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At the outset of your work now to begin, it is well to be aware of certain factors arising from this decision. Part of our evolution is the self-preservation instinct which is wary of change and tends to cause us to "stick with the herd" for safety. That is, to remain with our accustomed line.

In Newtons Three Laws of Motion, we find that:- (paraphrased)

- a. Every body remains in a constant state until acted on by an external force.
- b. The direction of motion of a body is the resultant of the sum of the forces acting on it.
- c. To every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.

"As above, so below." You will find these factors at work during your progress. As a result of in inner urge you take the step of the first "initiation" ceremony - an external force acted on you drawing you towards the ultimate Goal of Man. To this there will be an "equal and opposite reaction", a sense of doubting whether you have taken the wrong step, whether you would be safer back as you were. In psychology this is termed the "Mother influence", the maternal protective bonds which resist change. In other terms it is known as the action of certain "averse sephiroth"; same thing, inertia, reluctance to change.

These influences usually appear very soon after the first step is taken. Later Newtons Laws apply again, you tend to move in the direction consistent with the sum of the forces acting on you, and there may be many; social, traditional, family, ego, as well as the Spiritual impetus of the Ceremonies. So long as you carry quietly on you are dealing with very normal human and natural factors, and the Order course is adapted to handle these. Either excessive enthusiasm or dilatory work may evoke some reflex action in you, but we can always handle these. They are minor in any case.

As you progress in your studies you will be studying all the Forces of Nature and learning by personal experience how to use them.

Sir Isaac Newton was the father of much of our modern science dealing with astronomy, light, orbits, the physical forces of Nature in general, and, generally speaking many of the laws of physics also apply to the psyche and are of interest to the technically minded folk.

You are now entering a new phase of life, playing an active role in human evolution. There will be a period of adjustment, but since you expect it, problems will be minor and personal.

