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Good Evening,

In considering what theme my little talk should take this evening I have decided to bring in the symbol of a radiant star. This symbol was given to me many years ago when I was seeking to find measures for improving myself and to be worthy of taking part in the proceedings of the Brotherhood of the Essenes.

A high Entity told me to consider a bright star with its radiations. Each point, as you will well appreciate, leads to the glowing Centre, where the source of the Ancient Wisdom resides and which constantly lights the way, through its radiations, for those to follow who earnestly desire to make spiritual upliftment and a daily advancement towards their Higher Self, which, as I have mentioned on many occasions, lies within each of us.

I have been given, over many years, seven points to follow and I will try and say a little about each and hope that many of you present tonight will find helpful in making your own Quest. You should picture this symbol of the Star in silver, on a blue background. The silver represents the Light of Truth and the blue of healing.

I must warn you that although this little talk takes about fifteen minutes it takes many years to absorb and put into practice the qualities mentioned. Nevertheless let us start our journey.

TOLERANCE

I was taken on a journey into the inner halls of learning, in order to see the value of Tolerance. It should be understood that this virtue may take more than one life to attain but once it is gained and retained it is of extreme value in assisting one to make progress towards the Great Light of Truth emanating from the Christ Plane.

It is also necessary to have the struggle on occasions against severe odds and difficult tests, in order to achieve the gift of Tolerance. This is one of the Degrees of Initiation to the Higher Levels of Consciousness which we must all make in time, however long it may take.

COMPASSION

It was six years later that the point of the Star — the aspect of Compassion — was given to me. It was pointed out to me that in this world of materialism and constant activity it was difficult to gain a quiet mind which is essential for Compassion to blossom.

The Star has been with us for many ages but it is what we do, as individuals, to discover its true values that really matters and the true understanding and practice of Compassion is a vital pathway towards the centre. By tuning into these vital impulses, shown by the rays of the Star, we can approach the wisdom of the Christ Plane.

I was given to understand that the small group which has been active here over the past half century is painfully, steadfastly and willingly trying to free itself from materialism and enter into the sense of real esoteric wisdom.

Compassion is the linking of the higher part of ourselves to a higher force in another dimension that makes us more conscious, more aware of the needs and the distress of those who suffer. But do understand that we must not identify ourselves with such distress but let the Higher forces come through and guide us to provide the help and advice needed.

The world is going through a dark passage — at the end of the Piscean Age and the start of the Aquarian Age — and we must keep ourselves in the Light and show genuine Compassion towards those in need.

It is advisable to seek quiet surroundings whenever possible and to meditate on the higher aspects to assist us to become worthwhile and bring real help and to raise the vibrations necessary to assist this trouble-filled world, this difficult era on this planet Earth. It is essential to avoid being drawn into a negative attitude of mind.

The Brotherhood are trying to lift mankind to higher levels of wisdom and this must be our continued endeavour.

FOREBEARANCE

The Points of the Star are taking us through the degrees of purification and we should, each of us, try to look into ourselves to find the lesser part of ourselves which become a hinderance to our advancement. We should try and attain a greater knowledge of human psychology and to understand Forebearance.

Forebearance is something you have to live through and you also have to work through. One has to bear and to forebear, and through all this one has to love all with whom we come into contact untinged by any feeling of jealousy or envy. When you have attained this quality of life you are well along the Path of Enlightenment.

CONTEMPLATION

I was taken again into the Halls of Learning to consider applied Contemplation of the paths of learning, paths which have been taken by many High Souls in the Realms. These paths lead to the awareness and insight to see beauty in all that is around, both tangible and intangible.

Why should we go through this diligent application of silent contemplation? It is through these various exercises that we become more enlightened and more full of Light and it is as we individually and collectively unite in such quiet study and Contemplation that we arrive at our next destination without our having moved because we find that things are moved for us.

The Initiate who would tread this pathway must take as his mentor one who has already trodden this path before and it is a teacher who has himself experienced these things that is so empowered to help others.

SILENCE

This Ray concerns the value of Silence. The start is made by arranging to be in a quiet room and with others of like mind if possible. By quiet meditation clear the mind of material distractions. Becoming united both spiritually and mentally you will feel the Silence building into Love, transferred into Healing and again transferred into action.

Meeting like minds in Silence can be very helpful, for where Silence IS the Cosmic Force is increased 100 fold, or more, because there is no conflict of ideas of personal ambition.

This will lead to the deeper truths upon which you can build your own edifice and give out hope to the hopeless and to those in need of upliftment.

It is necessary to pray in Silence, asking to be accepted and to be of service, not to receive, as such needs will be given according to the value of your service. You will thus gain in insularity and not be disturbed by the distractions which may be around. You may remember a previous talk of mine entitled 'Giving and Taking'. The act of Giving is purely SELFLESS whereas that of Taking is entirely SELFISH.

Consider, for a moment, the prophets mentioned many times in the Bible; these ancient prophets did, literally, live in the wild, untouched parts of the country, but for a specific reason; they needed solitude from the distractions of mankind.

Such distractions would have led them from the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom far beyond the reach of mankind; the study of the cosmic forces which direct the universe, the understanding of which is true wisdom.

AWARENESS

Those who wish to ascend the mountain of Truth must first equip themselves for the ascent. With the amount of turmoil and unrest on this planet going on around us the voice of Truth must be heard and it must be heard loud and clearly.

It is essential that this Brotherhood must continually try, at these meetings, to give to all who will listen, food—not for the stomach but for the soul.

These Truths which we try to give out to you, are not always easy to understand but by trying to assimilate the grains of Truth, gradually each year by attending these meetings, you will become aware of their depth and you will be refreshed.

Take these words of comfort, "Before any birth there must be pain and so the world is ready to give birth to new ideas, new ideals, but is loath to let go of the old."

THE ANIMAL KINGDOM

Now I will end by saying something which has been said many times on this platform before and is part of the NEW AGE TEACHING & REVELATIONS, but I am not sure if it has been fully understood and that is why it must be repeated tonight: It is this:—

Animals come straight from the Divine Animal Planes; the gates to these Planes lead off from the Christ Plane. We must become *at one* with the Animals before being worthy of even approaching their Kingdom, whose Kingdom leads to the Planes of Knowledge where the Wisdom of the Divine Mysteries of God are revealed.

Animals come down voluntarily to help mankind and are without sin, and therefore they have no Karma. Animals are *not* our younger brethren but are our teachers, as those who have eyes to see and ears to hear will understand. They are the foundation of the planet and were here before man. Foundations must be cared for in order to keep the structure firm. How can we expect a world if we torture and abuse the foundations as we are doing today?

So we ask you—Please, please do all that you can to help the Animals, as by doing so you will be helping yourselves and also Christ's Second Coming to this planet Earth. He will come through the Divine Vibrations of the Animal Ray and by no other way.

Thank you all for listening and may the Star shine brightly for you all.