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INTRODUCTION

Recognizing the Enemy

The enemy within, the anti-self, the unreal self, the lesser self—there are many names for the part of us that sometimes sabotages our highest dreams and ideals. The early Christian Gnostics called it the counterfeiting spirit. It has also been called the dweller-on-the-threshold.

Everybody has one, but few are aware of its existence. Yet if we are observant, we will admit that from time to time we have all seen or felt the lesser self when it acts in ourselves or in others.

When we say the unkind words we wish we could take back, when we do those things that we know we should not do, when we neglect to extend love to friends and family, when our thoughts and deeds betray our highest wishes and aspirations, then we can know that we have had an encounter with the enemy within. But even if we recognize the encounter, few are prepared to deal with this enemy—or even know how to begin.

If you wish to overcome this enemy within, the first step is to recognize the not-self and understand how it works, which is precisely the purpose of this book. (In fact, your own enemy within would rather that you not pick up this book at all.)

You will learn that this enemy is often very subtle: the last

thing that it wants is for you to know that it exists. For once you do, you are more likely to see through its ploys and traps. It most often prefers to live below the surface of awareness—like some phantom of the opera, hiding in the shadows and causing havoc in your life. This secretive nature of the enemy is one reason why it is called the dweller-on-the-threshold: it is a presence that dwells at the threshold of conscious awareness, where the conscious and subconscious minds meet.

Many of the saints of East and West have left a record of their own struggles with the dweller-on-the-threshold. Indeed everyone who has ever returned to God in the ritual of the ascension has had to wrestle with this enemy prior to their victory.

The apostle Paul confronted the adversary and wrote of his struggle between light and darkness in his epistle to the Romans: “For the good that I would, I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. . . . When I would do good, evil is present with me.”¹

Paul had his own name for the enemy within. He called it the carnal mind: “The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.”² And so we see the dweller also appearing in the human ego, the human will and the human intellect when these are not tethered to our inner Reality.

We can think of the dweller as the animal nature of man, the part of us that has no light, but only a forcefield of darkness at its core. The dweller is a tyrant. Archetypically, it is often shown as a dragon or a beast. But it can be dealt with—and must be dealt with, if we are to find true freedom.

For most of us, daily encounters with the dweller occur in seemingly unimportant incidents. We live lives that are a mixture of the good (but not *too* good) and the bad (but not *too* bad). The dweller may emerge occasionally, but we think

we have things “under control.” We can continue in this way for many years, or even lifetimes.

But one day the confrontation will come, for the dragon ultimately wants all of us: it will one day emerge seeking to devour the very soul itself. The story of Saint George and the dragon symbolizes the work that the soul must accomplish when faced with this challenge. Through the power of the Christ, the dragon must be slain: we will have to fight the good fight and win.

The confrontation with the not-self is one of the most serious initiations on the path of the one who would be a disciple. It is indeed a battle of Light and Darkness. Each day, the dweller lurks at the threshold, seeking to gain entrance. It would enter to become the master of the house. But it is the Christ, and only the Christ, whose knock we must answer. So what can we do?

There is a path to follow and a road map that can lead us to the goal. It will take effort and striving, but we can overcome. In these lectures, you will find the keys that can help you in those day-to-day choices—and in the ultimate confrontation.

One of those keys is the spiritual community. Thus there have been many religious communities and mystery schools throughout the ages where those who desired to walk a spiritual path could find strength in joining with others with like aspirations. The first mystery school was known as the Garden of Eden—a place where many twin flames (represented by Adam and Eve in the allegorical account in Genesis) walked a path of discipline under their teacher, Lord Maitreya. If they had stayed true to him, they would have arrived at the goal of the Tree of Life. Unfortunately, the Serpent (another symbol often used to represent the dweller-on-the-threshold) entered in—and won that round in the ongoing battle of Light

and Darkness on planet Earth.

Since then, we have seen mystery schools and spiritual communities come and go: the ancient mystery schools of Atlantis and Lemuria, Pythagoras' community at Crotona, the Knights of the Round Table seeking the Holy Grail, and many others. In this age, Lord Maitreya has established a new mystery school, and he has called his devotees to return to the path they left off long ago. This mystery school is established in a mountain valley in North America's Rocky Mountains, and it is also a worldwide community of students of the ascended masters, those who are studying the mysteries and seeking the Holy Grail.

Another key to overcoming the dweller is the relationship with the master, the spiritual teacher—known in the East as guru. We all know that we can learn from those who have gone before us in any field. But on the spiritual path, this relationship become much more important, for the true master can give of himself to the student, the disciple, the chela. The momentum of the master can truly make the difference (especially in the encounter with the dweller), and while we each must walk the path by our own striving, we need not walk it alone.

The ascended masters are the true teachers, the true gurus of this age. These masters have come from all races and religions. Some we know by name as the great avatars of East and West—those who have ascended to heaven in a pillar of cloud or fire, as Jesus, Zarathustra and Elijah. Some are the great saints who ascended at inner levels after lives of service and devotion. Some are the nameless ones who have simply kept the flame that all might have renewed life and opportunity. Some are great cosmic beings, Elohim and archangels, who come from great heights to assist the evolutions of earth. Collectively, we know them as the Great White Brotherhood—

the ancient name that has not to do with race but recalls the one light out of which all rays and races and religions have come, the white light seen in the aura of the saints. In this and in every age, the ascended masters have sent their messengers to be representatives in delivering their teachings—and their disciplines—to those who seek to walk the Path.

Mark L. Prophet and Elizabeth Clare Prophet are messengers for the ascended masters. For over forty years, they have delivered the teachings of the masters and outlined the path to the ascension. They have given ground-breaking lectures on the enemy within, clearly outlining the anatomy of the dweller and revealing it as the enemy of the soul.

To begin this series of lectures, we introduce you to the ascended master Kuthumi, who delivered this dictation through Elizabeth Clare Prophet. Kuthumi is known as a master psychologist, and he addresses us on this very subject, revealing the psychology of the soul and the dweller. Kuthumi was once embodied as Saint Francis of Assisi, the youth who struggled with his own inner passions to become one of the most beloved saints in the Christian world. In the final embodiment prior to his ascension, he returned as the Eastern adept Koot Hoomi Lal Singh, known as K.H. to students of Theosophy.

Kuthumi has offered to be your personal psychologist, if you will accept him. From the heaven-world, he specializes in helping each one of us overcome the blocks, those things in our personal psychology that trip us up and prevent us from fulfilling our highest potential. May you take his hand, offered in profound love for your soul in the overcoming of the enemy within.

CHAPTER ONE

Remember the Ancient Encounter On Discipleship under Lord Maitreya

Kuthumi

My love enfolds you in a rapturous light of the One Sent. I am, as you know, as you know me, Kuthumi.

Remember the ancient encounter. For I have been your brother on many occasion; and in each succeeding incarnation we have shared, our souls have moved together to pluck the star of the Divine Light and to pluck the harp of the heart of Maitreya.

Disciples of Maitreya are we—Metteyya—and therefore, together we have sought a glance, a smile, a whisper, an acknowledgment that we might know our God is pleased.

Thus, we agreed, thou and I, that I should go with Morya before you to stand in Christ with Jesus and that you would remain to bring up the rear of the troops and your own flaming chakras.

Thus, to play our roles—I the Alpha, you the Omega—we crossed the bar; and you remain, the faithful witness of our

cause.

How can I leave thee, devotees of light and peace and freedom and of the heart of that Christ?

Opposition to Our Mission Is Not New

Is it any wonder to you that I should become, not only before my ascension in the final hours [as the Mahatma Koot Hoomi] but subsequently, a bit incensed at these Christians and their small-mindedness and inability to perceive his true mission when I myself [as Saint Francis], through trial and pain and the deep affection of the heart, came truly to understand beyond orthodoxy the Reality of my Saviour?¹

Thus, beloved, I am impatient today for your sakes and for the sakes of those who wait for the cup of knowledge that you bear from our abode. I am impatient with those who attempt again and again to weave their slander, their unreality and all the rest around such a shining star as the teaching itself.

Of course, I know the end from the beginning. And I, too, understand the cycles that must be outplayed as outlined for you by Sanat Kumara and Gautama and the living Word in the Great White Brotherhood. But still I long to think of those who, if they had the fruit and the sweet nectar of the knowledge that has become such a daily affair as to be taken for granted by yourselves, might run with it, eat it now to the fullness of the cup, and become for us other servants in many fields East and West.

We press on, then. We jump over the bowling balls that are rolled our way, and we stand before you today rejoicing in admonishment and dispensation from Maitreya to our own heart.

My Assignment to Work with You for Your Physical Health and the Healing of Your Psychology

Thus, I come, the joyful student, to announce to you the most precious dispensation, which comes from Maitreya, placed upon me by him with all diligence and the same concern for the step-up of your lives. This dispensation is my assignment to work with each one of you individually for your physical health and for the healing of your psychology, that we might swiftly get to the very cause and core of physical as well as spiritual and emotional conditions that there be no more setbacks or indulgences and surely not two steps forward and one step back.

Thus, from this hour, if you will call to me and make a determination in your heart to transcend the former self, I will tutor you both through your own heart and any messenger I may send your way. Therefore, heed the voices—not astral but physical—and watch the course of events. And of course, when you have the opportunity to receive my word from the messenger, know truly that I use her often to explain to you the intricacies of the blocks in consciousness. For you are so sincere, and the sweetness of thy hearts is touching to the soul in a world hardened by war and abortion.

Thus, I come in many guises. And I do acknowledge to you, beloved, that whatever else may or may not be said from the left or the right, our messenger is truly adequate and ready to demonstrate to you the path of your Christhood as we have walked it, as we have attained it.

A School of Hard Knocks and Our Gruff Voice

This is a school, truly, of hard knocks. This is a school where you will hear our gruff voice. Be of good cheer, for our bark is often worse than our bite but proves most useful in

eliminating those who are so easily scared away from the fount, who seek favoritism and praise when, in fact, they should recognize the love of the gruff voice and know that that which is offended is the ego self, the prideful self.

Thus, offense is a grave enemy and ought to be discarded. We use this mode, that those who belong not here may well have their offense and take it and move on their way as the “hurt ones,” the “bruised ones,” the “injured ones.”...

Seek Not the Human Mother but the Divine

Blessed ones, those who come for favoritism and the personality cult, those who come seeking the Mother, therefore, as the substitute for the human mother come precisely for the wrong reason. This is not a human mother! This is the Divine Mother, veiled in many garbs. You cannot have a relationship with the Divine Mother in any of us unless you first satisfy yourself at the human level, resolve your psychology with human parents, become your own mother and father and keeper, and then enter into a true and lasting relationship with the Divine Mother and the Divine Father.

Now, why do you suppose that the good God made human mothers and human fathers? It is because the tender souls, those reincarnating with a pack of karma on their backs, truly need the humanness of the human mother and father. Thus, these are necessary steps in the planetary home, and you would feel bereft and left out if you were spoken of as that one having neither father nor mother nor beginning nor ending of days.²

Thus, the one who comes in the name of Melchizedek, the ascended master and the priest, has initiated the Lord Jesus as a priest forever.³ That priesthood comes through the initiation of the Divine Father and the Divine Mother unto those who

have internalized the essential elements of the humanity of the world's greatest fathers and mothers.

I speak, then, of the inner resolution. I speak, then, to you! Those who seek here what they did not derive from human parents, those who seek to prove again and again that human parents will fail by seeing failure in the messengers have not the slightest conception of the Path. Some require tutoring and a study of the true and ancient traditions of the guru-chela relationship.

Blessed ones, we cannot be unto you both human and divine. Therefore, we have chosen—and chosen well—to represent the divine, since you have so many specimens of the human before you. It is really not necessary that we provide the human link in the chain of humanism.

The Ascension Is the Mark of Achievement

We come, therefore, to provide the link to the Divinity, and we place before you in this mystery school the goal of the ascension. The ascension itself is the mark of achievement, the victory and the single act that is praiseworthy. If you do not graduate with your ascension, not only will your report card be marked “failed,” but so will ours. For the teacher is also responsible—and so is the messenger.

Thus, each one sent comes with a prayer that none of these little ones should be lost save the son of perdition.⁴ And who is the son of perdition? I tell you, he is not the bogeyman! He is not your worst enemy that you imagine to be nine feet tall. The son of perdition is the dweller-on-the-threshold of your own house. It should be lost and rightfully so—and swiftly!

But it is difficult to become a dragon-slayer when the age of chivalry has long passed. Some find it a bit unpleasant to

take up sword and slay the not-self. But in the meantime, while their stomachs are in too delicate a condition (and their egos as well) to perform this act, they themselves are being devoured by the dweller—dallying, marking time and often drifting backwards with no realization. For in relativity, it sometimes appears one is going forward when one is standing still or moving backward.

Thus, precious hearts, understand that the ascension is the acceptable offering. Those who do not truly want the ascension but want the power of the light of Serapis Bey ought not to come. But these are the very ones who cannot be convinced to stay away, for they enjoy the lap of the Mother and need make no effort and become most angry when they are sent forth to prove their wisdom in action and thus balance the threefold flame!

They must recognize once and for all that if they had mastery once or twice or thrice in a previous life, that full mastery should have long ago gained for them the eternal octaves of light. What is wanting is always the absence of balance in the threefold flame. If it cannot be gained here, it must be gained in the wide opportunity of the world for professionalism and self-mastery.

Some things are required of one, and some things of another. Resent not, then, the admonishments we give through the messenger. Our admonishments are only for the shortening of the days for the elect.⁵ Who are the elect? You are the elect! You have elected to enter a path, in the main, by trust, by determination and by the elimination of possibilities; for you have wisely observed what the world has to offer. Not knowing, then, what you would encounter, you have nevertheless sought the Great White Brotherhood, sought the ascended masters, entered the school presenting itself to be ours (as so it is), and thus come in faith to seek and to find.

I welcome you to this quarter of Summit University in the name of Lord Maitreya. My arms are open, and my heart also. I would take you inside and give to you as much as you are able to take. Thus, enter in to the faith of thy own Selfhood, and we can roll up our sleeves and begin.

“What Does It Mean, This Slaying of the Dweller-on-the-Threshold?”

“What does it mean,” you have said, “this slaying of the dweller-on-the-threshold?” Let us begin once again at the beginning for those who have not understood:

Beloved, by free will all have forged action, word, desire. Some of these, as vibration, have been pure and perfect, building individual Christhood and the mantle, the seamless garment. Through ignorance, absence of tutoring, forgetfulness of First Cause and origin in the higher spheres, others of these vibrations emanating from actions and words and desires have fallen; for they had not the balance of flight of Alpha and Omega. They have fallen and begun to form a spiral like a solar system around the solar plexus, the “place of the sun.”

Momentums, then, of lifetimes for many thousands of years have builded the antithesis of Self, sometimes entirely unbeknownst to the outer mind who thought itself so sincere and desirous of doing right that in the very desire to do right, there has been the mistaken conclusion that the desire should make all things right. Nevertheless, the Law perceives that there is right action, there is wrong action, and the proof is in the causal body—the pure vessel of light of all good deeds and acts in Matter—and in this electronic belt.⁶

Now, in the eye of that vortex of misqualified energy—in the very eye of the vortex—there is the point of consciousness

and identity that emerges as the collective consciousness of all misdeeds. Each time a decision is made that registers as the unreal, a portion of the unreal mind must be used to make it. Thus, the collection of actions has a collective consciousness, and the dweller is the collective manifestation of all that has been in error. It emerges as an identity, a figment, you might say, but a momentum that wields human power to a grave and great extent.

This identity is the impostor of the soul and of the Christ Self. A portion of the soul by free will is invested in the impostor, and a portion of the soul is invested in the Christ. Thus, the battleground and Armageddon is of the soul, which, as you know, can be lost.

Now cometh the Christ and the ascended masters and their chelas to woo the soul away from unreality, to prove to the soul what is Real, what is light, what is the eternal goal. This is your office as shepherds and ministering servants and students of the World Teachers. When the soul is enlightened and quickened and gains awareness through Christ, she* begins to be able to see on her own through that Christ intelligence what is unreal.

But seeing is not necessarily believing. Seeing, then, is the first step; believing, the second.

The action to deny that which is unreal is fraught with the burdens of the individual's psychology. And thus, sometimes hard lessons—burning in the trial by fire,⁷ pain in this world—must convince the soul that life is more important and, therefore, that one must let go of certain situations and conditions and beliefs and comfortabilities.

We move the soul as close to the precipice of knowledge

* The soul is the feminine counterpart of the masculine Spirit, and thus is referred to using feminine pronouns.

of Absolute Good and Absolute Evil as is possible, at the same time to preserve the integrity of the soul and not to cause that one too much fear, too much awareness of the great Darkness within that opposes the great Light.

Thus, beloved hearts, the slaying of the dweller. Not all at once but little by little. And this is something you should be aware of, though you have been told before. Each day, according to the cosmic cycles, a little bit of the head of the dweller emerges above this dark pool of the electronic belt. It is a still darkness, and one can see perhaps the head or the ear or the eye or the nose of this dweller, this self-created monster. You see this, then, in your own actions and reactions. You see it in the musings of the mind—sometimes only a telltale ripple on the surface or perhaps the tail when the beast has dived to the bottom.

Thus, you must listen and watch what is lurking. And as soon as you find a tendency to fear, to be jealous, to become angry or whatever, go after it as the tip of the iceberg! Work at it! This work is truly a profound work of the Spirit. It is not easy always to be on the path of confrontation.

The Path of Accommodation of the Dweller

I come with the message of Maitreya and to amplify his previous messages. For he has spoken of the path of accommodation* whereby, instead of slaying the dweller, you find ways to go around this side and around that side. And thus, you begin to build the tower of light—you build a great momentum of decrees and service, trusting that somehow, in some way, this terrifying encounter will go away. But it will

* *accommodation* (fr. Latin *ad* + *commodare*, to make fit, give, lend): adaptation; adjustment; functional adjustment of an organism to its environment through modification of its habits.

not go away. And the day you discover once again that all of that goodness is not the acceptable offering is the day when, in the presence of Maitreya, you once again encounter face-to-face that dweller-on-the-threshold.

You may go far and wide and keep a wide berth from the messenger and never notice the dweller and build a positive human momentum in those outer attainments, whether through yoga or decrees or this or that discipline. And you may be very happy with yourself, and others may be exceedingly happy with you. Of course, this is not the question.

The question is whether your I AM Presence and Christ Self are happy and whether your teachers will tell you that, in the light of cosmic initiation, your offering is acceptable. Thus, beloved, to avoid the masters or to avoid the instrument whereby we may speak to you is to avoid the day of reckoning of your karmic accountability, which has been called, in biblical terms, the day of vengeance of our God.⁸

Who Is Your God?

Now think of this in the occult* sense. Who is our God? Your God is the thing that you fear most. I pray it be the Almighty in the sense of awe, but too often fear is of things from beneath⁹ or of fear itself. Your God is also the thing you hate most or resent most, the thing to which you are tied irrevocably by the greatest intensity of human feelings. These may be good or bad, pleasurable or painful; but there is your God, the one to whom you give deference.

Now listen to the Word: “the day of vengeance of our God.” What is the vengeance? It is the terrifying moment

* *occult* (fr. Latin *occulere*, to cover up): hidden, requiring more than ordinary perception or knowledge. “We speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory...” (1 Cor. 2:7)

when the thing you have feared or hated or loved most (in a human consciousness) has become your master and you its slave, and you find you are indeed not free, although you have built a mountain of decrees and service on either side.

Thus, beloved, the mighty work of the ages must be pursued, and we stand with you and we place our messenger before you because of the initiation and tutoring and training and encounter that is needed constantly to assist—to assist *your* overcoming.

Only you can overcome—we cannot do it for you! And yet, we can deliver the precise Word and the thrust of the sword at any hour of the day or night when it is required. And those who are the true brides of Christ and the wise virgins¹⁰—*they* will respond, *they* will know the source, *they* will move!

You May Know Us through Our Teachings

Blessed hearts, you may not understand or perceive us personally, but you may do so through the dictations and the teachings. And inasmuch as you never know where you will find it, it is important to be ongoing students of the teachings that have come forth. So precious are these teachings that their recording, their organization, is deemed by us often more important than more human conversation with our messenger.

As you can see, if we did not have our books and letters from previous centuries, where would we be to convey the very same instruction? We would have to begin all over again and repeat what we have done. But we have better and nobler ideas to convey and new situations demanding attention. Thus, do not neglect so great a salvation as the written and spoken Word. And value all other contact above and below

with our bands.

The Accommodation of Rebellion against the Guru and Disobedience to the LORD God

Blessed ones, understand, then, the accommodation of the aspect of the beast known as rebellion against the guru and disobedience to the LORD God. Understand that that core rebellion has been the undoing of many chelas, some who were not calculated by us to make it in the first place.

Although we held the immaculate concept, the record of the past was before us. We gave the opportunity in purest hope, in support, and with the full momentum of our Electronic Presence. Yet, beloved, others who have not made it have lost in the race simply for want of this very instruction from Lord Maitreya, which, because it has helped so many, I give to you again.

The accommodation, then, of rebellion, going to the right and to the left of it, becoming as it were, a workaholic, performing many good human deeds and social deeds, or the performance of ritual and prayer and yoga, the assiduous following of perhaps asceticism or personal discipline or diet—all of these things may be a careful accumulation of human virtue by the individual to avoid [subconsciously, at least] what is *the* most important step that must be taken: The step of the encounter with that satellite orbiting in the electronic belt that has come between the soul and her I AM Presence—namely, the rebellion against Lord Maitreya or Sanat Kumara or against the Law itself because it was spoken, perhaps, by a very imperfect vessel. This rebellion, then, becomes a block self-perpetuating, for it is set in orbit by free will and it cannot be removed from orbit without free will.

How You Create Your Personal Astrology out of Your Karma

When you place planets in orbit in this electronic belt, you create your personal subconscious astrology and psychology, which are one and the same—focuses of your karma. Now, when you think of the solar system you inhabit and you consider the weight, the volume and the magnitude of the planets, you can learn the lesson that it is far easier to set a planet in motion than to call it back, even as the words that proceed from your mouths cannot be called back, no matter how great the regret, else it is by the violet flame.

The Necessity for Attainment in the Heart Chakra through the Master-Disciple Relationship

Thus, to remove the planet of rebellion, you must have a oneness with the central sun of your being—the I AM Presence, the Christ Self and the externalized attainment of the heart chakra. This is why we preach on the Sacred Heart. This is why there is a union of religion East and West through the path of the heart; for all who have ever attained have done so by this sacred fire.

Listen well, then. To recall the planet of rebellion in the electronic belt, you must have an equal and greater force of light and sacred fire manifest in the heart to counteract it and dissolve it, else you must be holding the hand of the master or the guru who has that development and can transmit to you the light that can keep you above the waves when you would sink as Peter did.¹¹

Thus, the necessity of the master-disciple relationship. For there is not one among you or those upon earth today (save those who are already in our inner retreats) who can make it alone, who has not in his electronic belt something that

requires reinforcement of the masters who have gone before to remove—to remove, I say, in a timely manner, for we do not have a million years for you to sit and give the violet flame and to pursue these disciplines.

Thus, the master-disciple relationship has never been more important. And because this messenger has submitted to the most complete and arduous training at inner levels and in the physical octave, taking the lessons from both friend and foe alike, from masters and chelas alike (not missing those lessons), we can tell you that the instrument is dependable for our purposes to make known to you what are the mandated options that you must consider through free will to take and take quickly for your own victory.

Cycles must not be lost. Tests must not be postponed. And when you see it, call it and move on.

Beloved ones, when the aspect of the dweller of rebellion is not challenged and bound and cast out—and these are steps; for that planet may be bound before it is ultimately cast out, which means it is in submission to your free will and to your Christhood but not entirely eliminated—when it remains, therefore, and you are in the twilight zone of not having slain the dweller and not having entered into complete union with Christ, these are treacherous waters.

We Offer Our Hand in Friendship

In these waters of the astral plane, again you need our living witness and our hand, which we offer this day purely and in friendship and as never before to assist you—to assist you for Maitreya's sake and for your ascension's sake.

The Acceptable Offering Is Christ-Good

When you are in that twilight zone—scurrying about like frightened mice to pile up good karma, yet not facing the

problem—the offering of human righteousness and human goodness is not the acceptable offering. If the individual is not willing to take this teaching to heart and to change, then, you see, he will become angry, as Cain was angry when his offering was not accepted.¹² He demanded of Maitreya that his human goodness be received as a substitute for Christ-goodness—that the Law be changed for him and, instead of his fulfillment of that Law, that all of this grandiose human goodness should suffice.

And individuals do this again and again, and their schemes and their deeds become more and more grandiose, sometimes encompassing the earth. And they say, “Surely this great good deed, this great endowment, this great act I have done that has blessed millions should be the acceptable offering!”

It is only the acceptable offering when it is Christ-good. What is Christ-good? It is the soul united with Christ who has slain the dweller through that Christ and therefore can say, “This I have done to the glory of God and not as an accommodation for my rebellion, not as a substitute for my surrender, not as my demand that God should take me according to *my* path instead of according to His.”

Depression and Moodiness for the Rejected Offering

Now when the offering that is not Christ-good is rejected, as it always is and shall be, there is an anger that occurs at the subconscious level, which on the surface may manifest as depression. Beware depression and moodiness, for it is a sign of severe problems. Depression is that state of the twilight zone where the individual has neither slain the dweller nor entered fully into the heart of Christ. It is the most dangerous situation of the soul in this octave of the Matter universe.

Therefore, you desire to quickly remove yourself from that place of jeopardy.

Some of you have recurrent dreams of walking over very insecure bridges, over deep chasms or through narrow passages, or of being confined in a box. You may wake up in a cold sweat, you may experience terror in the night. And thus, a lesson is coming through from your Higher Mental Body that tells you that you have placed yourself in a condition that is dangerous, that you must pass through it, you must make a move, you cannot go back and you cannot stand still: you must move forward.

Enter the False Gurus Offering Souls False Fruits

For here the tempter may come, here you may be vulnerable to those who are offering you wares and fruits that are not the initiatic fruits of Maitreya.

Thus enter the false gurus to take advantage of souls who have refused to pass through the initiation of challenging that core rebellion. Now they find a false guru, now they satisfy themselves that all is well. They may keep their rebellion, for the false guru is the embodiment of the dweller-on-the-threshold of rebellion against Maitreya. And they will follow the false teachers lifetime after lifetime, totally suppressing all other awareness of the light of Christ.

For that awareness would demand and force them once again to the point of the encounter and the point of the choice. Thus, they have a system of knowledge, of education, of academia—all these things to confirm and hold together a system of civilization based upon pride and the development of the human ego, situation ethics, the modification of behavior, and all that occurs in the molding of the human animal.

Now understand how the individual who ten thousand or twelve thousand years ago in rejecting Maitreya made the conscious decision to keep the dweller of rebellion does react in this hour or in any century when the representatives of Maitreya and the Great White Brotherhood come forth with the true teaching and the true requirements of the Law. Now the anger that is subconscious, that used to manifest outwardly as depression, inverts and is on the surface in an all-out campaign to destroy the society or the organization or the orifice of the true light.

The Soul Holds the Balance of Right Choice, Fortified by Prayer and Meditation

Blessed ones, to a greater or lesser extent, now and then the dweller within you rebels against your own Christhood. But the soul may choose. For the soul ultimately, though it hangs in the balance, holds the balance of right choice. Thus, when you do not know the way to go or the right hand from the left hand, pray—pray for attunement and oneness with us.

Learn the steps of prayer and meditation that we have taught in our release¹³ that you might also be fortified by prayer and meditation as the right hand and the left hand of the presence of the bodhisattvas who come to reinforce your desire to be all that God intended you to be.

Thus, you see, depression then begets inefficiency, more rebellion, disobedience, until finally there is a clamoring and a clanking in the electronic belt and in the four lower bodies. And unless that individual swiftly choose the light of his own mighty I AM Presence and choose to align himself with us, the helpers who can help, that individual must surely make the choice to run for the hills or for the canyons of the big cities where he may lose himself and place himself at the farthest

possible distance from the one who can help—if not ourselves, then the messenger.

Some Sense of Injustice, Some Offense

Realize, then, beloved hearts, that all who do this must have an excuse, and their excuse must be based on some sense of injustice, some offense, or some real or imagined fault of our witness or our chelas or our organization. It is a pity, beloved hearts, that personal offense based on a core rebellion should unseat the rider, should unhorse the knight and he thereby lose such a grand opportunity. This work of the ages is a joyous work when you have one another, when you have community and such joy unlimited that is possible in this circumstance with which you are blessed, having this center with all that it portends for your lifestream.

We Come in the Name of Serapis Bey because the Mystery School Is Required

Why have we come in this century? Why are we here presenting the equation of life? We come in the name of Serapis Bey, our chief. We come in the name of this master. We come because it is required that there be a mystery school in the physical octave in this century, teaching the path of the ascension, where the only graduates from that school are ascended masters.

It is required that the Path be set, that there not be a mincing of words or indulgences, paid or unpaid,¹⁴ but there be the pure and simple Path demonstrated by ourselves and yourselves to keep this earth in its cosmic spin. We are proud in the true, humble sense of the word as we rejoice that there is indeed such a school in this time and space.

The Messenger of Truth Must Meet the Foes of the Message

Beloved ones, I must tell you that when we looked for the messenger who could carry this message and Truth through what would befall that messenger in this century, we looked down this lifestream and found that strength and faith that would not be moved by the gossip or the calumny or the framing or whatever else might occur. For if the message is not borne by one who has the strength to meet the foes of the message with their anti-message, then how can our activity or our knowledge endure?

All qualities you may desire may not be evident in the messenger, but can one individual embody all virtues of God? Why are you here? Are you not here to embody those virtues and talents that might be absent from the outpicturing in this life of the one who stands before you? What purpose would you have if it would not be to complement all that is manifest here? What purpose of the messenger if not to provide you with those ingredients necessary and expedient to your own victory? This is the great beauty of the Great White Brotherhood, lest one having more than her share or his share perceive himself a god or independent of the Most High.

Come, then, to understand that the most necessary ingredients—to stand and still stand and to deliver our Word—are present. We are satisfied, and we are also satisfied that you will provide the rest.

Active and Passive Roles of Alpha and Omega Fulfilling the Word and Its Work

We encourage you to be aggressive and active on those particular notes that are your keynote to make this community complete. You understand the meaning of the passive

receiver, the Omega who receives the light of Spirit. The moment you receive it, you become Alpha. And now you are the active ones, now you move into action, now you implement the Word!

Beloved ones, there must be, perforce, workshops drilling in communication. You must be *receivers* of the Word. Then you must be *givers* of the Word. This is not yet action. The Word translated by the Holy Spirit becomes an awareness-action whereby you move. And suddenly the Word, which is the power of the Spirit, becomes the Work, the mighty Work that is the manifestation of the Mother in Matter. This is why we capitalize *Word* and *Work*—that you might understand the polarity of Alpha and Omega.

It is the Omega cycle that you must triumph in. Thus, the Work counts, for it shows forth the effect of the inner cause of the Spirit with you. Until the Word is received and given, heard, assimilated—and the very result of assimilation is the mighty Work of the ages—you have not completed the spiral! And until the Word becomes the Work, it is either an unfulfilled spiral or an aborted spiral.

Great Is the Cry of Injustice, Short-Fused the Determination to Act

I speak of this because I look across this great nation. People meet and talk. They agree in committee. They form policy. If all of the noble thoughts and desires of the hearts of the good people of the land would come into action, this nation would be a highly improved place. But it is not so.

When it comes to the Omega action, when it comes to the individual becoming the Shakti* of the Great White Brother-

* *Shakti* is a Sanskrit term for “energy,” “power,” “force.” Shakti is the dynamic, creative force of the universe—the feminine principle of the

hood, when it comes to courage and the willingness to stand apart from the crowd, to go against the most cherished belief systems, we find that those who are often most courageous are the fallen ones, for they have a momentum on rebellion and therefore they stand out.

And those who should stand out are quietly in their living rooms watching their television sets, listening to their music, and demanding endless hours and time to pursue their families and all other interests except the demand to save the nation or the youth or to fight drugs or to rescue the little children.

Great is the cry of injustice, and very short and short-fused is the determination to act. Few have the sustaining power to act in exception to their neighbors for very long. Few can stand the ostracization that they receive. That is why we have community, for we are like minds who ought to be attracting more like minds, and may well do so. . . .

Recapitulation of My Discourse

May I recapitulate and remind you that I have spoken in the beginning of my discourse to you today of the dispensation of my help to you in your personal health and psychology to the end that you might know the joy of wholeness, be at peace to freely and swiftly eliminate the unreal portions of the self, to mount, then, the path of initiation that the flame of the heart might be balanced and shine to all nations as the dissemination of our light, leading all to the fruit of Maitreya and the necessary initiation that every disciple must have if he is to overcome the most difficult and complex problems of the

Godhead. In Hindu philosophy, *Shakti* is the name given to the feminine aspect of a male deity, often personified as his spouse or consort. The masculine counterpart is viewed as the quiescent, unmanifest aspect of Spirit, requiring the activating force, the feminine aspect who is Shakti, to release the God potential from Spirit to Matter.

subconscious or the electronic belt.

Our Motive, Our Mode, Our Maitreya

The purpose of all we do is your ascension. Understand that in order to rescue your soul, we must outsmart or challenge or even bruise that dweller. And we must cajole and contrive circumstances where the eyes of the soul will be opened and true self-knowledge will be gained and thus right choices be made. The entire purpose of our instruction at Summit University from the heart of Maitreya is so that you, dear chela, might have at your disposal our standards from the ascended master octaves as you exercise free will for right action—right Word and Work. Understand our motive and tolerate our means, for we must act in the best way possible to reach you swiftly.

Consider always the motive of the ascended masters in any adversity, any clash with a chela or family, any misunderstanding of our teaching or the messenger. Consider the motive and consider that the most important part of any experience you have is not what is flung your way but your reaction to it. Your reaction is the determination of your place on the ladder of attainment. Your reaction enables us to act or not to act. Your reaction to anything or everything shows us the fruit that has ripened in you from all of our prior teaching and loving and support as well as discipline.

Thus, perceive the sine wave building towards events that produce a thrust that requires from you a response. Observe the response, and you will observe the highest hopes and possibilities that now are given room to manifest. It is always well to pause and take a deep breath and to consider, therefore, before you speak and before you decide on a course of action.

Thus, all is in the pudding. Let us see now the proof of your pudding, for we will not leave thee. We are here for the stated purposes. And we wonder what wonder Maitreya may have before us when you shall have achieved a new level of community attainment.

With the sign of the East and the hierarch of light, with the sign of the One who has sent me, I am forever the little bird of Christ, the little bird of Buddha. I speak in the ear, twitter in the tree, make ripples in the pond, and bring you a little piece of bread in my beak.

*The dark side. The synthetic self.
The not-self. The enemy within.*

There are many names for the part of us that sometimes sabotages our highest dreams and ideals.

In each of us there is a collective consciousness of all our misdeeds—momentums of this life and many lifetimes. It is this consciousness that emerges as a pseudo-identity and causes us to do those things we so often regret. It has also been called the dweller-on-the-threshold, because it hides at the threshold of self-awareness, where the conscious and subconscious minds meet.

The encounter with this enemy within has been vividly portrayed in works of literature such as Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* and Robert Louis Stevenson's *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*—and also in modern movie masterpieces such as *Star Wars*.

But for most of us, the encounter with the dweller-on-the-threshold is less cataclysmic, for the enemy within is subtle and hopes we will not notice as it lurks in the shadows—like some phantom of the opera, occasionally emerging to cause havoc in our lives. From time to time, we contact the tip of the iceberg, but seldom see below the surface to know what we are really dealing with.

In *The Enemy Within*, Mark L. Prophet and Elizabeth Clare Prophet remove the mask from the dweller-on-the-threshold. They bring a clear understanding and spiritual tools to help us deal with that enemy within. And they reveal the inner light as our true nature, what we can fully become when we have overcome the not-self.



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