an exoterism and an esoterism in the teaching (Mark IV, from 10 to 13).

Some people can read between the lines and yet some others are not ready for that experience (Luke VIII, 10). It is not a question of intellectuality alone, for science and knowledge must be understood in synthetically relationship with experience, but science has taken away the synthetically and philosophical views of the Great Studies (Luke XI, 52). Also the Initiatic Path is not easy, for one must devote oneself to the realisation of the Truth and for a long time remain a Disciple before really understanding the words of the Master (John XVI, 12). Indeed it is necessary that we distinguish between the aspiritualist and the materialist; the first accepts the idea of study and realises the mechanism of the world, the second likes to enjoy only, but such a definition is a well-known one, just as is known the definition of an atheist who is said to be a person who does not believe in God from the point of view of the general religious meaning.

In each realm of thought it is the same. When we speak about the SANGSARA (or Samsara; in Tibetan it is HKHORVA) it is the universal phenomenon itself. Its antithesis is NIRVANA (in Tibetan Myang-hdas) and this is, moreover, also a phenomenon. But the Nirvana of the Buddhists is not the Paradise of the Christian thinker, and immediately we attempt to translate or to make commentaries we are wrong. Here begins the difficulties connected with teaching for once we begin to give explanations we are limited by the understanding. It is for such a reason that the aspiritualist can be successful for he can explain in *cui* and dried scientific terms, whereas the spiritualist (who is not to be confused with the "spiritist") can only make his appeal by means of subjective philosophy.

Spiritualism existed long before the Christian Era, for the School of Rabbin Shammai was predominant during the time of Jesus, and it is Hillel who said, "don't do to others what you don't desire done to yourself, everything else is but commentary". Nevertheless there is nothing to detract from the teaching of Christ in its theological form, which is marvellous. The great theologian of the XIII century, Saint Thomas Aquinas, called the Angelic Doctor", (who

was a member of the Dominican Order from his 17th year) was noted for his great work "The Summae" and was a disciple of Albert-the-Great (Albert Magnus), Bishop of Ratisborn (who was a reputed Mage) and learnt from him astrology, alchemy, magic, etc. Saint Thomas wrote: "De esse et essentia mineralium", the "Liber lilü Benedicti" and the great magic book "Secreta alchimiae magna" and "Tractatus Alchimiae". He left us also numerous astrological aphorisms, yet he remains the great Doctor of the Catholic Church. The Summae of Thomas Aquinas is a basis for study in the Catholic Seminary. Protestantism takes the Bible for all questions, but some of the Christian sects go further in their learning and prepare for an understanding of the Bible by studying the oldest books, like "the book of Daniel", the "Psalms of the Macchabeans" (attributed to David) "Ecclesiastes" of Jesus, Son of Sirach, the "Wisdom" from Philon (some say that it is by Solomon) and there are also other books from the Essenes which are interesting to read in preparation for a study of the Bible.

The "Sepher-Yetzirah" and the "Sepher ha-Zohar" make up the QABBALAH, and with these as a basis the Bible was compiled. As written in the ZOHAR (III, 52a) "the literal sense of the scriptures is the envelope, and it ill becomes one to take the envelope for the Scriptures themselves". The Scriptures have a body, which is the commandments, they have clothes and these are the historical facts, also they have a Soul and this was revealed to the Disciples. It is the Soul of the Scriptures which constitutes the essential parts, and the foundations. They are culpable, who pretend that the Scriptures are but a narration of events. The Zohar instructs (chap 2, 130), that each word of the Holy Scriptures has 49 interpretations corresponding to the 49 doors of Mercy. It also mentions (1.25-b) that the scriptures present 70 interpretations (there were 70 Sages to make the Vulgate, the Latin version of the first Bible).

The Cross, an ancient symbol which the Christians used, expresses forces opposed two by two to give birth to the quintessence (the image of the active over the passive, the spirit over the matter).

In Alchemy the "quintessence" is the 5th substance, which is an extraction from the most spirituality and radical substance of matter. It can be obtained by the separation of the elements whose purest parts are united to form one celestial and incorruptible essence released from all heterogeneity.

The mixture from the three principles (sulphur, mercury and salt) which arise from the four elementary qualities produces after some

manipulation, a single subtle product called QUINTESCENCE (or predestined element). It is a natural essence and one which has a substratum in which one of the celestial spirits is enclosed and from there operates.

Heraclite called that a celestial essence takes its name from where it originates.

Paracelsus says that it is the being of our central heaven.

Aristotle named it as a very pure substance, incorporated in a certain form but not mixed by accidents.

The Sublime Quintessence would be the "Philosopher's Stone" from the HERMATIST conception, and something like the fourth dimension, which can be called "the dimension of the vibration" serving to determine the different degrees, states or planes (the level of planes). This conception gives rise to PARADESHA (Sanskrit, meaning more distant than the earth) and from this the Chaldeans have made (Holy land) Pardes, "Pardes", "Para-desa" has been introduced into the Persian language as "Paradise" to signify "the more distant" (the other world).

If the Christic is a western religion, then Christianity is definitely an eastern religion. In reality, the Christic was the religion of the first primitive civilisation in the occidental world, which brought its knowledge to the East by emigrating there after the great diluvia catastrophist of Antiquity. Adapted by the Oriental world, the Christic Initiation was obliged to become a poetic doctrine having many subjective stories for the popular mind. We know for instance, that "Alj Baba and the Forty Thieves" is a popular story, but it contains occult initiatic teaching, just as the "Thousand and One Nights" contains all the keys for the understanding of Islamic esoterism. Coming into the land of Israel, the Christic doctrine was completely mixed with an eastern atmosphere and the first adepts of the new religion called Christianity took the philosophy of the Persian Magician, with dogmas from the Hindus and customs of the Buddhists applicable to the Jewish conceptions. All this leads to a great difficulty today, to know whether or not people ought to take the letter of the teachings of Jesus or to understand in a symbolic way.

Christ said, "I am Aleph and Tau". If we consider this point we obtain 401 in guametry and 363 in esoteric value. ALEPH corresponds to a spiritus lenis in the guttural letters, and TAU in the dental letter to a tenuous aspirate, so we can make a Jin and Tchang in modern Chinese and this helps us to understand many things, but

the translators of the Bible have written that Christ said: "I am the Alpha and the Omega". Jesus did not speak in Greek. Why, if they translate into English, do they not translate the "A" and the "Z". That is to say, that either the translation should be made completely, or the text should remain in the Hebrew "Aleph" and "Tau")-because Aleph and Omega make something like 801 and the vibrations are completely different.

We know of course, that Aleph and Tau are the first and the last letter of the Hebrew Alphabet, but those who made the translation endeavour to give the same idea by taking the first and last letters of another alphabet. But why take the Greek? Because from the original texts which were in Aramaic, Syrian, Chaldean, etc., Greek and Latin translations (which made for easier understanding by the public of those times), were copied.

It is a pity to have to say such things because it is easy to understand that the symbol "I am the Alpha and Omega" is, unfortunately not the same symbol as "I am the Aleph and Tau", although they mean "I am the Beginning and the End", but this meaning comes from the Hebraic Alphabet with its 22 letters, consequently we have a vastly different problem on hand if we consider the quotation from the point of view of the Greek Alphabet and its 24 basic letters. It is when we examine the symbol in the light of the 22 Kabbalistic arcana's that we arrive at the deepness of the meaning. Twenty-two represents the circle (having no beginning and no end) and when divided by seven (the inferior sephiroths) we have the universal equation of P1 at the base of the "quadrature of the circle", which presents to us a most important philosophic-mathematical problem. The origin of the problem which proposes esoterically the quadrature of the circle is that geometrically all square  $n^2$  is the expression of the surface of a square with the side "n". Symbolically or qualitatively, the production of  $n^2$  means the quadrature of "n" in the four directions of a plane and its projection in the form of a cross in the perpendicular plane at the direction of the number of origin. Those four directions are in connection with the Mercabah (the char of Ezekiel).

If, in the Bible we can find some keys in original inscriptions, like the 22 Kabbalistic arcanae represented by the 22 Hebraic letters of the Psalm 119, why then change quotations that are of great importance, as, for instance, the first sentence of Genesis? It is because only words are translated and the true spirit of the essential

idea which is initiatic, has been lost. (Those who translate and are familiar with several languages know this fact in regard to the difficulties of translation). Of course we know that St. Jerome did not fully understand Hebrew and in consequence the Biblical translation received some alterations.

To take, for example, only the first sentence of the Bible, we can so analyse it that 1,500 sentences, completely different from the original text, can be obtained which, of course, leads to great misunderstanding for any person who ignores the esoteric value, thus "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Gen. 1, 1). In demotic form this is a very bad translation of "Breschith Bara Elohim eth ha—schamaim v'eth ha-aretz" from the original. The second word "bara" does not mean "to create" only in the idea of making something. We can understand better if we take the Zohar (1, 3-b): "The creation was first c1\_ased by the word **Bara**, was opened and fecund by the word **Eber**, the sacred principle upon which rests the world". We don't quite understand why the word ELOHIM was changed into God. There is some difference, of course, because Elohim is not the Divine; had the translators been a little more observant they would have seen this a little farther on in the chapter of Genesis, verse 26: "And God said, let us make man in our own image, after our likeness". We have first to make the remark that, in the French version we have "a notre image et selon notre ressemblance" (in our image and according to our likeness), and in the Spanish version, "hacemos el hombre a nuestra imagen y a nuestra semejanza" ("in our image and in our likeness"), the Scandinavian copy gives, "Og Gud sa: La oss gjore mennesker i vart billede, after var lignelse" (after our likeness), such little details are more important than they appear to be on the surface. But coming back to our idea-God spoke with WHOM? ... Let us . . .," from this comes the idea that God is not the correct translation Elohim. In the conception of the Gnostic, God is the Absolute and in the Christian Theology-the Creator, but Elohim is the "Elohenou, the Third Essence, without which the Creation could not have taken place. Elohim is the emanation of "Schem-Hamephorasch" who crowns the Sephirothic Tree. It is more or less Kether when he makes the connection (Yoga) between Binah and Hochmah (the two sides of IEVE, the "two majesties"), thus, "Let us . . ." is of this kind of plurality, which is here indicated.

In Genesis chapter 1, verse 3, the Scripture says in regard to the Creation, "God said let there be light". To whom did God speak?

For the answer, we turn to Zohar. Who said to whom? Elohim says to the two other Essences "Listen Israel" (that is to say Jehovah on the right side and Jehovah on the left side).

So we take the symbolic meaning or we may attend to the literal understanding, yet at once the truth escapes if the keys are not revealed, that is, if initiation is not received. As those who write of giants, dwarfs, fairies, etc., remark, "each one understands according to his or her level of understanding", folklore stories are nice examples for children, or have moral worth for some people, but in the stories are, as are to be found with some playing pieces (like dominoes, nin-jong, etc.), the esoteric keys for the initiates. . . Books can be destroyed, but songs and folklore, card games (for example the exoteric explanations from the Egyptian sacred Taro legends, etc., are there for the investigator of the Truth. The Bible remains a great Esoteric monument, like the Popul-Vuh of the Myas, the Bardo-Thodol of the Tibetans, the Talmud of the Hebrews, the Book of the Dead of the Egyptians, the Zend-Avesta of the Persians, the Tao King of the Chinese, etc.

A great question regarding the Christian teaching, is the question concerning the Soul, and below I give a definition of the Soul which I propose to use in the composition of my new dictionary: SOUL: Subtle part between the physical body and the spiritual. This plastic mediator is the Second Plane (domain). The Occultist calls this the ASTRAL BODY. The Astral plane is that part which joins the Spirit to the Matter). It is the more elevated part of the matter and is the etheric body which the Spirit makes for itself with the Cosmic fluids which join the Asters (planets) hence the name of "Astral".

The soul is the seat, more or less, of the Inconscience and it retains there all the passions of the being. It is, of course, below the direction of the Spirit, which is always the most elevated part of the Individuality. Above the Astral, the Psychic Body, or the intellectual' soul, is the characteristic principle of the Human Being and is in the circumvolutions of the brain. However, each of the planes have sub-divisions, and some people who are more highly gifted have a much superior type of soul, the "moral" or spiritual soul-and this is of a higher degree than the intellectual soul, which in turn is above the animal soul- ( the astral plane). Much higher and greatly above all this principle of action is the Divine germ which can be developed and conducted immediately to "Paradise"

or "Nirvana", which state means absorption in the Divine. This we call the Divine Soul (the Holy Spirit) or the "Atma".

The physical body is the cart, the astral body the horse, but the driver must be the Spirit.

Although the physical body (the Sthula-Sharira), or what the Theosophist calls the "rupa"-the form) is easy to understand, the other forms of the human being are more subjective in the ordinary idea of things. We must understand that man has three bodies: the physical, the astral and the divine. These are called also matter, fluidic and psychic. They can be described also as carnal plane (world of the physical), etheric plane (astral world) and intellectual plane (superior world). The great difficulty is to distinguish between the boundaries of each, but on account of the several theories and conceptions and so many divisions (spirit, perispirit, soul, astral body, domain, plane, double, odic, cordon, etheric force, etc.) the problem is made complex and perplexing as to explanation.

Saint Paul spoke about a "vital body" when he said "Man is so psychicon and must be resuscitated pneumaticon, the spiritual body". Spirit is the word given by people for the superior conception of the Infinite Living Soul. It means something more elevated than the life and soul that we know just as these are more superior to mechanical energy and to matter. Spirit is the Divine Spark detached from the Eternal Essence of Creation, Omniscience, to which it returns after a number of evolutions.

After physical death, the majority of people (excepting the Masters and Initiates) have to suffer a second death (from the Soul), which is a separation from the impure elements of the astral body (sometimes also it is a slow decomposition). It is necessary that this purification take place in order that the true individuality (the Spirit) can reach its appointed heaven ("Paradise", "Nirvana", etc.), which it alone knows, and to which it is attracted by the affinity of planes.

The "Beatification" is the medium by which to enter into that state sought for by all mystics and people with the religious turn of mind. This is a state of complete harmony and peace, the domain of relaxation. The means are naturally different, because the doctrines are distinct and various.

The Spiritist system of beatification has an analogy with the above also, for here too, we have the gradual sublimation of the spiritual body, until step by step all the inferior elements are eliminated. In

the degree to which it elevates itself, the spiritual body takes on more and more an affinity or becomes more and more refined until it is no longer subject to the change called death because the spirit has entered into a new and superior sphere of development where the spirit adapts itself to other forms and customs. Discussions upon this theme would be interesting, but for such discussions we would need to analyse the "Chidghana", the massive conscience constituted by the Ishvara-Tattwa. It is CHIT associated with SHAKTI, in which combination are, undifferentiated and indistinct in the mass, all the latent worlds destined to be manifested.

There are numerous other questions to be analysed but this is not the place and not the time to do it. This little booklet is written to give only a rudimentary idea concerning the different doctrines and to try to bring to one's notice, the need to understand and to study, because it is not only a question of the different languages in many cases wrongly translated, but more particularly the fact that in one's own language we find incorrect interpretations.

How difficult it is to understand that the word "aerosome" which is used in the Catholic Seminaries, has the same meaning as "fluidic body" used by the Occultists. The generic term "astral-body" is known also by "subtle-chariot", "Archee", "Mumie", "Enirmon", "Nephesh", "Sustratum", "Vital-Od", "Perisprit", etc.... Science accepts the theory of the Soul, but here it is a question of name, like "Vital-Spirit", "Dynamic-Force", "Psychic-Force", "Animal Electricity", "Electro-Dynamism", "Nervous influx", "Physiologic-fluid", in order that there can be no confusion with the religious conceptions of the same.

We should understand that it is confusing to make a hasty judgment when it is so difficult, and takes a considerable time (some lives) to analyse the problem of Spirituality in one doctrine, such as Christianity.

Many people argue of course, that all this learning is not necessary, because with Love, the world can be made safe. I agree, but would like to ask some of those people if they know exactly what this kind of love means, this Universal Love which requires a correct understanding by all the people of the Earth, and how there can be this Universal Love, if each one's preoccupation, each one's conception about the problem of the Soul, each one's idea concerning the Spirit, or the Divine ... is not understood. Yes, I agree with this kind of Love when it is animated by sentiments so nice, and as we Nazarites say . . .

PEACE is with you! . . .

For the new United World, for the Golden Age, promised in all the prophecies, for the realisation of the Kingdom of Christ: LOVE YOU, ONE ANOTHER.

## SYNTHESIS

More or less today the world understands the necessity to unite to preserve humanity from an enormous catastrophe. It is never too late for good actions, but we see a great difficulty created by the differences of ideology, to realise this universal brotherhood and sisterhood.

This misunderstanding comes in part from differences in language, but such differences can be remedied if we make an effort to participate in the desires and aspirations of others. People in general don't make any efforts to think about the welfare of their neighbours and it is from this indifference that springs those cleavages between races.

It is doubtful if tolerance for others is very much considered these days, and as long as we refuse to accept the idea that "all conceptions are good if they are sincere" we can never build a new world. We need this new building up of Humanity because we are unanimous in proclaiming the impossibility to follow Life as it is today. Of course it is not with the atomic bomb that we can save anything, but the atomic power is there for use on the side of good, so why not use it so? I mean on the side of peace, or from a harmonic point of view, and that is to say from a creative aspect. Human beings today, think always on the negative side about the possibilities of destruction. The problem, however, is not without its solution, but we have to remember that it is not by killing the Spirit that we can cure it. That the Spirit is ill, we know. All the problems come from the confusion of mind regarding the place of Humanity today. This confusion results because, at bottom, it is just the "spiritual question" which has resulted in those aggressive ideologies which are a feature of the world movements of our time. Spirituality has been relegated to the social side only, and the viewpoint of Humanity has been directed by the egocentricities of the individual. From this has come materialistic self-centredness which has been built into a pattern to serve the individual in relation to his needs and desires.



The great philosopher Confucius. (Drawn by the author.)

We have to return to the ideal type of humanity and the form of government in which flourished the long peaceful epoch in antiquity. The great Civilisation was always based upon Theocratic-Scientific Direction, the union of the people below the authority of the Wise. The Priesthood of the Antique Age was a Community of Sages, completely all knowing in Science or Philosophy and with a perfect understanding of all problems because of the knowledge of the Synthesis of Wisdom given by the Great Initiation. We come back to this ideal form of Supremacy of World Direction, not because it is a retrograde step, but because it is on this unchanging basis that we can build anew and reform our lives. Also it must be understood that we are not speaking about the

movements of such civilisations of Greece and Rome, the Initiatic Civilisation which is mentioned here concerns that College of Sages who have always governed the world, but sometimes in an occult manner and at other times publicly, as was done during the epochs of the great Inca, Maya, and Toltec Fraternities. The mention of these names does not refer to the degenerate races that were conquered by the Spaniards, but the true Initiates of America who were in evidence from 10,000, 15,000, 20,000 and more years ago.

Of course, the passing from one period to another as we are doing at this present always brings difficulties in its train. The transitory age between two Eras denoted a period of trouble and complexity and a great scepticism exists every time a new constructive effort in religion begins.

Nevertheless, all have now the chance to make the choice in favour of either God or Mammon!

The above recalls minding verse 22 of chapter 10 of Matthew (and John XV, 23).

Today we have a spiritual world and a materialistic world but there is no place for both separately, nor is it possible to unite them by any political means: we need to provide something much stronger than all the international assemblies, something more powerful than all the articles about peace. We must give to the world a real "modus vivendi", the true reason for living. We must restore the individual to his correct place.

Humanity must first be re-educated in this manner of living. It is only the College of Initiation which can bring to the world this knowledge, as was exemplified in past ages. It is necessary to teach the people regarding their human rights, to explain the various conceptions, and to do all this with complete impartiality and disinterestedness, thinking only to help humanity towards a better and greater understanding. Such is our Mission; it is the Mission for all with a little knowledge or who have a grain of Wisdom.

Division comes from misunderstanding; if people would refrain from hasty judgments in relation to various creeds all would be well. It is merely a question of preaching with impartiality. I have known some Catholics to ignore the name of Zarathustra, but when they learned something about Zoroastrianism, they scornfully classified this religion as a "fire-cult", forgetting, no doubt, the fact that in the heart of their own church there burns a lamp for the sacred sacrament. This adoration of the perpetual tire is not the

only practice that the Catholic Church has taken from Zoroastrianism, a religion believing in the resurrection, in eternal life, the remission of sins, the existence of the soul and the coming of a Messiah.

Eliezer ben Hyrcanus was not astonished by Jesus of Nazareth, because his Master Rabbi Johanan ben Zazzi performed the same miracles and delivered the same prophecies.

The Sermon on the Mount, made by Christ, is the repetition of the Benares lecture of Lord Buddha, who delivered it six centuries before.

When we speak about the similarity of the teachings of all the Great Instructors we immediately expose ourselves to the criticism of the uninitiated and uninstructed, which fact impresses us with the idea that people don't want unity, but desire division.

The Ialdabasth of the Gnostics, the Brahma Nirguna, the Aib-Soph, etc., are different names by which we can translate the Absolute-God. When we say the Creator, others say Ishwari, Shaddai or Demiurge, and it is of no importance if we pronounce Gut, Bhagavan, Dieu or Jehovah.

The triple manifestation of the absolute, Life Form Thought is made in the Christian Theology by Father-Son-Holy Spirit, they are translated in Hindu Philosophy by Sat-Chit-Ananda in order that there be no confusion with the Brahmin conception of Brahmah Vishnu-Shiva. The Muslim trilogy: -El-Aquil, El Aqlu, El-Maql parallels the sephirotic theory of the Hebrews where we have Kether, Hochmah, Binah and these in the Egyptian esoterism correspond to Tem Shu Tefnut and are by no means to be confused with the great divinities Osiris-Isis-Horus of that religion.

The Chinese have the Tei-Yang-Yinn, corresponding as in Yoga with the three forces Sushumna-Pingala-Ida, which can have so many other associations. Such a similarity exists in the teachings and in the customs of the Teachers. We know of the isolation of Christ which was similar to that of Orpheus in the Thracian Mountains. Moses isolated himself in Sinai; Zoroaster in the Bordjah, Manou took his long meditation in the mountains along the Ganges River, etc. This method came from the idea so nicely defined by the Chinese Philosopher Lie-Tsen, "avoid action and keep the silence, all the rest is commentary . . ."

But, of course after profound meditations, the Initiate feels the need to help people and returns from his retreat enriched by those experiences which made him a true Master.

We have a great tendency to limit the universe to ourselves and our own knowledge. We think ourselves to be the only people with the best books, the most important philosophy and who alone possesses the Truth! From this point of view one could mention the Y-King, a book by Fo-Hi, which is so synthetic that today we still have savants learning and discussing the commentaries. Very often people laugh when we speak of the savages who worship nature, but it would be interesting to observe if some scientists could explain exactly "Zabaothism" (veneration of the forces of nature) a subject taught in the Mystery Schools of Egypt. We don't give any serious consideration to the definition of "Zang-Dog-Pal-Ri" from the Tibetan, which is more or less the Sanskrit Shambalah. Millions of people however accept the idea of Paradise without knowing that it is the same thing, and that the idea was taken from Bardism. It is very easy to be sceptical about "Zon-Tem-Que" the God of Evil from the Mexican mythology, but a little observation shows us that it is Soutem, from which the Arabs have made Shatana and the western religion-Satan, to symbolise the idea of negation. Sat-Urne is the planet by which we denote the struggle for life, tests and difficulties. It was he, who in the Greek mythology ate his children. He remains now as the symbol of Time, or the old man with the Scythe, who symbolises to us the time of death.

We have knowledge of Mohammed, Buddha, something of Confucius and Lao-Tze but very little of Quetzacoatl, the Man-God of the Toltec civilisation. Odin, the Scandinavian God, is the parallel of Woden from the German, which is the repetition of Votan from the old Maya civilisation. The tradition from Chiapense tells us that he was the little-son who constructed the Ark to save himself with his family at the time of the deluge. This great catastrophe was in the 10th century, B.C. (this is a repetition of the Bible deluge which occurred in 2135 B.C. and this latter is a repetition of an earlier flood). He was the third of the Votan and was originally from the Chan tribes. The Chans (the serpent totem) recall to us the Chan of Tibet! Similarly, Quetzalcoatl (the serpent-bird) is symbolic emblem of the Central America tribes, and we can still see today on the flag of Mexico a representation of an eagle biting a snake.



The Master Lao-Tze. (Drawn by the author.)

This denotes the transmutation to which the eighth astrological house refers-the "scorpion-eagle constellation". This house shows the union of two animals thus symbolising the American cosmogony. The reference was used before in Egypt (see the Sphinx with the body of a bull, the legs and tail of a lion, the human face and the eagle's wings-a symbolical monument of the four great constellations, bull, lion, water-carrier and scorpion-eagle). There are numerous similarities between Egypt and Mexico, the glyph for water which was the same in the two countries, is pronounced ATL and it is very instructive from the theoretical point of view to note that the continent which is said to have united Africa and America in past ages, was named ATLantis; this continent was submerged 12,000 years ago: I can say that I have personally admired a little statue in Guatemala (Central America) which represented a man in the "lotus" position like a Buddha, this and numerous other proofs suggest the possibility of emigration from America to the Atlantis continent and from there by way of Egypt to Asia, where was founded a community from which Gautama was the 25th Buddha (Illuminate). The last was

Bodhidharma (the 28th), "the militant monk" who came to China in the VII century to popularise the Zen philosophy.

The well known similarity between Egypt and Mexico is, of course, represented by the pyramids. Many times I have been asked by people why so little is known concerning the Mexican pyramids, when we have such a full account of those of Egypt, by comparison. To this one must answer that Egypt was known in detail from antique times, because generation after generation have given us stories concerning the Valley of the Nile, and we have been in contact with Africa from remote times, but America is considered as a very new continent!

When in 1799, the French Officer Boussard found in Rosetta the inscribed stone; it was relatively easy to translate, because we knew much of the history of Egypt. So that with a little knowledge of the hieroglyphs (employed from 5,000 to 100 B.C.) and a study of the demotic writing the 'Egyptologist' has been able to give us detailed information about the once mysterious land of the Pharaohs. But in regard to Central America we have a very different problem for the different languages, occasioned by the many subdivisions of the Maya-Quiche, complicate the question extremely. Some of these subdivisions are Chortix, Talamancas, Chibchas, Tarascos, Zoques, Otomies, Xincas, Zapoteca, Mame, Miskitos, Pocoman, Cuna, Rama, Tapachulteca, Guatusbs, Lencas, Guaimis, Totonaca.s, Cuicatecos, Mixteco, Subtiaba, Arua, Uru, etc.

At Teotihuacan, a city near Mexico City is the oldest pyramid in Mexico. It is constructed in stone upon a plateau, and one ascends to the summit by means of four floors. There are two pyramids, the most important of which is 680 feet square at the base and 200 feet high. It covers 11 acres. When we are at a height of 69 feet there is a gallery which allows one man to proceed in a crawling manner along an inclined way 25 feet in length which opens into a room where there is a well 15 feet deep, in a second room is the same and each is five feet square. Here we have a similarity with the pyramid of Cheops of Egypt! The pyramids of Mexico are flat on top, but it may be remembered that the Mastaba pyramids in Egypt (and some in Assyria) are also of this type.

In Cholula (Mexico) we can count 400 pyramids and it is there that we can contemplate one of the most important works carried out by human hands. This enormous American construction is (in spite of its ruined state) 160 feet high and 1,400 feet square at the base; it

covers a surface of 45 acres. The Cheops pyramid of Egypt is 450 feet in height and 746 feet square, covering 12 acres.

The Pyramid of Gizeth in Egypt has a weight of 5,273,834 tons; the weight of the earth has the same four commencing ciphers, 5,2730000000000000000 tons. The latest investigations of science inform us that it was constructed in 7,000 B.C. but some esoteric traditions state that it must have been constructed 25,000 years ago, during the period that Egypt was a colony of Atlantis. It is very interesting to note that the central chamber, the sarcophagus, etc., are all there to indicate the relationship with the rites of Free-Masonry. In the Phah-Hotep, the most ancient book of Egypt, we have written the true fate of the Motherland, which was Atlantis. I have found in Guatemala some Buddhist relics and in Nicaragua (Central America) there are some statues upon the breast of which is the little TAU (Egyptian Cross). However, here is not the place nor the time to discuss the proof of the existence of the Atlantean Continent, when Plato, on the one side, and the manuscript of Chichicastenango, on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, have given the same information concerning the matter, so that today science itself confirms the authenticity.

Of course that initiatic question is an interesting one to analyse in connection with these pyramids, but it is a question too long to begin at this stage for there are so many things to relate concerning it. Krause has made some good writings in relation to the subject. He is the author of the celebrated work "Die dreil satesten Kunsterkunden der Freimaurerbruderschaft" (published in Dresden in 1811). In this book he writes particularly concerning the objects of Freemasonry and uses an old text, which is a document published in 1753 from an original which has never since been found. It is a dialogue between King Henry VI of England and a Mason. The King questions the Mason upon the mysteries. The text is reproduced in the appendix to the Book of Constitutions (Third Edition, of the Grand Lodge of England).

Philosophy is not a new invention and never can a philosopher teach anything new. Everything has its roots in the past, for as Leibnitz, who was a partisan of the "inate idea" (like HERACLITAS, PLATO, etc., before him), said: "The Soul is an emanation of the Divine Essence and having sinned is compelled to remain in the body where it is a prisoner, and the philosopher can only bring back to it the knowledge which it had lost.

Everything comes from TAI-I, meaning the Great One, so the Chinese philosophy says; in the Etheric Universe it is the same. There is a great Cosmic Law at the back of everything. Tanhia the great instructor of the ZEN in the IX century, said, "The picture is of no importance, being but an image of reality, which needs no reproduction". This quotation we can explain in relation to subjective art, and for our example we can compare the impressionist painting and the surrealist picture. Statues, in his eyes, had no value and he used them to make fires in front of the temple in winter, so that he might warm himself.

ZEN is a word that can be understood only by one who has all wisdom. Its nature is so occult that it can be revealed only to such who have penetrated the mysteries. In the exoteric meaning, it can be a state from where one who has discovered himself can contemplate reality above all the illusions of nature. One does not study the ZEN; one follows a process to prepare one for the revelation. It is not a question of understanding, but is a communication received by those who are capable of receiving the communication by meditation, and can perceive the True I (the real Being). Generally speaking people have given this name to the religion introduced by the monk Bodhidharma in the VII century. It is generally named "Zen-Buddhist" Path because the word "Zen" in this connection bears a relationship in regard to meaning, to the "Tao", that we can translate by "PATI-I". Tao is the supreme principle, which, when seen from the metaphysical side refers to beginning and end of everything (the "Aleph" and "Tau" of Christ). In the Tao-Te-King (book of the Way and the Rectitude) the philosopher Lao-Tze, shows the Path: The "Te", which means rectitude or virtue, signifies what must be done to follow in the way in conformity with the principle. Lao-Tze places himself in the Universal and the application is from there. When he speaks of the human being it is always in association with the Superior Principle and never as in Confucianism, in the social order or the practical domain. Taoism is a very esoteric religion, and though there may be many Taoists today in China, Japan, etc., they are but followers and not disciples of Lao-Tze (somewhat after the fashion that many Christians are followers but not Disciples of Christ). This doctrine is very secret and rests upon a purely metaphysical basis to provide answers to those privileged to know the true light. The best work for the study of Taoism is the "Tch'oung-Hu-Tchey-Te-Tchenn-King" book by Lie-Tsue, but we like to ignore everything that is

not of our little world, limited to our country, our collectively, our church, our family and ourselves.

A very small group of people know that Zeno, the Greek Philosopher of the Stoic School, became a Spiritualist. One day he read about Xenophon, and became such an enthusiastic follower that the- people of Athens made statues of him. Again we have Apollonius of Thyane, who at 14 years of age, was declared by his teacher to have a most remarkable intellect. At 16 years of age, he was attached to the Temple at Aegae and for five years was in silence. He travelled in India to complete his education in a monastery in Tibet. We are aware that the Roman Tribunal acquitted him because he appeared and disappeared before the Judge whenever he pleased. And Nagarjuna, the "Eastern Saint Paul" with the name connected with the Mahayana, discovered the Prajna-Paramita and made a religion based upon the Buddhist philosophy. Very few people know Panyatara the Buddhist Patriarch of the sixth century. This instructor, who was especially learned, conferred the Initiation upon Bodhidharma.

These names are not specially chosen but are examples taken from thousands, Nicolas Flamel, the Alchemist who made gold, as did Raymond Lulle at the Court of England. Jaques de Molay, the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, Leonardo da Vinci and Newton (who is like a reproduction of Anaxagores), Crysippe, Locres, Pythagores, Aristotle, Lucrece, Macrobe, Plutarch and many other philosophers who taught "that the smallest molecule of matter can be sufficient, by division, to fill an infinite space".

As I stated before, I did not choose the names but wrote only those that came into my mind without thinking about any special class of people, only to bear witness to the eternal repetition. I did not take the greatest names only, nor the least, for we must be completely impartial, knowing that each one came with something to give humanity. One was the copy of the other, but each came with the teaching applicable to the particular times, and once again the circumstances have reoccurred to allow us to hope for a practicable application of the antique Wisdom, by the way of the Traditional Initiation.

This is the new age conception of the Synthesis of Truth, the world must be made aware of this in order that the humanity of this time may have the Era of Peace which it so badly needs after the terrific upheavals of two world wars.

Knowing the cause of a thing we can with some certainty predict the effect. The inevitable consequences are called the Nidanas in the doctrine of the Law of Cause and Effect (the Karma). The Nidanas in life are the effect of the Karma and for that reason are shown upon the "Wheel of Life" around DAG-ZIN, the Demon, who supports the Bhava-Chakra (the round of transmigration in existence). The Nidanas are twelve in number and make a type of Zodiac or Aztec calendar, very decorative, having at the same time some esoteric importance.

Once again civilisations will thrive where before it was desert, because at such places in bygone ages there were previous cultures. For example, near Lake Tanganyika, where today is nothing but jungle, there was, centuries ago, a great initiatic spot and today there still exists a great sanctuary. The Wambweh people, when they are disturbed by the Watuta, travel along the road between Loowemba and Marunga, and there disappear under the Kaome River with all their families and cattle. In such a place, tunnels exist in which they can remain awaiting a quieter time in which to emerge. In Rua, another African town, there are excavations for thirty miles in length and the whole district can take up residence there in the subterranean houses, in underground rivers, etc. In the Himalayas, inside the mountains, the entrances thereto being by way of a river and in Australia we have such places as well.

Each part of the world is subject to an appointed time when it becomes the spiritual spot where the initiates work to maintain the equilibrium of the universal magnetism.



The Author in his studio at New York. (de la Ferriere, descendant of the second Grand Master of the Templar Knight making the portrait of Jacques de Molay, last Grand Master of Templar Knight)

The electro-tellurism of the earth changes with the age, the inclination of our planet, the geodesic emanation, the perturbation of the system, the projection in space of our galaxy, and a combination of many causes go to make up the centre for the Spiritual Direction to take up residence according to these phenomena. In Africa, in times past, was situated the Supreme Sanctuary which governed the Initiatic Centres, then later in America the Esoteric Bases were located. It is not necessary to go beyond Atlantis and Lemuria which have had their periods of world government. The Temple of Memphis, Thebes, the Pyramids and the Sphinx are all vestiges of the different initiatic places. Tibet was the last place today to have the privilege of being the spiritual summit of the world. There, were located all the great sanctuaries

(which are something more than merely monasteries housing the Lamas of the official religion). It would serve no useful purpose at this stage to speak about the famous Tibetan Alphabet written on the leaves of the tree of the Kounboum Monastery (province of Sifau, West China frontier). The tree is covered by leaves upon which appears as little pictures, all the letters of the Tibetan Alphabet, a really amazing sight showing all the inscriptions formed upon them. Scientists have attested to these facts and others of a like nature. The world is full of these secret places, miracles and mysteries; which fact makes one think of those unbelievers who consider that to be sceptical is a sign of a "strong intellect", when it is a complete proof of the non-thinker and anti-scientific mind; no doubt such scepticism serves a purpose as it appears necessary that we should have people of varying abilities to make up this world.

Always "magic" centres have existed, but today the idea would seem to have become a legend, yet it should be noted that what we call mythology is a narration of events long past, although told in occult form, and history can be a knowledge of events embellished and made to serve a different aim.

The Aztlam of the Aztecs is something after the fashion of the Asgard of the Scandinavians. It is presented today as a Mandala but was, we are sure, as tangible as the Monseratte (the Spanish grottos) or the caverns of the Catharres in the French Pyrannees. The Mdo-Snan-Gyon in central Tibet is becoming more and more a grotto for pilgrims, but some centuries ago was only an esoteric centre. The "melchoha" (materialist foreigners who visit the Gurus in India out of curiosity) travel here and there, and what was once a secret centre some years ago becomes a tourist rendezvous, but retaining all the embellishments so that as time passes, it changes into a legendary spot about which people in the next era wonder and eventually cast some doubt as regards the happenings that were once a feature of the place, so that little by little the place enters into mythology.

"The-Roof-of-the-World", as Tibet is called, is gradually losing its mysterious aspect, and, as I said 10 years ago, will have to become more materialistic in outlook. The result of the invasion of this country will be that much that was hidden will be brought into the light and many things made clear, just as the "Targums" (a Hebrew word meaning "to translate") give in the Synagogues, and in everyday language, explanations to the people concerning the

lectures about the Sepher, so can we explain to the world at large the motives and reasons for that mysterious arcane.

Names like Salem, Tula or Agharta refer to places whose very existence is doubted by people today.

Thus it is that there are always spots which become legendary with the passing of time, just as we have those centres which have later become tourist centres: The monuments of the Gizah plateau (pyramids and sphinx) were not only representatives, during their times, of the spiritual centres of the world, but were magnetic places also, because at this point the principal meridian was located making that point the geographical centre of the world, hence the principal meridian was there with a reason, just as the first meridian was in India at OUJJAYINI. This astronomical observatory can be localised today at 10 degrees south of the tropics in Central India and 73°35' latitude. All such points had similar significance in their times. The churches in the Middle Ages were always built on the sites of ancient temples or chapels of some divinities. Because of this we see the peculiar arrangements adopted by the builders of the Roman Catholic cathedrals, in constructing their edifices upon situations that some centuries before "pagan" people used for the worship of their mythological deity. The fact to note is that more or less all the principal churches were constructed by Freemasons and the secret symbols are so preserved in the architecture, also some initiate contractors have made in the facades of some religious monuments, a number of statues to correspond with the number of Popes that are to be. Symbolism of this nature is again evident wherein statues were used to forecast exactly in relation to the Kings of France (we know also that in the Escorial in Spain the tombs were constructed for the Kings and that there remains only one tomb, the place for Alphonse XIII with whom the dynasty ends).

Of course in the history of humanity there have been predictions made with wonderful exactitude.

Autochthon, the tenth King of Atlantis knew all that was to happen to his continent. The "Golden Verses" of Pythagoras are not without some impressions of esoteric values or significance. Everybody today is aware of the gallery of the pyramids which takes its shape in relation to coming events. This construction, made by a people who were part of a Colony of Atlantis predicts all wars, international conflicts, economic situations and such like events. One can almost hear the question asked, "When is the next

war?" I would like to answer as they write at the foot of the serial stories, "to be continued in our next issue".

The Taj-Mahal of Agra is surely one of the world's marvels, but in a sense it is but a superficial monument, and we can learn more from the little construction in black wood by the side of the Ganges in Benares (a city of 1,500 Temples), or by visiting some Pagodas in Burma. There are some constructions made by very rich monarchs only to prove the magnificence of their epochs, but there are other monuments to perpetuate the one instruction of every age. The Boro Budur is one of the most imposing of religious monuments. Upon the Kedu plateau 25 miles from the Dutch community of Djokjakarta, there, in the jungle and in the centre of four volcanoes, is a building having seven terraces (four of which are in the form of a square, the other three being in the form of a circle). Upon a platform of fifty feet diameter is the Dagoba (central relic). The foundations of the whole building are 500 feet square and the height 150 feet. The exceptional sculptures which adorn the building were abandoned when, in Java the Buddhists gave way to the Mohammedans. But the examples of such symbolic constructions are numerous. In this respect we have only to visit Chili and Peru where are all the vestiges of the Incas, or Brazil with its remains of Atlantic civilisation. How many monuments have I seen in Guatemala which is completely initiatic? In Honduras and other countries of Central America a great store of information is obtained by living with the Indian tribes of Pacaguara, Kaduveo, Nahuazua, Tupi-Guarani, Boruca, Trumai, Chuj-Jacalteca, Tzental, Ixil, Subtiaba, Chicomucelteca, Achagua, Uspanteco-Quekchi, Chontal, Koggaba, Guamacacuna, Yurumanguimixe, Bribe, Atangue, etc.

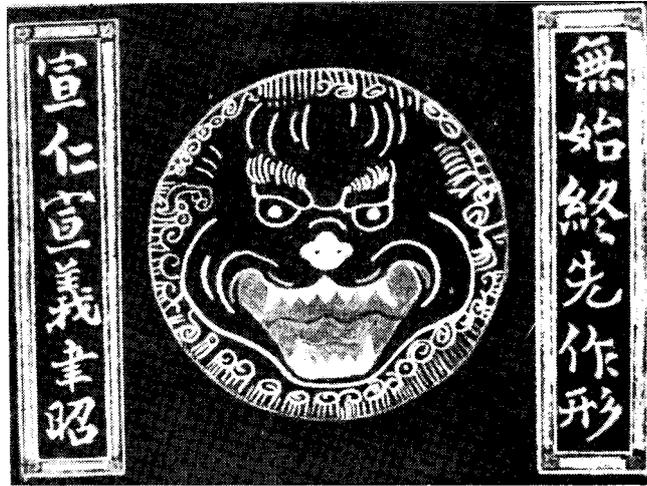
In some Huzcatec writing there is the history of the Son of a carpenter, born of a virgin, who became a God Hero, perhaps five or seven thousand years ago! We know that the Quiches have a story of Adam and Eve, and that the Mayas had the conception of the Holy Trinity a long time before ourselves. I can remember the tribe who spoke to me of the "Puranas"; Saliva-Hana son of the carpenter Tachana, Chief of the Tacchacas, who had a life similar to that of Jesus of Nazareth, but some centuries before Him. (In the Sanskrit, Jesus Christ was called Samoudra-Pala, "Son of the Ocean", and this is proof that they identified Him exactly with the PISCES AGE, the son of the sea, the Fisherman).

The eternal round begins again, similarities in religions, vestiges of old initiations, symbolism in everything, etc., make up the basis of our epoch. We are in a new age because the astronomical phenomena indicate this. We are before the door of the Era of Peace, and all religions look for a Messiah symbolised by a Man, or one embodying the thought of his time; also we are in a new epoch because the initiatic evolution brings new possibilities to the minds of those constituting the present humanity.

All the great prophets mention the New Aquarian Age, which is to be manifested by the apparent entry of the sun into the Constellation of Aquarius (the sign of the Water Carrier), or (the Son of Man in the Zodiac). This era will be denoted by the co-operation of Science with Religion, or what we can call the epoch of the true Christic Application, the Age of Peace in which it was promised that humanity would again take up its rights. Men and women working equally, each with his or her mission to accomplish for the good of this world, so shaken by the perturbations of the "Piscean Era" (sign of the Fish).

All religions begin to understand that they are built upon the same base and work for the same ideal, having the same hopes. The prophecies of Daniel or Malachai, the predictions of Nostrodamus, the inscriptions in stones of symbolic characters, the scriptures concerning visions, religious writings, and everywhere the same aspirations, all point to similarity in the manner of announcing the events which are now beginning to manifest themselves.

All serious investigators are in accord in recognising the beginning of a new race (the beginning of the sixth branch) manifested by numerous people having a sixth sense developed. The faculties of Clairvoyance and Clairaudience are such that denote the development of the new race, insofar that these faculties are more developed in the new than in the fifth race. Our medicine speaks about psychiatry, psycho-analysis, and psychology in a general way and these were branches of scientific knowledge very well known in antiquity, but so passed from man's memory over the last centuries that it was with difficulty that they ever gained a place in the medicine of the last hundred years. Since the researches of Doctors Durville, Osty, Bareduc, Charcot, etc., magnetism, hypnotism and metaphysical healing in general are today, as in times past, part of a general scientific knowledge.



Tibetan fresque. (Copy by the author. See explanation on the side of the picture.)

Thus it is that the world accepts more and more what before was conceived to be but the mad dreams of Utopianists. Yet there are differences involving questions of detail, for example, Plato puts the disappearance of Atlantis in 9186 of our epoch, some Astronomers assume the cataclysm to have occurred in 7256 B.C. because it coincides with the vernal point of "Praesesse Cancrri", and I have also written about the disappearance of this continent being in 11,500 B.C. All this, however, is but a different way of expressing the same fact and if there is a few years discrepancy, it is of no importance when the problem is to demonstrate the existence of Atlantis. When such criticisms are levelled at us I always remind my audiences of the Buddhist attitude on such occasions, thus: "You know if you refuse an offer of dinner from some person, then the dinner still remains with the person who offered it, and it is the same with insults, don't accept them and they return to the person who offered them".

There still remains in Tibet some Initiatic Centres where Initiates work in a quiet and silent manner for the good of Humanity, but the principal force has been changed during the last three years, and the Installation begun in a South American Sanctuary, in a place from which the spiritual direction of the world was conducted some 25,000 years ago.

In Australia we must begin to prepare for the next RACE. Our work is to establish sanctuaries as they were known in the period called the Lemurian Epoch. Some magnetic forces are again

beginning to be felt here and we have to utilise these for the establishment of the future great civilisation which will commence from Australia. In this continent are to be re-organised the spiritual places and centres which existed some thousands of years ago, and this will be the work and the service to be rendered by those initiates who are to prepare the country for the Era of Capricorns. For three years we have been in the New Age (the Aquarian Age) for which our missionaries are working to establish the true conceptions, and every where we have received a wonderful reception from the authorities of each country, from the different Sects and organisations, and from the people in general. I should like to thank personally, all those people who have made donations, offered goods and placed properties at our disposal, also those who have shown me such spontaneous hospitality. I have just finished a world tour of inspection, and everywhere has been shown the same goodwill and willingness to co-operate in the Great Cause that we represent. The transcendental Dynamism of Impersonal Service is always recompensed by people because they see the sincerity behind it] and this is the best witness to our work which is for the ideal of right understanding in a united world of Wisdom by Divine Blessing.

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## PRACTICAL METHODS

"To profound fine theories is good, to practise them is better."  
(Missionary of Aquarius).

"I feel myself responsible for the lack of human comprehension."  
(Raynaud de la Ferriere).

The entire world can belong to the Great Universal Brotherhood. It consists simply of deciding to live as an example and to consider our neighbour as our brother without distinction of religion, sect or creed. To live as an example because "we have the right to the work but not to its fruits", as it is said in the Bhagavad Gita by Krishna.

Live as an example because it is the only method to educate our brothers who are younger spiritually. Does not the child judge life by its father, the student by the professor?

Live as an example because, to cite the wisdom of Ram, the abnegation of Buddha, the devotion of Jhesu, it is necessary always to emulate the instructors of humanity to demonstrate the necessity for perfection of the human being. One must begin by small personal sacrifices. "The finest victories are those over us."  
(Napoleon I).

Consider your neighbour as your brother because all the messengers have preached the bringing together of men without distinction of cult. It is entirely comprehensive to the thinking man that God is no more a Mohammedans than Sindnoviste; that He does not have as a religion Christianity or Spiritism, and that He is not more aware of the words of the Rabbi than of those of the Brahmins.

Consider you're neighbour as your brother because, in the name of different ideals, divisions are created which prepare wars.

Consider you're neighbour as brother because to meet with people of the same faith is to remain biased. To consider only those who have the same opinions as yourself is not to practise tolerance, and finally it is good to know what your neighbour thinks. It would even be useful to assimilate some of the spirit of your neighbour, to think like him from time to time-to put yourself in the place of others.

“Love is the path of illumination, wisdom that of realisation, and the supreme knowledge that of reintegration” (Master de la Ferriere)

From everywhere, little groups shall meet once a week to talk of divine things. Each household should have a weekly meeting of God. (Understood to the universal sense as The Great All).

With two friends you form a “Triangle of Light”, in spiritual contact with one of our Sanctuary, to study higher things. With a few acquaintances or relations you form a study group which will receive directions and instructions from the Aquarian Mission. (In connection with the committee of your sector.) Sect, Societies, etc., can place themselves under our protection.

## **SOME, QUOTATIONS FROM THE MEDITATIONS OF SINCERE PEOPLE**

"One recognises the work of the Avatar by its permanence and as he creates a new era a spiritual renaissance is begun which resolves the most imperative human problems." (Master Kout Humi).

"O that I might obtain the supreme and perfect illumination, to bring out the good in all human beings and lead them to complete and final Nirvana." (Bodh Bhu) .

"Too often people adhere to a sentimental tradition or dogmatic doctrine, having developed some personal prestige, thanks to their spirit of possession and their egocentric motive." (Maha Chohan).

"At the present time a Buddha is at work in the world, developing a new age, and he is saluted everywhere as the new Kalki Avatar." (Quotation from the Wesak 2490, Annual Message of 1947 of the Regent of the Aghartha-Shangha).

"The disciples of the Lord Buddha are the disciples of an Avatar. An Avatar, as we know, does not pose as divinity, neither is he a so-called saviour. He is simply the Light-Bringer of a new age." (Dharma. Smrty Maitheyana) .

"This time it is not necessary to go to Asia to meet the sages of spirituality. The Masters of wisdom themselves go about the world and give their own message of peace." (Sir James Frazer).

"As long as he is linked to the primordial cause, man can develop his gifts and his capacities. If he forgets the first cause from which he sprang he loses all that he has acquired." (Master Peter Denov of the August Universal White Fraternity).

"The men of God are scattered and ignore each other, while the fomenters of evil are so well organised that the children of light risk being entirely stamped out because they insist on vegetating in their ivory towers." (Sri Rama Bandhu) .

"One must realise the inner nature of man if one wishes to get away from the inherent baseness of the world." (Rliohon Khavi-Duv).

"For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power." (Corinthians, chap. 4; 20).

"To conquer without peril is to triumph without glory." (Corneille. The Cid).

"Nothing is more powerful than an idea which arrives at the right time." (Victor Hugo).

"And then the philosopher, the historian, the man of science, shall speak the same language." (Claude Bernard) .

"The lips of Wisdom are closed except to the ears of Reason." (Kyballion).

"Under the footsteps of the Master, the ears of those who are ready to understand open wide." (The Three Initiates).

"One does not throw stones except at trees bearing fruits of gold." (Arabian Proverb).

"To know that one knows nothing is the commencement of wisdom." (Plato).

"If there is no God, the intelligence is only a deception for it misses the absolute, and its ideal is a lie." (Eliphas Levi).

"Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." (The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5; verses 11 and 12.)

"Love ye one another." (Jhesu) .