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That she may recover her lost inheritance, is the earnest and sincere soul desire of the writer.

GO LITTLE BOOK AND DO GOOD.

Devotedly Yours in Service,
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PREFACE

THE Compass and Square with Symbolism, is a small compilation of fragmentary lore designed as a finger-post to point the way for the student who seeks to know that Equilibrium, Unity, and Harmony in existence are essential in Evolution to establish Equality, Justice, Liberty and Peace.

Few of the World's busy multitudes have the leisure or care to give their attention to large books of many words written upon abstruse subjects. Thus, we send out this Booklet, which is so limited in size that only the outer edge of the vast subject for consideration can be touched.

In the beginning, it must be understood as a compilation, with additions. No one can be educated or understand the great problems of LIFE, LAW and TRUTH, who is ignorant of symbolism. The symbols of secret fraternities conceal the stolen Mystical Knowledge of Life and Its purpose, which is the just inheritance of woman equal with man.

Modern Free Masonry has almost entirely lost the meanings of the traditional symbols which was a trust to be transmitted through

the ages, and it cannot now, by itself, provide us with that Synthetic Law which is true enlightenment. The ancient Hebrew manuscripts of the Bible contained all occult traditions, but its true sense has never yet been revealed. Like elsewhere it has been criminally concealed; and this usurped and Lost Knowledge of Dual Law is the only Key that will open the Tomb of Hiram, i. e., the Human Body, that marvelous Temple, with its indwelling Christ Consciousness to be discovered and developed, in the march toward Light; a journey from Protoplasm back to the Source of our Being.

God is Love, and the great mission of our much afflicted Planet is to develop the unselfish and universal power of Love. This small word of superior charm, when reversed, spells evol, meaning hate, and humanity alone has planted and fostered this wicked power of hate even in their religions, sustaining it to the point of endangering our Planet of Self Conscious Life—the harvest home of Mind and Soul, the only treasures worth possessing.

A world of dominant Man Rule, in extreme selfishness and egoism, cannot bring forth good fruit. Thus, the multitudes perish in ignominious warfare, human life is but a mockery, and marvelous human blood

soaks the soil, under the Banner of so-called Christian Liberty.

The Law of Equilibrium cannot longer be ignored, and the closed doors to Real Knowledge of Life and Law must be unlocked. Books are innumerable, sciences are many, life is short, obstacles are great; seek ye, therefore, the ESSENCE of Knowledge, which is TRUTH.

EXPLANATION

THIS Compilation is designed for women only, for the simple reason that needs no small finger-board to tell him that there is a vast and valuable Knowledge and the way to find it. He has had access to same for centuries, through the man-made secret fraternities and certain Church Hierarchies, where this lore has been usurped and concealed under cunning phrases and recondite symbolism, and to which all women have been denied access, considered as undeserving and incapable. Thus, man would only scorn and deride this very humble and plain attempt to suggest the way of Truth to woman, whose place has (since developed mankind existed) ever been assigned to servitude and dense ignorance by masculine authority, as best for the Evolution of the Race.

Present conditions of this man ruled world today demand that woman raise herself out of this sand and mire, and seek to understand if all *Real Knowledge* should remain concealed for the benefit of self aggrandizement and selfish power of a very few only of one-half of mankind, while the

struggling multitudes en masse must suffer

and perish.

Woman's inheritance is Divine Reason, which will grant her Poise and Peace, and she must seek it to know the meaning of all Life. Woman has been misled and kept in dense ignorance by the error in all Creeds, which define the Deity by expressing everything that He is not. Agrippa says, "Show me but one worthy person who is capable of, and fit to receive the Sacred Mysteries, and I will show him the right and infallible way to come by it. Yet, this I must tell Thee, it would sink Thee to the ground to hear this mystery related, for it cannot ascend to the Heart of Mankind how near God is to them and how to be found."

"The common chemist works with the common fire, and without any medium, wherefore he produces nothing, for he works not according to the Creative Power which is for preservation, but to destruction; hence it is that he ends always in ashes."

The great and tiresome journey of Self Conscious human life from protoplasm back to the source of its being is one continuous effort, a struggle, with but one treasure to gain worthy of possession by super-human effort. This is a knowledge and understanding of the REAL—a Pilot that will not desert

us on the shores of the Great Divide, but will beckon us on to the way of our comprehension and adjustment on other Planes of Life.

This Treasure beyond value is the just inheritance of humanity under the sustaining Law of Equilibrium, but it has been unscrupulously usurped by a dominant power of evil and special privilege—soulless and selfish for centuries, leaving the multitudes of humanity wandering in the wilderness, chained to the wheel of physical law, bound to the cross of ignorance, and, like flies beating upon the window pane, their outlook for escape from the grind of the millstones and suffering is hopeless.

Few know there is a *Door to open* for the return journey, and the masses have neither the ability nor aspiration to seek for Light. Only Knowledge and Wisdom can properly guide. "Seek and ye shall find," but you will not find it in schools or colleges, from the pulpit, or by the press. It can only be found where it is cunningly and arrogantly concealed under the guise of complex symbolism.

The ancient symbols of Free Masonry teach profound religious Truth and Philosophy. They are, in fact, the basic foundation of all religions; but were such long be-

fore Free Masonry existed, and can be traced back to the Lemurian, or Third Race of Mankind.

The very first requisite of a symbol is that it shall be in its nature a proper and adequate sign of something that shall be worth knowing and ever remembering. But the current explanations of these valuable and instructive emblems is such as to make most of them worse than of no real value to any human being, for it is cunningly calculated that they will only deceive, and, by base falsity and hypocrisy, mislead all sincere seeking minds far away from the Path that leads to the fountain of Truth.

On page 819, "Morals and Dogma," we read: "The Blue Degrees are but the outer court or portico of the Temple. Part of the symbols are displayed there to the Initiate, but he is intentionally misled by false interpretations. It is not intended that he shall understand them; but it is intended that he shall imagine he understands them. Their true explication is reserved for the Adepts, the Princes of Masonry."

Then upon the same page we are told that "Hypocrisy is a mortal disease," and thus we realize the consistency (?) of man-rule, even in the Lodge.

The dominant motive in arranging this

Compilation is to bring before women the necessity of their awakening to know and fully understand that there is a concealed knowledge of the Real in all Life and Nature that is their inheritance, and concerns them much more than it does man who possesses it, for women are the Master Builders of all Races.

Knowledge is Power, ignorance is weakness. Knowledge liberates, ignorance enslaves; herein lies the secret of its usurpation. The masses of humanity being enslaved gives liberty, selfish ease and crafty power to a dominant few who have most successfully exploited the various Races of Mankind during the existence of human life upon the Planet.

Everywhere, and among all the various phases of mankind over the Globe, one and the same condition is found for women, varying only in form. That is, their dense ignorance en masse of all but the most trivial illusions and falsities of life, rendering them inane, helpless, and hopeless to cope with their bondage.

For multiplied centuries of the vast long ago, all that was worthy of effort in education was so concealed under a complex style of phraseology and a net-work of symbology, that it eventually became only the Lost

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Word, so buried under the rubbish of bigotry and egoism that all influence or conception of its majestic power and sacred value

has disappeared.

There is evidence that the great motive of the mighty Law of Nature in producing manifestation by form, was the expansion of mind and soul consciousness, that continued growth in Evolution, which leads to Unity in Universal Wisdom, and is the only treasure worthy of great effort by fallen Conscious Life (i. e., "The Widow's Son"). Nature ever destroys that which does not grow, and to know the Real, free from the false, aids our growth under the mighty Laws of Life and Being. Such is the inheritance of Mankind.

The same condition has environed and limited real knowledge, that has fallen to the lot of other human possessions. Its actual holders, naming themselves the favored few (Prince, Adepts, etc.), strive to retain it exclusively for self-interest.

Imparting knowledge does not diminish its store; one can remain as rich as ever after enriching the minds of others; but the vain human mind places a very high value upon self distinction, fearing its loss.

Knowledge, however held, is essentially power, and in many respects it serves the

same purpose as money possessions, gaining selfish ease, adoration, and the power of governing. This radiates a more brilliant halo in the midst of ignorance, which ever implies general weakness easily exploited. Thus we have flourishing Church Hierarchies supported by the credulity of the multitude (principally women) and various secret fraternities—all under arbitrary masculine domination. Subject to these continued conditions, there is in time developed a state of affairs which affords no inducement to impart real knowledge, there not being sufficient intelligence abroad to appreciate or understand the great truths and philosophies of Life, although announced in their plainest garb of simplicity; ignorance, fanaticism and prejudice opposing all effort in that direction.

Ignorance ever generates ignorance, multiplying supreme misery, and this alone should imply that the compassionless material Law of "I will multiply" should be controlled by reason and justice, for it is in this dense ignorance that the deep sleep of Adam continues to be the baneful inheritance of all the various Races of Mankind up to the present time, its somnolent influence stultifying and destructive, swaying the varied mentality of the masses to that extreme de-

gree that they fail to seek or comprehend, remaining content to have someone do their thinking for them at a stipulated salary. Woman, especially, owing to her credulous mind, is the chief support of this parasitic class, who regard her as a soulless commodity, a focused centre for contempt and ridicule, owing to her superficial life of vanity, emotion, insincerity and ignorance. As the Mothers of Men, she has always dwelt in a deep channel of inferiority; serving and admiring her self-styled superiors. Accordingly, her supreme desire and aspiration has even been, and continues to be up to the present time, to serve and worship some socalled Master, physically, morally and spiritually, not realizing that the great majority of these self-styled Masters and Leaders of blind humanity of the past were men of evil, selfish motive, whom to serve, worship and admire only increases her inferiority and degredation.

Enlightenment and a general, broad conception of Facts only, will endow woman with a new life, a new understanding, a proper aspiration, a knowledge of her own Higher Self, and a logical hope of a future life. Then, as the Intelligent Soul of the Race, she can aid in overthrowing the evil customs and conditions that have cursed our

ignorant and unhappy World for countless generations, thus establishing a better environment for the development of soul and mind in the propagation of human life.

Priceless education will develop all the requisites for that necessary companionship to unite Love and Wisdom, those infallible guides to the haven of Equilibrium, Liberty and abiding Peace. It is the duty of woman to cultivate a mentality strong and positive, possessing her own body and intellect, endowed with the ability to recognize where her credulity has led her and the crafty motive of her deceivers. Until this is thoroughly understood, she can never be a capable voting citizen, but only a tool for the jesuitic methods and influence of Politics.

Church Heirarchies are centers of political power, and all Governments of importance are controlled by secret fraternities. Since they murdered Morgan, Black Magicians are as numerous as in the days of ancient Atlantis, and they find lucrative fields for labor everywhere by the ignorance and credulity of the masses.

The much vaunted medical profession is one of their most fruitful planes of action. Thousands of ignorant women are being dragged into unnecessary surgical operations for imaginary ills, their health and

usefulness destroyed, that the Surgeon may have practical experience, combined with an exorbitant fee.

Search ye the hidden paths for priceless knowledge, the day of mental liberation approaches. The World is growing ripe for the wisdom faculty, and the golden threads from the web of Secret Knowledge must be unravelled.

Give to humanity that which is locked within the doors of antiquated organizations, and the whole world will be the gainer for having a just access to fountains of Truth. This will then unite Peace and Good Will, that blessing of equity due the Races of Mankind.

Nature and Her immutable Laws is the great teacher of humanity, for such is the Revelations of Divinity, and those who know this Revelation acknowledge no superior but Law, and bend the knee only to the Majesty of Creative Power. The only Master for woman to reverence is her own Higher Self in this important school for the Soul, called Life, an arena of experience and discipline under the Law of Evolution, that prepares it to return from exile with acquired knowledge to a brighter existence beyond the Portal of Death.

Life, arising out of Death, is one of the

greatest mysteries which symbolism has represented in a thousand ingenious ways, and the Ancient Wisdom of all Nations comes to us through symbols representing Truth.

These symbols can be traced over the complete Globe and back to the long forgotten centuries. In every age of the World's history we find the Cross, the Circle, and the Swastica. They are as old as Mankind, and reveal the most important teaching that there is one true original Law, invariable, Eternal, calling with irresistible voice to Duty and Justice. It is the Law of Unity, and Aphrodite is its principle.

We read in the life of Pythagoras that teaching by symbols was most necessary, and when they are made clear they produce a Divine Inspiration in those who unite intellect with learning. The true meaning of a few of the symbols are still known in the Masonic Lodges, many others are disused,

and some are lost beyond recovery.

From the beginning, most of the symbols were kept carefully and strictly concealed from all but the favored few (mistaken by the multitude as superior), and false interpretations of them were given to mislead all others.

Symbols are used to conceal and not to reveal, and among those important ones whose

true meaning is not given is the Cable-tow and its length, the Square and Compass on the Altar, the substitute words, the Apron, the Forty-seventh Problem, the chequered floor, the rough Ashlar, the perfect Ashlar, the Plumb, the Person represented by the Three Altar Lights, the meaning of Tubal Cain, and the Three Implements with which the Master was smitten. These will probably never be discovered by the general

Fraternity.

About the year 1750, the Master's Degree was dismembered, losing the Master's Word, and no Master Mason now obtains that for which he became a Mason, and to which he has a right, and no one now journeys from the high place of Gibeon to the Threshing Floor of Ornan, the Jebusite, nor has he seen his Master clothed in Blue and Gold. nor are the Apprentices and Fellow's Craft any longer paid at their respective Columns, nor does the Master use in his work Chalk. Charcoal and an Earthen Vessel, nor does the Apprentice becoming a Fellow Craft pass from the Square to the Compass, for the meaning of these phrases have long been lost, and Masonry of today knows nothing of the science of Morality and Philosophy taught by its sacred symbols.

Symbology is a figurative and emblemati-

cal language which requires a particular study before it can be understood. The statue of the Nature Goddess, Isis, held a bunch of Keys in her hand. Mutely these symbols were offered, leaving every one to interpret them according to their own comprehension.

Masonry reveres Pythagoras as authority on symbology. He had a charmed life of opportunity, but there are many men and women of today who could surpass him in learning and do far better work for humanity were they favored with half of his superior advantages and privileges. He left no writings, and his last days recorded many mistakes and failures. It did not become possible to understand his symbology and teachings until the Zend Books were recovered by the French Savant "de Perron."

The Zend Philosophy is the teaching of Fire Worship known to the Persians, and to this knowledge the Races of Mankind will return in the Sixth Epoch, now approaching.

Substitute symbology is worthless, but the true, original symbols are entitled to be revered, because they represent, whether Masons know it or not, the very God power in Creation, the Wisdom, Word, and Manifestation.

All knowledge of Truth is both moral and valuable, and in time Mankind (especially women) will learn that to have knowledge is to be religious.

The human mind speculates upon the great mysteries of Nature, and finds its ideas anticipated by the Ancients, whose most profound thoughts are to be searched for in their symbology, by which they endeavored to express ideas too great for utterance in words. For the lofty thoughts of sacred aspirations cannot float down into the density of speech. No language ever spoken by Mankind has the requisite words to express the reverence and profound sense of the great mysteries of Birth, Life and Death, and the New Life Beyond that Portal of Terror.

In our own search for Truth we must first ever bear in mind the *Dual Law* everywhere in evidence, then learn that the lost knowledge of secret Fraternities is based upon the mystery of the separation of androgynous humanity into distinct male and female, the understanding of Generation and Regeneration, and the gigantic task of the Great Work in the return of Mankind again to Unity plus the gain of knowledge by experience during the separation. *Woman* and man must be ever recognized and under-

stood, by both the Law of Unity and Duality, to learn the truths of symbolism. Remember the original Delphic Oracle, "Know Thyself through the Mysteries of Sex," or the Creative Power in manifestation, the wrong use of which is the cause of all the evils of Mankind.

Europe's greatest Mason says, "The rites offered to women in the Fraternity are casual substitutes only, and not one of them has any real title to existence, the American Eastern Star being especially worthless." But the place of woman in the Rites of Initiation has been long since determined after a manner which leaves no doubt regarding the equality of the sexes therein, and in the secret ceremonies which have Divine Knowledge as the final settlement of their research, the man is not without the woman, nor he who is Priest of the Sacramental Mysteries is not without the Priestess within the comnunion of super-essential sanctity.

On the physical plane, two like poles will always repel each other, while the opposites or negative and positive, are mutually attracted. Thus, the two processes for the Two Creations, the animal and the Divine,

greatly differ.

Symbols have various meanings, the esoteric and most valuable not usually given.

The rough Ashlar to the Enterred Apprentice is typical of his own undeveloped and undisciplined self, and he is supposed to work upon it well and with patience, biding his time to please his Master, i.e., his own Higher Self, when he will be allowed to take his tools to the Column of Bohaz, to receive his wages, i. e., travelling in foreign countries, etc. The perfected Stone is to be adjusted by the working tools of the Fellow Craft. for here the candidate is admitted into the Middle Chamber, for the sake of the letter "G", or Generation, and should ever aspire to produce offspring superior to himself. Here, his Fellow Craft, or Comrade. must be Woman, and his wages given at this Column on this Plane, by living an unselfish and exemplary life as an Elohim or Creator, is expansion of mind and soul experience, leading to Peace and Understanding in Self Conscious Life Eternal.

The Cross has been a sacred symbol from the earliest antiquity; it is found upon all the enduring monuments of the World, in all countries, and upon those marvelous figures of Easter Island relics of Ancient Lemuria we find the Crux Ansata, this most common of all emblems carved upon the old temple walls of Ancient Egypt. It is found grasped in the hand of almost every figure

of a Deity or Priest, and was the form of an iron tether pin, to make fast to the ground the cords which confined young animals. Realizing this as a strictly phallic emblem, we understand how its wrong and unsacred use can shackle the higher principles of Life, chaining us to the Earth under a strict-

ly animal existence.

From the correct idea of Generation came the ancient reverence everywhere paid to symbols of generative power which formed the philosophical Cross of Masonry; and the end and perfection of the Great Work of Regeneration is expressed by a Triangle surmounted by a Cross. The Crux Ansata or Egyptian Cross, and the Christian Cross have the same meaning. The Cross surmounted by a Circle is the astronomical sign of Venus or Love, and the great function of human life on our dark Planet called Earth is to develop and perfect that unselfish Love that leads to higher realms of understanding.

The uniform Cross with four equal arms, symbolizing the sacred Tetractys, is the perfect number *Ten*, i. e., man and woman, or the Ten Points on which Hiram is raised; and *in time* it might be a matter of some interest to the vast multitude of women, enslaved by the benighting influence of Ortho-

doxy to know that the Uniform Cross symbolizes sex union, and the man on the masculine form of the Cross is the emblem of the Divine Creative Principle degraded into evil by ignorant Thieves, as Prometheus stole the Fire from Heaven.

The way of redemption is symbolized by the Forty-seventh Problem, a very ancient emblem of much meaning, by which we learn that in every right angled triangle the sum of the squares of the base and perpendicular equal the square of the hypotenuse. In other words, Isis and Osiris united form the House of Horus. The numerical value of this problem is significant. 543 reversed gives 345, added together we have 888, the ancient Greek number of the Christ.

The Sun and Moon represent the two grand principles of all generations, Active and Passive, Male and Female. Sun, Moon and Earth furnishes one aspect of the Fortyseventh Problem, symbolized in the Lodge by Master and Wardens. They also represent Spirit, Soul and Body. All Masonry is but an allegory of the journey of the Soul, or Self Conscious Life, through its imprisonment in Matter.

Symbols were the almost universal language of ancient Theology where the relations between the human and Divine were

dramatized, and the indissoluble link connecting fallen self conscious life in Matter with the great Universal Consciousness was well understood.

Initiation was a school in which truths of primitive revelation were taught with all other occult sciences, including animal magnetism, etc., and terms of probation extending into years were required; but modern Masonry has a system of graft by which large classes graduate to the Thirty-second degree in one week. Thus, the common popular explanations of the vast system of symbols in Masonry are well fitted for the multitudes that swarm into the Lodges and Temples. There is very little sympathy between those ignorant masses and the highest and most sacred Truths. Sublime concentions do not affiliate with barbarous oaths and a generally supported double standard of morality, rendering human life a wreck in mockery.

The Priesthood possessed one-third of Egypt, and they gained much of their influence and power at that time, as they do today, by means of their knowledge of the Mysteries, sparing no effort to impress the people with a full sense of their own self importance; clerical egoism, bigotry and officiousness swaying the ignorant, credulous

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masses as in times of yore. And thus we ask, how long will the deep sleep of Adam continue?

One of the important symbols of esoteric lore is the Serpent. It was consecrated in the Mysteries of Bacchus and Eleusis; and the Serpent, in connection with the Circle, is found upon the monuments of all ancient Nations.

In the Mysteries of Bacchus, the officers held serpents in their hands, raised them over their heads and shouted "Heva," which was the original oriental name of the Serpent and of the Constellation in which the Persian placed Eve and the Serpent. This symbol, with the Dragon, presents to the student a field for research.

The Temple of Solomon is a symbolic image of the Universe, "as above so below," and the marvelous human body, constructed without the sound of visible tools, is this imagery as seen by Ezekiel in his vision, and demonstrates the Kabalistic meaning of the Whole.

In teaching this, the Mysteries strove to recall to man his *Divine origin*, and point out the means of his return to it. Without the help of symbology, no ancient scripture can ever be correctly understood. No Egyptian papyrus, Hebrew scroll, nor any other

old manuscript should ever be read and interpreted literally. Every scholar knows this. To accept the dead letter of the Bible indicates a brain not superior to the superstition of the savage South Sea Islander.

That very misleading Book is a vast and cunning compilation of the most recondite symbology, and each symbol and ridiculous fable has many meanings and interpretations. It has ever been a most charming source of graft for crafty men who live an easy parasitic life upon the ignorance and credulity of a kow-towing, superstitious

populace.

There is ever a most strenuous effort made by selfish, evil powers which have long exploited humanity, to destroy those who attempt to restore the stolen truths or inheritance to the Race where it belongs, and all ancient sacred books containing any truth of the Mysteries for the multitude were carefully copied in cryptographic characters that would defy revelation, and then the books were destroyed to the last copy. Those who could interpret the characters passed away, and the priceless knowledge was lost. Manuscripts were hidden away in places impossible of access, and the cunning selfishness of Black Magic reigned over Truth until it has been only a lost inheritance for

centuries, so garbled and buried under the depravity of masculine authority that the persevering effort of its restoration will cause many noble characters to perish. But the time has arrived when the doors of Truth must open for mankind, evil resistance must fall, powerless to longer support the crimes that make only a mockery of human life. Better that humanity should perish en masse from the face of the Earth than continue to live dominated and enslaved by evil.

The religious and esoteric history of every Nation was embedded in symbols, never expressed literally in so many words, because the spoken word has a potency not only unknown, but even unsuspected, and naturally disbelieved in by the modern sages.

Sound and rhythm are closely related to the four elements of the Ancients, and certain vibrations in the air are sure to awaken the corresponding powers which, in uniting, produce good or bad results, as the case may be.

No student was ever allowed to recite historical, religious or real events in so many plain words, lest the powers connected with the event should be attracted. Symbols were always used to record the narrations of the ceremonies of Initiation. The writing of

the Japanese and Chinese is symbolic; thus, they can communicate in writing, although not understanding a word of the language.

Fohat, or the essence of Cosmic Electricity, is the key in occultism which opens the multiform symbols and allegories in the socalled mythology of every Nation, for there was a time when the whole world was of one Lip and one Knowledge, and mankind knew its own origin, understanding the direct causative agents of the appearance of Self Conscious human life on this Planet: and sins of old arose from the abuse of this knowledge; which leads us to ask, were those sins equal to the blackness of the sins of today, perpetuated because of the complete ignorance of all occult knowledge of Life and Law, and the far-reaching influence for wrong and evil, when there is no understanding of the Real?

The exact and marvelous majesty of the Mysteries of Nature are to be found only in Eastern esoteric science, and known only to the few, but it is all there, vast and profound, and one by one the facts and processes in Nature's workshop are permitted to find their way out, while mysteries help is given to rare individuals in unravelling its arcana.

There are no ancient symbols without a

deep philosophical meaning; much of modern symbology is worthless, and students must distinguish by their own knowledge and judgment, ever remembering the Dual Law, for the most important symbols can be of no great value to the untrained mind that fails to understand both the physical and

spiritual powers of Nature.

"M" is a most sacred letter in all languages; it is androgyne and signifies water as the great deep. Pharaoh's daughter named the infant she discovered M-oses because she said, "I drew him from the water." This Biblical fable was based upon the Babylonian story of Sargon, who lived far earlier than Moses. The passage through the waters of the Red Sea is only a picture of the continued passage of the human Race through physical life, where Pharaoh's hosts of evil finally cannot cross to the other shore.

The two letters, M. A., are numerically five, composed of two and three. The binary, a symbol of the separated sexes, and the ternary represents the Third Life or Offspring. This is of much significance and meaning as as symbol.

Fire and Water, or Creation and Generation, are symbolized by the lotus, a prominent figure on the old temple walls of Egypt.

The Ancients so well understood the spirituality of the ultimate generating power that, while concealing it under various allegories for the benefit (or the detriment) of the uneducated rabble, they never departed from the multiple object in view. They invested the properties of the material elements and contrived to throw a thick veil over the real truth concealed by the symbol, leaving it sufficiently transparent to allow their wise men to discern the truth behind the fabulous form of the symbol or allegory. And thus we learn the selfishness of the Sages who have used their powers for centuries to crucify humanity and render Self Conscious Life on this material plane only a cruel crucifixion.

Spirit and Matter, though the same in origin, when once they are on the plane of differentiation begin each of them their evolutionary progress in contrary directions; Spirit seeking or falling into Matter and Matter seeking to ascend to Spirit. This is symbolized by the triangle and cube of the Masonic Apron. Both are inseparable, yet ever separated; also, by the Rosary of the Catholics. Circle and diameter, fifty-five beads in the circle, or the complete number Ten. These marvelous symbols represent Woman and Man, the two great Dual powers

on this material plane, seeking, in their march toward Light, to fulfill the Law. It requires both Jakin and Bohaz to sustain the great universal Temple or human Life wave, and Woman is the Master Builder, producing all manifestation in form by the Divine feminine creative power; and the sustaining Law of Equilibrium must be preserved between these two great pillars of the mighty structure, or it will sink down into destruction, making hideous its fall, by floating over the rapids of final chaos in the deep scarlet of human blood.

This, the present condition of "The Widow's Son" or fallen Conscious Life, is the result of assumed superiority of one tottering pillar, rendered more insecure and unsafe every day by supreme egoism and selfishness seeking dominancy without Soul, ever aiming to destroy the Soul of the Race,

the Companion Pillar.

The symbol of antiquity for sacred and secret knowledge was universally a tree, which also typified a scripture or record. Juno giving Jupiter on her marriage, a tree with golden fruit, is only another form of Eve offering Adam the apple from the Tree of Knowledge, and without Eve, he would never have awakened to know there was an apple to eat.

The mysterious power of occult symbolism is such that a few pages of geometrical signs can explain that which has occupied countless generations of Seers and Prophets to set down and arrange in the bewildering series of evolutionary progress. A flashing gaze into the depths of a symbol has penetrated the kernel of matter and written down the soul of things. But alas! modern science believes not in the soul of things, and cannot even accept the fact that the present method of procreation, now so alarmingly common, on this Planet to sustain the phenomena of Life, is only a passing phase; it must change and will finally disappear with the next Root Race.

Those most learned scientists of Occult Law can safely assert this, because they know it, and in various ways it is typified, but without the knowledge of symbology no ancient writings of scripture can ever be understood, and there is no real education where symbols have no meaning to the mind and soul.

Phallic worship developed only with the loss of the Keys to the true meaning of symbols. It was the last and most fatal turning from the highway of Truth and Divine Knowledge into the thorny side paths of falsity and dogma, bolstered and fostered by

human and hierarchic duplicity and ambition.

The twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet are mostly phallic symbols, but the old Aryans never based their religion solely on physiological symbols. However, when read esoterically they will all yield the same meaning; and from the highest heavenly man who is androgyne, down to the separated Adam of dust personified, symbols are all connected with sex and procreation. But the Eastern occultist regards the mundane relation of opposites dominated by illusion. a something to be put aside the moment persons become wise. For the dual powers were to them an imagery of the sublime correlation of Creative Cosmic forces, and Adam, Jehovah and Brahma are symbols for primitive generative powers for the purpose of human procreation, symbolized by the Cross.

The Keys to the inner meaning of religious symbols were gradually lost, then Judaism was developed, built solely on phallic worship, perverted theologically into a religion of hate and malice toward everything outside of itself.

It was with the Talmudic Jews that the grand symbols of nature were secretly most profaned. They truly crucified the truths belonging to humanity, for they knew the

meaning of Jehovah, the Pillar of Jacob, their Bethels, etc., and they also knew that the Bible was invented as a popular blind. But the deluded masses have closed their eyes, making no effort to see the facts before them. Missionaries continue to make trouble in foreign lands, the pulpit feeds with ease upon the credulity of the deluded, and the multitudes seem unable to awaken to view the ruin, woe and wretchedness around them, great monuments of evil, the result of the rule and reign of Priestcraft and Orthodoxy, and such must be the World's history until Truth is restored and falsity dethroned. Then will the true meaning of the Cross be understood, and its four points in Nature be revealed as Birth, Life, Death and Immortality.

The Cross and Circle are symbols as old as the human mind, and express great scientific truths, having a direct bearing upon psychological as well as physiological

mysteries.

Here we must briefly digress, that women may have a better view of the monuments of ruin and woe, erected by a Man-ruled World and bolstered by secret fraternities and enthroned pulpits of bigotry, egoism, and falsity.

Our latest statistics reveal the fact that

not less than 10% of the present population of the United States is mentally defective. The Jails, Penitentiaries, Almshouses, and Reformatories are filled with defectives and degenerates, who are allowed to return unrestrained to outside life, where with exaggerated sex impulse they reproduce their kind from two to six times more rapidly than do normal people. Infectious diseases are quarantined, but little is done to stem the tide of degeneracy and pollution of our normal population. We must face the fact that the very life blood of our Nation being poisoned by the rapid increase mental and moral defectives. The great "Goethe" said, "Fools and sensible people are alike harmless. It is the half foolish and half wise who are most dangerous."

In New York State alone there are over two hundred thousand mental defectives, a number of whom are drug addicts, drunkards, delinquents, epileptics, etc., the very "Bete Noir" of the human Race and ever its worst enemy. Throughout the United States \$94,000,000 is annually spent for the care of the insane, and \$90,000,000 for mental defectives—a helpless and hopeless population, while worthy, normal, useful people toil and struggle to exist. We find among the statistics one registered family boasting

of having twenty-two children all imbeciles. both parents being mental defectives. Glorious and elevated example of Churchism, birth control being an ignominious sin under the light (?) of Priestly instruction. And the density and credulity of women support this appalling cancerous evil, destructive to all Nations. None of these conditions or any of the so-called social diseases are self eliminating. It is estimated that 15,000,000 men in our liberty loving Nation are annually infected with venereal disease, and they in turn infect a greater number of women. Thus we view the march toward Light of a Christian Civilization under the man-made double standard of morality.

Endless is the search for Truth, but by aspiration we continue the quest over the complete journey, from protoplasm back to the source of our Being. The study of Ancient Wisdom in the old dramas reveals much truth. In reading the Prometheus Bound, enacted in the theatres of Athens over two thousand years ago, it opens the door of understanding when we know what Prometheus symbolizes, and how he stole the Fire from Heaven. And the Pythagorean Triangle, with the ten points, is of more value in real knowledge than all the theogonies and angelologies that ever emanated

from Orthodox bigotry, or the brilliant brains of Jesuitism, with the scattered ideas floating out from pulpit oratory at so much per capita. Priceless knowledge has been cast into the deep sea of oblivion by evil hatred, selfishness and persecution. Neither will commercialism, duplicity, greed, and

cunning ever raise the veil.

Biblical symbology is so complex and unlimited that we can only mention it in this small work. In the Bible, the less is always employed to represent the greater. Thus the name of one man, Adam, Čain, Abraham. etc., always symbolizes a particular class of created human beings; while the word man itself represents the spiritual Man. The system is then harmonized by using various naturalistic terms, such as grass, herb, trees, fishes, cattle, etc., to illustrate advancing degrees of spiritual life in the Natural Man. Dimensional symbolism being similar, the Ark, the Tabernacle, and Temple represent the great realms of Life of the Third Heaven, Paradise, and the Physical Universe.

Bear in mind that everything in symbolism is designed to aid and inform the Initiate, not the masses grinding on in the Wheel of the Law, ignorant of the pitiless arrogance of the privileged few, the sacerdotal caste, etc. *Truth* is the greatest prin-

ciple of the Universe, all the ills of the world and our ignorance of the Deity is attributable to centuries of false teaching (Hiram was first struck by false speech).

Retirement from the world of falsities and illusions is desirable because the passions and desires, hopes and fears, which the social state engender, are all hostile to tranquility of Soul, and prevent that undisturbed meditation upon the great powers of the Universe and mankind which is necessary to their comprehension.

In Biblical symbology, we learn how misleading has been the literal teaching from that source. The following are a few

examples:

Grass, symbolizes the earliest signs of spiritual growth.

Fruit trees, spiritual fruitfulness. Dead trees, spiritually dead men.

Thorns, evil qualities in man, as he learns the Law.

Creatures in the water, i. e., fish, etc., typify growth toward God in the midst of evil (or water). Christ walked upon the water (i. e., evil) and did not sink or perish. To walk implies moving towards the accomplishment of the redemptive plan.

Flying fowl, men who arise in freedom

from things of earth.

Beasts of the earth and Cattle, men taking upon themselves the burdens of God's work in the world.

Leviathan and whale, great powers of evil. Creeping things, debased men.

Birds of prey, fowls of the heaven, evil agencies destroying man as he learns of the Law.

Wild beasts and dragons, evil intelligences, and sometimes evil men; these were sought by Nimrod, the mighty hunter.

The Sun, Love; the Moon, Faith; the Stars, heavenly virtues.

The Earth, any basis of life.

The dry land, the part of man's nature to be cultivated.

The sea, or raging salt waters, the powers of Hell.

Rain, the gentle precipitation of evil.

Wind, activity of the spirit.

Mountains, heighth of knowledge, or governing laws.

Clouds, cosmical processes veiling the God Power.

Valleys, life in a relatively ignorant state.

The City, activity in life, arising from a

spiritual state.

Island, a sphere of life surrounded by evil (the sea).

Oil, the presence of holiness in the nature of mankind.

The Wilderness, alienated humanity.

The Desert, deficiency of spirtual refreshment.

The Earthquake, any spiritual event greatly altering the view of life by mankind.

Intoxication, the enjoyment of evil.

Abel and Cain, the spiritual and natural mankind, between whom there exists an essential antagonism.

The Ark, the safe guarding environment of three planes, the physical, life, Paradise, and the Third Heaven, the highest and holiest state in time.

Egypt and Babylon, the state of conscious life in its most debased condition.

Ninevah, a less selfish phase of worldly life.

Tyre, the city of sea power, or the center of evil.

Pharaoh, the ruling power of lawlessness.

Father and Mother, natural origin from the alienated state.

True marriage, the choice of spiritual good.

Concubinage, the choice of spiritual evil. East, direction of Light or approach to God.

West, alienation, or the direction from which enmity to God arises.

North and South, the natural physical life of man under the work of God, or the Law; spiritual alienation to be regenerated.

Silver ornamentation, attachment to the

life of Deity.

Gold, love.

Famine, the insatiable hunger experienced

in the pursuit of worldly life.

Fire, the purifying process of the God Power, or Law, which either refines or destroys.

The darkness of the Sun, love obscured

through the violence of evil.

The Moon turned to blood, evil predominating over faith, rendering faith in ap-

pearance synonymous with suffering.

And thus we might continue with proofs of Bible allegories and symbolism, including the absurd fables of Abraham, Jonah, and Job, etc., but it is unnecessary. Enlightened people prefer reason and common sense; they study the *Book of Nature* to learn Truth and Law, and prefer the Golden Rule of Confucious to creeds and collection bags.

The Masonic "House of the Temple" at Washington, D. C., affords proof of the hidden knowledge. First, Jakin and Bohaz are represented by the two mysterious Sphinx,

decorated with other significant emblems. Bohaz has her eyes closed, a fitting symbol of womankind which is no evidence of wisdom. But, mounting the great interior white marble stairway leading to the Holy Divine Altar or Inner Temple, one observes that this sacred center of consecration can only be approached by passing between the figures of Isis and Nepthys. Isis was the consort of Osiris, and Nepthys, his sister. Thus, you readily understand that no complete attainment can be accomplished in endeavoring to reach the goal by ascending the majestic stairway, without an associate companion, and the Divine feminine faculties of soul development, represented by the sister, Nepthys. Only under the great Divine Law can the stately palace be approached. Otherwise the real door remains closed.

The symbols of supreme significance in Masonry are the Masonic Apron and the Forty-seventh Problem. Learn them in all their perfection and you have reached the Light of understanding of the recondite knowledge of the Deity, the Universe, and Mankind. In other words, you know.

The student of the vast domain of Occult Lore must first, last and always bear in mind that Dual Law reigns supreme, and is everywhere evident. It is the guide from the tangled paths of the foothills to make clear the radiant light of the mountain top, symbolized by the White Lambskin of the Masonic Apron, which represents the essential white electric light or creative power of the Universe, and is the Paschal or Passover Lamb (in one of its meanings) that taketh away the sin of the world. Triangle and Square, Man and Woman, the Great Dual, and everywhere the dual law seeks Unity Equilibrium.

On a frieze of black marble in a Masonic

Temple, we read the following:

"FROM THE OUTER DARKNESS OF IGNORANCE THROUGH THE SHADOWS OF OUR EARTH LIFE, WINDS THE BEAUTIFUL PATH OF INITIATION UNTO THE DIVINE LIGHT OF THE HOLY ALTAR."

And understand that one-half of the great Life stream can never complete the winding journey alone, for the ever enduring majesty of the Dual Law must eventually rule and reign supreme.

"SO MOTE IT BE."

LESSON FIRST.

S previously stated, all the vast symbolism, dramatic work, and secrecy of Masonry, is but an allegory of the journey of the Soul through the density of Matter, where toil and struggle, combined with the sorrow and depression of disappointment in understanding, makes the journal of the sould be supposed to the source of th

ney most strenuous and difficult.

The great "El Camino Real", from protoplasm, through the deviating Path of Evolution of Body, Mind and Soul, back to the great ocean of Infinitude, the fountain source of our being, is a highway of experience, unpleasant and unsafe without the requisite knowledge to guide us over the concealed places of danger, and it is only the Brethren that are supposed to walk over the black and white chequered floor without stumbling; but we learn that they do stumble, and fall, ever dragging some one more worthy down with them, which is evidence that the requisite knowledge is lost to them, equal with the multitude.

Page 101, Morals and Dogma, reveals to us that there is something to learn, and this knowledge of Law is the inheritance of the

Race, but has been concealed and lost,—is only known as the "Lost Word", and by perseverance in study and investigation alone, can we ever recover any perception and understanding of the Great Laws which govern the Universe and our own existence. Those who aspire to again walk with the Gods, as in the time of the mythical Adam, must study the mystic "G", and learn to model their life after the Divine Plan. An understanding of this Plan of Life and Law is most essential to woman in her struggling evolution, for she will be forced, in time, by its power and influence, to awaken from her long senseless slumber to which, she should never have allowed herself to have been subiected.

The Lost Knowledge of secret fraternities concerns woman more than man, and is based upon the mystery of the separation of androgynous mankind into distinct male and female; the understanding of Generation and Rebirth, and the herculean task in accomplishment of the Great Work, by the return of humanity again to Unity and Equilibrium, plus the gain of knowledge, by

experience, during the separation.

When the original Delphic Oracle, "Know Thyself Through the Mysteries of Sex", was destroyed, the ignorance of humanity so obscured the light of understanding, that the Way of Life was lost in the darkness of Eternal Night; and present conditions are but the beginning of the harvest of degradation from those evil results. Nations, and individual units of same, reap whatsoever they sow. Such is the unchangeable Law of Destiny, and, during the next reign of terror not so far in the distant future, humanity must learn "that vengeance is mine I will repay saith the Law".

These unhappy experiences may hasten the striking of the hour, when a shackeled and benighted populace will forcibly rise up and demand the Truth which shall make

them Free.

Histories are man written, and mostly untrue. It is his-story, wherein to conceal the truth, has always been policy for Church and State. Pulpits and Thrones, man-ruled and ridden, ever plunging the World in atrocious wars, slaying their fellow creature, and, as Rulers, covering themselves with pomp and glory, holding a personal God as silent partner, while they pass around a junk of medals and iron crosses of pot-metal, to reward the starving, legless and armless victims of so-called patriotism. Vain, glorious power; duplicity is thy name!

Women were known in the Masonic Lodge

up to 1806, and the historical Josephine was the last High Priestess of Masonry, held a prisoner at Malmaison, by two Governments, until the last moment of her life, that she might not reveal her knowledge of the atrocious Masonic French Revolution, and for which, the ambitious and soulless Napoleon married her. Their charming life together being only a fable, as written in history, for a purpose.

LESSON SECOND

Fall the various secret fraternities, Free Masonry is the most powerful, (to know one, you know all) and is under a hierarchial form of government. Its influence, combined with that of Church hierarchies, establishes a most insidious and mighty adversary to the enlightenment and general progress of the masses. Of this, the majority of the Order must be cognizant, however uninstructed they are in the grand philosophy, science, and religion, of their own spiritual truths, which embrace a scope of knowledge vast and inspiring, expressed in symbology and allegory, no definite explanation of which can be given in detail, in so small a work as this.

The number of degrees are superfluous; the Three Blue degrees, with the united Mark Master belonging to the Fellow Craft, and the sublime Royal Arch degree, originally contained all the instruction of the Ancient Mysteries, but they were dismembered of their value about the middle of the 18th century, and the present Order is a system of degree commercialism—a graft—devoid of the original knowledge and purpose

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of the Fraternity. Selfishness is the mighty fountain source of all evil, and, combined with the protection of an oath of the barbarous age, equal for the unworthy as worthy, who are freely admitted for the price per capita, it forms a coalition, which is not productive of Race elevation, or Justice and Good Will to mankind.

The great vice of the age, is falsity and its twin companion, dishonesty, under which the majority of secret fraternities have been misled, not realizing the mighty scope of

their philosophy and religion.

Masonry is a vast field of profound knowledge of science, philosophy and religion, and whether Masons know it or not, its symbols represent the Creator and His Wisdom. Word, and Manifestation, aiding its students to comprehend the great highway from protoplasm back to God, or, the journey of the Soul through physical life. The different and superfluous degrees were invented as the number of initiates increased, in order that there might be an "inner apartment" of the Temple for a favored few, to whom alone the more valuable secrets are intrusted, and who can effectually wield the influence and power of the Order. Thus, Masonic Mysteries have been made use of to build wider, and higher, the mighty selfish fabric of their

own power; and the Sacred Altar has been changed to the gilded throne, on which to reign supreme, while the multitudes of humanity, like dumb cattle, have been content to accept fraud and falsity, cuming and hypocritical flattery, in preference to Truth, Honor and Justice.

The four essential degrees of Masonry, before mentioned, present a wide and inexhaustible field for study and contemplation, worthy of the most careful attention of all students, as they differentiate states of life, material and Cosmic; and unnumerable deductions may be drawn from the symbolism of the furniture of the Tabernacle, etc., and from the Cosmical philosophy of life that determined the construction of King Solomon's Temple (an allegory). "As above so below".

The first order of Life, is the physical universe, or alienation in Time, symbolized by the first or Entered Apprentice degree. All symbols have more than one meaning, but necessarily refer indirectly to the great dual forces of existence, united or separated under the Law of Generation and Rebirth, and the return of Jakin and Bohaz again to Unity and Equilibrium. This was also the basic foundation of all cults and philosophies of ancient religion; the Seven Churches

of Asia originally having a code of three

progressive degrees.

This small Work can only touch the vast and recondite net work of symbolism, but, as the demands of our School increase in woman's expansion of Mind and Soul Consciousness, a larger and more explicit work can reasonably be expected.

While Masonry is a grand system of scientific lore and a religion of lofty understanding, its essence, is its universality, and it em-

braces no distinct creed or sect.

The first requirement of the Entered Apprentice, is a belief in that existing Power called God, or the Great Architect of the Universe. Passing through the columns of Jakin and Bohaz, he enters the Lodge, i. e., Material Universe, by a torture, being told to "take heed upon what he enters", signifying, to be watchful and attentive to your trials and experiences in life,—learn the Law. He is told of three precious jewels which are, a listening ear, a silent tongue, and a FAITHFUL HEART. In Ancient Masonry it reads, an instructive tongue,-which disposes of the "Heart that conceals, and the Tongue that never reveals". The change was made when the Jesuits and Masons were a united body (and at present time all Jesuites and jesuitic principles are not confined to Rome).

The First degree candidate is told to search himself for that which it is known he does not possess, (i. e., the strength of knowledge, or metal). He is not clothed. "Search yourself Brother", is equivalent to the dismembered Delphic Oracle "Know

Thyself".

The number Three is conspicuous in this degree, confronting the candidate before he enters, and by it, he gains admission. It is the Triune Key that unlocks the Universe. There are three Blue Degrees, three Grand Masters, three Altar Lights, three principle Officers, three Gates of the Temple, three Assassins, and Hiram was slain by three blows. These have a profound meaning, and Body, Soul and Spirit, are worthy of contemplation.

The candidate takes a most blood curdling oath to never reveal the Secrets of Masonry, which he does not know, and has no brilliant prospect of ever knowing, for, in their entirety they are lost to the Order. His attention is called to the Floor of the Lodge, covered with black and white squares, representing good and evil; and he is told the brethren walk thereon without stumbling; but there is nothing said about the faltering, stumbling, and struggling multitudes outside, wrecking their lives through ignorance of the Divine Law.

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Here, we will briefly digress, to record the civilized oath of the White Brotherhood. hoping it may be compared with the oaths of savagery and barbarism so uncalled for and unnecessary in this period of Evolution. "In the presence of the Divine Creator and this respectable assembly, I solemnly promise and swear that I will devote all my life. my energies, my influence, and my means, to the rehabilitation of mankind in its most sacred privilege of moral, physical, and intellectual liberty, regardless of the prejudices of sex, social station, creed, politics, or color. Further, that I will unite in Soul and body, with the members of this Order wherever assembled for the good of mankind. Furthermore, I solemnly promise and swear to extend to all worthy distressed members of the Order that I may meet, unconditional assistance, whatever their wrongs may be, robbery and perjury excepted. All this I solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, with the firm resolution to perform the same, binding myself under no less penalty than that of being expelled from the Order. help me God". (Note the word Robbery in the above, study its broad meaning.)

No other oath was deemed necessary to establish the loyalty of a man of character and principle, and no man without character

and principle should ever be admitted to an assembly where Truth is sacred.

Again taking up the thread of our Lesson. we learn that after the ceremony of removing the bandage from the eyes of the candidate, the Master says, "Brother, you first discover three great lights in Masonry by the assistance of three lesser ones; the three greater lights are the Bible on which is placed Compass and Square. The Lesser Lights are three burning tapers in a triangular group representing the Sun, Moon, and Master of the Lodge." (So the candidate is told.) But he is not told that the Bible pre-eminently represents the Law, nothing more, and the Compass and Square without the letter "G" symbolizes Man and Woman regenerate, having transcended the Law of the material plane; and, the three lesser lights are, man and woman properly guided in generation (by Mercury or Wisdom) being able, by the knowledge of experience. to see their way to regeneration, or the three great lights.

FOREWORD TO LESSON III.

ANY men have arisen who had glimpses of the Truth and fancied they had it all. The Trinity of Nature is the Magic Lock, the trinity of man the key that fits it. Power belongs to those who know. There is no miracle; everything that happens is the result of eternal, immutable Law, ever active. Nature is triune (symbolized by the many threes of the Lodge). There is a visible, objective nature, an invisible indwelling energising nature, its vital principle, and above these two, Spirit, source of all forces, ever indestructible. The lower two constantly change, the higher third is unchangable. Mankind is also triune.

The great Corner Stone of Magic or Occult Powers of Nature is an intimate and practical knowledge of magnetism and electricity, their qualities, correlations, and potencies, especially necessary, is a familiarity with their effects in, and upon, the animal kingdom and man. Human beings are magnets, and proper mental endowment enhances their power. One common, vital principle pervades all things, and this is

controllable by the perfected human will, or

understanding.

To sum up in a few words, Magic, is Spiritual Wisdom. Beware of the illusions of Matter. Spiritualists start with the fallacy that all phenomena are caused by the action of departed human spirits. They have not looked into the powers of the human spirit, yet indwelling. May true Souls lift aside the curtain and gaze undazzled upon the unveiled Truth!

LESSON THREE.

THE word Fellow Craft means, an associate, an equal. Craft,—a drawing together, or secret power. In Ancient Masonry this degree signifies physical and terrestrial paradise universe, and, combined with the Mark Master in its originality, it teaches that here is gained the gift of Eternal Life as a mark of approval of a man's life, the evidence that his work has been accepted. Strike, Brother, and make your mark! has a far-reaching significance. The candidate is here to establish a belief in a resurrection to a future life, and the trend of symbology evidences the great Dual Law sustaining life on the Material Plane, and establishing it as progressive.

This degree is important in the journey of the Soul existence, and preeninently teaches the great necessity of knowledge, which alone constitutes Mastery. It is here in the Middle Chamber, where the candidate has been admitted for the sake of the letter "G" (or Generation) that he is expected to learn the value in knowledge, and the requisite understanding of the mighty Dual Law of Life, which is so necessary to woman and

man (as the Elohim of this Plane) that they may preserve and sustain the integrity and progressive Evolution of their Race on its way to the acquirement of Divine Reason.

This priceless Lore has been lost and destroyed, by the giant evil of selfishness, and thus we mentally behold today our Planet plunged in destructive degeneracy, crime and chaos. It is the duty of men and women to ask, Why? and seek the origin of these gigantic wrongs, as there is no explanation of same given to humanity, from the Pulpit or by the Press.

Americas' greatest Masonic savant has written, that knowledge is the most genuine of all human treasures. It is the light dispelling the darkness of ignorance, and upon its acquisition depends the growth of Soul which at the birth of man, exists only in potency. But he refers to a definite kind of knowledge. It is not acquired in colleges, and is concealed from humanity in general. It does not come knocking at our door; we must seek it where it is to be found. We must know facts concealed and revealed, and must ever base our judgment upon motive; aspiring, reflecting, and comprehending, ever evolving toward that sovereign power of which we are but a living reflection.

The great, dumb masses of the people are

blinded by superstition, defenseless through ignorance, bound by chains of despotism, toiling to pay tribute to the Soul in bondage to Church hierarchies, who exterminate heretics in the name of a God of Mercy and a loving Redeemer, poor and humiliated, yet ever longing for the Light of Understanding. And this condition is symbolized by the candidate in the Lodge, unclothed, blindfolded, penniless, destitute, and shackled by the cable tow.

A powerful organization understands these facts, but their most strenuous efforts are directed toward a perpetual continuance of this deplorable state for humanity, regardless of the results.

False religions and suppression, has forced woman to wander far from the Path of Wisdom and Understanding in this great school of experience, called Life. Thus her summary in harvest has ever been, ignorance, pain, and sorrow, having no aspiration to investigate for herself, credulously accepting whatever is told her under the man rule, and should a faint gleam of light penetrate her benighted Soul, she immediately crowns it as New Thought, not realizing that all thought of importance is as old as the World, and free to acquire, never doled out at five dollars a lesson, "per capita"; and

Truth alone, means liberty in expansion of consciousness. All falsity and perfidy eventually meaning enslavement, degregadation, and destruction.

It is the *privilege* and *duty* of woman, to learn *why* the mysteries of secret fraternities are so carefully concealed from her; also to know that polygamy (one of the darkest pages of America's history) and its influential Mormon Church, was established by *Masons of high degree*, and retained in good standing.

The Fellow Craft degree is preeminent in duality, and woman is here symbolized in ways of ingenuity and cunning, her name being ignored; only brethren are mentioned, misleading the candidate. The knocks, the grips, the cable tow, the circuit of the Lodge, the synthesis of Numbers, etc., all refer to the Dual Forces; and the multitudes failed to pass over Jordan (the celestial stream) by not understanding the androgynous ear of corn, and leaving the divine feminine, first letter "H", out of the pass word. Also, the candidate fails to observe the golden door of the tabernacle, and the virtue of the hidden manna.

In the Middle Chamber, where he is to make his mark of approval for Divine Life, he is advised to study the "Book of Nature,

brother, it bears the stamp of Deity, (not the Bible). And the conditions of the outside world today should suggest to him to "reflect, brother" upon what all this misleading falsity, and belittling the ability, power, and influence of woman, has done for the Race of which you are supposed to be a sustaining unit. Bohaz, equal with Jakin, those superb brazen pillars, cast between Succoth and Zaradatha (i. e., by the Dual Force of Positive and Negative) near the banks of the celestial stream, is required to sustain the Temple. No civilization can ever be permanent without these united forces in equilibrium, and in very ancient masonry, the candidate was told to work well his allotted time, and if his Master, (i. e. higher self) approved of the work, he could take his tools to the Column of Bohaz and receive his wages. (i. e., Travelling in foreign countries, an Immortal). The progressive idea of the instruction of the following degrees.

But this was in the time of Masonry when it meant something lofty in conception of Spiritual Truth. It is to-day, a dead and voiceless shell, tossed upon the strand of Time; a soulless, selfish, commercial and political power, a menace to Race enlightenment; and the only possible redemption and restoration of its profound philosophic

and scientific religion, and its magnificent conception of Truth in symbolism is through the enlightenment of woman. "Seek brother", to know for yourself, the motive of those, by whom you have been misled for centuries.

FOREWORD TO LESSON FOUR

Altars was electricity drawn from the Astral Light. To know Fire, the Sun, the Moon, and Lightning (or electricity) is three-fourths of the Science of Deity; and no one will deny that the human being is possessed of various forces, magnetic, sympathetic, nervous, dynamic, occult, mechanical, mental, etc.; and physical forces are all connected with the Science of Life; their essence often merging into the intellectual and moral; this cunningly forming the very substance of our being, i. e., the Ego.

The Deity is the one existence, an arcane living or moving Fire, and the eternal witnesses to this unseen presence are Light, Heat and Moisture; not as we know them on this material plane, but the Soul essence of

these physical manifestations.

The higher aspect of light is Living Fire, without which only creatures of Matter can be produced. This is the Light for which Masons search, travelling from west to east. Do they find it? Many travel but few seek to understand. Thus perished Hiram, the Grand Master, or the inner soul conscious-

ness, from lack of proper development or

growth from within, outward.

The unfoldment of soul and mind potency, on the journey through the Material Universe, symbolized by the Blue Lodge or Law (Blue typifying Law, i. e., Lodge of Law), Fire worship, or the ancient Persian religious philosophy (the religion of Masonry), alone explains, and to this religion of Truthmankind will return in the Sixth Epoch.

If Thou wouldst understand the secondary creation, through the marvelous knowledge of "Tubal Cain" (that power which raised Hiram), Thou should first learn its relation to the primary creation. When progeny are created and not begat (i. e., just produced without thought), then will humanity have discovered their own powers of procreation; also the great Law of the secondary or higher creation, which Hiram failed to assimilate on his way. That Divine Knowledge Supreme, without which the journey of the traveler can never be completed.

FOURTH LESSON

In approaching the sublime Master's Degree, where we encounter the important allegorical tragedy, it must be understood at the beginning that this is a legend bearing a two-fold meaning.

The student will here recognize in Hiram, or the Persian Khurom, the Osiris of Egypt, Mithras of the Persians, Bacchus of the Greeks, and the Christ of Hebrew mythology. Analyzing these names, you will discover the two-fold meaning of Fire and

Light.

The ancient World idea, which refers to that mighty Royal Secret mentioned upon page 101 of that monumental Work, "Morals and Dogma," is thus formulated by Occult Scientists, Free Masons and Catholics, I-N-R-I is the word which indicates the unity of your origin. Igne Natura Renovatur Integra, and Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum are the two opposite poles of the same doctrine. Yod, He, Vau, He, is the word of the Kabalists, pointing to their unity of origin. But Free Masonry and the Western religions have lost the Synthetic Law, and with it the knowledge of those

Keys which can open the tomb of Hiram,

the human body.

This third degree of the Blue Lodge was dismembered of its most important instructions about 1750. However, the symbology leaves a clue to that which was taken away.

After a few minor preliminaries of some significance, the candidate is admitted on the pass word, Tubal Cain, spoken at low breath, and the two points of the Compass pressing the naked breast. Tubal Cain is a most important and sacred word of extended sumbology, and the two sharp points of the Compass may remind the candidate that, over the complete journey of life, we are ever pressed by obstacles, wounded by sorrows, and tortured by experiences, under a dominating environment of Law, merciless and compassionless; becoming a burden of responsibility, unless we attain to a proper understanding of natural obedience and cooperation in expansion of consciousness, forced by the keen cutting lessons of tribulation. All symbols have more than one meaning.

After a significant period of travel, the candidate is prepared for an oath, unnecessary in its barbarity and which no civilized man would countenance if he knew to what he was being subjected; and it is repudiated

by all but moral cowards who smile at the misery, wretchedness, and depravity of the double standard of morality, spreading disease and destruction everywhere, wrecking homes and all that could mean contentment and peace for helpless families, rendering sacred human life a scourge and a mockery.

Women should investigate and realize this vast power of evil, supported by millions of men who all fear each other. The word free does not apply to the traveling brother. They are told that it is impossible to bring changes into Masonry, but it has seemed of much importance of late to consider changing the name of the degree of the Prussian Knight.

To "swear to not violate the wife, daughter, mother, or sister (and in ancient Masonry, the concubine) of a Master Mason, knowing them to be such," classes all other women, not so fortunately related, as legitimate prey, which does not harmonize with the advice to the entered apprentice: learn to subdue your passions, etc.; and there are side remarks that some of the brethren do not always consider themselves restricted even by this monstrous obligation of the most sacred degree of the Blue Lodge. Thus we have our Planet cursed with the traffic called White Slavery, one London syndicate

realizing forty-seven thousand pounds in one year from this infamous commerce. Secret fraternities and church hierarchies are ofttimes more powerful than civil law.

In this important degree, and all others, the Master presents that marvelous symbol, the Apron (Triangle and Cube), made of plain white lambskin; of any other material it loses its value as a symbol.

The Senior Warden in all the degrees teaches the traveler how to wear it. These two officers represent Spirit and Soul. Spirituality, the indissoluble link with Deity, aids us to obtain the higher knowledge, and the soul wisdom gives us the understanding of how to use it.

The part of this degree connected with the legend of the Tyrian artist is profoundly interesting and worthy of the earnest attention in study of all thoughtful women and men. Instruction in Masonry is always by symbols, and in the "Thirty-third Degree Lectures Upon Symbolism," Albert Pike tells us "that in symbology, Masonry surpasses all other mystic fraternities."

The lectures of the Order are but hints toward their interpretation, and each student must interpret and develop the symbols for himself. However, the great Book of Nature has its pages open before us, therein

to find the laws, commandments, and keys to the Holy Mysteries. Nature is our greatest teacher, for it is the revelation of that ma-

jestic power called God.

Whatever is brought before the aspirant, in the work of the degrees, has a significant meaning, but the wonderful problems of Truth contained in this Third Degree cannot even be estimated in a brief composition. However, its whole scope is to teach the resurrection from the dead, as the last degree taught a belief in a future life. But no more does it now teach that to the wise the Way of Life is from above, that they may depart from the Hell beneath. This has been lost.

This degree also points out the cause of failure in life, by the fable of Hiram, and proves that there can be no resurrection from failure, only by the androgynous grip of the perfect Ten—the power that raised Hiram—duality of Law, not five points of fellowship, as represented.

There are three gates in Masonic symbology: the south gate, representing the point of greatest spiritual instability; the west, the point of greatest alienation from the universal God power, and the east, the quarter where the spiritual life of mankind is moving toward God. Thus, the traveler's

course is "from west to east in search of

Light."

The three important officers represent spirit, soul and body, and are stationed as follows: Junior Warden at the south. Senior Warden at the west, and the Worshipful Master at the eastern gate. They assume the names of the three assassins in the enacting the tragedy: Jubela, south; Jubela or o, west, and Jubelum, east. These supposed ruffians represent falsehood, superstition, and ignorance: the last letter of their respective names disclosing the sacred monosyllable A-U-M. A signifies Agni, or Fire; U is Ushas, or Dawn; and M is Mitra, the Sun. or the full glory of the recreated state. A is masucline, U is feminine, and M, androgvnous.

Jubel, or Guibel, is a Hebrew word meaning outflowing or emanating from the Deity; also limited. Thus, the widow's son, or fallen conscious life to be assassinated, is the God within, or that potency—that limited divine principle which must, by growth in expansion of mind and soul consciousness to perfect understanding, restore us again to

Unity, or the Source of our Being.

The candidate meets Jubela at the south gate, and is struck a blow across the throat or organs of speech with a twenty-four-inch gauge. Numerically, two signifies the multitude, and four this natural plane of life. Thus we read, the multitudes on this plane of existence are severely injured by false speech in regard to the A, or Fire understanding. This refers to the Creative Fire. False religions are the responsible factors.

The aspirant now moves on to the western gate and is there accosted (as at the south gate) by Jubelu, demanding of him something he does not possess; whereupon he is struck a severe blow across the chest, or seat of emotion, with a square, which represents dual force in matter. The journey of soul evolution encounters many sorrows. few joys. The assassin here represents the letter U, the feminine, soul element, drugged into bigotry and imbecility by Orthodox superstition; principally since the time of the criminal Constantine, when the emotions of humanity have been so played upon and swayed by allegory and fable, to emphasize the harping of "The Lord loveth a cheerful Verily, the Church loveth not a thinker!

The traveler seeks the eastern gate, and after a demand with which he was unable to comply, he is seized, roughly handled, and struck a violent blow on the forehead, or abode of mind, with the gavel (or ruling

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force) by the ruffian Jubulum, which is fatal, felling him to the floor. This assassin is ignorance. Thus, the force of ignorance of that important law, represented by the androgynous letter M, is death, or unconscious life.

The two pillars are required to sustain the temple here, and equally are they required to complete the march triumphant, into Light. Only by knowledge of Law, and the guidance of Wisdom, can the aspiring candidate ever realize the wages of a Master.

The assassins now carry the candidate out at the eastern gate, or to the universal creative power, called God. He is cast aside and covered with rubbish,—which implies that he has gone out of this life in such dense ignorance that he will be soon cast off by the rhythmic law of the ever-moving Life-Wave (i. e., rubbish, that which is cast off); and, accordingly, at the darkness of low twelve, the benighted state in which he passed away, the assassins return him to the westerly gate, where, Ancient Masonry tells us, they placed him in a tomb six feet perpendicular.

In other words, he returned to a human body, to again be one of the multitude in incarnation, repeating the journey of life, lashed to the wheel of the Law. A knowl-

edge of the REAL must be gained on this plane of existence, and so long as we slumber in ignorance, must we live again and again in a repeated experience of mistakes, despair, misery, and sorrow; ever struggling,

long, and hoping, but unredeemed.

This boundless field of symbolism, illustrating the Soul's journey through matter to immortality, where it goes no more out from the Heaven World, has no superior representation of Truth and Law, in all the occult fraternities of the world: and it forcibly impresses the fact that each individual soul, launched upon the turbulent sea of material existence, is definitely responsible for its own search and attainment of Light. It is but a moral coward that seeks for a world redeemer upon whom to cast his sins and burdens. Humanity can only be its own redeemer, seeking constantly for more Light and better conditions than those of the past, where the multitudes have been perpetually swayed into incompetency by blind emotionalism, sentimentality, effeminate adoration, selfishness, and an animal greed and avarice, soulless and merciless. But there is no aid for humanity, only by mankind en masse united in bonds of sympathy and love,—the foundation of Brotherhood.

Most Masons advance no further than this

Master Mason's degree, consequently they fail to obtain the pass word that was lost by the tragic death of the Tyrian artist. Candidates are told that the Lost Word could only be given in Jerusalem (place of peace), in the presence of the three Grand Masters. Referring back to the Ancient Mysteries, we read that the three Grand Masters, when they met, brought with them each a small gauge or stick, one three inches long, the others, respectively, four and five inches in length. These they placed together in such a way as to form the Forty-seventh problem. Thus, we learn the Lost Word, and one of the Grand Masters was necessarily a woman. for only Isis and Osiris can form the hypothenuse, or House of Horus; and one of the Grand Masters has been assassinated.—the Master Builder. The Word is lost, and only a faint resemblance of the letter "G" is found upon the left breast, over the heart. Read, and reflect! Oh, Lord! my God, is there no help for the widow's son? Echo answers, none,—not anu.

These are the Ten Commandments of Masonry:

1. God is the Eternal, Omnipotent, Immutable WISDOM and Supreme INTEL-LIGENCE and Exhaustless LOVE.

Thou shalt adore, revere, and love Him! Thou shalt honor Him by practicing the virtues!

- 2. Thy religion shall be, to do good because it is a pleasure to thee, and not merely because it is a duty. That thou mayest become the friend of the wise man, thou shall obey his precepts! Thy soul is immortal! Thou shalt do nothing to degrade it!
- 3. Thou shalt unceasingly war against vice! Thou shalt not do unto others that which thou wouldst not wish them to do unto thee! Thou shalt be submissive to thy fortunes, and keep burning the light of wisdom!
- 4. Thou shalt honor thy parents! Thou shalt pay respect and homage to the aged. Thou shalt instruct the young! Thou shalt protect and defend infancy and innocence!
- 5. Thou shalt cherish thy wife and thy children! Thou shalt love thy country, and obey its laws!
- 6. Thy friend shall be to thee a second self! Misfortune shall not estrange thee from him! Thou shalt do for his memory whatever thou wouldst do for him, if he were living!

- 7. Thou shalt avoid and flee from insincere friendships! Thou shalt in everything refrain from excess! Thou shalt fear to be the cause of a stain on thy memory!
- 8. Thou shalt allow no passion to become thy master! Thou shalt make the passions of others profitable lessons to thyself. Thou shalt be indulgent to error!
- 9. Thou shalt hear much: Thou shalt speak little: Thou shalt act well! Thou shalt forget injuries! Thou shalt render good for evil! Thou shalt not misuse either thy strength or thy superiority!
- 10. Thou shalt study to know men; that thereby thou mayest learn to know thyself! Thou shalt ever seek after virtue! Thou shalt be just! Thou shalt avoid idleness!

But the great commandment of Masonry is this: "A new commandment give I unto you: that ye love one another! He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, remaineth still in the darkness."

We find in these Ten Precepts selfishness and assumed superiority. But they are an improvement on the Third Degree oath.

THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE

In THE Scottish Rite, the Royal Arch is the thirteenth degree, which is the number of completion. Twelve apostles and one Christ. Also one and three equal four, the ancient number of this degree, being properly the fourth and last of Masonry. The Scottish Rite came originally from Paris, with twenty-five degrees. Eight more were added later, in Charleston, South Carolina, the home of the Masonic See or Pope. It is indescribably august and sublime, the summit and perfection of the Ancient Order. It impresses the belief in a Supreme Deity, and reminds us to be reverential, commanding a vista beyond the tomb.

The preliminary symbol is the six-pointed star, in which are two clasped hands (one feminine). The names of the principal officers are changed to High Priest, King, and Scribe. The robe of the High Priest in the east is blue, signifying Law. The robe of the King at the west is purple, a manifestation of obedience under the Law; and the Scribe at the south, in deep scarlet, indicates the suffering from chaotic instability,—the opposite pole of equilibrium. As in the pre-

ceding degrees, all the work and symbology of this most instructive degree is vastly important. The burning bush of Moses, the withdrawing of the Veils, and the effulgent glory of the magnificent arch, adorned in colors of brilliant hue behind the last Veil. cannot be described in words. It is a small representation of nature's beautiful rainbow,—the most perfect arch, resting on earth and rising to the heavens. Here again is to be found a law of correspondence, in that all the redeemed are to find in Eternity their place in that perfect Arch for the support of life, which, though based on earth, vet rises to the heaven world: and in this ultimate state each soul will give its own clear and perfect analysis of the White Light of the God power that falls upon it.

This Arch is significantly placed over the Temple, with the Keystone missing. The candidate is placed in the opening where the Keystone belongs, his feet resting on the roof of the Temple beneath, the position of his arms forming a horseshoe arch. The descending within the Temple, and its mysterious lighting, is so plain in symbology

that it needs no explanation.

The withdrawing of the First Veil reveals all the implements of the First Degree, most brilliantly illuminated, with Entered Apprentices at their labors, etc., and a voice says: "Son of man, mark well the entering in of the gate!" This is equivalent to saying, appreciate your opportunity and preserve in memory your past experiences. For to pass beyond the portal of death without knowledge and memory is an embryonic life, in a state of being only, similar to life in utero.

The raising of the Second Veil discloses all the paraphernalia pertaining to the second and third degrees, under an illumination of most brilliant and variegated coloring; and through a long perspective view of the Middle Chamber is seen the Holy of Holies, and Hiram lying prostrate on the floor, surrounded by weeping brehren. By his side is a coffin on which are the initial letters, H. T. W. S. S. T. K. S. Eight letters. Study them from the Hebrew symbology.

After lifting the veils of matter, in passing over to other planes of consciousness, the first visions of the new experience are the reflections upon the various lessons of the past; this symbology is plain. All vibration is intensified, and the play of light in various colors is radiant and dazzling, and by imitating the virtues of Hiram we are able to soar to kindred spirits like "He that

was slain": becoming, by virtue and integrity, a force in spiritual progress in that great Living Temple beyond the veils of

obscurity.

Again, we see behind the last Veil a human being suspended in the opening of the Arch previously occupied by the candidate. and surrounded by brilliances too vivid for mortal eye to dwell upon. By mechanical art, the man is seen to gradually ascend, and a Keystone, fitting firmly in his place, has inscribed upon it the same letters previously mentioned, arranged in circular form, with the letter "H" at the top of the circle. Both are important symbols. This reads, "Hiram Tyre, Widow's Son Soars to King Solomon." This is a progressive soaring; but observe that only man ascends: woman is supposed to remain in her allotted station and follow the dictates of her self-styled superiors, under which she principally descends, mentally and morally; not by the Divine Law, but by the pressure of impact and injustice in a world ruled by man egoism.

The Lost Word is said to be restored in this degree and, by careful investigation, a suggestion of it may be discovered. The story of Adam and Eve is quite as disreputable as the Bible fable of those same myth-

ical characters. Man is responsible for the world conditions, not Eve.

The Hebrew characters on the Scroll read, "Lord everlasting, everlasting Lord." The same, forward or reversed; and this Scroll was always intrusted to Hiram Abiff, who carefully concealed it. The manner of its discovery and the loss of the trowel, a triangular instrument, is important symbology.

A diligent and faithful study of the symbolism of the necessary degrees of Masonry will develop force in thought and intuition. and reveal more Truth than has ever been given from all the pulpits of the world since the time of the reign of the atrocious criminal, Constantine, who gave the world that misleading compilation called Bible; and feeble-minded, unthinking women who support the pulpit, and are devoted to the benighting influence of Orthodoxy and its hierarchies should know that a majority of the Anglo-Saxon clergy are Masons, having no belief themselves in what they dole out from the pulpit at so much per. Some are well informed and some are not, but all are egotistic, bigoted and self-important, and their propensity for meddling is unparalleled. They are non-producing parasites, and the world would profit by relegating them to some useful field of occupation, giving Truth a better opportunity to permeate the human mind. In Europe we meet many of them, drunken, overbearing, and licentious, and everywhere they are a most formidable foe to the emancipation of women. For woman enlightened will not contribute to the support of Churchism.

At one time the Masons and Jesuits were united, and in the time of Pope Alexander the Sixth, Freemasonry was under the direct favor and patronage of the Roman Church. It might be instructive to women to know something of the history of this Pope, one of the most infamous and vicious characters that ever ruled Rome. His most conspicuous qualities were cunning and insidious cruelty, murder and poisoning. As a libertine he was unsurpassed. His assumed name was "Borgia," and he was the father of Caesar and Lucretia Borgia, progeny equally criminal with himself, and under his direction the earnest and eloquent Florentine Monk "Savonarola" was burned at the stake. By such was Christianity established, and its complete history is one long trail of war, cruelty, treachery, crime, and misery; with blood-stained hands deep scarlet, crosses are planted, reared on bloodsoaked soil where other helpless human victims may give up their life fluid by war and

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martyrdom, all in the name of a loving Redeemer. And greed and gain have more influence than the silent partner called God. You are admitted into the Middle Chamber, brother, for the sake of the letter "G"!

And parents must be worthy of the respect of their offspring to command it. A child forced into a most undesirable existence on this material plane by common selfish desire only, unaccompanied by thought, unwelcomed and uncared for, considered indifferently if at all, owes its parents nothingneither respect nor reverence. Wiseacres wonder why children in such homes where abuse and hatred increases daily run away and fill our afflicted country with base criminals, mental defectives, etc. False doctrines have produced this atrocious environment for struggling humanity, with death and Hell as a goal, and only truth can free us from such burdens of bondage. Biblical quotation of honor thy Father and Mother, etc., refers to the great Divine Universal Father-Mother principle, not to the selfish, ignorant multitude of creators on this material plane, many of them inferior to the lower animal kingdom. Parents must make themselves worthy of honor to receive it. "Mark well the entering in of the Middle Chamber for the sake of the Letter 'G'."

"I looked on the waiting women
Through the mist of a thousand years;
Some of their eyes were smiling,
But most were suffused with tears.

"Yet they sang as a choir in training; And the song of the waiting throng Was the old, old cry to heaven: How long, O Lord, how long?"

In a letter dated in Rome, September 16th. 1502, by the ruling Alexander, and also in one dated January, 1517, by Pope Leo the Tenth, both granted "bulls" to the traveling Masons, investing them with certain privi-leges and immunities. But not all the Jesuits and the jesuitic principles of the present time are found connected with the Church. "The Pot calls the Kettle black." All mystic fraternities are controlled by men standing guard over usurped knowledge (stolen goods) to which woman is denied access, and the motive of thus standarding guard should concern woman. But she can develop strength of character and cease supporting man-made Bibles and religions. ridiculous and ignorant in conception. She can study the Book of Nature in all its divine revelations, and she can understand that the symbology of the Masonic apron and the swastika will give her a higher and more noble message of Truth than all the

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pulpit orators of two thousand centuries. Woman contributes a salary for her own enslavement and has seriously retarded her own evolution by her benighting credulity, ever accepting what has been told her by man as ultimate. It would add much to her education to investigate for herself, and seek to know the character of some of the muchadmired and appreciated so-called men of God (i. e., some of the few), as Constantine, Henry the Eighth, John Wesley, John Calvin, and others, whom she has covered with glory and admiration, as founders of religious cults, but whom are now somewhat displaced by Columbus Knights and Shriner Nobles of Islam,—a barbarous and polygamous cult.

John Calvin, the renegade Roman Catholic, and his fanatical religion, murdered the great philosopher Severitus, and burned his valuable writings. One of his books that escaped the flames can be seen in the "Bibliotheque Nationale" in Paris, one page of which contains more of Truth and value to the Races of Mankind than all of the innumerable fallacies of the fanatical John Calvin; but woman slumbers on in egoistic pride of Christian fortitude, and is puffed up over patient resignation, opposing any energetic thinking for herself.

Our School of Esoteric Masonry for Women is no place for the religious fanatic or the idle, heartless, conventional, selfish woman of gossip, criticism, fashion, and folly, who can cheerfully prostitute her highest principles for luxurious alimony; but we seek and depend upon the woman who understands the Law of Unity, and has advanced beyond the decadent influences of snobbery, conventionalism, and weak ideas of so-called class distinction; in other words, the progressive twentieth century woman of brain and honor, just and true, to seek that knowledge that will make her free, and then to permanently sustain that glorious name of Liberty, in giving her moral strength and support to a perpetual Center of Learning for woman, that she may save her last and best hope of earth, an enlightened mind. Study the Book of Nature for yourself, sister, it bears the stamp of Deity, and continue your own journey in search of Light, for only by your own growth can you understand.

"Could I but tell thee, wouldst thou know That God is just and good and right; Did God Himself but tell thee so Thou wouldst not know.

Thyself must grow up out of darkness into Light."

A SUMMARY OF THE MASONIC DEGREES

HE first or Entered Apprentice degree shows you man as nature made him, with no other resources than his physical strength. But an inner meaning shows you in the candidate, who is neither naked nor clad, barefoot nor shod, blindfolded and in bondage, penniless and destitute,—the great dumb and sleeping masses of humanity, blinded by superstition, defenseless through ignorance, chained in bondage to the mill-stones, the soul in slavery to hierarchies that exterminate heretics in the name of a God of mercy and a loving Redeemer. Poor and humiliated, dumb and blind, yet instinctively longing for light, the Apprentice knocks timidly at the door of Masonry, is received, sworn to secrecy, and made to stand upright in the northeast corner of the Lodge, as a man. It is his first lesson; knowledge changes him into a man.

The Fellow Craft is taught the necessity of knowledge, which alone can constitute man king over creation, and master over himself. And thus we learn that Masonry is the pure and primitive religion.

The Third degree, in its ceremony and in the very name of "Khurum," shadowed forth the great doctrine of another life, and the immortality of the soul. And also we see the symbol of the people raised from the death of vassalage and ignorance to the life of Freedom and Intelligence. In the character of Hiram living, they are taught the dignity of labor: work is not ignoble. And in the raising of Hiram they see the human race rising trimphant from the sordid earth on which it groveled now standing redeemed.

In the Fourth degree commenced the ascent toward the Heights on which Truth in morals and philosophy sits enthroned. Here the duties of a Mason are taught: to serve your fellows, your country and mankind. Liberty must come by degrees; sudden freedom is intoxicating to those who have been long degraded and oppressed. There is thus great danger of falling, and Masonic Light must come by slow and imperceptible degrees; a sudden flash would blind, and might destroy.

In the Fifth degree you are reminded to do right because it is right, and you learn that no good man will make himself rich by making someone else poor, and that you should return an equivalent for all received, taking no wages not honorably due; for

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without these virtues liberty is naught, and

independence only a name.

The Sixth degree says it is the duty of every true Mason to heal dissensions and differences, restoring peace and harmony among men. In the Seventh degree there is a special charge to be just, without which no man is fit to be free; and prevent the commission of wrong, ever punishing the wrong-doers. The Eighth degree teaches the rights of the laboring classes and the Masons' duty toward them, and that without human brotherhood there can be no genuine government of nations, except by force and the sword.

If the legends of the Ninth and Tenth degrees were not symbolic and allegorical, they would be unfit to be considered a part of Masonry. The dagger and the bloody head, slashed from the body of a sleeping man in a spirit of barbarous vengeance, is not the spirit of Masonic teaching. But learn that this sleeping man symbolizes rational liberty, physical, intellectual and spiritual, and his assassin symbolizes the ignorance of the people, ever misled and ready to cry aloud for the crucifixion of their wisest and best interests; then you learn that Freedom must rise, and gross ignorance of Truth and Right must be exterminated to be overcome. It can only be dealt

with by beheading; and here we pause in contemplation of the gross ignorance of Truth among the masses of mankind, especially among women, from their willingness to accept false teaching instead of searching for Light and Truth in nature and her laws. It would require beheading to dislodge them from their blind enslavement, and convince them that secret fraternities control the only religions worth while, and the knowledge of natural law, which is Truth.

In the Twelfth degree we are taught that the laborer has passed beyond the tools; square, level, plumb, and trowel (important symbols); both points of the compass being above the square means that there is an advance to the spiritual problems, an approaching the threshold of the Holy of Holies, and a beginning to know what Ma-

sonry really is.

In the Thirteenth degree you learned that the two pole stars of the Order were honor and duty. You saw the true word of the Master Mason, and began to realize its value, and you thought soon to put out your hand and draw aside all impediments between your eyes and the true solution of the great enigmas of God and nature, but you long since learned that the real heights were still very far above you.

In the Fourteenth degree you were made to recognize the mission of Masonry as a teacher, the true nature of the Deity, and the nature and immortality of the human soul. These essential truths were not explained to you in accordance with the dogmas of narrow sectarianism, claiming to be alone in possession of all the Truth, but in such terms that all real intelligent men of every creed may assent to the splendid ideas embodied. In this degree you saw foreshadowed the future destiny of Masonry, involving the destiny of the human race; and this perfect degree symbolizes the people redeemed, enlightened, free, in its obedience to Law, all equal in rights under the Law, all constituting one great brotherhood, with common interests and common sympathies.

In the Fifteenth degree you were reminded that apathy was an enemy to human progress, and Masons were guilty of same. But you were told to look forward with Faith and Hope to the New Day about to dawn for mankind, when all the dead, dry husks of forms and ceremonies, with the affectation of conventianality and empty traditions, will fade away and rot, and simple truth will be the test of all institutions, and Reason and Intelligence will fearlessly

follow hypocrisy and false teaching to annihilation. The price of liberty is not only eternal, but eternal loyalty and eternal perseverance must be the standard, amid whatever discouragements.

In the Sixteenth degree you were impressively taught how difficult it is to restore a Temple of Liberty when once it has been overthrown; and it can only be re-established by the wisdom of Rulers, and the strength and harmony of the people; and the true Mason ever finds himself marching straight onward, following the path indicated by Truth. Death alone can make him pause.

In the Seventeenth degree you saw in the remote past the "Essenes," whose doctrines were preached by John the Baptist in the wilderness (i. e., among the ignorant multitude), the Souls weary of unprofitable speculation, a barren and diseased logic, empty and soulless in form, searching for the True light that leads to peace and understanding.

In the Eighteenth degree it was attempted to show the way by which you might arrive at a solution of the vast enigma of the universe, and reconcile the existence of sin and wrong, pain and suffering, the wretchedness of the good, and the prosperous fortunes of the wicked, with the theory of the un-

bounded beneficence of God. Here you recognize in the new Law of Love the simple and sublime expression of the Divine Nature. Love, and not intolerance, can make the whole human family a Unit. The candidate wakens as from a dream and looks back with amazement on the errors and prejudices that have so long blinded and bewildered him. It is not what we believe, but what we become, that is important in our evolution; but everyone must judge for themselves, and grow their own way, accepting falsehood and error, if such means truth to their mind.

In the Nineteenth degree you were told that our small human intellect cannot measure the great designs of God, and you were told that the Race of humanity must patiently wait for the coming eternal reign of good, when the mighty power of Truth, Honor, and Justice shall forever destroy the triple-headed monster of falsehood, baseness, and intolerance.

In the Twentieth degree you were taught how to govern and preside over your brethren when selected to do so, by influence and reason, instead of by the Pontificial power of terror and superstition. In the Twentyfirst degree you were reminded by ceremony and legend how indispensable to human

progress are free and independent Courts of Justice, dependent on no caprice of the populace, but only upon the Law and Constitution. In the Twenty-second degree you were required to recognize the dignity of labor, for work is a privilege, a blessing, and an honor.

In the Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth, and Twenty-fifth degrees you learned all that is known of the ancient mysteries, and the origin and esoteric meaning of the Master's degree. The ancient doctrines in regard to the origin, nature, and destiny of the human soul were brought to your attention. You were taught the meaning of many symbols, and that great mysteries are hidden in every blade of grass, and in every needle that points to the north. By mystic utterances, you were put in possession of the Keys by which the true Initiate unlocks the secrets of the universe: their meaning to you depends upon your own intellect; for like symbols, they conceal the Truth, of which every Initiate must be a new discoverer.

You were taught the folly of intolerance and persecution, and the necessity of intellectual independence.

In the Twenty-sixth degree you saw shadowed forth the early Christian Mysteries, and learned the doctrine of the Gnostics, and

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the Kabbala, in regard to the Deity and His emanations, and the truth of the Trinity; and you heard the calm voice of Masonry uttering the simple and sublime truths,—that God is Unity, and the Universe is pre-

served by the Law of Harmony.

In the Twenty-seventh degree you became the soldier of Truth and Loyalty; and in the Twenty-eighth degree you received the final instructions which advanced you nearer toward the Light. Whether this instruction is to be of value to you depends upon yourself. The value of every Truth depending upon its being rightly understood.

You can now know the concealed truth in the old creeds. There never could have been any actual efficacy in the burning of meat or incense upon an Altar, nor in circumcision; nor was there ever any truth in the declaration, "I am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations of them that hate me." Various sects all on the way with God their silent partner from Holy Rollers up through the category to Pope Ridiculous Ignorance and Superstition.

Past creeds are unfit for an advanced world, and the error in all creeds is that they define the Deity by expressing everything that He is not. God is Supreme Intellect,

and His work is the Book of Nature; we need no other Bible. The science, religion, and philosophy of Masonry could do away with all errors that infest the world. God is Love: and by this understanding only can the Knights Kadosh become the true soldiery of the Holy House of the Temple, and Masonry be a benefactor of mankind. No irreligious libertine should ever be permitted to become a Mason; and let us add also, no religious libertine should ever disgrace those lofty Truths. Masonry is hostile only to superstition and spiritual despotism. Freedom of thought and conscience is the right of mankind.

The remaining degrees refer to the mighty Law of Equilibrium in all nature, and each and every Masonic savant knows that until this Law is respected and established, the present chaotic conditions of dark ignorance, injustice, cruelty, and crime will reign supreme. Apathy and indifference govern our selfish Race today, and never in any age of the world has brutal, lustful greed of gain, caused the sacrifice of so many victims, and established such perpetual reign of misery, or made so many bitter and dangerous enemies, as the present ruling power of selfishness; and this general corruption rules in Masonry as well as in

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governments all over our land, and ignorance, profound as night, arrogant and self-conceited, has for centuries filled the pulpits, interpreting and mediating between a manmade God of anger, hatred, cruelty, and persecution and a benighted and superstitious Race of suffering, struggling humanity, until today we clamor to know the way out; and woman, ever sneered at in contempt for her forced ignorance, which makes her a stupid and cheap commodity, supports her

own bondage in mental serfdom.

Truth is never popular, the masses feed and fatten on falsity, and the vagaries of ignorance and cunning are readily accepted by multitudes,—as inspiration!! Women weep and rejoice over the Holy (?) men who wrote their misleading Bible, holding them in memory as divinely inspired; when truth reveals that no greater scoundrels ever afflicted the earth than the reprobates, Constantine and his henchmen, the cunning priests Athanasius and Seinesius, characters of depravity, devoid of all honor or sense of justice. That Book, ever followed by a trail of human blood, was written to conceal the Truth, and to blind and mislead the credulous Race, who are symbolized by the halting, helpless, blind, and ignorant Entered Apprentice in Masonry.

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A new revelation, administered by charlatans, creates a New Religion, founds a State, and establishes the curse of polygamy, one of the darkest pages of our National history, where women in submission, supported and sanctioned their own death and destruction. Brigham Young (with his recording angels) was a Mason, retained in good standing, and the Church of his power, with its influential Mormon hierarchy, was founded upon the system of Masonry, and many of its symbols adorn the Temple walls. But the man-made Bible revels in the principles of polygamy, fostered by a Government that finally refused to sustain Brigham Young's creed. Yet all men worthy of the name know that the Divine Law governing peace and progress is equilibrium in union and reciprocity: but the putrid progeny of vanity, pomposity and selfishness, which is apathy and indifference, will reign King in all their ghastly. grinning hideousness just as long as woman chooses to remain ignorant of Truth,—contributing to the support of that which can but end in disaster and destruction, taking from our children and our children's offspring all that makes life worth the living.

Free school education fits no Race to understand Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity; such is not worthy to be termed knowledge

unless accompanied with other instruction. Cheap knowledge for the masses and a smattering of real information, without understanding, for the few, fits no people for freedom. Thus, all so-called civilizations, built upon the toiling bodies of the masses, are but temporary structures; they slowly rise, totter, and fall back upon the heads of the populace,—a mighty ruin, bathed in the heart-blood of its victims.

The revelation of Divine Truth to Nations and Races, as well as to individuals, is in proportion to their enlightenment. naked and unfortified eye is only dazzled by the noon-day sun. But the doctrines and truths usurped and so long concealed by selfish and self-important men will ultimately rule the Intellectual World. It may be far in the future, but in time it must come, and then ignorance can no longer destroy her victims and drench the world in the red fluid of human life, impoverishing Nations, creating Race hatred, and paralyzing the intellectual energies of the world. For a sense of unfair treatment robs one's life of all its joy, and what is superficially called idleness is oftentimes only the paralysis of hope deferred, for life is, at best, a gradual disenchantment under a man-ruled world of selfishness and injustice, and as we

advance, illusion after illusion fades away, and one by one the threads of faith snap asunder, under the continued strain of lessons by rude experience, until a God of Love seems impossible, and religion a curse, a de-

lusion and a mockery.

Truth alone can establish a belief, scientific and not at variance with common sense, giving humanity an anchor; otherwise they must float over the rapids of diseased morals. Masons are only superior to other men in bigotry; the doctrines of their cult are on the lips of many, but in the hearts of few. It should be taught and practiced, and commended to humanity for the knowledge of the Divine Law of Equilibrium in establishment. "Forever and forever, whatsoever a man soweth, that also shall he reap." But the pity of it all is that others must be destroyed and tortured in the reaping process, which has just begun.

NOTES ON THE THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE, BY A THIRTY-THIRD THINKER

O ASK where Masonry began would be to ask where the world began, for the Life of the world is founded upon its Truths; it holds the esoteric meaning of all things, all religions, all Bibles, all Sacred writings: and the knowledge of all great men is contained in Masonry. It was once the associate body of the Roman Church hierarchies, and all the great stone Bibles, the Pyramid, the Sphinx, the Temple of Solomon, and back through all the ages of nature is the open book. Mythology of all ages has but covered the inner meaning. The invitation of "Seek and ye shall find" has always been the pass word to the earnest soul who is willing to take the Unit as his starting point, proceeding through the regular steps of initiation, 3-5-7-9, completing the Cycle and finding it all in the Unit.

In the world's progress, Masonry can be traced back to the Toltec Civilization, when the Island of Atlantis, with her city of the Golden Gate as the world's center, held her Lodges of Initiation. In past ages, as now,

the sincere person, the conscious man, has always been protected. When Atlantis disappeared, those who knew had been transferred to other Centers, where the knowledge of the Law could be preserved; hence, we find great ruins scattered around the world, in Yucatan, Mexico, Peru, Thibet, China, India, Ceylon, Madagascar, Java, Egypt, and Greece. These points on the world's map at one time held the knowledge of the Inner Masonry of the Universe, teaching then, as now, "Man, know thyself through the mystery of sex," or the Creative power (Fire, Mist, etc.). To know thyself is to know the mystery of the Great Initiation, which was held during the height of the Egyptian Civilization, when the Initiate was admitted at a door under the left hand of the Sphinx, advancing through the underground chambers, where the degrees were conferred, going forward where he stood the tests, going back where he failed, disappearing when he had knowledge which he might use unwisely, until, when he passed and entered the Pyramid, he wore the highest badge of a Magi.

The Great Pyramid symbolizes the seven interior senses of the perfect man. The true door to it is on the east side, 70 feet from its base, which represents the spleen, in the

spiritual body. From that point a direct line is followed to the center of the Holy of Holies, that quiet spot where the Father dwells; from there you descend into Hell, or the organs of generation; from there, 70 feet below the base, into the thighs, the center of locomotion, then back to the generative organs; from there, up the thirty-three bones of the spine (i. e., Jacob's Ladder) to the back brain, where the power of the fine oil is conveyed to the King's chamber, the Queen's chamber, and on to the Pineal Gland, completing the Grand Man of the Cosmos.

From Egypt the Initiation was transferred to Athens, and are the mysteries referred to by Paul. When the Roman Church absorbed and suppressed the Greek Church, what was left of the Ancient Ritual was conveyed and deposited in the vaults of the Vatican. French Masonry and that of the Scottish Rite was first put into ritual form by Ramsay, the tutor to the Scottish Pretender, while living at the Vatican, attending to the education of the Scottish Prince.

The symbology of the Thirty-third degree, or the developed spiritual consciousness (i. e., the Christ within) begins in the Eighteenth, or Rose Croix degree, and is the true meaning of the Cross. This Cross refers to the spleen, or where the white corpuscles of

the blood cross the *red* corpuscles in obtaining the necessary life essence (i. e., Creative Power in refinement) of the Spiritual Body. This is symbolized by the "crossing the Red Sea, in the coming out of Egypt."

From the Nineteenth to the Thirtieth degree the Initiate progresses to the adjust-

ment of his inner spiritual senses.

The Thirty-first degree is the Hall of Justice and Equity, where the balance is struck—the King and Queen's Chamber—the double eagle, half gold and half silver (i. e., sun and moon, man and woman), then on to the Thirty-second degree, "Master of the Royal Secret," where the Circle is completed, by putting into operation the instruction of the First degree to the Entered Apprentice, "Learn to subdue your passions and keep your appetite within bounds" (this is only told indifferently, without the proper instruction to avoid degeneracy).

The Thirty-third degree is a knowledge of the great Law of Equilibrium, and this instruction belongs to the Third, or Master's degree, where it could be of some service, more than in old age when tottering dotage takes possession. It is the Inner Christ Consciousness developed to its fullness. But Masonry of today, the world over, has drifted into the letter; not one Christ Con-

scious man exists among the Fraternity in America.

The Thirty-third degree is not conferred through honor, as in ancient Masonry, but given either for working the Ritual in conferring degrees, or through some political favor. But Masonry must and will come into a new conscience of what the Old Initiation really meant. Men of soul and aspiration now catch the spirit, which causes them to stop and think and helps to make them better men. But when the test comes and they must live the life, they fail. (Learn why.) Real men must, in the coming epoch. aid the awakened woman to restore this knowledge in all its pristine purity; to change the awful conditions of evil that are an affliction and a scourge to self conscious human life and destructive to the Planet.

The Middle Chamber is important; progeny begat instead of created, fills our unhappy land with atrocious criminals.

So may it not be.

THE LAST WORD SUGGESTIVE OF THE LOST WORD

In order to become the Knower of the Universal One Self, thou hast first of self to be the knower. Help nature, and work on with her. Then she will make obeisance, regarding thee as one of her creators.

The portals of her secret chambers will open wide and lay bare before thy gaze the sacred treasures of her bosom which are revealed only to the eye of Spirit, that Eye which never closes.

Learn the Law that leads to LIGHT and LIFE.

Teach us, O God, to pray!
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