



the Whare Atua Temple of the D.A Order

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The Soul

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I am concerned that so very few people even bother to consider just what this terms really means - and I don't pretend to be able to tell any one what it does really mean - just to try to direct the thoughts of members in that direction.

For normal people, there is absolutely no connection between daily life and psychic life. But it is there!

May people are so engrossed in their daily lives that they never bother to ask "Why" or "What is this all about?"

Let us compare the routine of a bus driver with that of the hundreds of passengers he carries, life is very important. Now consider yourself being that bus driver, and the lives of his total fares as distinct. Now we can see that 'as the bus driver' his life's problems are very different from the collective of passengers'.

So is our ego-centric life divorced in consciousness from that of the soul. Many are just too petty to count in Real Terms. As egos we are tiny specks in the life of the Soul.

Giving no details, the soul lives a vastly greater life of its own, of which the ego is quite unaware. Try to see yourself in this perspective and see how much more you could share in the life of the Soul, if only you could look beyond personal things.

The Order of the Golden Dawn is here for the interests of the soul, not of the ego. And it takes its purposeful intention to bridge the gap between the ego and the soul.

That is the purpose of the Golden Dawn - not to give some academic teaching to the tiny ego, but rather to fulfil the interests of the soul. Which works as an eternal entity, not as a conditioned set of reflexes; which works as an eternal entity and not as a conditioned set of reflexes - which is all the ego consists of.

Please try to think this through, to get some sense of the purpose of the soul. Try. Are your interests personal and temporal or are they with the eternal? What is the difference? What does the Golden Dawn offer as an alternative to ego centric life?

An academic could 'learn' all that is necessary of astrology or Hebrew or 'Cons and Grams' in quite a short but that would be of no interest to the soul unless we look deeper than the surface at our studies. Any one could soon learn to set up and to 'read' a horoscope, but to penetrate into the psychic functions implicit in the Planets and Houses takes on another level of life.

So does Hebrew, as is implied in the 1=10 grade. Look for psychic motivation in your work, for what the soul is; try to feel the soul-life within you. She (the soul) will meet you long before half way! But only as you try for this effort is a reflection of the interest of the soul in you as a real entity, not as a hungry ego gobbling up 'information' selfishly and acquisitively. Not for personal aggrandisement to make the little you a bigger person, a 'smarter' person or even a 'nicer' person. Personality is quite trivial. It is the Soul we are here to serve, not our status.

Our rituals (of the Golden Dawn) have soul meaning, not an academic one. They and they occur in of the soul, not the ego.

The soul seeks not knowledge but experience. And regardless of personal convenience the soul will have that experience often at personal cost!

When we first open the papers of a new Grade, the little ego says, Ooo! What do I get in here? Then tries to gobble up the papers, often with a tinge of disappointment, but the Soul is far more interested in your reaction to the recent ceremony, whether you feel any response, feel, not judge it! For the Soul is a sentient entity, sensitive, feeling, the sense-organ of the Spirit. Psychic experiences are very hard to describe creditably, though our greatest artists have written music inspired by it, written hymns and poems, psalms, sculpture, paintings, the human response to the Soul is in art, not in academic literature. Beethoven, Wagner and many others must have felt the vast activity of the Soul to write as they did. So, through the intervention of the Soul, may we! But the ego is very sensitive of its petty glory, it's "self"-esteem, and it is temporal, will die, not so the Soul.

"Lay not up for yourself treasures on Earth." For the Earth plane has been forcibly occupied by the ego. It is selfishness personified, seeks status, the regard of other egos, anything to forget it's pitiful poverty of purpose!

Of course each must do the best possible with his earth-life, but let each lift the eyes to Beauty, to Life itself! Be a worthwhile person, but look beyond earth-life, to the Glory of the Creator, and you may very well meet HIM! Know HIM!

This is the purpose of the Soul, to link you consciously with GOD, your Creator, no less! Yes, consciously, while fully awake and alert, not in any dreamy trance!

Through our Rites the Soul can, and does, formulate your link with the Divine, but especially through your feelings, not your rational mind, commandeered by the ego! Liberate it! Find your inherent Freedom of Spirit!

Dwell on the beauty of our Rituals, feel their pulse, their themes, their purpose! Don't waste time in looking for ego-fodder in them, there is none! Sort out ego-fodder from spiritual worth! Discriminate, discern, sense, feel the wonderful inheritance we now have, and of which we are parts, active entities. All this is quite different from gaining a degree or a military of civil rank, those are ego-fodder. Shun them!

Rejoice in the sheer vitality of Creation, of all Living Beings as symptoms of the One Life! Try to enjoy even the "bad" times, as part of the One Life.

But in the meantime, let us enjoy our Ritual, our heritage, as Humans, Created in His Image and Likeness! Our Ceremonies aid in this transfer from earthly to heavenly things.

Lift up your hearts beyond data sodden fact-addiction into the liberty of inspiration, of In-tuition, of Wholeness, quite apart from academic verisimilitude! Sing with David the 150th psalm! His last, Or with Solomon, in his Chapter 11. Let your mind transcend dull data and "facts" to Joy!

For joy is of the heart, not of the terribly complex brain, so burdened with the egocentric "Facts" of the lesser self. Come with me, to Reality! Come with me instead to the Elysian fields of Joy! And feel His Blessing on the Anointed, His beloved Man!

When the journey of the Soul is over, you will feel waves of Reality pouring through you, great waves of certainty you can not tell to others, realising that this must be an individual experience. You may very well visualise pictures of Reality, let them take form in your physical mind. You may hear the music of growing grass, the harmony of the spheres far out in space yet very near to the Soul. Your whole body may feel alight with the joy of Being, as if fire ran through your system, creative v Fire! But first you may "see" only in dreams, record them. don't try to re-live them, they apply only to the moment they occur. These are responses of the Soul to your efforts, your active participation in Real Life.

Urban life dulls us to the beauty of the starry firmament, obscures all but the brightest stars. Try to lie on your back far away from street-lights and sky-glow, and wonder how far away those tiny points of light really are, how vast yet how unified is our wondrous universe. This helps in overcoming the limitations of urban life. Walk by the sea at dawn, hear the steady beat of the heart of Earth, the vastness of the sea! The nearness of the trees and animals. Let the sheer magnitude of Creation be measureless, infinite, unlimited by our finite minds.

Thus, too, you may find beauty and harmony in our Temple life, so attuned to the soul of nature.

Come to know the certainty of Being rather than of any multitude of cold "facts". Thus you find by experience, the measure of the Soul, the "what?" and the "why?" of God's Will, His purpose. For the soul does not "learn" facts, it knows as a parent knows the family, by Love! Not by detail! For the Soul knows only by the love of experience arising from Living.

All this is freely presented to your conscious mind by our Holy Order, if and when you find the secret of enjoying it.

Look also for the meaning of "Spirit", the Primum Mobile of Life, The Supernal Triangle of the Tree of Life. You can find and know even that! Feel it's drive carrying us through difficult times.

Find the Essence of our Order, not worrying about it's now dead past or it's yet unborn future. Enjoy it's spirit, not it's body, (of which you are one cell.) Invest your life in it's living vitality!

If you feel "low" in spirit, turn to the speech of the Hegemon in the Equinox, when, after all the Officers have laid their implements on the Altar in sacrifice, she holds the lamp of the Kerux in meditation over them all and recites her wonderful speech! Feel both the sacrifice and the acceptance of those words!

Surely the calm serenity of those words give a gentle glow to the troubled mind!

The Fiery speeches of the Kabiri ring with purposeful joy, read them! Value all or any of our mystic rites.

Sit, at times within the darkened Temple, feeling it's atmosphere, it's dignity, it's meaning coursing silently through your self. Move from one seat to another, feel the change in the atmosphere of each Office, and rejoice!

Then gladly accept your limitations, and see The All!

For you may indeed know The All. Know It, not as a vast aggregate of separate facts, but as a mind free of disparate bits of futile information, but centered on the One Thing.

Other minds can do it, why not yours?

Are you "too busy" to work on this? Have you no time to think? If so, then you have chosen not to be a Knower, to remain eternally baffled by the apparently insuperable enumeration of un-related items to be conned by rote. If this is what you see, then you are well advised to stay busy with your chosen job. It provides infinite diversion from the One Thing that really matters.

Very simple people have known God, clever people have little chance, - too busy!

If, by contrast, you are humbled by a confusion of tongues, a veritable babel of chattering voices, humbled enough to say "I don't know, but I feel I must!" Then you are ready to lay your burden of knowledge upon the altar of sacrifice, to rid yourself of it and to seek the One Thing.

The real vision we most fear is the sight of ourselves in God's eyes! Then we really do look ridiculous, arrogant fools chasing wisps of cloud, going nowhere, getting nowhere. Can we stand to see ourselves thus? Or, seeing this futility, we may turn to the Soul for help.

Don't try to understand our Order by any habitual concept of "understanding" for it won't work! But try to feel it, to know it by contact, even by immersion in it just as it comes to us, simply, quietly, free from flamboyant preamble or "explanations", just it's humble, unpretentious self. Live quietly through it with the patience born of necessity and appreciation of wasted energy of past efforts. For in this way does the Soul feed us her Grace. "I tried too hard" is a common phrase of Initiates, and "because I strove so hard I made it almost impossible". Yet all is well, for the Spirit must win. It is all powerful, even over our petty prejudices, our acceptance of the wrong "norms" of man.

So start now by re-assessing your approach to the mysterious Soul. She knows well your predicament and will ever work to the solution of the many problems we set ourselves. Frequently question your direction and purpose. Re-evaluate everything you have ever done or are still doing.

Accept no advice, just keep up your intention, and the Soul will gently guide you, albeit without words, into her Path toward the Goal set before Man, toward his destiny, his objective in Life.

What to expect? That must stay secret. In an unexpected way, you will be shown countless wondrous things, concerning, God, the World, and their common factor, Man. Some of this may be visual, most simply intuitive knowing. None of it is "knowledge" as we understand that term. All we do learn is that we already know but refuse to accept because no-one has told us!

"Till thinking becomes pure consciousness, then till
"consciousness itself dissolves into Vision - - -"
"Then do we Know."

Fiat Lux.



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