



Whare Atua Temple

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Reverence



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In the O=O Grade we are secretly shown many things which are not registered consciously, but imprinted in the subconscious mind by the hidden powers of Ceremonial, scientifically performed. Ours is not mere education but opening of the conscious mind to the Spiritual potentialities of human development. We may come to convert these potential faculties to their full extent, as 'Made in the Image of God' by the proper use of the Ceremonial. No amount of reading can do this, for we are dealing not with finite facts but with latent faculties which we are now to convert from the latent to the active Reality.

In studying the Rituals it is not enough to read through them objectively - we must re-live them using the written word as stimulant to the faculties touched into activity by that Rite. Ours is a Magical Order. Our rational minds can not cope with the Life dormant within the Soul. We must use the mind as a lens through which to perceive, not as a tool to create, for how could we presume to know intellectually that which God intends? How could one define the Infinite?

In the O=O, many are the halts, many the Lustrations and the Consecrations as we circle the Holy Temple, for only by refining our thoughts to the Pure, the Infinite and the Holy can we come to the Throne of God Himself.

Christ said: "I of myself can do nothing, but the Father worketh through Me" So too we must allow and submit to the Will of the Father. Through patient and reverent meditation we too may become the Christ figure, as is the motivating factor which brought us into the Order.

These words are very clumsy, for only by personal experience may man Know 'The Way. To Know as the rose know how to bloom our minds are analytic, the silent work of the Soul is to synthesize, to blend into a harmonious Whole the impressions we experience.

Consecration of the mind to things sacred we term concentration. Not by a strain labourious and hurtful, but because we love Life. The more fully we become involved in Living the more we worship God, who is the Life of All Things. Thought is a natural function we must use it in our search. Filling the mind with facts has nothing to do with spiritual development.

We must learn the Knowledge Lectures and make use of the contents. The Hebrew Letters relate to all other items. Unless we practice using Hebrew we do not learn to integrate those Lectures into the Rituals. Having gained some insight into the forces of the Letters we do not develop the mental faculty of insight. We thus learn to read what we read after that is our own responsibility. In this work we use the conscious mind, the only bit we control, to develop intuition, the faculty of spiritual perception. Thus we wean away from instinct to intuition. Instinct is animal in origin, intuition is of the Spirit.

We bear many people claiming to 'know' the history of the Order, but are amazed at the divergence of such information. "He who knows does not speak, he who speaks does not

know." Let the Knowledge of the Higher Worlds slip silently into you mind, and then let the shining dew-drop slip into the silent sea of Light.

"In the world ye shall have tribulation but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world."

Our mortal lives are but a tiny bit of Life as seen by God. Let us enlarge our hearts to take in the magnificence of Life, the All. See Life from an impersonal view; almost as an onlooker. Life goes on eternally. What is my little life in cosmic terms? Pain and pleasure are but finite and personal things, the hills and valleys of being. If we dwell on either we cannot see the Limitless Light of Being. If we can detach life from personal comfort! We are but islands in a sea of Life, all rising from a common ground, all returning to that common Ground.

Life itself includes Earth and Spirit. It is a good thing to soak yourself in the Elemental Prayers of the Outer Order. Without destructive analysis they are revelations of cosmic grandeur. To the more intellectual of you this may not be easy but the intellect is like 'a mincing machine, chopping The All into bite size pieces. Put a bullock through this process and you end up with a string of sausages and a bag of blood and bone manure. You can never know the whole from the sum of the bits.

Enjoy Life, for thus do you most sincerely worship the Creator and join in His Being. Enjoy every created thing, all that you can see, hear, touch taste or smell is Divine in origin. Only in Man is the judgment of good and evil.

The Tree of Life is our glyph. It is because of our overindulgence in the quest for acquiring knowledge that we try to think our way into heaven. Stop trying to overfill your basket with the Manna from Heaven that we lose sight of its Origin. A mind filled with facts has no room for God so strives ever for more and more in the basket - just in case.

"Which of you, by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?" asks The Master. A saying decried by intellectual avarice; - But true.

The Path of the Soul is a vast loop from the simple faith through wondrous heights and back to the simple faith - but knowing now. If anything seems too hard for you then you are probably making it hard. Ask about it, we can help it.