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who have endured with us through
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Blessed readers, bear with us as we unfold the mysteries of God. Be patient with our effort as together we walk and talk with Jesus and the servant-sons in heaven whose revelations we bear. For as emissaries of their teaching, we must attempt to make plain according to twentieth-century thinking and beyond and theological modality a vast gnosis of the Lord that does and does not necessarily fit the mind-sets and mind-traps of the very ones for whom his Lost Teaching is sent.

Above all, have patience with yourself, endure to the end of our treatise and pray fervently and without fear to the Holy Spirit to enlighten you—both through and beyond the written word. These pages are a garden path where you meet the Lord Jesus and the masterful beings and intelligences who comprise the “cloud of witnesses” to the Universal Christ, whose point of Light is also in ourselves.

In these four volumes of The Lost Teachings of Jesus series we bring you the most precious instruction we have received for lifetimes from our Good Friend and the Shepherd of our souls. While the
words and images may not be those Christ used two thousand years ago, you will find the heart of the message he imparted on the road to Emmaus; at Bethany with Mary, Martha and Lazarus; at meat with sinners and publicans; to the multitudes on the desert, by the sea, and in the mountains; in the synagogue at Nazareth; in the Temple at Jerusalem; and on the Mount of Transfiguration with Peter, James and John—as well as the message he whispered in the ear of Paul.

You won’t find two dozen lost parables with a cast of sowers, servants, rich men, virgins and mustard seeds. But you will learn from our cast of Fords, Chevys, homegrown philosophers, our Pierre and our parrot and from the many portraits of life from which Jesus has drawn to teach us the fine points of the Law.

You won’t find verbatim the words and phrases expunged from the Gospels, but you will find the essential truths they contained as well as some of the Lord’s most precious secrets which we herein transcribe—some plain for all to see, some hidden in enigma for riddle lovers and detectives to sleuth and solve. You may find yourself rereading these volumes as you carefully choose the missing pieces to fill in the mosaic of your inner life as you commune with the Master in the cloisters of your soul.

The chapters we set forth for you in the name of Jesus Christ and in defense of every seeker for his Truth contain the fundamentals of his Lost Teachings which he himself has taught us. Profound in
their simplicity, when understood they lead to the complexities of the Law of every man’s true nature in God.

The four books in this series consist of fourteen lectures delivered by Mark between 1965 and 1973, illuminated by the lessons Jesus has given us in dictations, sermons and letters over the past thirty years. The message that unfolds as the rose of Sharon is compiled from these as well as private conversations with the Master. It is the Lord’s gift to your soul, that you might keep his flame and not lose the way when the darkness of personal and planetary karma covers the land and all else fails of human institutions and nations and their armies and armaments.

As he said to us, “Though heaven and earth pass away, my Word shall live forever—in the hearts of those who are the spiritual survivors of earth’s schoolroom. Go and find them and show them the Way!”

Especially do we urge those who have never contacted the heart of Jesus’ teachings as we have presented them in our ministry to read with new hope these chapters of the Saviour’s wisdom. They are gathered together for the dissolving of schism in the body politic, for the furtherance of the spirit of ecumenism—and for the healing of the diseases of the flesh and the mind, and of the soul’s anguish in its aloneness in time of trouble and mourning.

O world, you need this Teaching more than you know for that which is coming upon your soul
and the souls of your people in the days ahead. May you take the little book and eat it up, enjoying the sweetness in the mouth, resisting not the bitterness in the belly, but understanding the necessity for the full alchemy of the Word to work his work in you.

We are the two witnesses standing now, one on either bank of Life’s great river. We preach his Everlasting Gospel and the hidden wisdom: for the Lamb is come—and the mystery of God which was not to be finished till the days of the voice of the seventh angel.

The prophecy is fulfilled. That which was spoken to the disciples in the upper room is being shouted from the housetops. At last the path of discipleship to which Jesus called his chosen does appear for all to see and know and enter in these end times of the Piscean age—for the Light of Aquarius dawns.

With our life we have given the Saviour’s discourses to your hearts’ keeping, fully assured by Jesus himself that through these pages and your oneness with his sacred heart, you may seek and find the keys to the kingdom.

The Lord is waiting. Please take his gift, entrusted to us for you, before it is too late.

Faithfully,

Mark L. Prophet

Elizabeth Clare Prophet

Servants of God in Jesus Christ
These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God. After all, the depths of a man can only be known by his own spirit, not by any other man, and in the same way the depths of God can only be known by the Spirit of God.

Now instead of the spirit of the world, we have received the Spirit that comes from God, to teach us to understand the gifts that he has given us. Therefore we teach, not in the way in which philosophy is taught, but in the way that the Spirit teaches us: we teach spiritual things spiritually.¹

—The Apostle Paul
Chapter One

Kal-Desh: The Intermingling of Time and Space
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We would speak about time, kala in the Sanskrit, and space, desha in the Sanskrit, and of the intermingling of time and space. And we would speak of it in terms of past history and the future, or that which is to be, and the fulfillment of the cycles of life.

Every One of Us a Teacher

For, not too long ago we were sitting in a high chair, drooling out our oatmeal upon our chin. And now we are here, quite a ways from that particular sorry state, and we are supposed to have a greater knowledge and a higher concept of what life is all about so that we can teach our children—as that old song goes, “Mother, teach thy children . . .”

Every one of us is a teacher. But we sometimes forget that we have this role to play. We sometimes think of ourselves as someone who is the victim of tyrants—as though life itself were a tyrant, as though our teachers were tyrants, as though everywhere we turned everything were in a tyrannical state and we ought to rebel against it.
Then we suddenly stop, and we begin to realize what I began to realize long ago: that the meanest teacher I ever had in school—my Latin teacher—was, in reality, the one who taught me the most.

We ought to ask ourselves this question: Do we really want a sweet and beautiful personality that will pat us on the back and say, “Yes, you have learned all your lessons, Johnny. Mary, you know everything. You’re just wonderful!” when in reality we’re down in the D class? Is that what we want? Shouldn’t we look up to those who may seem to us to be tyrants by reason of their diligence and desire to chasten our souls, as God himself does? Shouldn’t we look up to them as our most dedicated instructors, who teach us the very best of life that’s free but whose precepts are meaningless to us unless we accept them?

And so we rebel no more, but we welcome the chastening rod that speaks in the Lord’s name and says to us, “Whom I love, I chasten.”

*Thinking in Terms of the Head and the Heart*

Let us stop for a moment, and let us begin to think in terms of thought. Yes, think in terms of thought. What is thought? We have heard of the ancient Thoth, the Atlantean, the great master Thoth.⁴ And we come to realize, if we pause to think upon the relationship of words, that thought and Thoth are perhaps one—that the word thought may even have sprung from his name. But whether
or not it did is not so important as the fact that we are endowed with the capacity to think.

Yet, this great think tank that we have here [pointing to the brain] and this great think tank that we have here [pointing to the heart] are not always functioning together as they are supposed to. For, you see, man is supposed to think both with his head and his heart. And what happens is that he separates the heart and the head, and we find that the heart, expressing the feelings of man, leads the head.

And so, in almost every case where you are dealing with motivation—for example, in the field of salesmanship—and you want to sell someone something, you appeal to their head and you say, “Well, this particular product is going to do you a lot of good,” but you don’t get very enthusiastic about it. And you cite some facts and figures and graphs, and everyone looks unimpressed as though nothing has happened, and really nothing has.

And then, after a while you begin to get the idea. You get the message of the heart. You begin to wax enthusiastic. And in your enthusiasm you are creating an infectious feeling which is easily picked up at the emotional level by anyone.

And what is emotion? It is $E$—energy—in motion. You have created a feeling. And wherever there is a feeling created, good or bad, the feeling will lead the head—and, in most people, it will win every time.

So, if the husband is thinking with his head and the wife is feeling with her heart, the wife will
have her way. But if the reverse is true, strange as it may seem, he will have his way. And this is always the case. It’s the heart that leads.

But, in reality, it is not intended to be just that way. We are supposed to learn to think with our heart and govern our feelings so that we are not always carried away by the tides of emotion. But when we are able to feel with our head and think with our heart and do both in both places, then we have a great duality going for us and a masterful situation where we, if we will it so, can be in total command of ourselves.

We are our own man or our own woman. We are able to think the way God wants us to think—to think with our head, to think with our heart, to feel with our head and to feel with our heart. For we can learn to do this, as difficult as it may seem.

The Five Senses and Seven Chakras Reveal Reality

Now, in connection with thought, I am going to ask you to think with me as we begin to explore the great sphere of reality that is made known to us through the avenues of our five senses.

Our five senses telegraph to our inner self what is taking place. They reveal the world to us, but they reveal only a part of it. Therefore, unless we have the endowment of the quickened capacities of the higher senses, we cannot penetrate the totality of the world within.

And so we come to the place where we are going to climb the thirty-three steps of the spinal
ladder to the place of the skull, Golgotha, where the Christ is crucified between the two malefactors\textsuperscript{5} — the anterior and posterior lobes of the pituitary gland.

Now, you think about that for a moment. And if you can’t solve the mystery of it, then decide that you’re going to search further until you can solve the mystery of it, because it is filled with significance for each individual. And it correlates to the blossoming of the spiritual flowers on the spinal stalk. These are the great spiritual centers (chakras) culminating in the thousand-petaled lotus of light, right here at the crown of the head where the pulsation of the crystal cord can be observed in the newborn babe.

When the thousand-petaled lotus of light opens up, it reveals the whole universe to man. There is absolutely nothing hidden from one’s eyes when the crown chakra is opened, but only the full penetration of the inward man reaching out and perceiving all things in the light of just what those things in actuality are.

Now, fortunately or unfortunately, many people like to be very pragmatic. They like to think in terms of results right now. And this, of course, can be very good. It has its value. But sometimes it does not give a clear picture of what has just happened to us or what is about to happen to us. We’re interested not in a bubble that’s floating in a level that is almost infinite in its horizontal plane, but we want to know the relationship of this bubble to the plane, to the surface whose incline we are measuring.\textsuperscript{6}
Similarly, unless we have some arbitrary markings upon the scale of our judgments, our values will be warped because either we will see through the eyes of contemporary society or we will read—and read as other people read—but never read to think beyond what other people are thinking. We will be achieving what is known as mediocrity.

I cannot believe that it is God’s will that man, endowed with his image, is intended to think in terms of mediocrity. We are intended to think big!—to think gigantic thoughts but to tether it all to reality. And this reality has already been established for us. We are not in a world where reality does not exist.

There are those who have come to this planet and who have had the oatmeal drooling down their chins just as we did, who today are spiritual Masters—masters of themselves and of their destiny. Once they walked amongst us and today they are still in contact with us.

If your spiritual centers are whirling with light—those little transformers (seven chakras) that God has all wrapped up inside of you—you may feel the cosmic energy flowing through you when in the presence of one of the Masters or while listening to their dictations on tape. It will pass through you and you’ll know it.

If your centers are closed, you may not feel the Master Jesus’ vibration, but you’ll still hear his words and benefit from his instruction. And you’ll
understand some of it, I hope, and the great significance of his Lost Teaching brought to our remembrance in these times of testing.

*Living in the Mist and in the Crystal*

So now we come to the point of time, which we will deal with first, this *kal*—this infinite calculation of the finite.

Because, you see, all we can ever do with a piece of string that represents all known history is break it up into segments. We call them years. We take this piece of string and we arbitrarily make our mark on it. We say this is such and such a year, and this is such and such a year. Two thousand years ago, Christ was born. We put that on the string and we call it A.D., the year of our Lord.

Well, when we come to the end of the string, we come to the end of history today; then we take another string. We don’t tie them together. We just stretch this one out in a line continuing in the same direction because it’s forward moving. Our history has met our present, and the future is unknown.

Now we realize that we really don’t know just what is going to happen because, as Kahlil Gibran in his book *The Prophet* says, “Life, and all that lives, is conceived in the mist and not in the crystal. And who knows but a crystal is mist in decay?”

So then, you see, there are some people who have this little idea in their brains. They say to themselves, “Well, what I think is not so important,
it’s what I do that counts.” But I’m going to tell you that what you think is important, and what you do is also important. And I’m going to show it to you by Kahlil Gibran’s statement.

Let us take the man who thinks the evil thought of adultery. According to the scriptures, a man who looks at a woman with lust in his heart has already committed adultery. Remember this now. Jesus said it: if he thinks it in his heart, he has already committed the act—that is to say, in his heart.

So, a man said to me one day, “Well, it doesn’t make any difference if I commit adultery, because I’ve already thought it and therefore I’m committed to it.” I wish to prove to you that this is where the man is wrong in his thinking.

We live in the mist and we live in the crystal. The mist is the state of thought wherein we begin the thought processes that may or may not eventuate in the crystal. When Judas Iscariot was thinking that he was going to betray Christ, it was still in the mist. But the Master read his thought and said to him, “That which thou doest, do quickly.” And having received the sop, he went out immediately and betrayed him.

Now, when he betrayed him, that was crystallization. The mist of thought had crystallized and it could not be changed. It was the unalterable act. His fantasy had become fact. It was a fait accompli. The moment the deed was done, it was history. Thought had passed through the nexus and by the lever of the will became the action indelibly
stamped on akasha. * Karma.

No matter what deed you contemplate, as long as it is not crystallized into action, there is still hope that you will avoid the karma of deeds that will accrue to your life record only when the act is committed.

Wise is the man who does not allow himself to fall into the pit of wrong thought in the first place. But if he find himself in wrong thought, wise is he who will quickly correct himself before it becomes a recorded deed in the second place. As the Master said, “You can’t help it if a bird lands on your head, but you don’t have to let him build a nest in your hair!”

And that’s the whole idea for all of us. To exercise control over ourselves is to realize that we live in the mist of thought, which we must tether to Truth and Righteousness before a momentum becomes “bigger than both of us” and topples the energies of both thought and feeling into words and deeds we later regret.

When we come to the realm of thought crystallization, it is far better to watch our thoughts before they manifest in the arena of action, because the karma (consequences) of thought is still not as great as the karma (consequences) of deeds. For the karma of deeds affects the lives of other people more physically and therefore often irrevocably; whereas with the karma of thought, though the effect may be more psychological, it can be healed

*akasha: primary substance which fills the whole of space
and sealed and the damage undone “before it is too late,” as they say—before the die is cast.

The fact is that transmutation is as a rule easier on the mental plane than on the physical—but not always, as in the case of mental cruelty and emotional abuse. But then, these are also the result of acts.

As long as we are dealing with just our own private thought—although it still may be error, often carrying a ‘thought karma’ proportionate to its duration—it can be pulled back, our desire purified, and the plot sequence taken out of consciousness by our own free will and the correct application of cosmic law.

Now, it’s a wonderful thing that there is hope for people after they’ve erred. And it’s a wonderful thing that there’s hope for people before they’ve erred. But I still think that an ounce of prevention, as my mother told me, is worth a pound of cure. Don’t you?

Learning the Lessons of Our Past History

Now then, enough with the ordinary human consciousness of just doing things. Let’s look backwards and forwards in history and go to the very foundations of our own soul’s evolution. We can go back to the hanging gardens of Babylon. We can see the great tower of Babel. We can still perceive, in thought, Sodom and Gomorrah.

We can experience the past, as Risë Stevens
did in the old amphitheater in Athens. While she was singing Orpheo’s aria of lamentation at the foot of the Acropolis, the scene bathed in moonlight, she “lost all touch with reality” and felt herself in ancient Greece, “mentally and physically” living a former life in which she had acted on that very stage. Later she wrote about the incident, saying she finished the aria as in a trance and “fell prostrate on the body of Euridice.” It took five minutes of thunderous applause to bring her back to the present.10

We have lived in the past and we have lived in the present. And we have also lived in the future that has become our past and our present. But our tomorrows cannot be any better for us than our todays and our yesterdays unless we transcend both and become the masters of our fate.

Since we have made our home in the past, the past has its effect upon our lives. In fact, unless we learn the alchemy of change, our past becomes our present and our future! And we may be its prisoner, and all we will have to look forward to in life are the replays which we ourselves project upon the screen of life—when we ought to cast ourselves in new and futuristic roles.

Thus, the present and the future can only be a clean white page if we clear our world of the causes we ourselves set in motion yesterday. If we don’t, as sure as God made green apples, they will come home to roost as today’s or tomorrow’s “Surprise!”
Yes, yesterday’s karmic involvements produce sideshows and side effects that have a magnetism all their own. Their force, or forcefield, can be felt; they have both weight and gravity. Call it astrology or fate or what you will, the fact remains that all too often we allow the effects of causes we and we alone created (and which we therefore are obliged to uncreate) to deter us from center stage and the spotlight of our own I AM Presence, who expects us to perform well—both in the mist and in the crystal.

Most of us like to think only in terms of this particular embodiment, this life. We like to think of our mother and our father and the old homestead and the good old days. Some people in this room go back to the horse-and-buggy days, and some remember the Model T and some the Model A. Some, of course, have a little different background—they only remember television! But we find in the record and the memory of the psyche that all of us go back somewhere into the distant past.

And some of us can go back farther than others. We can go back to the ruins and the records of the Sumerian civilization beyond the pale of current Mideast crises. We can go back to the building of the ancient pyramids and to the moment of the carving of the Sphinx.

We can go back through our soul memories to many countries and many climes; and the recordings stored in the unconscious, written in our “inward parts,” as Jeremiah tells us, reveal to us many things.
And so, we can read and learn the lessons of our own past history and see to it, if we will it so, that our history does not repeat itself by our neglectfulness in studying the chemistry of our hearts and the elements that make up our actions, reactions, and the unfortunate distractions that impel us by the karma of desire from the highway of our God.

Some of us walked where Jesus walked. Some of us can literally remember Golgotha. Some of us can remember other times and other places. We have participated in various enterprises throughout history. Some people here were in the War of the Roses. Some remember King Henry VIII. Some sailed the seas with Christopher Columbus. Others, of course, have been paupers. Some have been princes. And some have really been kings and queens.

*We Are the Sole Authors of Our Destiny*

We have been many things. And we have not always been on top of the heap, nor have we always been at the bottom. Sometimes we’ve been in the middle. And sometimes we’ve been caught in between. We’ve been through lots of different situations in our past lives. And our future will be exactly what we make it. In fact, the script is already written. Only we can unwrite it, for we are the sole authors of our destiny.

This is why the Masters are so interested in our state of consciousness. They want us to be able to probe all of the past, to learn its lessons dispassionately, and then to look to the future with hope.
and joy born of the idea that God has placed the pen in our hands: We can rewrite the past upon the pages of the future!

I think it’s a great tragedy that most of us just live from day to day. I mean, we get up each day and we say, “I wonder just what this day is going to bring forth, in time, for me. What is it going to bring forth?”

“Well,” we say, “I don’t know.”

Isn’t it a tragedy that we have so little governing power over our lives that we say we don’t know? Especially when at subconscious levels we know the end from the beginning, because we’ve seen it all before—before we ever took embodiment in this life.

Don’t you think that when God said to man, “Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it, take dominion over the creatures of the sea, the air, and the earth!”—in other words, “Rule the earth!”—don’t you think he intended him to exercise control over himself and his environment through careful planning and conscientious striving—even probing the mysteries of self and science?

It’s a great travesty of the Law that we have not availed ourselves of the promises of self-mastery foreordained in the covenants and commandments of God. Why, we are not even masters enough of the fates to know, to be, and to determine what is going to happen to us in a single day, any day, of our lives! Instead of making things happen, we just sit back
and let the future decide itself—instead of realizing
that we *are* our past, our present, and our future.

Therefore, no matter what we do, we are
deciding to be, to remain as we were, to appear,
and to appear to change but to change not at all—to
seem to be, but to be not—to feel, taste, smell, and
still to see or not to see. Alas, the choices are inﬁ-
nite, but we are still ﬁnite and can only outpicture
a few. Let them be wise in the mist so we will not
have to undo the crystal—molecule by molecule.

*We Can Probe the Mystery of Self*

Must we forever think the future is a great
mystery and that we can never pierce the veil and
divest the mystery of its mystery? Dear hearts, the
future will only be the mystery *we* make it or the
mystery *we* unveil.

Well, we can probe the mystery of self, if we
want to. Through the Masters’ Teachings, through
spiritual insight, we can look ahead. And not only
can we look ahead, but we can plan ahead. We can
make things happen.

There are two kinds of people: the kind who
make things happen and the kind who watch them
happen. Now, we’re interested in being able to
make things happen. Is this wrong? Does God
blame us for making things happen? On the con-
trary, he blames us for just watching them happen.
Because when we watch them happen, we are not
participating at all in the constructivism that lies
as a coiled spring within ourselves.
Oh, you say, you don’t have any power within yourself. Well, I’m here to assure you that if you follow the true Teachings of Jesus taught by the Ascended Masters, and you follow them long enough, the Teachings themselves will prove to you beyond question that you do have the power and the ultimate power to make things happen in your world. And when you prove to yourself that you can do it, why then you will see that you can govern your life from now on. And your future can be tailor-made just the way you want it!

But, of course, people will always come up with this question: “Well, how will I want it? And how will I know how I want it? I don’t even know how I want my life to be today, let alone tomorrow and the next day and the next.”

But, you see, dear heart, you have already created your yesterdays, your todays, and your tomorrows. And unless and until you get in the driver’s seat and become the charioteer in your own race against karma, you are not going to be first at the finish line. Your own human creation may very well beat you to the punch!

The Problem of Desire

Well, let’s talk about giving someone a million dollars. You give them a million dollars and they’re overwhelmed with the gift, but they don’t know what to do with it. Of course, everybody says, “Well, I know what I’d do if I had a million dollars.” And they can think of all kinds of things
they would do with that money. But, you see, it isn’t quite that easy.

Now, I can’t speak from the experience of having had someone give me a million dollars, but I have had people give me gifts in the course of my life. And I have had the experience of walking into stores and really not knowing just how to spend a certain amount of money that I had in my pocket that I thought I ought to spend.

But you know what the biggest problem was? It was the problem of so many wants, so many desires that it became a question of: “What shall I select that I can buy with this amount of money, because I don’t have enough to buy everything I see? What will I pick out? What can I buy?”

And the ideas would come so thick and fast, it was like a blizzard. You know, you’re in a snowstorm and you’re batted from one side of the store to the other. And in the end you go home with the money in your pocket—yet it was burning a hole in your pocket when you came into the store—and you say, “Well, I guess I’d rather have the money than anything,” because you can’t settle on any one thing that you really want.

This shows that man has a real problem. His real problem is that he needs to learn to school his desire, to master this chaotic condition of the mind where he cannot settle upon one particular thing that he feels is most important in his life.

I think, then, that all of us should stop for a while this business of just thinking randomly in
what we will call the stream of consciousness. Most people think in the stream-of-consciousness mode. And do you know that the planetary stream of consciousness is muddied from the refuse of human thought and feeling that has been dumped into it from all over the world?

Because of this pollution we have to learn to protect our aura and our astral body against the impinging negative thoughts of the world—those “arrows of outrageous fortune” that beset Hamlet. We have to learn to upraise the shield of the mind in order to shut them out of our consciousness so that we can build great positive passions for what God wants us to have for ourselves.

Otherwise, you see, we cannot even receive the gifts that God has to give to us. He’s got all kinds of gifts to give to us and he’s right ready to hand them to us now. But we can’t receive them until we have purified our desires. Do you understand this?

The desire is important. But, you see, desire is a key which may be understood through the esoteric interpretation of the two syllables of the word: desire. De stands for your divinity—the Deity of your selfhood—in other words, your Mighty I AM Presence. And what is sire? It means lord, the term whereby we address the Son of God. Put them together and you get God and the Son of God:* Desire.

Another way of looking at this word and the co-creative power it conveys is to realize that Deity

*or the Mighty I AM Presence and the Holy Christ Self
sires—begets or brings into being—the Son of God out of the depths of his own desiring.

And if you want to understand the science of Being, you should know that your I AM Presence through the “Sire”—your own beloved Christ Self—bestows upon you through the power of the spoken Word the same power to re-create yourself in the image of Higher Consciousness by which you came forth from Elohim in the beginning!

“Let there be Light!”
This is the original fiat
of the LORD who made heaven and earth.
“Let there be Light!”
Say it now with determination.
With the deep desiring of your heart.
With the Peace-commanding presence
of your Christ Self.

“Let there be Light!”
Say it into the teeth of every problem
and temptation.
Say it in your mind and in the most secret secrets
of your heart.
Say it in your desires and in the musings
of your soul.

“Let there be Light!”
Say it for loved ones.
Use this divine decree to heal the sick—
to challenge evildoers and to bring order out of the chaos of global crisis.
Speak it in the eye of God’s whirlwind
    and in the center of his fury and
when elemental forces rampage in fire and flood.
Speak it on the shores of life,
    to your beloved and your children
when they are happy and carefree
    and when they are bowed down
by the void of noncaring, noncreativity.
And when Darkness covers the land
    and the face of the earth is consumed
with war and plague and famine and death,
say to the whole earth and to the Sun:
*Let there be Light!*

“Let there be Light!”
Speak it in the dark night of despair
    and in the morning’s light of joy.
Speak it to thy God, who loves thee
    and shall love thee evermore,
who says to thee even in this moment of eternity:
“Let there be Light!”

Give answer, O my soul.
Tell Him thou hast heard.
He longeth for thy confirmation . . .
    “And there was Light!”

Yes, it was desire and the spoken Word that
struck the first note of cosmos, and it will be your
desire as God’s desire in you yoked with the com-
mand to Light that will strike the true chord of
your identity.
So, what have we got to do? We have got to learn that we are acting creatively as God acts creatively, that we are co-creators with him of our destiny and that by purifying our thoughts—the offspring of our minds—we will be siring a true and noble lineage made in the image of our Christ. And then we will actually produce in our world what we want to produce.

Yes, the thought that you create is the offspring of your mind. And the way you create it is the same way that Leonardo da Vinci created. You have got to learn how to create. And this requires the purification of both the mind and the heart.

But first we must bring our desire and our desire body into alignment with the desire of God. We must study what Deity sires, what the Creator creates, and then pattern our designs after the heavenly patterns. We must study the lost Word and pattern our speech after his speech, as it is written: “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.”

De-signs are the Deity’s signature on every component of his creation—every leaf, flower and star. And, do you know something? You also sign your name to your creations—just like a famous designer—because every thought and feeling, motive and momentum contains the microscopic signet

*“The heavens declare the glory of God, the vault of heaven proclaims his handiwork; day discourses of it to day, night to night hands on the knowledge.” Ps. 19:1, 2, Jerusalem Bible translation.*
of your molecular and electronic blueprint. You can never deny your creations, whether human or divine, just as you cannot stamp out your etchings in the crystal unless you learn the alchemy of change.

_The Violet Fire and the Creative Fiat_

It’s the violet fire! You’ve got to get the violet fire—both to create what you want and to uncreate what you don’t want. And that’s what Jesus and Saint Germain and El Morya sent us here to do. To teach you how to use the violet fire. And that’s exactly what we’re going to do.

But don’t skip over first principles: The body should be kept clean, because a clean body breeds clean thought. Whatever you feed the mind should be glorious, should be miraculous, should be beautiful, should be wise, should be comforting to humanity, should, as with scientific precision, produce something good in the world.

Do you see how important it is that you grasp this thought? Because through this thought you can purify your own concepts and then, you see, this world of time becomes a world where you can step from the present into the space of the past.

And soon you can learn to move through the realm of ideation where ideas are being born and then conveyed along the corridor of the mind, where they take on thought and feeling modes just before they thread the needle of the drive and the shuttle of action. You can learn the laws of spiritual alchemy to transmute by violet fire the base
metals of your human consciousness into the refined gold of the divine.

Well, you may think that you can’t change the past. Because it’s the crystal. So, for the time being step over here into the mist and experiment with the laws of change that can change the future.

It doesn’t matter what you have been in the past—how weak or worrisome you’ve been, how you’ve frittered and failed, or what you have or haven’t discovered. I’m interested in awakening within you the realization that the power of God in yourself has every answer that you need for every human problem.

I don’t care what that problem is! God has the answer. And the answer, of course, can best be conveyed if we go back to what Jesus actually taught and said to the inner circle of his disciples and what he’s saying to us today. For example, we have illustrated here in symbolic form the violet transmuting flame [pointing to the violet flame surrounding the lower figure in the Chart*) and soon we’re going to be giving creative fiats called decrees with that violet flame.

If you can understand the Chart of Your Real Self, you can understand the Almighty One individualized and personified in your Beloved I AM Presence. You can understand its relationship to the Christ of your being, the one anointed with the Light of the Son of God. And you can understand

*See p. 111. For more information on the violet flame, see “The Violet Flame for God-Realization” in Lost Teachings on Finding God Within.
the relationship of your soul (which, while in embodiment, occupies the relative position of the lower figure) to your Higher Self and the I AM THAT I AM.

So I’m just about ready to give you as complete and thorough an understanding of that whole kingdom of God within you as you’ll get anywhere. And when I do you’ll be as thrilled as the day you were born in God. Because it’ll put you in that go position to be what you were and what you still are: a co-creator with God.

So hang on to your hats because the mysteries of God are so wonderful they’ll just blow away all your old thinking caps—and not only you, but your mind and your thought/feeling modes will be truly born again in the encounter with the Universal Christ.

The Human Animal Re-Creates Himself

Robert Louis Stevenson said, “The world is so full of a number of things, I’m sure we should all be as happy as kings.” But we aren’t, are we?

Look around you on the street as people walk up and down. Park your car sometime—or park your carcass in your car—and as you sit there, just look at the people’s faces. And tell me if you don’t think that’s entertaining.

Why, I remember that in Sutton, Nebraska, one time during World War II, I went down to the main street of the town, and as I walked down the street in my military uniform, everybody in town
who happened to be parked along the street was looking at me. Now, I wasn’t just embarrassed or self-conscious—they actually were looking.

So I decided to get into one of the cars and sit there, too. And so I sat there, and as I was sitting in one of these cars looking at the people, I took note of the faces of the people coming by. And I realized that this was really a very entertaining situation. It was a substitute for going to the movies. I could study the lines and expressions of their faces, read the records of their past lives—and of this life—and learn why people do the things they do.

Then after a while, the lookers-on went into the restaurant. They had a cup of coffee and some sandwiches, and they relaxed a little bit after they’d had their entertainment.

Well, it’s really interesting when you stop and think of just how people function. The human animal has become just that—an animal in the zoo on exhibit. Because no higher image has been set before him as a goal or standard. So he unknowingly re-creates himself daily after the image of the earthly creature.

I cannot believe that Almighty God, who framed this universe and made this beautiful earth and all the stars and planets out in space, ever intended the creation that he put here to take dominion over this planet to function the way they are functioning today. In fact, I don’t guess at it: I know that they’re not supposed to be the kind of people they are today.
We’re not supposed to have war. We’re not supposed to have human greed. We’re not supposed to have unkindness between people. We’re not supposed to have bad motives, we’re supposed to have good motives. And we’re supposed to have good movies instead of bad ones coming out of Hollywood.

But in many cases we don’t have either good motives or good movies! And as a result, we often don’t have either good messages or good momentums in the media as a positive creative force in society. And this, too, is our responsibility. For the mist and the crystal are all right there on film passing to the frames of consciousness that then frame the actions of our lives.

Wherever man is, man creates. And the manifestation is the projection of someone’s self upon the minds of other ‘selfs’—or elfs, as the case may be. And failure is everywhere around us, but the trick is we must much more abound and surround our defeats with the good feats of our faith and the feets of Victory’s legions marching!

Of course, many more people love the Beatles than love Christ—so the Beatles tell us. But somehow or other, I don’t believe that. Because I know I don’t love the Beatles. I may love their souls, but I certainly don’t love the Beatles. Nor do I love their phonograph records.

And I don’t love to stick a hypodermic needle in my arm in order to give me a kick! In fact, all I have to do is look up and I already have my kick
for the day and for all the days to come. Because if you look up at your Presence—once you’ve learned to look up to your God Presence—and realize that that is the only part of yourself that is absolutely real, then you’re going to look back and you’re going to say, “Well, I guess when I was a baby I hadn’t yet realized all that God wanted me to be”—that oatmeal again and the toodle that comes toddling along.

By gosh, we needed some support in those days or we fell flat on our faces! And then we had to learn to take our little hands and put them on the desk and take our little fingers and learn to hold a pencil and write. Then we had to take the beatings in the schoolyard that many of the children take. Then we had to go through the fear of a beating at home if the report card wasn’t up to the standards that Father and Mother thought it should be! And all kinds of experiences.

We were exposed to theft, where people tried to induce us to steal in the dime stores. We were exposed to pornographic pictures and drug paraphernalia. We’ve had all kinds of struggles toward morality, toward decency, toward God. We live in a time when everybody’s pulled this way and then they’re pulled that way. And sometimes people don’t know which way to go.

Some people have had no experience in the Church. Some people have had no experience with God. Other people have had a lot of interesting experiences with God—enough so that they’re turned off by the Church or else they’ve
been burned off. And they don’t exactly like the idea of some of the pastors trying to tell them if they don’t be good, they’re going to go to Hades and burn forever on some kind of a spit—roasted like a turkey on Thanksgiving Day!

I can’t accept this idea because I know that God doesn’t intend to do this to anybody—simply because, as a father, I wouldn’t do it to my own children. And I’m sure that I’m not better than God, you see.

The Second Coming of Christ

We’ve talked a little about time and the stream of time and ourselves floating down the stream, like the bright colored leaves of autumn, coursing through our destiny. And we have said that we are moved by a power higher than our own that we can harness to chart our own compass in life and be the captains of our ships—instead of chips of wood floating as flotsam and jetsam eventually to be submerged by the stream of our own karmic crystals.

Now, I’d like to talk briefly about space. We always think of space in terms of the great vastness that rolls before the eye in the mountains or at the seashore or on the open plains of the West. If you take a trip across America by car, you’ll have some idea of just how big this country is. And then, if you go across it in a jet—from New York to California—you’ll seem to be annihilating space by speed.

And when you annihilate space by speed, you
also experience the annihilation of time. This is quite an experience in physics and mathematics. If we were to take off in a spaceship from planet earth and go to some star so many light-years away in such and such a period of time, transcending the speed of light and then come back—even though, let’s say, only five years had elapsed for us, by the time we got back to earth, all the people we had ever known would be dead, because a hundred years would have passed.

This is a bit of a ridiculous picture, but nevertheless a true one, which gives us something to think about in terms of the Second Coming of Christ. People say, “Well, Christ is coming back to this earth again.” Well, I hope so. But they think of it in this way: They say that a cloud is coming, and it’s coming out of the East. But they don’t even know what the cloud is or what the East is.

But they say it’s coming out of the East and it’s going to be somewhere up in the Eastern sky and Christ is coming in that cloud. And then all the people in the world that are now alive are going to be able to see him. But if you know anything about logistics and the cramming of people into space, you know that if you were standing on top of the Washington Monument and you had all the people who live in the District of Columbia gathered around you on the ground, they couldn’t see you from the periphery of that group nor could they see you from below. They wouldn’t see you and you wouldn’t see them.
So you have to begin to understand that many of the scriptural references are significant only in terms of the individual—you and I and our personal relationship with God and his Christ. It’s a matter of our realization of what we read and what we run with—what we know and what we are.

Do you think for one minute that if you had ascended with Jesus from Bethany’s hill (if you’d been standing right beside him and you’d both gone up together) that you’d be dead now? Of course not! And neither is he. And if you had been standing there and he had ascended and you didn’t, he’d still be alive, the Ascended Master, and you’d still be alive, the unascended disciple—wondering why you didn’t make it when he did. And so here you are two thousand years later determined to find out how he did it so you can do it, too. Well, I’m here to tell you tonight that you’ve come to the right place.

Jesus said, “I am alive forevermore, and have the keys of hell and of death.”16 The Master is here to give you the keys to time and space and to eternal Life.

We have to understand, then, that the Second Coming of Christ does not have to occur in the physical sense of him floating in on a big white cloud—and everybody down here looks up and they see him like they would the Hindenburg dirigible floating through space.

We have to understand that the Second Coming of Christ is the specific event that occurs
because the hearts of men have prepared themselves to receive him in all generations—not only in this one but in all generations. Otherwise the Everlasting Gospel could not be preached. Because Christ must first come in your hearts. Because if Christ had not first come in your heart—and this is the real Second Coming—then you could not understand the Everlasting Gospel even if you heard it preached.  

How could he preach to you the Everlasting Gospel if he’d come a hundred years ago and we were living now? If Christ had come a hundred years ago in time and we’re living now, where would we stand then—if he’d come and gone? Or if he was still here ruling everything, supposedly, as they sometimes think of it? Well then, of course people wouldn’t have any free will, would they—if he ruled it all? If he made them do exactly what he wanted them to do, he would be taking their free will away from them.

The solution to all of this is the Truth that the First Coming of Christ is in the exemplar, the son of man Jesus, who fully expressed the Light and was the Word incarnate, and that the Second Coming is in you. This glorious event takes place when the Son of God comes to live and reign in your heart and mind and soul and temple—because you have prepared him room.

When this planet achieves its immortal perfection, it will be because man has accepted the fiat of Almighty God, because man has recognized the great creative potential that is inside of him
and is beginning to exercise it. As he begins to exercise that spiritual prerogative, then, you see, he achieves greatness.

And in that state of mind or frame of reference, he sees Christ within him, Christ above him, and Christ all around him. And he experiences the Second Coming of Christ into his temple—the First Coming, of course, being his original creation in the beginning when Christ was formed in him and he was formed in Christ.

But that doesn’t mean the Bible prophecies won’t come true. The prophecies are, in fact, just like Jesus himself—“the same yesterday and today and forever.”¹⁸ They are coming true in the Eternal Now—whenever you are ready. For you are also the creator of your own time and space.

And when you look at your beloved Christ Self depicted on the Chart, if you so desire you’ll also see him in your mind’s eye as he is—coming into your heart and mind in the clouds of heavenly consciousness. And when you experience this mystery in your being, your heart and mind will feel and know at once his power and great glory. (The Second Coming of Jesus Christ is likewise glorified in the coming of the Ascended Master Jesus Christ as he delivers his Everlasting Gospel in the full power of the spoken Word through his Messengers.)

Well, once you experience his Second Coming in this manner and you meet me somewhere on the highway of Life between time and space and eternity, and I ask you when is Christ’s Second
Coming, do you know what your answer will be? Why, you’ll say to me, “He never, ever went away and he never came back—he’s always been—the same Christ with me—yesterday, today, and forever. It is I who went away and I who have come back.”

And then you’ll realize what you just said and you’ll know that even so, your own comings and goings in and out of God’s kingdom and in and out of embodiment have also been relative—only real in time and space. And when the eternal Mind within you gets through devouring your karmic cycles in time and space, why then you’ll know that the Real You never left Home!

But don’t get ahead of yourself on this evolutionary string. Because before you realize all of this, you’re going to have to thread the eye of the needle with that Gemini mind of God which Morya speaks about to his chelas, and which the Master, bless his heart, has through many lifetimes truly become.

This is the mind that leads to that spiritual greatness which, because it is true mastery, is out-pictured through and tethered to the physical form and consciousness. This type of greatness that is not of this world, but comes from above and blesses that which is beneath, is brought forth from previous lives and other spheres of soul experience.

Now, Rabindranath Tagore achieved a certain greatness in the field of poetry. We have had many great poets in the world. We’ve had many great sculptors. We’ve had great teachers. We’ve had great doctors. We’ve had great avatars. Mighty souls
have brought Truth to humanity and awakened the people. But, my goodness, none of them have been able to save the world.

Tagore can’t save the world. I can’t save the world. You can’t save the world. In the end, each individual—and I’m saying this to the little children who are here—has to take the gift that God has given us (the gift of Life, first of all) and reach out in time and space and realize that we’re natives of eternity, that we’re here in this universe, we’re in this mighty soundless sound stream— for a reason.

We’re in it, and we’ve got to listen to it and vibrate with the cosmic sound. We’ve got to vibrate with the Cosmic Logos, the lost Word. We’ve got to let the Word begin to move in our lives.

And when that Word moves, we will be moved by God’s intent. And when we are, we will learn how to control our thoughts. Because the controlling thought of the Mind of God will be our example. But it will be neither the controller nor the comptroller, because we will be in command of our thought by free will and by our individual exercise of some facet of the Great Thought of God, where all the desiring and the siring of the creation began.

Because, in the final analysis, it’s the God-control we allow in our lives that is going to save the world—one times one times the One. In kal/desh it is the individual and his individualization of the God flame that provides the only key to unlock our eternality. The flame, the One, the God-control and you.
The Ancient Brotherhoods and the Fiat of Order

If you can’t control your thoughts, if your thoughts are wandering around like will-o’-the-wisps on a swamp wherever they happen to go, nothing will really be happening at all except chaos. And chaos is the illusion that something is happening, when actually nothing is happening that’s real in the Mind of God.

So when you think something’s happening when it’s not—like on a psychedelic trip into the astral plane—you are also a part of that illusion which is the definition of chaos. ’Tis then that Tiamat, the great dragon of chaos, is eating us up, devouring us.

Unless we’re devouring God—assimilating his Thought and his Mind as Jesus taught, “Except ye eat the flesh of the son of man [who is the Son of God incarnate] and drink his blood, ye have no life in you”—we ourselves will be eaten up by forces of the anti-Self beyond our control, that is, our control of kal and desh.

And God is not glorified in the Tiamat scenario because he cannot be glorified in chaos. Because God is order. And man is order. And the twain are made one in the glory of the universal Order of Light’s perfection.

And this is why the ancient Brotherhoods established the fiat of order. They established the fiat of order because only by obedience to the Law of the One and by order and by a quickening in consciousness can man achieve the brilliance of the
Mind of God in his own mind. And when he does, there are changes that he will work in the world—both in and through and beyond time and space.

This is the sacred fire that has been forever and forever central to the th-r-r-one of God. And I said it purposely like the old Scotsman, th-r-r-one, because I wanted to illustrate the three-in-one of the threefold flame—of Power, Wisdom, and Love in man: the three-in-one consisting of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, you see, focusing through the body, the mind, and the soul.

When we understand these parallel triune aspects according to the law of the equilateral triangle and we put our understanding into practice by obedience to God’s laws, we can see that by visualizing ourselves working with the great hierarchies of Light—angels, archangels, Elohim and elemental builders of form (whose offices of cosmic service were established long before we ever knew who we were)—we are going to have extraordinary experiences like the ancient Masters used to have.

We will not be just ordinary people. We will be the sort of people—believe this or not—that could stand here and disappear right in front of our eyes. We’ll be people that, in the body or out of the body, could go to the ancient temples—in Egypt and in the fastnesses of the Himalayas, beneath the seas and under the polar caps or in the center of the earth, wherever there are retreats of the Great White Brotherhood—and hear the great mystic songs of the Masters and the music of the spheres. We will be
able to absorb the Light of eternity right here in time. And we will be able to enjoy ourselves a thousand times more, a million times more, infinitely more than we ever possibly could in this rat race we call human life, which has been made a rat race because everybody is trying to rush around in their horseless chariots. Running around with, hopefully, two lights and a taillight on—maybe two taillights—and a little aerial sticking up, listening to some radio station that’s putting out acid rock or classical rock or punk rock or country Western rock or just plain old rock ‘n’ roll.

It’s all the same because it all takes you to the same place—the place where you really don’t want to go if you know what’s good for you. But then, in time and space where everything’s relative, or so they say, most people don’t know what’s good for them. And they don’t know because their teachers haven’t taught them.

The preachers haven’t opened their understanding to the true meaning of the scriptures of Life written in our hearts and in our memories and in the akashic records that reveal Christ and his disciples conversing with the adepts in the Himalayas, both listening and demonstrating the Word, that reveal the ancient Masters and their circles of devotees sitting beneath the Tree of Life in the Garden of God. And thus the shepherds in every field have not fed their sheep with sufficient Christ-love to satiate their spirits and melt their self-images of worthlessness frozen in time and space.
And you go down the street and you see the boys and girls with long hair or shaved heads or astral cuts and colors, mohawks and spikes, and chains around their arms and legs and necks that look like they just stepped out of some Atlantean time warp. And they’re bobbing along, bouncing up and down—probably injected with acid—LSD, STP, and God only knows what else. And they’re going down the street, not knowing where they’re going, and sometimes they bump into people. But then, that happens to the sane element of our society, too, doesn’t it? They bump into people, too.

So, you see, I won’t be able tonight to give you very much more than I’ve already given you because, for goodness’ sake! it’s ten after nine and I’m supposed to quit at nine o’clock. So, I’ve gone ten minutes over what I’m supposed to. I’ve bumped into the cudgel of time and my space is no longer.

You see, no matter what we know, as long as we’re in the world we’re still subject to kal/desh. So about all I can do is tell you that I hope you will have success in getting rid of this great dragon Tiamat—that right now is devouring my tale!—and learn to bring order out of your lives. And I can promise you that you can learn a great deal about how Jesus conquered kal/desh from the Ascended Masters of the Great White Brotherhood, if you want to.

So make the most of your opportunity in kal/desh to weave the fabric of eternity.

I’ll see you in my next chapter!
Notes

For an alphabetical listing of many of the philosophical and hierarchical terms used in *Lost Teachings on Your Higher Self*, see the comprehensive glossary “The Alchemy of the Word: Stones for the Wise Masterbuilders,” in *Saint Germain On Alchemy.*

For more information about the angels and Ascended Masters mentioned in this book, see Mark L. Prophet and Elizabeth Clare Prophet, *The Masters and Their Retreats.*

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1. I Cor. 2:10–13, Jerusalem Bible. The Jerusalem Bible is a Roman Catholic translation of the Bible originally done in French at the Dominican Biblical School in Jerusalem (1956). The English equivalent (1966) was translated directly from ancient Hebrew and Greek texts and compared with the French translation, using recent research in archaeology, history, and literary criticism. The Jerusalem Bible uses more colloquial language than older translations of the Bible and is considered an accurate and scholarly work.

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Chapter One KAL-DESH: THE INTERMINGLING OF TIME AND SPACE

1. When Mark Prophet delivered this lecture, he used the Hindi pronunciation of the words kal and desh (from the Sanskrit kala and desha) in which the final a of both words is silent. The alternate spelling without the final a as written in the title retains this pronunciation and vibration for the reader of the word.

2. Rebellion, which often begins to manifest at the age of puberty, is in reality a rebellion against returning karma. In most cases, the individual’s karma descends for the first time at age 12 and he is forced to deal with the effects of causes he has set in motion in past lifetimes. The only reprieve in the face of the relentless law of karma that we face from puberty on is the grace of Christ when we receive him as our personal Saviour and Teacher in place of the impersonal Law. The confirmation of the child in the Law of the One at age 12–14 is for the sealing of the soul against the day of reckoning with his karma, and for the anointing of the child with the responsibilities of adulthood. This initiation—commemorating Jesus’ coming of age, when he discoursed with the doctors in the temple (his final exam), and his going forth to the East in preparation for his mission—is for the confirming of the Law by understanding, by teaching, and by action and the dedication of the child as a defender of the faith. By developing a deep commitment to defend the Law, he is thus better prepared to face the onslaught of his own karma and the temptations that come during adolescence—using the pure energies of life flowing through him in devotion to God.


4. Thoth: the Egyptian God, also called Tehuti; the god of wisdom, learning and literature; the inventor of all arts and sciences, including writing, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, theology, political economy, medicine, surgery,

*Bible references are to the King James Version unless otherwise noted.
music and musical instruments. He is usually depicted as counselor and friend of the Egyptian rulers Osiris and Horus, the scribe of the kingdom and amanuensis of the gods. Succeeding Horus to the throne, Thoth is said to have reigned for over three thousand years as a model ruler, then to have taken his place among the gods as guardian of the moon, patron of history, herald, scribe, and keeper of the divine archives. In addition, he is the recorder of the judgment who weighs the hearts of the deceased and reports the verdict before Osiris. Thoth is often portrayed as an ibis (a bird related to a heron with a long downwardly curved bill) or an ibis-headed man; the exact significance of this symbology has never been discovered.

Archaeologist James Churchward traces Thoth back to the days of Atlantis using information he claims to have deciphered from ancient tablets discovered in India and Mexico, confirmed by more than fifty years of his own research: “The first we hear about the religion of Egypt is where an ancient record states that about 16,000 years ago Thoth, the son of an Atlantean Priest, planted the Egyptian colony at the mouth of the Nile, and at Sais on the banks of the Nile built a temple and taught the Osirian religion. . . . Egypt was a sub-colony of the Motherland [Lemuria] under direct control of the colonial empire—Atlantis” (The Sacred Symbols of Mu [1933; Paperback Library, 1968], pp. 197, 199).

The Greeks identified Thoth with their god Hermes (the messenger of the gods, whom the Romans associated with Mercury) and with Hermes Trismegistus (meaning “the thrice greatest Hermes”), author of sacred writings and alchemical and astrological works. On the famous Rosetta stone, inscribed by priests of Ptolemy V (d. 180 B.C.), Hermes is called “the great-great,” or “twice great.” Hargrave Jennings wrote in his introduction to one of the extant works of Hermes, The Divine Pymander: “Hermes was called by the Egyptians TAT, TAUT, THOTH. It is concluded that, because of his learning and address, and in wonder at his profound skill in the arts and sciences, that the people gave him the name of TRISMEGISTUS, or
the ‘THRICE GREAT’... Some have been so fanciful as to make him one with ADAM,” as well as Enoch, Canaan, and the patriarch Joseph. “Perhaps—in spite of all the foregoing exaggerations, which are always the lot of very great and highly distinguished men, who became deified in after-times—the most probable judgment to be formed concerning him is, that he was some person of superior genius, who, before the time of Moses, had invented useful arts, and taught the first rudiments of science; and who caused his instructions to be engraved in emblematical figures (hieroglyphics), upon tables or columns of stone (obelisks), which he dispersed over the country, for the purpose of enlightening the people, and of fixing the worship of the gods....

“Another Thoth, or Hermes, is said to have lived at a later period. He was equally celebrated with the former, and to him is particularly appropriated, by some, the name of Trismegistus. According to Manetho [an Egyptian priest and historian c. 300 B.C.], he [this second Thoth] translated from engraved tables of stone, which had been buried in the earth, the sacred characters of the first Hermes, and wrote the explanation of them in books, which were deposited in the Egyptian temples. The same author calls him the son of Agathodaemon; and adds that to him are ascribed the restoration of the wisdom taught by the first Hermes, and the revival of geometry, arithmetic and the arts among the Egyptians, after they had been long lost or neglected.... He is said to have written a very large number of books, as commentaries upon the tables of the first Hermes, which treated of universal principles, of the nature of the universe, and of the soul of man; of the governing of the world by the movements of the stars (otherwise in astrology); of the Divine Light, and of its shadow...” (The Divine Pymander of Hermes Mercurius Trismegistus, trans. Dr. Everard [1650; San Diego: Wizards Bookshelf, 1978], pp. iii, iv, v).

Manetho said Hermes wrote 36,525 books and the Neoplatonic philosopher Iamblichus (d. c. 330) sets the number at 20,000. Clement of Alexandria, Greek
theologian and a father of the Church (d. c. 215), names 42 “Books of Thoth” dealing with priestly education, temple ritual, geography, astrology, guidance for kings, hymns to the gods, and medicine. These were lost in the burning of Alexandria. Writing of the mystical significance of Thoth, one author states, “In the mystic sense Thoth or the Egyptian Hermes was the symbol of the Divine Mind; he was the incarnated Thought, the living Word—the primitive type of the Logos of Plato and the Word of the Christians” (Artaud, “Hermes Trismegiste,” in G. R. S. Mead, *Thrice-Greatest Hermes*, vol. 1 [1906; reprint, London: John M. Watkins, 1949], p. 27).


6. Level: a device for establishing a horizontal line or plane by means of a bubble in a liquid that shows adjustment to the horizontal by movement to the center of a slightly bowed glass tube. *Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary*, s.v. “level.”


19. In Babylonian mythology, Tiamat is the female principle of chaos (represented as the anarchic, tumultuous sea or the powers of salt water) which takes the form of a dragon. She is depicted as the enemy of the gods of light and law.
As the story is told in the Babylonian *Epic of the Creation*, Tiamat and her husband, Aspu (the primeval father, a personification of the ocean, the Deep, the powers of the fresh waters), were in existence along with their son, Mummu, before the heavens and earth were created. After a succession of generations of gods came forth from Aspu and Tiamat, Aspu, angered by these turbulent and boisterous beings who were disturbing his former peace, resolved to be rid of the new gods. One of these, Ea, learned of this and destroyed Aspu before he could implement his plans. The vengeful Tiamat thus became the formidable enemy of the new gods, until she and the forces of chaos (including enormous dragons and serpents which she created as her allies) were at last overcome by Marduk, the great god of Babylon, who then fashioned the heavens and the earth and organized the universe. In another variation of the creation legend, Tiamat represents the subterranean waters of chaos, the elementary principle from which the earth arose in the form of a mountain.

Zecharia Sitchin interprets the creation myth as a tale of the creation of our solar system: In the beginning before the formation of the other planets, there was only Aspu (the Sun), Mummu (Mercury), and Tiamat. Tiamat (the “missing planet”) was later split in half when it collided with the satellites of Marduk, a large planet drawn into this solar system by the gravitational pull of Neptune. Tiamat’s upper half, along with her chief satellite, became Earth and her moon; her lower half, shattered by Marduk during its second orbit, became the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter. Sitchin suggests that in this series of events Marduk transferred the seed of life to Earth, giving her “the biological and complex early forms of life for whose early appearance there is no other explanation.” He says that at the time the human species on Earth was just beginning to stir, Marduk had already evolved into a planet with high levels of civilization and technology. According to Sitchin, Marduk is caught in a large elliptical orbit around the Sun and returns to the
site of the collision between Jupiter and Mars every 3,600 Earth-years. He calls Marduk “the Twelfth Planet” after the ancient Sumerians’ scheme of this solar system, which depicts 12 celestial bodies—the Sun, the moon, and 10 planets. See the following works by Zecharia Sitchin: *The 12th Planet* (New York: Avon Books, 1976), pp. 204, 210–34, 255–56; *The Stairway to Heaven* (New York: St. Martin’s Press, 1980), pp. 88–90.


**Chapter Two The Chart of the I AM Presence**

1. Rev. 17:8, 11.
5. Phil. 2:6.
7. Phil. 2:5.

11. “Our Constitution is in actual operation; everything appears to promise that it will last; but in this world nothing is certain but death and taxes.” Benjamin Franklin, Letter to Jean Baptiste LeRoy, 13 November 1789.

15. Matt. 24:23–27; Luke 17:20, 21. “The kingdom of God is within you” (KJV) has been translated in modern versions of the Bible as “the kingdom of God is in the midst of you” (RSV) or “among you” (Jerusalem Bible). According to G. W. H. Lampe, “in the midst of you” is “improbable as a translation”; three instances in the Old Testament translated into Greek by Symmachus, a second-century translator of the Bible, “are the only real parallel for this meaning of the Greek phrase,” he says (*Peake’s Commentary on the Bible*, eds. Matthew Black and H. H.)
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