

# LIVING IN TRUTH ON ACCOUNT OF THE A.'.A.'.



It is necessary, my fellow stars, to give you a clear idea of the interior Collegium; of that illuminated gathering which is scattered throughout the world, but which is governed by one truth and united in one spirit.

This community possesses a School, in which all who thirst for wisdom are instructed by the spirit of wisdom itself; and all the mysteries of nature are preserved in this School for the Children of Light. Perfect knowledge of nature and humanity is taught in this School. It is hence that all truths penetrate into the world. It is the School of all who search for wisdom, and it is in this community, all one, that truth and the explanation of mystery are to be found. It is the most hidden of communities, yet it contains members from many circles; nor is there any center of thought whose activity is not due to the presence of one of its selves. From all time has there been this hidden assembly, a society of the Elect, of those who sought and had capacity for light, and this interior society was the Axle of the R.O.T.A. and the cube in the circle. All that any external order possesses in symbol, ceremony, or rite is the letter expressive outwardly of that spirit of truth which dwelleth in the interior Sanctuary. Nor is the contradiction of the exterior any bar to the harmony of the interior.

Hence this Sanctuary, composed of members widely scattered but united by the spirit of perfect love, has been occupied from the earliest ages in building the grand Temple (through the evolution of humanity) by which the reign of Light manifests. This society is in the communion of those who have most capacity for light; they are united in truth, and their head is Thoth-Hermes (Thrice-Great), the Light of the world, Aten of the one Sun, NEPHER KEPHERURE WA EN RE, the One Anointed in Light, unique teacher for the human race, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

The interior Collegium gathered immediately after the first perception of humanity's wider heritage had dawned upon the first of the adepts; it received from Alta Astra at first hand the revelation of the means by which humanity could be raised to its heights and delivered from its misery. It received the primitive charge of all revelation and mystery; it received the key of true science, both natural and divine.

But as humans multiplied the frailty of the human necessitated an exterior society which veiled the interior one, and concealed the spirit and the truth in the letter, because many were not capable of comprehending great interior truth. Therefore, truths were wrapped in external and perceptible ceremonies, so that humans, by the perception of the outer which is the symbol of the interior, might by degrees be enabled safely to approach the interior spiritual truths.

But the inner truth has always been confided in the one living in truth who has the most capacity for illumination, and that one becomes the unique guardian of the original Trust, as head of the Sanctuary.

When it became necessary that interior truths should be enfolded in exterior ceremony and symbol, on account of the real weakness of the humans who were not capable of hearing the Light of Light, then exterior worship began. It was, however, always the type or symbol of the interior, that is to say, the symbol of the true and Secret Sacrament.

The exterior worship would never have been separated from interior revel but for the weakness of the human, which tends too easily to forget the spirit in the letter. But ALTA ASTRA are vigilant to note in every nation those who are able to receive light, and such are employed as agents (handed rays) to spread the light according to the human capacity and to revivify the dead letter.

Through these instruments the interior truths of the Sanctuary were taken into every nation, and modified symbolically according to their customs, capacity for instruction, climate, and receptiveness. So that the external types of every religion, worship, ceremonies and Sacred Books in general have more or less clearly, as their object of instruction, the interior truths of the Sanctuary, by which humans will be conducted to the universal knowledge of the One (Absolute Truth).

The more the external worship of a people has remained united with the spirit of esoteric truth, the purer its religion; but the wider the distance between the symbolic letter and the invisible truth, the more imperfect has become the religion. Finally, it may be, the external form has entirely parted from its inner truth, so that ceremonial observances without soul or life have remained alone.

In the midst of all this, truth reposes inviolable in the inner Sanctuary.

United in the spirit of truth, the members of the interior Collegium live in silence, but in real activity.

This interior community of light is the reunion of all those capable of receiving light, and it is known as the Communion of Saints, the primitive receptacle for all strength and truth, confided to It from all time.

By It the agents (handed rays) of L.V.X. were formed in every age, passing from the interior to the exterior, and communicating spirit and life to the dead letter, as already said.

This illuminated community is the true school of L.V.X.; it has Its Chair, Its Doctors, it possesses a rule for students, it has Its forms and signs for study.

It has also its degrees for successive development to deeper altitudes.

This school of wisdom has been forever most secretly hidden from the world, because it is invisible and submissive uniquely to illuminated government.

It has never been exposed to the accidents of time and to the weakness of the human, because only the most capable were chosen for it, and those who selected made no error.

Through this school were disseminated the germs of all the sublime sciences, which were first received by external schools, then clothed in other forms, and hence degenerated.

According to time and circumstances, the society of sages communicated unto the exterior societies their charged hieroglyphs, in order to attract humans to the great truths of the Sanctuary.

But all exterior societies subsist only by virtue of this interior one. As soon as external societies wish to transform a temple of wisdom into a political edifice, the interior society retires and leaves only the letter without the spirit. It is thus that secret external societies of wisdom are nothing but hieroglyphic housings, the truth remaining inviolable in the Sanctuary.

In this interior society humans can find wisdom & with her ALL – NOT the wisdom of this world, which is scientific knowledge, revolving the outside, BUT NOT touching the needful center-strength, where true wisdom, understanding and knowledge, reflections of the supreme illumination, dwell.

(Appreciate this reflection well, O ye who on the thresh-hold dwell!)

We must not, however, imagine that this society resembles any secret society, meeting at certain times, choosing leaders and members, united by special objects. All societies, be what they may, can but come after this interior illuminated circle. This society knows none of the formalities that belong to the outer revolving, the work of humanity. In the heart of power all outward forms cease.

L.V.X. is the power always present. The greatest human, living in truth, the chief self of self, does not always know all the members, but the moment when it is necessary to accomplish any object, that one will find them in the world with certainty ready at hand.

This community has no outside barriers. The one who may be chosen is as the first; and that one presents self amongst the others without presumption, and is received by the others without jealousy.

If it be necessary that real members should meet together, they find and recognize each other with perfect certainty.

No disguise can be used, neither hypocrisy nor dissimulation could hide the characteristic qualities which distinguish the members of this society. All illusion is gone, and things appear in their true form.

No one member can choose another; unanimous choice is required. Though not all are called, many of the called are chosen, and that as soon as they become fit for entrance.

Any one can look for the entrance and any one who is within can teach another to seek for it; but only the one who is fit can arrive within.

Unprepared ones occasion disorder in a community, and disorder is not compatible with the Sanctuary. Thus it is impossible to profane the Sanctuary, since admission is not formal but real.

Worldly intelligence seeks this Sanctuary in vain; fruitless also will be the efforts of malice to penetrate these great mysteries; all is indecipherable to the one who is not ripe; that one can see nothing, read nothing in the interior.

The one who is fit is joined to the chain, perhaps often where least likely thought, and at a point previously unknown.

To become fit should be the sole effort of the one who seeks wisdom.

But there are methods by which fitness is attained, for in this holy communion is the primitive storehouse of the most ancient and original science of the human race, with the primitive mysteries thus of all science. It is the unique and really illuminated community which is absolutely in possession of the key to all mystery, which knows the centre and source of all nature. It is a society which unites superior strength to its own, and counts its members from more than one world. It is the society whose members form the Republic of Genius, the Regent Mother of the whole World.