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ASHRAMS

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Prayers to the Creator are offered not only in temples -- the wax of the candle is consumed in the labor of life. The Call, 94.

On certain steps a clean place is indispensable. Our Ashrams are distinguished by cleanliness. The hygiene of the spirit presupposes the hygiene of the body. Human emanations are harmful for a certain aspect of spiritual life. Many of Us with a special sensitiveness cannot endure the emanations of the world. Illumination, page 147.

Preserve one room in absolute purity, or even a corner, dedicated to the Teacher. One may retain near the window an armchair in which no one may sit. Also, do not admit the curious. For such, one should be most average, so that their brazenness should skim by the aura. These are all counsels for the strengthening of the Yoga. Agni Yoga, 196.

The Teacher's place in the most revered corner is not a superstition. This is the place for the One invited to the holy supper. He may arrive at any moment, and it should be evident that He was expected. This constant mark of expectancy and readiness is as a call through the open window. Amidst constructions and battles, let us spare time for a fleeting smile. Ibid., 413.

Let us turn to the concept of devotion. Devotion does not resemble a windmill, nor a hired singer of praises. It rather resembles a firm tower upon a summit which the enemies avoid in awe, but in whose chambers a shelter is ever prepared for a friend. Devotion is the opposite of doubt, which is nothing but ignorance. It means that devotion rests upon enlightenment. Thus, legitimate cognizance is allied with devotion. It is not credulity, not levity, but firmness and steadfastness. Certainly the tower of devotion is constructed not by haphazard toil nor by faint decisiveness; and devotion can be violated only by betrayal. But valuable are the towers of devotion! Such ashrams, like magnets, attract powerful hearts. They are nurseries of spirituality. Even material nature is transformed in the proximity of these towers. Hierarchy, 287.

Humanity must build its strongholds as a wondrous indivisible circle. Each creative inception must be built in integrity and indivisibility, affirming itself in the orbit around the center. Only thus by a radius one may reach all points and establish the right scope. One should understand



that each stronghold must be nurtured from the center. The more superficial is the receptivity the more perilous it is in all directions. Therefore one should hearken to the inner manifestation of the center. The indivisibility of the stronghold is its might. Integrity is its beauty. The center is the Hierarchy of Benevolence. Thus the highest step is being built. Each spirit must realize that all lives through the Light of integrity. Each Ashram is nurtured by integrity and lives by the Light of Hierarchy. Each atom lives by integrity. In this is beauty. Thus the world is being constructed. Ibid., 358.

There is one place where the magnetic needle never fluctuates. The scientists know that it is in Asia. We shall broaden this concept. Certainly, there is a focus on the planet which is attracted by the Cosmic Magnet and which holds all the threads of the Common Good of humanity. The existence of this Center affords equilibrium for Earth. Infinity I, 361.

The spiritual consciousness impelled to Our heights accumulates treasures and offers those gifts to Space. Ibid., 8.

Thus, it is necessary with the utmost simplicity and joy to sail to the White Island, as We sometimes call Our Site. Heart, 113.

If we look on our planet from above, we will observe, besides the evident volcanoes, special vortices of light and darkness. The human spirit can create powerful manifestations of energy. One may state that the tornadoes of Light are saviors of the equilibrium of the planet. Nor is it far from the truth to state that the tornadoes of darkness contain a destructive gas which not only deadens the crust of the planet but can alter the climate and even significantly effect a shifting of the poles. Thus powerful is the significance of the human spirit. Hence We value the Ashrams where purified Agni is being gathered. Many teachings have pointed out the importance of purified sites where psychic energy could be affirmed. References to the importance of pure sites are found in the Ancient Scriptures, in the Bible and in the Rig-Veda. Taoism likewise contains knowledge of these treasure-places of Earth. We rejoice when We notice the establishing of new Ashrams, but people so seldom think of the power of their spirits! Fiery World I, 664.

The three Worlds are closer to each other than one may think. One can see how corresponding vibrations create cooperation. You know how certain individuals from the Subtle World who are close to us act to assist a common task. Even not so long ago they were unable to serve the common purpose because of difference of vibrations, but now your vibrations and their endeavors for communion make them useful co-workers. Thus is created useful labor in common. It is the more useful because the adversaries have similar co-workers. Certainly, it is joyous to watch each cumulation of consciousness. Ur. has seen how in the beginning the atmosphere is dim and in the course of successive meetings it becomes lighter, and a day ago Ur. saw completely conscious cooperation. Such an enlightenment is very rapid, yet for this the Ashram is of significance. Verily, Ashrams have a great importance for the earthly and for the Subtle World. Ashrams may be defined as magnets and ozonators. Being filled with heart energy provides a conduit for many things. Therefore, when I am concerned about spiritually pure atmosphere, I have in mind a very important consequence. Without spiritual accumulations, the command to take everything upon oneself has no meaning. This command can be given only where there is a heart-bond with the Subtle and Fiery Worlds. Only such a bond, during the present earthly conflict, can strengthen those to whom the order has been given. The currents are too complicated to be opposed by earthly forces. But you know about the bond with the two Worlds. Precise-



ly in this communion are found forces for the passing by the most unexpected path. In this, do not hesitate to take care of yourself, in order not to expend energy superfluously. One should not in any manner be diverted from inner concentration. The affairs of the whole world are in a grave state. Fiery World II, 203.

A certain prior of a monastery, when sending the monks on a journey, always exhorted them with the words -- "again is our cloister expanding." He knew that there can be no spiritual estrangement, and that such affirmations of the journey only augmented the dimensions of the cloister. Thus ponder when some of the brethren begin a new march. Ibid., 392.

Drops of Grace fall into the chalice of heart's joy. Could there be a greater joy than that during the fulfillment of a Mission of the Brotherhood? Thus must it be understood for those who go forth or remain guarding the Ashram. Very important is the vigor which grows out of the Power of Grace. Ibid., 393.

A noted physician treats cases not with medicines alone, but by psychic energy. Such manifested energy needs supplementing -- such reinforcement proceeds out of the Ashram. In such a manner you see cooperation at long distances. Those who transmit the energy can only sense its outflow, but in their turn they receive a useful ray. Aum, 181.

Please distinguish thoroughly between the White Brothers, Members of the Himalayan Community, and the ordinary white brothers, who are people following the Teaching of Light.

The majority of the Great Brothers are now using densified subtle bodies. And Those who are still in their physical bodies are gathered now in the main Stronghold. All the Ashrams in Tibet are hidden in closed, impassable defiles. The dreadful effluvia of the earthly atmosphere does not encourage the presence of the Great Teachers among people. Moreover, at the moment their work does not require their physical presence. Such terms as "Initiate," "Adept," "White Brother" are terribly profaned! It would be a good thing to ponder upon the words of the Great Teacher K.H.: "An Adept is the rarest flower of a whole series of generations of seekers." Yet indeed, how many times this flower has been born among the host of these self-sacrificing Sages! Thus, let us manifest here the highest care, and let us not profane the greatest concepts! It is truly impossible to imagine the entire majesty of an Arhat of the Hierarchy of Light! It cannot be comprehended by our limited minds and imagination. Only the tremor of the heart will indicate the spiritual exaltation of a devoted disciple, who feels the approaching Ray of the Teacher of Light! Letters of Helena Roerich, Vol. I, pages 366-7.

"Aryavarta" means the country of the Aryans. This is the ancient name of Northern India, where, after the destruction of Atlantis, the first newcomers from Central Asia settled. This name applies principally to the mountain valleys of the Himalayan ridges, but not to all the plains of India. Our Ashram\* is located in the most ancient and the most sacred Aryavarta. The Fire of Aravarta signifies the great spirit and potentiality of this nation. The Indo-Aryan people call themselves Aryavartas. Ibid., page 260.

\* "Our Ashram" refers to the Ashram established by Nicholas and Helena Roerich.  
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H. P. Blavatsky . . . spent yhree years in one of the Ashrams  
of Tibet, and then returned to the world with great knowledge  
and resplendent evidence regarding the Mahatmas. . . .  
Letters of Helena Roerich, page 423.



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Leaves of Morya's Garden,  
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129. Priceless is M's Guidance on the road of life.  
Dark ones beset the way.  
Seldom does the spirit's light assert itself.  
Far from tilled is the eternal field.  
Widespread are discord and hate.  
The Chalices of Angels do not terrify men.  
As passengers on a short journey are men in their  
earthly life, facing Infinity.
239. The common highway does not lead to the Holy Mountain.
329. Seek new paths!  
Find thy way amidst the difficulties of life.  
I am here -- thy Master speaks. Be open to Us.  
Bury not thyself in life.
331. Work, the path is open for work.  
In thy hands are the greatest possibilities.  
My crown be with thee, for I gave the crown.  
Be on thy guard. Expect Our Help each moment.
397. One should show reverence for the Guiding Hand by one's actions.  
You can increase your strength by realizing the Shield.  
Arriving at the crossroads, take only the new path.
402. You proceed along the path because you are aflame with service.  
I send you a manifestation of strength because your path is long.
403. When the great path has been designated  
One must carefully avoid deviations.

Leaves of Morya's Garden,  
Vol. II, Illumination, 1925

By a wondrous bast are your sandals tied for the long journey. As  
was the past, so also will be laid the future. One cannot have respite  
from predestined meetings. (page 11)

The standardized life must be skillfully avoided. . . . He who  
wishes to reach the New Country must not only cast aside all prejudices  
but also enter by a new way. The affirmation of life must be built upon  
the application to local conditions. (page 94)

Now it is time to speak of the signs of the path leading to Us.  
First of all, do you clearly accept the existence of the Teachers? . . .



How then to find the way to Our laboratories? Without a summons, no one will reach Us. Without a Guide no one will pass! At the same time there is necessary an indomitable personal striving and readiness for the hardships of the way. (pages 219-220)

Agni Yoga, 1929

83. Little by little spread the grains of the Teaching. Let it imperceptibly flood the being. Past is the sermon -- life remains. Inspire the consciousness of your brother with an imperceptible touch, brought to him as his daily bread. Uncover his wrath and quench it with goal-fitness. Affirm him in the joy of realized containment. Beware of manifesting miracles to him. Unfold to him the co-measurement of that which passes into the Infinite. Revoke the single holiday in order to establish the eternal holiday.

123. Said Solomon, "I shall set thee at the crossroad and make thee silent and immovable. Before thee will pass the signs of events. Thus shalt thou restrain thy human curiosity and thus shalt thou peer into the predestined tide of the current. Because beyond the human is borne the thought of the world."

Thus, mark the flow of events as though from the top of the tower you count the flocks of sheep.

289. The sign of life is the cross.

290. The sower does not count the scattered seeds, being the sower and not the reaper. But who goes more joyously to his labor? The sower -- not the bent reaper. With his right hand the sower broadly strews his seed. The wind sweeps away many seeds; but the sower sings, because for him the field is not empty. He will depart leaving the field teeming. He is indifferent as to what reaper will gather his harvest and who will garner new seeds. The sowing is entrusted to the most trustworthy toiler. Large is the field, but the skilled hand does not tire.

575. Yesterday the seed formed; tomorrow the flower will blossom.

669. "How then, O Lord, to spread Thy Teaching? How then, O Lord, to find those to whom it is predestined to apply Thy Word for fulfilment?" And the Lord bade in reminder: "A hermit searched for him to whom to entrust the Revelation. And he took the scroll and placed it on the crossroad: 'Let the Higher One Himself point out who should find His Ordainments.' And a little girl came and wrapped her bread in the scroll of Scriptures. But the hermit prepared another scroll and again placed it on the crossroad.

"And a merchant passed, and covered the scroll with the figures of his revenue. But the hermit did not tire, and once more placed a scroll. And thus until the very end of his works and his day.

"But when the Higher One asked him how he had spread the Teaching, he answered: 'It is not given unto me to judge which bird will build the best nest of these covenants.'

"Thus, we never know who will give the scroll for torment, who for oblivion, and who will place it under his pillow in order to affirm upon it his own foundation.

"I do not consider that thou hast acted wrongly in giving thy labor for use to those unknown to thee."



Thus the Lord affirmed the spreading of the Teaching impersonally, without impatience, without irritation, without expectation.

Thus give ye also, without prejudice to whom ye give, without pronouncing the everyday judgment.

Carry, O bird, the Teaching; and in thy flight drop it into the hearth of those who live in expectation of receiving it.

Carry the Teaching to the crossroad!

### Infinity I, 1930

46. Manifest the desire for new images. Manifest the desire for new paths. Having awakened the desire toward the beauty of Infinity in everything, humanity will walk forward without glancing back. Only the grandeur of Cosmos will impel the spirit toward the Inaccessible Heights.

### Infinity II, 1930

1. The ocean of Infinity is within each seed.

285. We, Brothers of Humanity, create through the lever of the heart, and We say, "The beauty of striving opens all paths."

### Heart, 1932

236. If we take a deodar tree -- the highest and most powerful -- how many marks we find on the trunk, of former branches which have fallen away. This did not weaken the deodar; on the contrary, the places where these branches fell off became the strongest; even steel will break against them. No Teaching is terrified at those who fall away. It knows that the lower branches must fall aside. Thus, those which fall away, carried by the wind, may fulfill their designation. They may even generate new deodars. And their resin will in any case be curative. And later, when set together to support the corner of a house, they will join unitedly in bearing the general stress of the entire building. Therefore do not be terrified at those who fall away. They cannot go far from the resin of the heart. And if you observe the mass of crossroads from above, you will smile at the travelers who meet. When the length of the infinite path is realized, you will also apply different measures. Wandering is not terrifying -- immovability alone is frigid.

261. Let us understand the heart as the focus of the physical laws as well as the highest laws. This center was called the crossroad, and was represented by an equilateral cross; dorje, like the swastika, indicated the rotation of the fire of the heart.

264. Beyond all human boundaries flash the sparks of Space. So also beyond earthly decrees reach the far-off calls. Do you not awaken at times with unusual words in your consciousness, do you not hear unearthly names? The meetings in the Subtle World are not few. Not few are the channels to the fiery regions. And often we are called by those whom we are destined to encounter sooner or later in the future.

394. He who has already sensed the altar of the heart will also realize the discipline of spirit. We send the calls of the heart to those friends who meet upon the crossroads of the East. We send the calls of unity to those whose hearts already sensed the music of the spheres.



Aug., 1936

450. Remember the advice that the book of the Teaching should lie at the crossroads. Be not tormented as to whence will come the wayfarers, whence will come the friends who have a presentiment of cognition. Be not distressed by those passing by; they may attract someone without knowing it. They may be indignant, and their cries will attract many. But let us not enumerate the inscrutable paths. They cannot be revealed, yet the heart knows them.

Brotherhood, 1937

190. The stupid are capable of affirming that Our Brothers sow sedition and uprisings. But actually They are ready to carry on the heavy service of forewarning in time the persons upon whom the national destiny depends. They do not spare their forces in hastening to bring tidings. At the cost of disagreeable methods, They bear the Light which the forces of darkness are trying to extinguish. But the sown seeds of good will not dry up, and in <sup>the</sup> ordained days the seeds will flourish. But what should those people be called who harm the good? They are capable not only of impeding Advice but of interpreting as failure the most natural consequences. By what measure will the stupid appraise effects? Why do they take it upon themselves to judge where success or failure has appeared? What could happen without the assistance of the Brotherhood? It is hard to imagine the evil interpretation that accompanies each Great Service!

214. I affirm that there are now many significant manifestations but people are so blind that they do not see the prepared bread. People do not wish to recognize that which is already drawing near in full strength. Let travelers sing at the crossroads about Brotherhood preordained.

258. Seeds may be scattered by the whirlwind; they may be nibbled by birds; they may be washed away by a downpour of rain -- many are the causes and the effects. It is especially difficult for man that he cannot predetermine the result of a sowing. But he should not distribute arbitrarily because of this the results of labor. Man must clearly picture the goal of his work, but the paths of movement and the new obstructions must not distress the worker. In the earthly way it is not easy to reconcile oneself to the thought that seeds can sprout in unexpected places. But let man not forget that the vital capacity of a seed is great. Thus let us sow, without thinking where the beautiful garden will spring up and expand. A man may select for his garden a splendid place, according to his way of thinking, while the place next to it may prove to be a far more fertile soil where even a seed brought by the wind will flourish. Thus let us sow, having no doubts about the vitality of seeds.