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*And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven,
having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that
dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred,
and tongue, and people,*

*Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory
to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and
worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea,
and the fountains of waters.*

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Preface

THE PATH OF CHRIST OR *Antichrist* is the eighth book in the Climb the Highest Mountain series. This volume explores some of the challenges of the spiritual path as well as providing techniques for dealing with these challenges.

Chapter 1, “Prayer, Decrees and Meditation,” may be one of the most important in the whole series. It explains the various means of communion with God and with the Higher Self. It especially deals with the power of the spoken Word to bring change within man and in the world.

The Gospel of John tells us, “In the beginning was the Word,” and that without that Word, “was not anything made that was made.” In the teachings of the East, the Word itself contains the power to create and to uncreate. Thus in the Word—in the Science of the Spoken Word that the Masters teach—there is the means to meet the challenges of Light and Darkness in the world. It is the key to undoing the conspiracy of Antichrist.

Chapters 2, “Black Magic,” and 3, “Antichrist,” reveal the

origins of Evil and the battle of Light and Darkness in the world. Saint Paul wrote of his battle against principalities and powers of spiritual wickedness in high places.¹ And just as Jesus and all Avatars have had their confrontations with the dark ones, we must also learn to deal with these forces today in our own path of overcoming. The knowledge of the enemy and his strategy is an important step to maturity on the Path. It can open the door to a new liberation of the soul.

Chapter 4, “The Summit,” tells the story of the Ascended Master El Morya and of The Summit Lighthouse, the organization he founded in 1958. In this cooperative endeavor of the Masters with their students, we see an example of the plans of the Brotherhood to bring Light to the world.

If this is your first exploration of the Climb the Highest Mountain series, we welcome you to your study of these Teachings from the Ascended Masters, which have been called the Everlasting Gospel,² the scripture for the age of Aquarius. For those who are taking up this book after reading previous volumes, we wish you God-speed in your continuing journey to climb the highest mountain.

THE EDITORS

Introduction

THE ASCENDED MASTERS ARE OUR Elder Brothers and Teachers. It has ever been so. They, the wayshowers of our spirits' fiery destiny, have from the Beginning held the vision of epochs of perfection we once knew.

For we, too, were embodied on ancient Lemuria, a civilization and a Motherland that brought forth the highest development of culture, science and technology ever known on this planet. Her golden ages exceeded in every field of endeavor the most advanced developments of modern man. Indelibly inscribed in the records of our own subconscious is the memory of an era when the life span of a people was measured in centuries rather than decades, when we, too, walked and talked with the Immortals, were never separated from our twin flame, and beheld our Teachers face-to-face.

When life on the continent of Mu was corrupted by aliens and fallen angels with their grotesque genetic miscreations, mocking the Godhead and violating the sacred science of the Mother by engaging men in wars of the gods, the Masters withdrew from the masses and gathered their initiates in

Mystery Schools to guard the Light of the Mother flame and her wisdom.

Just before the climactic end when the desecration of the holy shrines and the abominations of the flesh of man and beast had all but extinguished the divine spark in her people, the warning was sounded by the Hierarchs of the Cosmic Council that the Great Law would return full circle and in full force the vileness of mankind's deeds. And the children of Mu, the few who heeded their prophets and got out in time, beheld from afar as their beloved Motherland went down midst smoke and fire in sudden violent cataclysm such as the world has never seen—neither before nor since.

In more recent ages, prior to the Egyptian civilization, we recall the land of Poseid—also known as Poseidonis, Atla or Atlantis—portions of which were nigh the Azores. We recall the capital of Caiphul described by Phylos the Thibetan in his book *A Dweller on Two Planets*: “the Royal City, the greatest of that ancient day, within the limits of which resided a population of two million souls.” The author says its broad avenues were “shaded by great trees; its artificial hills—the largest surmounted by governmental palaces, and pierced and terraced by the avenues which radiated from the city-center like spokes in a wheel. Fifty miles these ran in one direction, while at right angles from them, traversing the breadth of the peninsula, forty miles in length, were the shortest avenues. Thus lay, like a splendid dream, this, the proudest city of that ancient world.”¹

Some of us recall these early experiences as though it were yesterday. Twelve thousand years ago Atlantis was a part of our world. It is recorded in Genesis that before the Flood that sank the mighty continent of Atla, “the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.... And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold,

I will destroy them with the earth.”²

The same cycles of vileness and wickedness that had destroyed Lemuria were now closing in on titanic Atla—the continent, they said, that “even God couldn’t sink”—and would later crystallize the judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah, Pompeii, and other cultures corrupted by the love of pleasure before God.

As man’s love for God and the devotional exercise of his heart to the living Word deteriorated, the flame within the temples went out and the heart flames of the people flickered and waned. Then came the day when all was buried by mud. So passed the glory of the gods that were made of clay and with them their mechanization man—dust to dust, mud to mud.

The people of that continent have continued to reembody throughout the ages, some descending to the same levels of darkness, others rising to win their ascension. And free will is the sole survivor of every (man’s) cataclysm—the free will to make it right and build again in the next round. What else can you do when all of your past lies in rubble and ashes at your feet?

Thus, under the direction of the Brotherhood, Mystery Schools emerged here and there—in ancient China and India and more recently in the appearance of the Hebrews and their prophets, the Sangha of the Buddha, Pythagoras’ Academy at Crotona, the Druids, the Essenes, Christ’s community of the called-out ones and the School of the Sangreal at King Arthur’s court.

And so we see that at Luxor and various Mystery Schools across the planet, the torch of the Mother and the Motherland has been passed. But it has not been seized by the majority, although many have benefited from the various flames that still burn in etheric octaves in the retreats of the Masters around the world.

It is in these flames that we discover we are not that far apart from each other—Christian and Jew, black and white man, Chinese and Indian. For these too were there on Atlantis—and some that had no Life in them. Nevertheless, all races and peoples upon the face of the Earth in whom there burns the divine spark are made by one God for one destiny.

The destiny must be grand. It must be noble. It must be worthy. And if we will it so, we can be a part of that destiny. Or we can deny ourselves that destiny by indulging ourselves in the enmeshing concepts of hatred (which is always “self”-hatred in one form or another) directed against ourselves and other selves and, beyond these, against the Great Creative Self, yes, the singular object of many men’s contempt. For many are wed to the dweller-on-the-threshold, the seething, touchy synthetic self.

The retreats of the Brotherhood were kept on Atlantis midst the marbled geometric cities—schools of the mysteries. There was also the prevailing thought that finally caused the sinking of that continent. All of this has ripened to the present hour. The continent was destroyed, and approximately twelve thousand years later we are facing the same initiations. All of the traditions of Atlantis have returned and are full grown, standing before us, as choices we must make.

The vast majority of the people on the planet are not making choices—they are the victims of intellectual and philosophical systems that can be traced back to Atlantis. The very few, the intellectual elite, the power elite descending from the fallen ones of Atlantis, are making very definite choices. The few who remain in touch with the Mystery Schools, the chelas of the Ascended Masters, are also making choices. In the middle there are those people who are dedicated, religious, patriotic, who would like to make choices, who are for all the right things—but for all intents and purposes are noneffective. Their beliefs are right, but they have no dynamism of the

Spirit, no sword of Truth, no interaction with the Hosts of the LORD to change the course of history, to change civilization.

All that the fallen ones created without access to the living Word is maya, is illusion. It looks like a tremendous monolith of civilization and the buildup of nuclear weapons, and we fear and tremble before the councils of war of the Nephilim—the fallen angels. And we wonder what is coming upon us.

But in the face of all this, we have no reason to fear, because God is in us and “greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world”³—the worldly consciousness. We must defeat the enemy of fear, of absence of self-worth and of an orthodox tradition that tells us that God is not in us and that he was only in one son of God, Jesus Christ.

Ever since the Nephilim were cast down, the Earth has been the scene of an epic battle that the scriptures record and that we are seeing played out to this very day. The power of the Word is greater than the might of armies. But if we fail to remember our ancient heritage as sons and daughters of the Most High and the all-power of heaven and earth that he gave to us in the Beginning, if we fail to remember the wickedness of the wicked clearly recorded on Sumerian tablets and in the records of akasha, if we fail to remember the countless Avatars who have come to expose the fallen ones and been murdered over and over again by them, if we fail to perceive their present massacre of our holy bands, then we will be condemned as the generation of Lightbearers who lost an age, an entire evolution, and perhaps our very own souls.

Those who have the will to choose to do something about the persecution of the people and their intended destruction of an entire planet must turn swiftly to call upon the name of the LORD, to invoke a higher science and a higher law. This is the only means whereby this Earth and her evolutions and their very souls can be saved.

The Spirit of the LORD came upon the prophet Joel, and he

wrote:

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions....

And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.⁴

The LORD is calling you and me today to be the remnant who will use his name—the sacred name of AUM, the sacred name of the I AM THAT I AM, the sacred name of Jesus Christ, of Gautama Buddha and every saint—to intone the Word, and release the Light for the healing of the nations.

Brothers and sisters, God has given to us the answer. It is this liberating power of the Word. We welcome you to join with us in experiencing and experimenting with this, the very sacred fire of creation itself.

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Messengers of the Masters

Chapter 1

Prayer, Decrees and Meditation

*So shall my word be that
goeth forth out of my mouth:
it shall not return unto me void,
but it shall accomplish that
which I please, and it shall
prosper in the thing whereto
I sent it.*

*Thus saith the LORD, the
Holy One of Israel, and his
Maker, Ask me of things to
come concerning my sons, and
concerning the work of my
hands command ye me.*

ISAIAH



Prayer, Decrees and Meditation

MANY STATEMENTS FROM HOLY Writ affirm the power of the spoken Word. That which comes to mind most readily is “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.”¹

The Power of the Spoken Word

With these immortal words, John, the beloved disciple of Jesus, reminds us that it was the fiat of the LORD that brought forth the world of form out of the void. Creation came forth from the Mind of God when he gave the command, “Let there be Light.”² And it will come forth from the Mind of Christ as individual man utters the same command in His name: “Let there be Light!” By the Word, the Elohim were summoned, and lo, creation was born.

The Word, the Logos, is the principle of all energy flow. Decrees, fiats, prayers, meditations, songs and mantras connect you to that Principle, that Source. They are words in combination, words in rhythm, words in cadence. Some are sung, some are chanted. Some are spoken softly like a summer rain, some are released like lightning and thunder that clears the air and quickens the mind. All invoke the Word without which “was not anything made that was made.” To be—I AM—is to create—I AM *that* I AM. To create, we invoke the Word.

We all sense the power within the atom of transcendent Being. Many have sought to unleash it. Many have propounded methods. But only the Word can create. By it all things were made.

The Science of Energy Flow

The Ascended Masters teach the science of energy flow as the release of the Word through all of the chakras. But for the thrust of creativity in the here and now, for the challenging of Darkness and the intoning of Light, for attainment and the balancing of karma and the mastery of a self and a cosmos, they train their chelas in the Science of the Spoken Word.

Spoken prayer is at the heart of all true religion. Christians, Jews, Moslems, Hindus, Buddhists and others offer devotions in the form of daily prayers, recitations of scripture and mantras to the Deity. These include the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Shema and Amidah, the Shahadah, the Gayatri and the Heart Sutra.

For thousands of years, formulas of the Word—as sacred ritual, as science, as mathematics—have been the key to the elevation of consciousness and to the materialization of the God flame. Formulas of the Word have been the bridge between the finite and the Infinite. Man has approached his

God through prayer and songs of praise. He has meditated on the Image, the name, the essence of Being—and thereby he has discovered the mantra, the “thoughtform,” of the object of his worship.

Mantra

The mantra is the translation of the original Word, a gift of the Lawgiver whereby souls evolving in time and space might trace the flow of Life from the nonpermanent to the permanent—from the outer manifestation to the inner pattern.

The mantra is a worded matrix that conveys the frequencies of the Master’s consciousness to chelas moving toward self-mastery. The mantra is inseparable from the Master’s vibration. Those who pronounce it with devotion to the fiery blueprint of creation merge with the Electronic Presence of the Master.

The mantra is the nexus of worlds. It is the bridge over which we pass from the natural to the spiritual order of things. The mantra is the mediator: it is the Christ. The mantra is the means whereby we transcend ourselves and find ourselves alive in God.

A mantra is a sacred formula the Master imparts to his disciple. Through the mantra, the Guru gives the gift of Selfhood to his chela. Sanskrit mantras have come down from the Manus of the early root races, who intoned the sacred Word on Lemuria. And from the Motherland and the Mother flame, the Word released the origin of all culture, all science, all religion.

Jesus gave a mantra of Mu to his disciples when he pronounced the fiat: “I AM the resurrection and the life.”³ This was a formula of the Word given to him by his Guru, Lord Maitreya, who holds the focus of the Cosmic Christ. By

repeating it, you realize the resurrection and the Life of the God flame. By this mantra and other sacred formulas of the Law, Jesus proved the victory of Life over death. He taught that we could do the same—that we must do the same.

In this chapter, we will explore mantra, prayers, decrees and meditation, and the differences between them. Each method has its place in attuning the soul with God and invoking his blessings, to which all are entitled.

The Authority of the Divine Similitude

Paul’s admonishment to the Philippians, “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,”⁴ was given because he knew that the Mind of Christ embraces the power, the pure forms, the all-knowing love and the fires of perfection that are required not only to bring forth creation, but also to restore, to resurrect and to recharge the being and consciousness of those in whom the wholeness of the Son of God has been temporarily eclipsed.

Paul goes on to explain why Jesus was able to manifest the fullness of the Mind of Christ and thereby to do his healing work: “Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.”⁵ Jesus recognized himself as a Son of God, and he knew that it is the preordained destiny of every son of God to “be in the form of” his Maker, i.e., to live after the perfect pattern of the Divine Image in which he was made.⁶

Jesus knew that if he were to maintain his oneness with that Image and would depart not from the consciousness of God, it would not be “robbery to be equal with God,”⁷ for he would be expressing only that which God intended him to have and to be. The beloved Son becomes a co-creator, a joint heir, for he is found in the similitude of his Maker.

Jesus realized that when man was given free will, he was

also given the full responsibility for his words, his thoughts and his deeds; for these are the consequences of man's use or misuse of his free will. Therefore, he said, "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."⁸

He knew that man could be neither justified nor condemned in matters in which he bore no responsibility. He also knew that the responsibility that he was given cannot be transferred to another, albeit the Christ Self bears the burden of Light that will lighten not only his load but also his way. It is the Christ who lives within that enables him to complete his course and to balance his karma without being overburdened by a false sense of responsibility.

It is this false sense that sees man as the doer and does homage to the lower self instead of to the Christ. Let us pursue a deeper understanding of this mystery in order that we may establish man's authority for giving prayers, decrees and meditations.

Your Divine Inheritance

Those who truly understand the mystery of the Christ have seen that even as there is one God, one Father, so there is one Christ, one Son. It is the nature of the "Infinite One" to multiply Selfhood infinitely and still remain one. (One times one times one . . . ad infinitum, always equals one.) Thus, God the Father and God the Son may be actualized in man over and over again and still remain inviolate as the Divine One.

All men share in this oneness and have within themselves the essence of the Divine Nature—God individualized as the I AM Presence of every man, and the Christ, individualized as the Christ Self of every man. Without God and the Word, the Christ, which was with God in the Beginning, no manifestation was made. In other words, no man was created without being

infused with a portion of God and a portion of the Christ.⁹

The Chart of Your Divine Self (facing page 12) reveals how these manifestations of God are individualized within you as the Father-Mother God, in the I AM Presence (upper figure); as the Son, in the Holy Christ Self (middle figure); and as the Holy Spirit, who, when you have prepared yourself, may take up his abode in the body temple God provided for your soul's sojourn on planet Earth (lower figure). The Chart shows the fulfillment of the Psalmist's trust:

He that dwelleth [in consciousness] in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty [the mighty I AM Presence].

I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.¹⁰

God told Moses to tell the children of Israel that his name was I AM THAT I AM and that "I AM hath sent me unto you." Moreover, he said, "Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel: The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations."¹¹

The Jerusalem Bible translates the last sentence: "This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come."

When we call upon the name of the LORD, as the prophets tell us to do,¹² we use the name I AM THAT I AM or simply I AM. Addressing "our God with us" in prayer we say, "Beloved mighty I AM Presence..."

The Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, has manifested himself to each one of us as the I AM THAT I AM, who goes before us as the LORD went before the children of Israel, "by day in a pillar of a cloud and by night in a pillar of fire."¹³

The I AM Presence and the seven spheres of Light that surround it (the color bands) make up the body of First Cause, or the Causal Body. These spheres are the “many mansions” of our Father’s house where we lay up for ourselves “treasures in heaven.”¹⁴ Our treasures are our words and works worthy of our Creator, positive thoughts and feelings, our victories for the right, and the virtues we have embodied to the glory of God. And as Jesus said, where our treasure is, there will our heart be also¹⁵—in this our heaven-world.

When we judiciously exercise our free will, the energies of God that we harmoniously qualify automatically ascend to our Causal Body. These energies are deposited in the spheres of Light that correspond to the seven chakras and the seven color rays we use in our creative activities. They accrue to our life-stream as “talents,” which we may increase as we put them to good use lifetime after lifetime.

John the Beloved saw and described the I AM Presence, calling it a mighty angel: “And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire.”¹⁶

The Holy Christ Self is the Mediator between God and man. This Universal Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father—the Light-emanation of First Cause. It is the Christ of Jesus and the Christ of you and me. Yet there is but one LORD and one Saviour.

Your Holy Christ Self overshadows you wherever you are and wherever you go. He endows you with the capacity to be “Christ conscious” at all times or, to put it another way, to have the “Christ consciousness” all ways. This beloved Friend and Teacher and Comforter is actually your Real Self, whom you will one day become if you follow in the footsteps of your Saviour.

The lower figure is shown enveloped in the violet flame within the tube of light, which descends from the I AM Presence in answer to your call. This cylinder of steely white Light sustains a forcefield of protection twenty-four hours a day—so long as you guard your harmony.

Your lower self consists of your soul and your spirit dressed in the garments of the four lower bodies. Your soul is the nonpermanent aspect of being that is evolving through the four planes of Matter. The soul is made permanent through the ritual of the ascension.

Your spirit is the distilled essence of your self. It is the pervading and predominating presence by which you are known. It is the animating, or vital, principle of your Life that you take with you throughout your soul's incarnations, molding it after the likeness of the Spirit of the living God.

Through the ascension, the soul is become the Incorruptible One. Henceforth to be known as an Ascended Master, the soul receives the crown of everlasting Life. This is the consummate goal of Life, greatly to be desired. The ascension is freedom from the cycles of karma and the rounds of rebirth; it is the entering in to the joy of the LORD.

The Chart of Your Divine Self is thus a diagram—past, present and future—of your soul's pilgrimage to the Great Central Sun as year upon year up the spiral staircase of initiation you go, drawing nigh to God as he draws nigh to you.¹⁷

The Gift of Life from Your Divine Parents

The threefold flame is your divine spark, the gift of Life, liberty and consciousness from your Divine Parents. Also called the Holy Christ Flame, it is the essence of your Reality, your potential for Christhood. It is sealed in the secret

chamber of your heart.

The three plumes of the threefold flame are the blue (on your left), the yellow (in the center) and the pink (on your right), corresponding to the primary attributes of power, wisdom and love, respectively. Through the power (of the Father), the wisdom (of the Son) and the love (of the Holy Spirit) anchored in the threefold flame, your soul exercises her* God-given free will to fulfill her reason for being in the physical plane and throughout all time and eternity.

The crystal (or silver) cord¹⁸ is the stream of Life that flows from the heart of the I AM Presence to the Holy Christ Self to nourish and sustain the soul and her vehicles of expression in time and space. John saw the crystal cord and described it as “a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.”¹⁹

You can think of the crystal cord as an “umbilical” cord through which the Light/energy/consciousness of God flows all the way from the Great Central Sun to child-man embodied on the far-flung planets. It enters the being of man at the crown, giving impetus for the pulsation of the threefold flame as well as the physical heartbeat and all bodily functions.

Shown just above the head of the Holy Christ Self on the Chart of Your Divine Self is the dove of the Holy Spirit descending from the Father. This signifies that the Comforter attends each lifestream until the soul is spiritually ready to receive the cloven tongues of fire and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. To that end, the son of man, embracing the will of God, matures in Christ Self-awareness as a Christ-filled being day by day. As he gains greater love and greater wisdom as the foundation of his self-mastery, he enters into true communion with his Holy Christ Self.

* Whether housed in a male or female body, the soul is the feminine complement of the masculine Spirit and is addressed by the pronouns *she* and *her*.

The Divine Mother, the Sacred Fire and the Chakras

The Divine Mother is focused and adored in the temple of man through the sacred fire that rises as a veritable fountain of Light from the base-of-the-spine chakra to the crown chakra. The seven chakras are the spiritual centers in the body that distribute the Light of the Mother ascending from the base of the spine, and the Light of the Father descending from the I AM Presence.



The coming together of these two radiant streams of

Life-energy, pulsating from above and below, establishes the union and the balance of the plus-minus (yang-yin) forces in the chakras. Thus each chakra becomes a center for the release of the Light of the Father-Mother God. Each focuses one of the seven color rays and one of the seven planes of Being.

In the spiritually developed, the Mother's sacred fire (known in the East as the Kundalini) rises up the spinal stalk for the quickening of the soul and the awakening of the Inner Christ and the Inner Buddha. Our Divine Mother, ever present with us, guards and guides our footsteps, teaching us how to attain our self-mastery by taking command of our soul and our spirit, our four lower bodies, and the sacred fire that we release through our chakras.

The Four Lower Bodies

The four lower bodies are four energy fields. They are interpenetrating sheaths of consciousness, each vibrating in its own dimension. And so you have a flesh-and-blood body that is your physical body. You have a mind that cogitates, which is your mental body. You have emotions and feelings, which express through your astral, or desire, body (also called the emotional body). And you have a memory that is housed in your etheric, or memory, body, the highest vibrating of the four, which also serves as “the envelope of the soul.”

These four lower bodies surround the soul and are her vehicles of expression in the material world of form. The planets also have four lower “bodies” demarcating the etheric, mental, astral and physical planes in which their evolutions live and evolve. These four quadrants of being correspond to the fire, air, water and earth of the ancient alchemists.

Our four lower bodies are intended to function as an integrated unit like “wheels within wheels.” Or you might think of them as interpenetrating colanders. When the “holes” are lined up, your four lower bodies are in sync. This means they are aligned with the blueprint of your lifestream that is sustained by your Holy Christ Self, enabling you to direct the Light through your chakras without obstruction to bless and heal all Life.

But most of us don’t have our “holes” lined up. We are out of alignment with our Real Self, and so we don’t experience the full benefit of our just portion of the Light that descends over the crystal cord from our mighty I AM Presence.

The problem we have to deal with if we are to emerge from earth’s schoolroom as an integrated personality in God is this: During our stay on this planet we have gotten our spiritual pores clogged up with a lot of human karma and astral effluvia (i.e., the dust and debris of the misqualified energy of

the centuries). In addition, each of us is carrying a percentage of the total planetary karma in our four lower bodies.

As we have misqualified God's pure Life-stream perpetually flowing from our I AM Presence for our use here below, it has accumulated in the subconscious as rings on our tree of Life and in the collective unconscious of the race. Like it or not, we are bearing one another's karmic burden, simply because we are a part of this evolution.

What Is a Decree?

To assist Jesus and the Masters of the East, the Hierarchy of Ascended Masters who constitute the Great White Brotherhood* have set forth for Western chelas on the path of Christhood sacred formulas called decrees.

Like the mantras of the East, these thoughtforms are specific formulas for a specific purpose. Each one connects you with the source of all Life and energy, your own I AM Presence. Each one is based on the law of love and the principle of the Christ. All are formulated on the will of God for every soul: freedom, enlightenment, self-mastery, purity, harmony, love.

Decrees written by Ascended Masters—those who like Jesus and Gautama have mastered time and space and entered into the center of the AUM, the I AM THAT I AM—are matrices of cosmic consciousness. The Masters call them cups of Light. They convey the waters of eternal Life—the energy

* The Ascended Masters of the Great White Brotherhood, united for the highest purposes of the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God, have risen in every age from every culture and religion to inspire creative achievement in education, the arts and sciences, God-government and the abundant Life through the economies of the nations. The word "white" refers not to race but to the aura (halo) of white light surrounding their forms. The Brotherhood also includes in its ranks certain unascended chelas of the Ascended Masters. Jesus Christ revealed this heavenly order of saints "robed in white" to his servant John in Revelation.

flow of vital, ascendant Being.

This is the water of which Jesus spoke when he said: “Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.”²⁰

First of all, let us define our term *decree*. The *Oxford English Dictionary* defines *decree* as follows:

Decree, noun: An ordinance or edict set forth by the civil or other authority; an authoritative decision having the force of law. *In theology*, one of the eternal purposes of God whereby events are foreordained.

Decree, verb: To command (something) by decree; to order, appoint, or assign authoritatively, ordain; to ordain as by Divine appointment, or by fate. To decide or determine authoritatively; to pronounce by decree. To determine, resolve, decide *to do something, obsolete or archaic*. To decide, determine, ordain.

The decree, as we use it, is the most powerful of all applications to the Godhead. It is the command of the son or daughter of God, spoken in the name of the mighty I AM Presence and Holy Christ Self, for the Light to descend from the Unformed to the formed—from the world of Spirit to the world of Matter. The decree is the means whereby the kingdom of God becomes a Reality here and now through the power of the spoken Word.

Meditations and visualizations are an important part of daily devotions, but dynamic decrees are the most powerful method of directing God’s Light into manifestation for individual and world action. Decrees are often accompanied by prayers, invocations, mantras, chants, fiats, affirmations and calls to the one God and the saints, whom we refer to as the Ascended Masters, and the Heavenly Hosts.

The decrees that we teach have been dictated out of the geometrization of the Ascended Masters' own Causal Bodies. In their affirmation of Truth and their denial of error, they are the highest expression of Divine Science and all branches of metaphysics that issue therefrom.

The Divine Mother's decrees crystallize her sacred fire for the transmutation and perfectionment of our worlds. They are the tools by which the children of God might once again "pull up" the Mother flame (the sacred fire from the base-of-the-spine chakra) and "pull down" the Father Light (from the I AM Presence). When their practice is accompanied by a loving service to all Life, a study of the scriptures and an obedience to the Laws of God, the practitioner can achieve soul purification, the balancing of karma and union with God through the living Word.

Who Shall Decree?

To decree means literally to decide. Who in this world has the authority to decide, to make decisions? Only he who holds within his hands the power to implement the Universal Will and those to whom he has extended the authority of his will through the gift of free will.

That man who can say, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth,"²¹ has the authority to make decisions because he has the power to implement them. One who decrees is ordained by God to command, to order, to fore-ordain and to appoint the bounds of His creation. There is only one such man, and he is the Christ.

Having the gift of free will, yet having been confined in time and space and having been given a limited creative potential, man (the lower self), also, may make decisions, but these can be effective only within the limited framework of his

personal karma.

“Thou shalt also decree a thing and it shall be established unto thee!”²² The promise holds true no matter what the level of man’s individual consciousness. For as El Morya said, “Every moment, each man or woman creates his own future. Life, which is a God-given gift, continually acts to fulfill man’s spoken or unspoken desires. Human thoughts and feelings are decrees in themselves and do produce with certainty and justice after their kind, whether joy or sorrow.”²³

The decrees or decisions that are made from the level of the human consciousness are limited in their effect because they proceed from the finite mind, but those made from the level of the Christ—the Holy Christ Self of every man—are unlimited (1) because they proceed from the infinite Mind of God, which is expressed through the Christ, and (2) because the Christ who lives in every man was ordained by God to be a co-creator with Him.

To decree or to command the energies of Life is the prerogative of the Christ-identity, or Higher Self, of every man. The human self, being imperfect and incomplete, has not yet been given the authority to utter fiats of creative direction; and thus, he must always preface his decrees by saying: “In the name of the beloved mighty victorious Presence of God I AM in me and my own beloved Holy Christ Self...”

The decree or divine fiat, the decreer and the answer to the decree comprise a threefold manifestation of God himself. The decreer must recognize that “God in me is giving this decree; it is God’s energy that flows forth to obey his command, and he is the fulfilling of the Law by the power of the spoken Word that is manifesting in me.”

Man (the lesser self) is thus an instrument for the Light that comes forth from the heart of God to coalesce as manifest perfection. He is not the source of the Light, neither is he the

dictator of creation; and he does not have any power of his own to cause that Light to obey his command.

Therefore, if the disciple will determine to raise his consciousness to the level of his Christ Self and know that he is, in reality, that beloved Son, he, being one with God, may present himself a living sacrifice—consecrated to purity in order that God’s Light, God’s Word and God’s decree may flow through him to manifest the perfect work of the Creator.

Thus, having established in mind the realization of who is “the doer” (the “door”*), the disciple may begin the sacred ritual of offering decrees in the name of the Father (the Presence of God, or the I AM Presence), the Son (the Universal Christ, which manifests in every man as his own beloved Christ-identity or Holy Christ Self) and the Holy Spirit (the energies of the sacred fire that endow form and consciousness with the essence of God that is Life).

The word “decree” is defined in the dictionary as an order having the force or the authority of the law. According to our usage, “the Law” is the will of God, and the authority or “force” of the Law is in the power of the spoken Word.

A decree implies a foreordaining will. In our use of decrees, we understand that it is the supreme will of God that is the foreordaining power of the spoken Word. Above all, decrees are the affirmation of the covenant between God and man that has been in effect since “the Beginning.”

Prayer and Meditation

Let us now examine prayer and meditation, realizing that these are also forms of decrees, because they are the consequences of man’s decision to seek the aid of his Creator and to realign his energies with their Source. Prayer and meditation

* “I AM (God in me is) the open door which no man can shut” (John 10:9; Rev. 3:8).

may or may not make use of the power of the spoken Word, whereas decrees are scientifically based upon this principle.

The Ascended Masters Jesus and Kuthumi have written a series of teachings on the subject of prayer and meditation.²⁴ These, together with *The Science of the Spoken Word*,²⁵ should be studied by all who would gain a better understanding of the relationship between prayer, decrees and meditation.

Beloved El Morya has explained that these three forms of worship, when correctly used, comprise a balanced activity of the threefold flame. Prayer that is not based on a fear of punishment or a desire to gain personal favors from the Deity is intended to focus in the supplicant's heart the purity of God's love for him, even as he, through adoration, builds a ladder of love to God.

Meditation, when properly engaged in, opens the doors of the mind to the wisdom of God that enables man to understand and implement God's love. And decrees are invocative of the power and the faith that activate the flame of God's wisdom and his love and make these practical in our daily living.

Thus, prayer magnetizes the love ray, meditation establishes the wisdom ray, and decrees focus the power ray. The regular, rhythmic use of these three avenues of communion with the Holy Spirit blends the individual's energies with the white Light of the Christ, in whom he may contact every aspect of the consciousness of God. The following definitions of prayer and meditation were given by beloved Kuthumi in the above-mentioned series:

“Prayer and meditation are as twins, framing the pathway to holiness and delight. Just as prayer or entreaty makes contact with God, drawing down into the world of the seeker the rays of divine intercession, so meditation lifts up the Son of man that he may be bathed in the radiance of the Eternal.

“Meditation is an aerating of the mind, a flushing-out of silt and misconception. Meditation is for purification. It is the thought of man about his Creator. The dust of the world must be blown away, the threshing floor of the heart of man swept clean. In prayer, man makes intercession to God for assistance. In meditation, he gives assistance to God by creating the nature of God within his own thoughts and feelings....

“The admonishment of your beloved Hilarion, known unto many as Saint Paul, was ‘Think on these things.’²⁶ To meditate, then, is to let the thoughts of God that flow into the heart rise into the head, that the Knower may also become the known. Meditation is an exchange of man’s imperfect thoughts about himself and his Creator for the perfect thoughts held for him by the Creator.

“Identifying now with the eternal God, who is his Creator, the highest in his nature becomes the joint creator of himself. Thus, in a very real sense, as man draws the perfection of God into his world, he becomes the arbiter of his own destiny—a co-worker in the sublime—and he becomes as God is, self-created and creating.”²⁷

“Prayer is invocative; meditation is convocative. The Word goes forth; and the Word is the burning power of the Spirit that abides in the flesh but consumes it not, that transforms it, that raises the whole man, with his passion for Reality, vibrationally, emotionally, mentally, etherically and spiritually. For the entire being of man must be touched by the power of Truth, and Truth is the nature of God.”²⁸

Impediments to a Higher Communion Removed through Decrees

God knows our every need, but his outreach to us is hampered by the debris of our own human creation and by the

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