Guide to Key Lines in Selections.

"Who then are My people?" Foreword.

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"I bestow My Wisdom upon thee. ... " (page 16)
   32... "While thou art pupil, learn to overcome irritability. ... " (page 17)
        "The pupils must not judge hastily. ... " (page 18)
        "... Through thy creations imprint My Word upon the joyous hearts. ... (p.21)
   48.
        "... Pupils, spread love and knowledge. A smile carries power." (page 21)
   50.
        "... Be daring -- verily disciples of the Master. ... " (page 25)
   70.
        "... Pupils should rejoice at every message. ... " (page 27)
   76.
        "Smile -- I grant thee the joy of spreading the Teaching of Christ. ... "(p.46)
  153.
        "... Your earthly support is not strong, but under the shelter of
  168.
              Invisible Allies you will conquer." (page 49)
  175.
        "... I will send you My Word. Carry it to the disciples. I am with you." ...
        "... We send to thee Our Help and Blessing." (page 54)
                                                                                 (p.81)
  180.
        "Our disciple determines each sword thrust with his spirit directed to Us. ..."
  280.
        "... Therefore must Our disciples be able to hearken to the breath of
  281.
             life of every day. ... " (page 82)
                                                                              (page 92)
        "... Disciple, does the sea shell fear the velvet rolling of the waves? ... "/
  309.
  312.
         "... Remember, the Master's Soul is thy abode. ... (page 93)
         "... For I am thy Guardian, thy Friend and Father." (page 94)
  313.
        "... Give thyself to thy work, and I will lead thee on the path of
              success in the Yonder World." (page 94)
  320.
        "... Pupil, thy body must not hinder thee upon the path. ... (page 97)
        "I tell thee, let the flame of thy heart be alight with the fire
  324.
              of compassion. ... (page 99)
        "... In thy hands are the greatest possibilities. ... (page 103)
  331.
        "... Dream of the future and you will see the regeneration of the world. ..."/
  333.
        "... The disciple acquires the illumination of joy. ... " (page 113)
  345.
       ."Observe -- the manifestations of each day are full of deep meaning."(p. 128)
  370 ..
        "Respect the principle of Hierarchy. ..." (page 139)
  395.
        "In order that My new disciples be able to assimilate My covenant ... "(p.148)
  426.
        "... The Teacher verifies the creativeness of beloved disciples. ... " (p.150)
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Illumination:
"One must manifest discipline of spirit; without it one cannot become free. "Foreword.
Part One.
V:3.
         "Ponder each day how to fulfill My Work. ... " (page 9)
         "... When one is on the way, delicacies are not needed." (page 10)
         "... I ask one thing: not to weaken your strength with gold. ..." (page 14)
VIII:5. "... in time the personal is superseded by a united consciousness. ... "(p.18)
     9. "... It does not befit anyone to become wearied." (page 20)
        "... My command to disciples ... is to walk sternly but without
              irritation. ... (page 25)
         "By spirit retain the spiritual Teaching..." (page 25)
   13.
         "... Guard the heart, because a vessel which contains the whole world
X:8.
              must be cautiously borne. ... (page 28)
         "Invisible teaching proceeds unceasingly. ... " (page 28)
XI:1.
         "... Sparkle with youth of spirit; be most young and mobile. ... " (page 29)
XII:1.
         "... The Teacher watches each thought, ready to select the best seeds
              of the spirit." (page 30)
         "M. and the understanding of Buddha's teaching lead one to the vital
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Illumination, continued.

understanding of law, conceived upon the Mount of Light. ... (page 30) Part Two. "In love forge the affirmation of the Heights about the ability to control oneself. ... " (page 31) "... Broad is My Work, to everyone a place ordained. ... " (page 31) 3. "... It is good to understand that the possession of objects should be 9. devoid of a feeling of property ownership. ... (page 35) II:1. "... Maitreya sends blessings upon the joyous labor. ... (page 37) "... You will know how to reach the hearts of men. ... (page 37) 2. "... the spirit which speeds out, in upward striving only, can avoid 3. the astral plane. ... (page 38) "... Death is no more than the shearing of the hair, for in the same 4. way is matter cast off. ... " (page 39) "... Not letter, not sign, but infallible spirit knowledge guides the 6. conduct of the disciple. ... " (page 41) "... only the instrument of consciousness will permit the new experi-9. ments of the blending of spirit and matter. ... " (page 43) "... The Teaching of how to walk upon Earth is revealed to those who 11. consider heaven to be alive. ... " (page 44) "Merging into the summits of Cosmos, one must find coordination with III:1. Earth. ... " (page 44) "... Beware -- success lies not in haste but in the understanding of 2. the times. ... (page 45) "... Spirit-knowledge is cognized by the spirit's knowledge. ... "(page 47) "The purification of religions predicates a new direct relation with 7. the spiritual world. ... (page 47) "... Why search for Light when one should sense it? ... " (page 49) 8. "Let us speak of the auras. ... " (page 50) 12. "As you felt lonliness before, so now you must feel the spirit-knowledge. ... " (page 51) 13. "Let us compare now the spirit-knowledge and the command of the will. ... "/ 14. "... In this eternal action is Our holiday. ... " (page 54) 17. "Visions are as real as the phototelephone. ... " (page 54) 18. "Here the Blessed One transmits: 'All is for all and forever. Note 19. the four laws: ... (page 56) "... It is of great value to approach the highest ways without being a IV:1. medium and without renouncing the earthly life. ... (page 58) "Christ said: 'Not in a temple, but in spirit shalt thou pray.' ... "(p. 59) 3. "... Simplicity is Our key to the secret doors of happiness. ... " (page 60) 4. "... Simplicity, beauty, and fearlessness -- Christ and Buddha spoke 5. of nothing more. ... " (page 61) "... Our pupils bear within themselves the microcosm of the Brotherhood, ... "/ 6. "... It is said: 'He who hath ears, let him hear.' ... " (page 63) 7. "... The Great Epoch is beginning, because the spirit understanding is 11. linked with the Mother of the World. ... " (page 66) "... the tablets of the Commandments must be manifested. ... (page 67) 12. "With what diversity do the plans of construction proceed! ... " (page 70) 14. "... It is possible to cure all ailments by the counterpoising of 18. vitality. ... (page 71) V:7. "... The law is that two concordant thoughts increase the power seven

"Know how to meet the waves of life in beauty. ... (page 78)

times. ... " (page 78)

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V:11.	"Joy is a special wisdom, as Christ said (page 81)
VI:4.	"The standardized life must be skillfully avoided " (page 94) (p.94)
5.	"From small to great, from a daily matter up to worlds, do we wander "/
	"Two companions of Our works are joy and vigilance (page 108)
VII:1.	"Tell the new ones that the responsibility for thoughts has to be realized (page 109)
7.	" 'Read again, and better, the old Decrees.' I teach the new when

- 7. "... 'Read again, and better, the old Decrees.' I teach the new when the old has been put into practice. ..." (page 113)
- 9. "Our goal is not to be Teachers, but Co-Workers. But for this there is needed a firm realization ..." (page 114)
- 11. "The most terrible statement is: 'We have already attained.'..." (page 115)
 12. "... The Teacher enjoins you to keep the spirit invincible..." (page 116)
- 13. "... His Teaching is firmly grounded because it is based on sacrifice. ... " (page 116)
- 14. "... A sound understanding of beauty is the rarest quality, and will be valued by the Lords above many things. ... " (page 117)
- 16. "... One must acknowledge the goal and devote oneself to the plan of the Teacher. ... " (page 118) (p. 120)
- 17. "... Better a short fatigue but then the near approach to the Teacher. ..."/
- 20. "... Place into one receptacle the fragments of reverence to Maitreya. ..." (page 123)
- VIII:1. "... Is the appearance of Christ a miracle? ... cosmic events only affirm evolution. ... " (page 124)
 - 2. "What I will say now is very important. The canon, 'By thy God,' is the higher, and this canon is the basis of the New World. ..." (p. 124)
 - 3. "Synthesis of spirituality is the rarest gift; it alone kindles the light of the world. ..." (page 125)
 - 4. "Do not make enemies. This is an enjoinment to all. ..." (page 125)7. "The laws of appearance of Teachers coincide with the plan of the whole culture. ..." (page 128)
 - 11. "... The Teaching of the Future Epoch will be reunion of the spirit and intellect. ... (page 132)
 - 14. "Healer, tell the ailing ones that the use of wine diminishes by half their chances, that the use of natcotics takes away three quarters of their vitality. ... " (page 133)
 - 15. "M. has left many magnets on Earth. Therefore, I say, My path is easy to walk. ... " (page 133)
- 16. "For a consciously developed spirit the period of sojourn on the astral plane could be limited to an interval of forty days, ..." (page 134)
- IX:1. "The manifestation of labor for the future will transform the present..." (page 136)
 - 6. "... the Plan is as beautiful as the radiance of elements." (page 141)
 10. "Friends! Place four stones into the foundation of your actions:..." (p.144)
 - 11. "... Remember, guidance is on condition that karma be not infringed upon..." (page 145)
 - 12. "It is best to strive onward: everyone has his own path. It is useful to attune the organism for receptivity to the Teacher's Teaching. ..."(146)
 - 13. "People often lack discipline of spirit and a sense of co-measurement. The key to the next attainment is the most difficult step ..." (page 146)
- X:1. "On certain steps a clean place is indispensable. ..." (page 147)
 2. "Let the best warriors of the Holy Grail assemble for the achievement. Above all joys is the smile of achievement. ..." (page 147)

Illumination, continued.

- "Joyously quivers the air of the hour before dawn, the hour when Buddha X:3. cognized the greatness of Cosmos, and when the Lord Christ prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane." (page 148)
 - "... Again We come into the world. Again We bring the testimony of 4. spirit. ... (page 148)
 - "... Radiant is Our way.) (page 149) 5.
 - "The human mechanism is complex a special conscious evolution. ... "(p.149) 6.
 - "... Origen walked upon the still hot coals of the Ancient World. ... 7. Knowing the simplicity of the Teaching of Jesus, he suffered on seeing the erection of churches. ... (page 149)
 - "I repeat that the light-mindedness of the world is criminal. ... "(page 150) 8.
 - "Events are thundering. I am endeavoring to restrain, to bridle the 9. madness. ... (page 150)
- 10. "... From pure clean places will appear new ones: ... A legion of its own kind with understanding of spirit. ... (pages 150,1) "Let us speak about the sensitive apparatus. ... (page 151)
- 11.
- "I rejoice when you are imbued with the significance of the future. These XI:1. are especially crucial times. ... (page 152)
 - "... For Us the universal principle is the basic law of Cosmos, which can 2. be only partially investigated. ... " (page 153)
 - "Discipline is the beginning of everything." (page 154) 40
- "... People do not realize the foundation of the Teaching of the Blessed XII:1. One. The foundation is discipline. ... " (page 154)
 - "The Blessed One said: 'Truth is the sole source of courage.' ... "(p.154)
 - "... Devachan is like a reservoir of forces. The renewal of the spirit is achieved there. ... (pages 154,5)
 - "I affirm that the diversity in the other spheres is great. ... " (page 156)
 - "... Karma bears the fruit of actions and calls forth the date of 5. manifestation. ... (page 156)
 - "New, new, new ones! ... We hear far-off voices which speak about an unprecedented Epoch." (pages 156,7)
 - "There is no permanency in Cosmos; even a simple object in two consecu-7. tive moments appears different." (page 157)

Part Three.

- "... the Lord recognized the reality of the surrounding world for the I:3. present cycle and taught duty to His disciples." (page 159)
 - "... Formerly We sent the olive branch of peace. Formerly the dove was Our symbol; now it is the chalice of achievement. Yes, each age has its symbol." (page 159)
 - "... I speak of the joy of labor. The cooperative system is the sole 5. salvation." (page 159)
 - "... Roundabout you I will bind the Sacred Knot -- an invisible one. Our 6. Decree is that you take on your shoulders the attestation of My Advent. ... (pages 159,60)
- "A kind of fear has girdled humanity with various artificial circles. Now 10. it is time to put aside conventional formulae. It is time to meet with awakened spirit the manifestation of Earth and Heaven. ... "(p.162)
- "They will ask: 'What kind of heaven is yours?' Answer: 'The heaven of II:2. toil and struggle. Out of toil is born invincibility; out of struggle, beauty. ... (page 163)
 - "Together with co-measurement, necessity must be understood. ... " (page 164) 3.
 - "My Command is that you understand the importance of what is happening. ... "/ 12. (page 169)

DISCIPLESHIP Part One

- II:13. "You may proclaim My desire to see all at work. One must exert one's aura; it cannot grow otherwise. ..." (page 170)
 - 14. "I wish to see cooperation not on paper and in assurances, but in action. ... " (page 170)
 - 15. "... I shall remind you how Buddha selected disciples for an achievement. ... (page 171)
 - 16. "... I advise not to pray to Me but to invoke Me. And My Hand will not delay in manifesting Itself in the battle. ... (pp.171,2)
 - 17. "... You must rely upon the unknown ones and the Unseen Ones. ...(173)
 18. "When people leave they feel one of two ways: either that they have
 lived long in this place ... or that everything has come to
 - an end around them ... It is very important to distinguish these two kinds of people. ... (page 173)

 21. "... If the Earth were deprived of flowers, half of its vitality
 - would disappear. Just as important is the snow, and like beacons of salvation stand the snowy mountains. ... (page 175)
- III:2. "... Achievement is not renunciation; it is containment and movement...." (page 176)
 - 3. "Strive into the future, by-passing the soot of the present. ..."(177)
 - 4. "Learn this: One should not be destructive but should summon the best patience. ... " (page 177)
 - 5. "... Do not be displeased except with yourself. Do not let others do what you can do for yourself, ..." (page 178)
 - 6. "Regard nothing as belonging to you; the easier for you not to damage things. Think how best to adorn each place; the surer will you protect yourself from rubbish. ..." (page 178)
 - 7. "When someone bars your way, step aside in silence if you know your path. ..." (page 179)
 - 9. "The Teaching of new possibilities of life attracts practical heads, ..." (page 180)
 - 10. "... When one can think about the future not by the evening fire but in the radiance of the sun, then the dew drops of prana illumine the thinking brow." (page 182)
 - 11. "Let new countries also realize the power of the aspiration of the pure in heart...." (page 182)
 - 14. "My Hand will not tire to lead, but you do have to walk, each one with full strength. ..." (page 185)
 - 15. "... Each epoch has its own plague. At present it is the epidemic of speculation. ... " (pages 185,6)
- IV:1. "Prayer is the realization of eternity. In prayer there is beauty, love, daring, courage, self-sacrifice, steadfastness, aspiration..." (page 186)
 - 2. "If we begin to decompose matter, we see that the liberated atoms begin to arrange themselves according to the basic tone, and, escaping into the ether, they form a rainbow that resounds with the music of the spheres. ..." (page 187)
 - 3. "Keep now in mind that in time of danger you must encircle your-selves with a realization of personal invulnerability, and then send your consciousness to meet My Ray. ... exelent in time of fatigue. ..." (pages 187,8)
 - 5. "... If asked, 'Why did you yourself acknowledge the Teacher?' answer. 'Because He Himself has addressed us, for the development of our knowledge.'" (pages 188,9)

Part One

Illumination, continued.

- IV:6. "I shall specify the qualities distinctive in those seeking the Common Good. First constancy of striving. Second ability of containment, ... Third ability to labor, ... Fourth the desire to help, ... Fifth renouncement of personal property and the acceptance for safekeeping ... Sixth expulsion of fear. Seventh display of vigilance amidst darkness. ... " (page 189)
 - 7. "No clairvoyance is equal to the spirit-knowledge... the care of the spirit-knowledge is expressed not in exercises but by the improvement of the life conditions of the blood vessels which feed the nerves. The principal attention must be paid to the blood pressure, ..." (pages 189,90)

8. "... The New World will manifest the affirmation of fearless cognition. There the Images of the Teachers will enter into life as Friends. ... " (page 190)

9. "... each achievement contains within itself a victory; ..." (pp.191,2)

10. "I strongly advise to abolish gossip. Half the day will then be made free, ..." (page 192)

11. "... the fundamental quality of resoluteness is invincible. Indeed, the invincibility of determination is convincing, and it is an immutable condition of the true mysteries. ..." (page 194)

12. "Determination conditions the law of occult facets. ..." (page 194)

14. "About the qualities of action. ..." (page 196)
15. "About the qualities of expectancy. ..." (page 197)

V:1. "... Reply: 'Historically and scientifically we know the Great Teachers who have created the quality of our consciousneaa.' ... " (page 198)

2. "It has been said that he who speaks against the spirit shows himself ignorant, and that blasphemy against the Spirit is the worst of all. ..." (page 199)

3. "A prophet is a man who possesses spiritual foresight. ..." (page 200)

4. "Can it be so very difficult for you to understand the meaning of astrology? ... Since exact knowledge is needed, astronomy is strikingly applicable." (pages 202,3)

5. "... Applicability is judged by spirit-knowledge, ... Even faith must be well-grounded, and thus can the Teaching live. ... "(p.203)

6. "Avoid uniformity, as to both place and work. ... " (page 204)

7. "Nirvana is the quality of assimilation of all actions. ..." (page 205)

8. "... A man who is obsessed with thought about different truths is like the man who ponders about the difference of his eyes, he loses perspective of conception." (pages 206,7)

9. "... Over and above the reason, the gates are opened by a tremor which is even audible to human apparati. ..." (page 207)

10. "... It is joyous to realize that quality can always be improved if there is discipline of spirit." (page 208)

11. "... If we act within the sphere of the general welfare with sincere intentions, then in support of us stands the entire reservoir of cosmic accumulations. This chalice of the best achievements begins to act along an invisible ray. ... " (page 208)

12. "...The practicality of temperateness in food and speech can be seen over a period of several months. ..." (page 210)

- V:13. "... Whoever wishes to follow Us must first of all forget negation and freely bear the renewed life without constraint of others.

 People are attracted by beauty and by luminous knowledge. ..."(p.212)
 - 13. "... I urge you to consider reincarnation strictly scientifically. ... (p.213)
 - 14. "... Thought is a reflex of the spirit; hence the motion of thought is incredibly rapid. ... " (page 214)
 - 15. "... Understand that work properly apportioned cannot in itself be fatiguing. One should understand how to effect a proper change of the group of working nerves, and then no fatigue can find access. Do not try to find rest in idleness. ... " (page 215)
 - 16. "Success will not abandon those who are striving impetuously, for it is difficult to strike an arrow in flight. How swiftly approaching are the dates of those predestined ones, ..." (page 216)
 - 17. "... People have awaited the Messenger for ten years yet closed the door on the day before His coming. ... " (page 218)
 - 18. "... 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? ... " (page 220)
 - 19. "You will inevitably encounter a certain kind of people who fly into a rage at mention of the Teachers. ..." (page 221)
 - 20. "From Our Community We sow seeds of the Common Good throughout all parts of the world. ..." (page 223)
- VI:5. "An instructive case can be narrated of how unexpectedly a useful coworker reached Our Community. ..." (page 229)
 - 6. "In the second book those who understood the summons of the first will find the features of the desired labor. ..." (page 232)
 - 7. "In communal occupations, do not indulge in thoughts about the recent past; think either about the future or the wisdom of the ages.

 ... It is more practical to think about the future these thoughts have recourse to solar prana. ... One must accustom oneself to thinking about the future. When you come together you must send out thoughts about the future. The assemblies will be purer. ..."(232.3)
 - 8."...Grievous is the path for those who, having been summoned, have not entered easily. I urge you not to weaken yourselves. ... (page 234)
 - 9. "You have already heard about the saturation of rhythm of labor as a peculiar quality possessed but rarely by people. ..." (page 234)
 - 10. "About manuscripts. ... writing carries not only the conventional connotation of the words used, but also a powerful communication of the human essence. ... Handwriting is a handshake at a distance." (pp.235,6)
 - 11. "... Spirit-knowledge indicates to us how the dimension of the goal governs the dimension of possibilities. ..." (page 237)
 - 12. "... Success lies in expanded consciousness; it is impossible to approach it in fear. The ray of courage will lead above obstacles; ...Blessed be the obstacles, through them we grow!" (pages 238,9)
 - 16. "It is especially difficult for humanity to understand the relationship between quality of labor and infinity. ... One must find courage to labor for Infinity. ..." (pages 242,3)
 - 17. "... The comparison of the evolution of worlds with a small everyday matter can produce an enlightening stroke. ... " (page 244)
 - 19. "... The spirit cannot be forced to grow. One cannot even coerce by unsolicited counsels. One can only respond to the knock of a sensitive heart. ... " (page 246)

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- VI:20. "Pure thoughts are like the ozone of space. Verily, one can fill one's surroundings with them, but only in a definite consonance. To launch a pure thought and muffle it with a dozen cravings is like a horrible dissonance. ..." (page 247)
 - 21. "The first book summoned to attainment of beauty, simplicity, and fearlessness. The second gives the quality and the features of labor which affirm the expansion of consciousness. ... Welcome to all seekers of the Common Good." (pages 249,50)