

SOME THOUGHTS ON SURYA VIDYA.

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" Search for the Paths. But O Lance, be of clean heart before thou startest on thy journey. Before thou takest thy first step learn to discern the Real from the False, the ever-fleeting from the everlasting. Learn above all to separate Head-learning from Soul Wisdom, the "Eye" from the "Heart" doctrine."

" But even Ignorance is better than head learning without Soul Wisdom to guide it."

" Three Halls, O weary pilgrim, leads to the end of toil. Three Halls O conquerer of Mara, will bring thee through the three states into the fourth, and thence into the seven worlds of Rest Eternal. If thou would'st learn their names, then hearken and remember. The name of Hall the first is Ignorance "Avidya". It is the Hall in which thou saw'st the light, in which thou livest and shall die". (This Hall is the domain of the Elemental Hierarchy and who use the solar plexus as the centre from which they work.)

" The name of Hall the second, is the Hall of Learning. (The Hall of probationary learning) in it thy soul shall find the blessings of life, but under every flower a serpent coiled." (This Hall is the domain of the Lunar Hierarchy, who use the Head as the centre from which they work.)

" The name of the third Hall is Wisdom, beyond which stretch the shoreless waters of Akshara, the indestructable fount of Omniscience." (This is the domain of the Solar Hierarchy who use the Heart as the centre from which they work.)

" For Mind is like a mirror; it gathers dust while it reflects. It needs the gentle breezes of Soul-Wisdom to brush away the dust of our illusions. Seek O beginner, to blend thy mind and Soul."

" Ere thy Soul's mind can understand, the bud of personality must be crushed out, the worm of sense destroyed past resurrection."

Voice of the Silence.

" The exercise of the consciousness is the Yoga of the Heart."

"Heart". Agni Yoga series. para 598

" The consciousness which is merely the animal consciousness, is made up of the consciousness of all the cells of the body, except those of the Heart, the Heart is King, the most spiritual organ in the body ..... The Heart is the centre of the Spiritual Consciousness, as the brain is of the Intellectual."

" Analogy is the guiding Law in Nature, the only true Ariadne's thread that can lead us through the inextricable paths of her domains, towards her primal and final mysteries.

"Secret Doctrine".

Why should Surya Vidya, or the Path to the Sun, be of such particular interest to so many students of occultism at the present time ?

As the Sun is the centre and also the Heart of the Solar system, so is the Heart the Sun and centre of Man's Universe. As the Sun precesses into the sign Aquarius, which is pre-eminently the sign of Man, it is polarised to the opposite sign Leo, the sign over which it rules, i.e., the Heart, and the planet Uranus, which is sometimes referred to as the "Sun of Initiation" is the ruler of the sign Aquarius.

What does this point to ?

That during the next two thousand years, Man will have to learn to be polarised in the Heart, this one might say, is one of the leading features of the great Plan, for it is hardly conceivable, that any great and enduring changes can be brought about or a higher and better civilisation inaugurated, until the hearts of men are changed or in other words stepped up to a higher vibration. Thus only can Human Nature be Changed.

For those who wish to tread the Path to the Sun (which can best be done by directing the consciousness to the heart, and this work from the centre of the universe) the study of Surya Vidya, is not only advisable but imperative, if they wish to be the Pioneers and Servers of the Race, for having once sensed the Primary Object of the Plan i.e., the bringing about the required change in human Nature by means of the "Heart Doctrine" they should set to work, so that the study of Surya Vidya may make of themselves real and efficient Servers.

So much has been given out during the present century on this subject that the earnest student can hardly fail to see the finger pointing out the direction and by following in that direction, much can be learnt and a great deal more sensed.

Man, we are told is a complex Being, inasmuch as he is subjected to three separate evolutions going on within him, each evolution having a separate Hierarchy of its own.

These Hierarchies are;

1. Elemental Hierarchy. Working in matter, and the Builders of all forms using the Solar plexus as their centre.
2. Lunar Hierarchy. Rule and control the lower triad and personal man, using the Head as their centre.
3. Solar Hierarchy. Rule and control the higher triad and spiritual man, using the Heart as their centre.

These three Hierarchies in their combined efforts go to make up Man's evolution as a whole, yet before the whole can be understood or realised each evolution must be studied carefully and separately. There is only one period in Man's evolution when these three Hierarchies are at work all at the same time. Commencing in the first instance, one, by one; Primitive or animal man is entirely under the Elemental Hierarchy, living solely a physical existence in the Form, after a period he receives the Spark of Mind, and it is here that the Lunar Hierarchy commence their work, in the development of Kama-manas, and these two are carried out on the downward arc of Involution. When Man has passed the nadir point, the Solar Hierarchy begin to make their influence felt, and it is at this point - the point at which average man is today - that man may be said to have arrived at the really Human stage.

When however man responds to the Solar Hierarchy in an ever increasing degree, he gradually but surely dispenses with the services of the two lower Hierarchies, first the Elemental, and later on the Lunar.

As a small child needs someone to nurse and tend him in infancy and early childhood because he is incapable of looking after himself, so do the two lower Hierarchies tend and watch over infant man, but when he has arrived to man's estate, he is capable of standing on his own feet and so no longer needs anyone to watch over and tend him, so it is in Man's evolution, he gradually ceases to require the services of the Elemental and Lunar Hierarchies, for these two led him away from his Ancestral Home, down the arc of Involution, in order that he might learn and experience all that could be obtained in an external world.

It is the Solar Hierarchy that leads Man back to his Spiritual Home on the upward arc of Evolution. So on the return journey he learns by degrees, to dispense with the Elemental Hierarchy for on the physical plane he is taught to make his own Mayavic or body of illusion, which is only necessary in order to keep in touch with the physical plane, and he obeys the injunction to slay his lunar body, so no longer needs the Lunar Lords.

In order more clearly to understand Man's Evolution, the diagram of the planes as represented by seven concentric circles should be kept in mind, the innermost being the physical plane and the outermost the plane of Atma; the matter and principles of each plane interpenetrate all those other planes within its circle, thus Atma interpenetrates all the other planes, but this process cannot be reversed, for instance, the physical plane does not interpenetrate the Astral, or the Astral the Mental etc. Therefore all planes may be said to exist on the physical, in the sense that Man can contact all these planes while in physical incarnation, otherwise the process of Evolution could not be as it is.

The Elemental Hierarchy. This Hierarchy may be divided into two parts, those Devas who are possessed of Mind and self consciousness, and those Elementals who do not possess mind, having consciousness, but only that of their group. Both these divisions are again divided into innumerable classes of varying degrees of development.

The chief work of this Hierarchy lies in the evolution of matter, using the innumerable forms which they build in the human and lower kingdoms for this purpose. Matter evolves slowly through each kingdom when it has attained all that can be obtained, say in the Mineral kingdom it passes on into the Vegetable and then into the Animal. In passing into the next higher kingdom, Matter brings with it all those qualities it has evolved in the kingdoms below, these qualities therefore become inherent in it. Thus when a particular class of Matter has evolved as far as it can in the animal kingdom it passes into the human and is used by the Elementals to build human forms, bringing with it all the animal nature which is now inherent in it. This Evolution in Man is one of his most serious difficulties, since he is possessed of a form built out of animal matter. We all know what a difficult task this is, the controlling of its inherent nature, his duty is to evolve this matter through the form side in the human kingdom so that it can reach the highest possible state there, and so transmuting its nature into a higher one.

This Hierarchy is therefore responsible for the building of both the physical and astral forms in the human kingdom and in those below.

We are now confronted with a problem!

Man has to possess a vehicle which forms in the kingdoms below do not possess, a Mental body. It is obvious there is no matter that has evolved

on this level in the three kingdoms below the human. How does man obtain his material for his mental vehicle? Since it is obvious<sup>ly</sup> has not reached the mental level in the kingdoms below, the only alternative is, that it must have been manipulated by some higher Hierarchy that Descended to the human kingdom from a higher one. Is there any support for this theory? Yes, I think there is.

We gather from the "Secret Doctrines" that there were two classes of the Manasaputras, the first class responded to the call to descend and give Man Mind, this they did by incarnating in him, with the result that this humanity made such rapid progress that it has now passed beyond our ken. The second class we are told, refused to come down, for they said, "the forms are not ready", one might therefore conjecture that Man had not a mental vehicle nor the matter of which it could be made, and this would account for their refusal, but after the sin of the Mindless had been committed, they did descend, bringing with them the necessary "Spark" by which the mental bodies of humanity were to be slowly evolved out of instinctual matter. They apparently did not incarnate directly in Man as the first set seem to have done, but as symbolically expressed projected the "Spark" of Mind into Man. One might gather that the first set came down fully clad so to speak in their own mental bodies and by incarnating in Man would thus give him a tremendous impetus, thus accounting for the very rapid progress made.

We may say that matter in the kingdoms below the human, gradually evolve the instinctual faculty, which reaches its highest point in the Animal kingdom, beginning in the Mineral and Vegetable kingdoms as a sense of feeling arising in their astral vehicles or Kama, in the Animal kingdom this reaches a still higher point, as instinct in the animal may be regarded as the forerunner of Mind in Man. Instinct, therefore belongs to Kama, which when brought over into the human kingdom becomes by means of "The Spark of Mind" Kama-manas. Instinctual matter is therefore that material which is brought up into the human kingdom in order to evolve into mental matter. The Elemental Hierarchy cannot operate with the Fire of Mind, since this is Solar; in raising matter to the instinctual level they have performed their highest task, working through the Solar plexus as their centre, and it is at this point that the Lunar Hierarchy commence their work, to evolve Kama-instinct into Kama-manas.

I must now refer the reader to the quotation given on page 1, and which I here repeat, for it is truly a remarkable one.

"The consciousness which is merely the animal consciousness, is made up of the consciousness of all the cells of the body, except those of the Heart. The Heart is King, the most important organ in the body..... The Heart is the centre of the Spiritual Man, as the brain is the centre of the Intellectual".

When we look into this statement we have something very definite to work upon, the Heart is not made up of matter which has animal consciousness, it is further stated that it is the most important organ in the body and is the centre of the Spiritual Man.

From this it may quite reasonably<sup>ly</sup> be inferred that the matter of which the Heart is composed has evolved on much higher planes, since we are told that the Heart is the centre of Atma-Buddhi-Manas so must largely be composed of matter of these planes, otherwise it could have no affinity with these three higher principles. The physical heart is made of physical matter, yet that matter contains as already shown, no animal propensities, the heart is the vehicle on the physical plane which is filled with the matter of the planes of Atma, Buddhi, Manas, but though invisible on the lowest plane,

though invisible on the lowest plane is nevertheless there. So we can say fairly definitely, that the Elemental Hierarchy had nothing to do with the Heart, for it comes under the jurisdiction of the Solar Hierarchy, who rule over the higher Triad and the Spiritual Man. We are told the Builders could make the Form but were unable to endow it with Mind. In this we are reminded of the saying, "The stone which the Builders rejected has become the head-stone of the corner".

The Lunar Hierarchy. Man's development in this Manvantara can be divided into two parts; his outward journey, leaving his Ancestral home, in which he gradually loses all memory of that Home, and his return journey back to that Home, in which he gradually but increasingly re-collects that memory which for a time he had lost. His outward journey was made on the descending Arc of Involution, falling deeper and deeper into Matter, until he reached the densest state at the Nadir of the circle. Humanity however does not pass the nadir point in a mass as does a regiment when passing a saluting point, for we come into evolution at different periods and so each individual has his own nadir point.

During his outward journey he is watched over and controlled by the Lunar Lords, the object of this journey we are told was to gain experience and to transform consciousness (which is inherent in all matter) into SELF Consciousness, and this can only be acquired by passing through a human kingdom.

The Seed of Self Consciousness was first sown in the Third Race by Man being endowed with the Spark of Mind. This first developed as that which we now call the lower mind or kama-manas; Manas the Real Mind we are told cannot descend lower than its own plane, i.e., it can only work in matter belonging to the higher mental planes, therefore all that it can do, is to send down its reflection into its lower vehicle Kama-manas, the latter therefore being a mirror only of the higher mind. The Moon who is the outer representative of the Lunar Lords in our Solar system supplies a very good analogy as to how kama-manas is developed. We have seen that the latter is a mirror only, and we all know that the Moon has no light of its own but merely reflects the light of the Sun upon the Earth, so it also is a mirror. Now in Man's early stage his kama-manas could receive but very little light and so at this stage can be likened to the New Moon, but as man progresses his kama-manas develops and is increasingly able to receive more and more light, in a similar manner as the Moon does when increasing in light from the New to the Full Moon.

Kama-manas is composed of that which we call Chitta or mind stuff, and is apparently instinctual matter which in the human kingdom is stimulated by the action of Manas being reflected downwards, it is of this matter in its lowest state on the physical plane, that the human brain is made of, and being matter of a lower plane is finite and therefore perishable, disappearing with the destruction of the physical body and has again to be renewed with each fresh incarnation. This action of Manas is symbolically referred to as the "Spark".

In order that consciousness might be developed into Self consciousness it was imperative that man should have the sense of "I-ness", to create this sense, man was made to live in an external world, thus realising that all was outside him, that every thing was different to him, and not himself, and so was gradually impressed with the idea that everything was separate from him, to further accentuate this, mankind was divided into two sexes, male and female, and this further strengthened the "I" sense. As millenniums passed by, this sense grew stronger and stronger, until it

was so indelibly stamped in man that he could never hereafter lose that sense, for we are told that the sense of individuality is not lost, even when Unity is attained. For thus only can Self Consciousness be acquired. The Lunar Lords work under and with the Laws of Involution, and while man is passing through that state these Laws had to be studied and observed. It must be admitted that these Lords performed their task with the utmost completeness.

But when man had passed the nadir of his circle, which some of humanity reached in the middle of this (fourth) round, he entered upon the Ascending Arc and so commenced his evolution out of matter on his return journey to his true Spiritual Home. Thus he passed or should have passed out of the control of the Lunar Lords and so come under the control of the Solar Ones who work under and with the Laws of Evolution.

Much of that which we call evil in the world today is due to the fact that mankind still wishes to remain under the Laws of Involution and thus continue to be under the control of the Lunar Lords, thousands of years ago these Laws were right and proper, but when once the nadir has been past, and man has commenced his journey on the Ascending Arc, the Laws of Involution become for him an evil since their tendency is Downwards into Matter and not Upwards to Spirit. Man has to return to the Home of Spirit, so must not, even cannot stay in the dense world of Matter.

Both the animal and man possess a brain, but the matter of which the former is composed has only reached the instinctual stage, and likewise the brain of primitive man when he was still mindless, and it would have remained so, had not this matter gradually evolved into a higher state. Now man in his early state could not have withstood the Fire of Mind, the Solar Fire, it would have destroyed him, an analogy of this will be given later on. He was protected from this by the fact that the Fire of Manas cannot work directly below its own plane, but only so to speak by its reflection, symbolically called the "Spark", it was this reflected Fire on instinctual matter (which is accentuated feeling) that developed this matter slowly to the point where reason was developed and so man began to think and reason out that which he felt, so turning Kama-Instinct into Kama-manas.

As pointed out on the first page, Analogy is the Law of Nature, and is of the utmost importance, for unless the student cultivates the ability to draw analogies he will be quite incapable of understanding or getting any light on the many intricate problems that confront him in the study of the Ancient Wisdom.

We have seen how the Lunar Lords nursed infant humanity. In the early period when mind was first reflected into him, Kama-manas was his ruler and so was able to lead him onward until he came to that point where he began to realize that this must be reversed, that he had to use the mind and so be its master, then a further stage was reached when he began to sense that the reflected light of kama-manas is not the Real light as he heretofore believed and which he must henceforth seek.

We have seen how the reflection of mind caused man to live in an external world, a world of reflected light, but which at the ~~xxx~~ time appeared very real to him and was quite unaware of it being an illusion, and so everything appeared as outside of himself, so creating the sense of separateness and I-ness; thus was the personal man developed by the Lunar Lords.

And now we must consider two important analogies which bear a deep inner meaning and assist to throw considerable light on the baffling problem of higher and lower mind. For these clearly show, that a period does come in man's development when he must discard the

lower for the higher mind and which Nature reveals to us by actual physical demonstration.

Since the Moon was the parent of the Earth, it is only natural that it should have some connection with the Earth's humanity, and would account for the fact that the lunar pitris were directly concerned with primitive humanity.

Now early Man was reared in the "Moonlight", for we are told that it was not until some time during the fourth or Atlantean Race, that man became aware of the Sun, for we are told that it was the Atlanteans who cursed the Sun on account of its heat. Since the Sun is Manas and the Moon Kama-manas we find Nature giving us a physical demonstration. Man in his early days was unable to bear either the light or heat of the Sun, so likewise was he quite unable at that period to contact the Fire of Manas either. The Sun was concealed by a thick mist which surrounded the Earth and the only light man had in the physical sense was that which was reflected, and it was not until man had reached a certain stage, that the veil of the mist was gradually withdrawn and so receive the "Sunlight" direct. In the Stanzas of Dhan we read, "The Breath needs a mind to embrace the Universe; We cannot give it said the Fathers. I never had it said the Spirit of the Earth. The form would be consumed were I to give it mine, said the Great Fire (Sun)".

So we see the Great Fire did withhold it for the time being. Thus Man was raised in his infancy in the "Moonlight" and protected from the direct rays of the Sun, until his development was sufficiently matured. Now Kama-manas is but the twilight of Manas and so in the mental world we were raised in semi-darkness, having only at that time the twilight of kama-manas.

We now hold an analogous position in this our Fifth Race, to that which was held by the Atlanteans in the Fourth Race. We must remember that there is a connecting link between the Fifth Race and the Fifth Principle (Manas) we have come to that point where it is now possible for the Sun of Manas to break through the mist, and so receive its light direct and thus dispense with the twilight of kama-manas, the "Moonlight" which was but its reflection. When once the direct light can be used there is no further need for the reflected light. The light of Manas is in the HEART, which is Man's Sun, the reflected light, kama-manas is in the HEAD, the Moon in Man's universe.

The other analogy which Nature gives us, is that of the newly born infant. We all know that its eyes are too weak to contact the direct light, and so at first it is only allowed to get it dimly and indirectly, until such time as the eyes increase in strength, and so is able to contact the light direct. Nor can it at first focus the light and so fails to see objects clearly and correctly. This gradual development of the physical eye is a perfect analogy when applied to the Mental and Spiritual Eye.

The whole question of Kama-manas has to be carefully considered, for humanity is rapidly reaching the point in its evolution where a decision has to be made.

It will be seen that the Lunar Hierarchy is the middle one of the Three, an important position to hold, since in Man's evolution it is the midway point between the purely physical and the purely Spiritual states. The Moon (which is the outer representative of the Lunar Hierarchy) we are told gives to humanity in our Solar system the fourth principle, that of kama-manas, here again we have the midway point, since it is midway in the seven principles, and so divides the lower triad from the upper one. Without kama-manas man could not evolve from the lower to the higher triad, yet at the same time it



must be remembered that while this principle is a vital one, it holds concealed within itself Man's greatest Danger, and forms the battlefield through which we all have to pass through, ~~to~~ Win or to Die. In other words, Kama-manas is the instrument of the personal man, who can become the great opponent of the Spiritual Man. It has been said that those who have developed kama-manas to a very high capacity are in the greatest danger of becoming lost Souls, they have created a reflector capable of throwing back such an intense light, as to quite convince them that it is the light itself, and therefore refuse to recognise the existence of or search for the true Source.

"The Voice of the Silence" opens with a very plain yet very simple injunction,

"The Mind(kama-manas) is the great slayer of the Real(Manas)

"Let the disciple slay the slayer".

When a great Truth is stated very simply, it is often the case that the world refuses to accept it, in this passage we have a most important Truth, stated in the most simple language possible, yet, a great many students of my acquaintance have gone to all sorts of trouble to get around this Truth, such as using the word transmute for the word "slay" failing to see that the personal man has to be slain on the battlefield above referred to, otherwise the Spiritual Man cannot be born, this is a great Truth in Nature, and this injunction could not well be stated in a more positive or simple way.

Again, such injunctions, as, Kill out Ambition, Kill out Desire, are simple statements of that which has to be done, many students failing to realise that these are but the creations of kama-manas.

Ambition is to aspire to rise from a lower to a higher state, and it matters not, whether it is the ambition of the office boy to become President of his Company, or of the aspirant, who seeks high spiritual attainment, in both cases the tinge of selfishness is apparent. Desire is to possess something which we have not got, again the taint of selfishness of the little self. H.P. Blavatsky most truly said that, "outside of the personal self, there is neither ambition or desire", for the SELF being ONE, containing ALL, can have neither ambition or desire, to speak of impersonal ambition or impersonal desire, it therefore both meaningless and senseless.

For the student, there are two lines of approach; in the one case he sees before him the possibility of great spiritual attainment and self development, this goal becomes his great ambition, and the desire to further his own development becomes increasingly strong. Many regard this ambition and desire as perfectly legitimate, and perhaps at the very outset it may be so regarded, but nevertheless the taint of selfishness of the personal self is there, and the fostering of both ambition and desire exists, and both must eventually be completely eradicated. He indulges in frequent self-examinations as to the progress he may be making, thus laying himself open to that most subtle of all vices, Spiritual Pride, and so by this method he is, perhaps quite unconsciously to himself, building up and making stronger that which he must later on break up and completely destroy.

The other approach, is for the student who has come to recognise there is such a thing as the Law of Evolution, Ignorance of this Law is very apparent to him, and he realises, that due to this, he often runs counter to that Law, and so he becomes aware that the search for and study of this Law is for him imperative, he realises that it is something which has to be done, at some time or other, therefore why not NOW?

He sees the necessity of taking himself in hand, so as to become a seeker after Truth, he is in no way concerned with his own development, but has

come to see that in seeking for light and knowledge he will, as a unit, be of greater use in the world, he knows that the real seeker will find and so sets out on his Quest. His objective is therefore to acquire Light and Knowledge in order that he may pass it on to others who are also seekers but who know still less than he.

He finds that by means of meditation, that his mind goes through a process of transformation, he begins to contact light and to acquire a clearer vision, and as he proceeds the light becomes stronger and knowledge flows in on him in increasing amount. He is not in the least concerned with self examination for his personal development is of no concern to him, in fact he wishes to avoid becoming self-centred or to do anything that would tend to develop it, he is simply a seeker after Truth, with the sole object of becoming one of the Torch bearers of his Race.

Since he has no ambitions or desires as to his own growth, he is not increasing these two obstacles, but on the contrary they begin to fade away and die. He has realised that he has a duty to perform to his fellow men, and sees the necessity of joining the class of helpers and leaving the class of those who have to be helped.

When once the student has come to see how great an obstacle desire and ambition are to his true progress - which is selfless service - he will set to work to kill out both, caring nothing for his own development, but having the knowledge that it brings him greater power and greater opportunities to serve others.

"The power which a disciple seeks, is that which makes him appear as "nothing in the sight of men".

There is no tinge of ambition or desire in this statement, it is but the expression of a dying personality.

We now come to the consideration of the individual who has arrived at that state when he ceases to be under the Lunar Lords, and for our guidance these words have been written;

"Before the mystic power can make of thee a God, Lanco, thou must have gained the faculty to slay thy lunar form at will.

"The self of Matter and the SELF of Spirit can never meet, one of the twain must disappear; there is no place for both.

"Ere thy Soul's mind can understand, the bud of personality must be crushed out, the worm of sense destroyed past resurrection.

It is obvious that the self of Matter is the personal self, created by the joint efforts of the two lower Hierarchies, for the purpose of obtaining experience in an external world, but the time has arrived when the external world has to be left behind and the inner world entered. The personal self had its place in the Hall of Ignorance and in the Hall of Learning, but into the Hall of Wisdom it cannot enter, to enter this Hall, Man has to obey the Law, and slay the personal self.

And who are those who have obeyed the Law ?

They are those Men who have worked with the Law and so obeying it, and who have so far outstripped humanity as a whole, as to completely lose touch with it, for They have slain Their lunar bodies, and consequently have ceased to possess even its instrument - kama-manas.

Humanity as a whole, can only be contacted through kama-manas, as yet the light of Manas is barely dawning, except in the case of, let us hope, an ever increasing number of individuals. This is one of the reasons why the Masters do not come out into the world, having no kama-manas They cannot contact humanity who possess only the lower mind, They can only work in the Hall of Wisdom, the upper mental planes for it is said, "Seek for Him who is to give thee birth in the Hall of Wisdom, the Hall which lies beyond, wherein all shadows are unknown and where the Light of Truth shines with unfading glory".

And this is why the Ancient Wisdom has always remained Secret, for it can only be conveyed by means of Manas. Kama-manas being finite cannot comprehend the Infinite. Thus the Masters remain powerless to teach humanity, until each individual by his own efforts, has made a contact with his higher mind, and so enable the Manas of the Masters to communicate with the Manas of the man; not until man by his own efforts has made some contact, even if only slightly, with his higher mind, is it possible for the Masters to approach him.

Many have wondered, why the two Masters who founded the Theosophical Society did not come out into the world and found it Themselves, arguing, that with their greater knowledge and foresight, they could have made it an immediate success. Obedient as they are to the Law, they could not do so, for they had outstripped humanity and so had lost the means of direct contact with it through kama-manas, which they no longer possess. They had therefore to seek such agents as H. P. Blavatsky, Col. Olcott, A. P. Sinnet, W. Q. Judge and others, who possessing the light of Manas in varying degree, could on this account be directly contacted by them, and so act as their agents, transmitting through their kama-manas directly to the kama-manas of humanity. Using as analogy, Monad - Soul - Body, the Masters are the Monad, the agents or transmitters are the Soul of Humanity (the body corporate).

In this light we see why the Masters are ever looking out for those who display - even if only slightly - the light of Manas, in order that such individuals may become trained transmitters, and so carry to Humanity that which the Hierarchy are desirous they should know.

In the "Light on the Path" we are told, that one could live in the same house with a Master, and be quite unaware of his status. He would be unable to contact you, or you him, unless you had within yourself the light of Manas. Also in the same book we are told that Nature specially guards these precious blossoms of humanity, one should remember in having developed to the status of a Master, they have acquired a degree of sensitivity which is far beyond our conception, this being the case, if they were subjected to that tremendous battery of Humanity's kama-manas, with all its cruel, evil, selfish and confused thinking, they would be quite unable to live within the aura of the Earth and would be compelled to go outside of it, thus losing contact with all humanity. Therefore the destruction of their kama-manas is one of the greatest protections that Nature can give them. It is therefore quite plain that the Masters cannot at the present time live in the world amongst men and it will be a long time before they can, and then at the commencement only amongst those who have the light of Manas.

Thus we see that the Masters in the course of their evolution have ceased to be influenced in any way by either the Elemental or Lunar Hierarchies, having come under and so become members of the Solar Hierarchy.

That it is a Law in Nature that the Lunar body has to be slain was well known to the Ancient Egyptians, and which they symbolically expressed every time they prepared the body of the defunct for embalming, for by a skillful method known to them, they extracted the brain from the skull, through the nostrils, thus demonstrating their knowledge that it was the centre of the lunar or personal man, who now being dead had no further use for the brain, but the Heart they left intact since it was the centre of the Spiritual man who never dies. We have seen how the Moon, who is the outer representative of the Lunar Lords, governs kama-manas in man, by ever increasing its capacity to receive more light, bringing it from the stage of an imperfect reflector to that of a perfect mirror, which is seated in the Head, the centre of the Intellectual man, and this man is finite. So the second evolution in man is that of the personal self who comes directly under the control

of the Lunar Hierarchy who develop and use the Head as their centre of influence.

The Solar Hierarchy, is the one concerned with the third evolution in Man, the upper Triad or Spiritual Man, the outer representative being the Sun, and this we know is Atma-Buddhi-Manas, and in Man's Universe corresponds with the Heart Centre. I think that many of us realise that the present troubles and confusion existing in the world today, are due to wrong thinking, owing to the fact that man lives entirely in his head, and the majority have not the faintest idea that by now they should be living in the Heart. We do not really know how to Live until we have gone back to the Source of Life Itself, which of course is centred in the Heart. This is a most important statement and one we should all try and realise, for until we consciously live in the heart, and so identify ourselves with Life, can we obtain a true conception of what it IS. Life and Spirit are synonymous terms.

I have already referred to the mystery that surrounds the Heart, and shown that the matter of which it is composed does not belong to the lower kingdoms in Nature and therefore cannot be manipulated by the two lower Hierarchies already mentioned, this matter must therefore belong to the higher planes of Atma-Buddhi-Manas, otherwise there would not be that within Man, which would enable him to respond to those planes, so it is evident that it must come under the dominion of the Solar Lords, who alone can deal with this higher state of matter.

In the allegory of Prometheus, who is said to have brought down Fire from Heaven, we have the key to the true story of this matter being brought down from a higher to a lower plane, in order that Man might be possessed of Wind-stuff. This we are given to understand was brought down to Man by the Sons of Venus, who are far in advance of our humanity, for Venus we are informed gave the Manasic Principle to Man. When one considers that which has been said about the Heart, is it not impressed upon us, that the Heart must be the most truly esoteric centre in us, being directly connected with those higher planes, which as yet we are unable to contact, but through the Agency of the Heart we shall eventually be able to do so. We can understand why those who know, kept silent on this subject, but I think the time is now coming when some will have imparted to them a certain amount of teaching relating to this occult organ, for the Aquarian Era has for its objective the commencement of the polarising of Man in his Heart. Mankind, before any great and lasting changes can be introduced, must have his present personal and therefore selfish nature transmuted into a higher and more spiritual one, this work of transmutation can only be brought about by means of the Heart Centre, due to its direct connection with those higher planes already referred to. This is directly the work of the Solar Hierarchy who alone are able to transfer Man from the finite to the Infinite State.

As reason is the faculty of the Head, so is intuition the faculty of the Heart, and it is by means of this latter faculty only, that the Plan can be known or sensed, it therefore behoves all those who really desire to be efficient and competent servers, to develop the Heart faculty to the highest point possible, so as to become intelligent agents of the Solar Hierarchy, for it is this occult centre which from now onwards will be used by Them in making the necessary contact with the more advanced members of humanity, since it is the Centre of the three Highest Principles.

It must be remembered that the Head is finite, whereas the Heart is Infinite, nothing that relates to the Eternal can originate in the Head, but only from the Heart. All development within the Head must originate in the Heart, the Head is merely the vehicle by which the Inner Man who dwells in the Heart, gives expression and Light to the outer world of Darkness.

The Head is but the Lantern on the top of the Lighthouse, from which is sent out the reflected light into the surrounding darkness, the lantern must be kept trimmed, free from dust, and mirrors bright and clean, so as to be as effective as possible, but the lantern ever remains an instrument only, for there would be no light for it to send out but for the work of the Man within.

Says the "Voice of the Silence",

"Then from the Heart that Power shall rise into the sixth, the middle region, the place between the eyes, when it becomes the Breath of the One Soul, the voice that filleth all, thy Master's voice".

Yes, thy Master's voice speaking from the Heart, and giving expression in the outer world.

As so kama-manas must cease to exist in order that the head may become entirely the instrument of the Spiritual Man working within the Heart, this is that which the disciple has to do, the complete surrender of the head to the Solar Hierarchy and to be henceforth used solely by Them. The Eternal is ever seated in the Heart, but the head when under the control of the Solar Forces is then able to reflect that which is Truth. Hence the necessity of transferring our allegiance now from the Lunar to the Solar Hierarchy, because no centres within the Head can be developed except by and from the Heart, The Heart is KING, for the SELF within the Heart merely develops these centres for the purpose of external expression and the only way we can co-operate, is by placing our consciousness in the Heart, and so begin to live There, so placing our feet on the Threshold of the Kingdom of Spirit. So long as the Head remains the centre for the Lunar Lords, for so long is man's development stayed, until such time as the lunar man has been slain.

When an individual offers himself as a candidate to the Solar Hierarchy we are told, he is then turned over to the "Dugpas", or in other words, to those Forces who work under the Laws of Involution, in order that he may be tested out. He is left to prove that he is able to stand on his own feet, all external aid is withdrawn and the candidate must rely on his own inner Self if he is able to make the contact, and his success or failure lies largely on his ability to do so. He must prove to the satisfaction of the Solar Powers that he no longer wishes to remain obedient to the Laws of Involution which have, up to the present, held him in the bondage of Matter and life in an external world, he has to prove his willingness to slay the personal self, which of course is a slow but deliberate process, to increase his efforts in the search for the Light of Manas, and so become a benefit to his fellow man, that he is ready to renounce the little self (which until now he regarded as the only self) and endeavour to realise that all the little selves are but the aspects of the One Self. If he has come to realise that the personal self is the one great obstacle that stands in the way of his advancement with its tendencies to regard the interests of the self before that of his fellow men, and evinces the determination to eradicate this and to follow hereafter the Laws of Evolution, which are the Laws of the Solar Hierarchy, then his candidature may be accepted, but henceforth he must renounce the Lunar Hierarchy for they rule the external world, and give his allegiance to the Solar Lords who rule the inner one, for Man is coming to the parting of the ways, he can no longer serve two Masters, as in the past, he must choose between the God within, or the God of Mammon without.

When the Buddha made his contact with the world at the Vesak of 1936, it was by means of His Heart, through which he always works, and it was his Heart Doctrine that was Rayed upon humanity, and thus His Approach is made through the Heart in Man, and so this centre has received by this means a great stimulation in Man as a whole, but since this organ has so

far never been used in its occult sense by humanity, the effect of the Out-Pouring will not be in evidence for sometime to come, except in those who have already developed the intuitional faculty to some extent. As a result of this stimulation and until mankind has had sufficient time to make the necessary adjustment, we must not be surprised if we see a considerable increase in heart trouble in the physical sense.

We have to realise today that our allegiance must be given entirely to the Solar Hierarchy and so develop Manas instead of kama-manas, for Manas is of the higher realms and so can manipulate matter of the lower ones, by so doing we shall free ourselves from the influence of the two lower Hierarchies who have now done their major work, that was required to be done for man in his earlier stages. We know that Mind rules over Matter, we therefore though this agency of Mind can undertake the work which was formerly done by the Elemental and Lunar Lords, and so attain to Self Mastery, and become the Masters of our own Destiny.

So we see that the Third Evolution in Man, is the manifesting of the Spiritual Man, brought about by the aid of the Solar Hierarchy, who develop and use the Heart as Their centre of influence.

And what does the slaying of the personal or lunar man really mean ?

The killing out within ourselves, past resurrection, Selfishness, Separateness ( but not the sense of I-ness, for Individuality and Self Consciousness is the aim of our evolution) and all the attendant likes and dislikes / Ambition - Desire - Pride - the will to live a physical existence the cessation of using the senses for physical gain or pleasure etc, these were all created by the Lunar Lords through their instrument in man, kama-manas, and as already pointed out, all these were essential in order that man could be carried down the Arc of Involution into densest matter, the Lunar Lords have done their work well and truly and have now completed their task. Man today, has proved that he has fully acquired all these tendencies, which from now on must be surrendered, it is for him the Great Renunciation, the complete surrender unto death of all the personal elements in him, then the faculties created by the Lunar Lords can be transmuted and used by the Solar ones for the expression of the Spiritual Man. The sense of I-ness created by the Lunar Lords, is that, when freed from all personal tendencies will be used by the Solar Forces to carry us back to Unity, for it contains within itself the seed of Unity which is THE ONE.

In conclusion may I offer a word of advise to those who perchance may read these pages.

Read and study carefully that invaluable little book, "The Voice of the Silence", for it consists of Fragments from the Book of Golden Precepts, which have been translated into English by H.P. Blavatsky, and is said to be one of the oldest books in the world. Not only is it a sure and certain guide to those who are travelling on the Path, but it is invaluable to those of us, who may be attempting to approach that Path. It is essentially the teaching of the Doctrine of the Heart, and for this reason must be read with the Heart, with the intuition and understanding of the Heart, and the more often it is read in this manner, so will it be a constant and ever increasing source of Light.

A word of warning here is necessary, to those who would read it with the Head, by means of the intellect, to all such, I would say, Leave it unread, for this book contains, injunctions, statements and seeming contradictions which cannot be fathomed by the reason which is the faculty of the intellect, and so would only add confusion in the mind of such a Reader.