

The Temple Artisan

July-August-September, 2010

Behold, I give



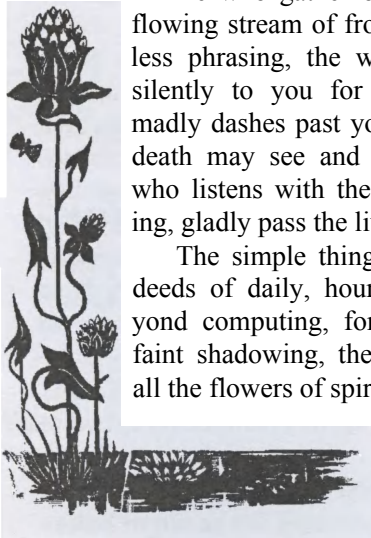
unto thee a key.

SIMPLICITY

AH, YE of many words, of skillful rhetoric, of perfect particles of speech; ye who clothe the simple thoughts of God—as seized by simple minds—in language superfine to you and to your devotees, yet fail to find the precious vital spark—the truth—within those simple thoughts, the truth which well might feed and warm a hungry shivering multitude whose hands are lifted unto you in wordless supplication!

Ye who gather of your kind to listen to an ever flowing stream of frothy hyperbole, of useless senseless phrasing, the while the unclothed truth pleads silently to you for simple mantling, that he who madly dashes past you in the race of life in search of death may see and read the saving clause; that he who listens with the spirit ear may hear, and, hearing, gladly pass the living word to deadened ears.

The simple things, the simple words, the simple deeds of daily, hourly life, hold treasures vast beyond computing, for in these treasures lie the first faint shadowing, the first beginnings of the seed of all the flowers of spirit—the seed of life eternal.



THE EDITORIAL MIRROR

The theme of this year's Convention was *Fear not, only love more*. Our aspirations were set forth. It seemed that the forces of Love and Brother/Sisterhood were especially strong during the week as we rejoiced in each other.

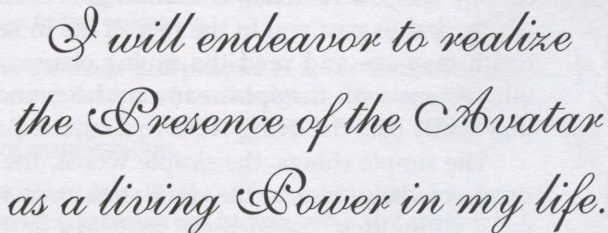
I was reminded of a message in *From the Mountain Top* entitled, "Raise Thine Eyes": "Raise thine eyes to the hills, my child, the hills of Aspiration, Hope and Courage which range the outermost verge of the human heart.

"What though the mists of fear, doubt and despair rise between thine eyes and the heights beyond—look above those mists and thou shalt behold the Legions of Light.

"It is only in the valleys between the hills that the mists may linger long—the valleys of inaction which stifle the soul and cause the senses to reel.

"Look high my child, get thy bearings and climb!"

—*Eleanor L. Shumway*
Guardian in Chief



*I will endeavor to realize
the Presence of the Avatar
as a living Power in my life.*

**THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION OF
THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE**

July 31 through August 8, 2010

Saturday, July 31

8 am	Continental Breakfast, Hiawatha Lodge
12 noon	Healing Service
7 pm	Convention Informal Opening, Hiawatha Lodge

Sunday, August 1

10:30 am Formal Opening of Convention, Temple

Opening remarks by the Guardian in Chief:

I want to extend to all of you a warm welcome to the formal opening of the 111th Convention of The Temple of the People. As we gather together on the first Sunday of August each year we create a magnetic matrix through which the Masters pour their force for the health and safety of the whole world. How we use this force, not only on this day, but every day, determines the effectiveness of our work. It is our responsibility to carefully and consciously absorb the energies given to us at this time, and then, in turn, give that energy expression in our daily lives. Every thought, word, and deed becomes charged with Divine Love just to the extent that we are a conscious part of this sacred process. By so doing we in turn are nurtured as well.

The Guardian in Chief invoked the blessings of the Great White Lodge on all proceedings:

In the name of the Great White Lodge and by the power vested in me as the Guardian in Chief of The Temple of

the People, I hereby open this 111th Annual Convention by invoking the guidance and blessings of the Powers that rule the destinies of worlds and races, the Brothers of the Fire Mist, the Dhyani Chohans and Dhyani Bud-dhas, and the Masters of Love and Wisdom, on all proceedings and all who participate in person or in spirit in the Convention for the benefit of all humanity, promot-ing the Brother/Sisterhood of all Creation.

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE
TO THE 2010 CONVENTION

My Beloved Children: Every year you wait with eagerness for my message to you, hoping for a "new" way to overcome life's difficulties, to smooth out the turbulence in your lives. Why do you demand, consciously or unconsciously, that the instructions I have given you over the life of the Temple of the People be re-peated or altered? My instructions are but a mirror of Universal Law. You must have faith and trust in what I say to you. I will never ask you to do a wrong thing, a thing that would ever con-flict with your duty to God, to your neighbor, or to yourselves.

Listen carefully and tell me if these words sound familiar:

Another year of the disorganizing conditions of the present cycle has rolled around since I called you togeth-er as a group. You are still facing a critical state of affairs in government, and in social and family life, and the need for change increases daily.

Evidences of the disrupting conditions of the last decade, under which many nations have reached their present status, are too plain to be ignored by thinking people. Unfortunately many such conditions as are in process of making in the present era would strike at the roots of any high state of civilization. Every such state of civiliza-tion has been founded on eternal spiritual laws and prin-ciples. If these laws and principles are flouted or ignored by the people of a race or nation which has been so founded, that race or nation is inevitably doomed to ex-

tion before the close of the cycle in which it was formed. As disciples of the Masters of the White Brotherhood, [who are] the administrators of universal law and order, your every effort should be directed toward the maintenance of these laws and principles.

No effort you can make for good can be entirely lost. Even if there be no satisfactory exterior result from the effort at the time, a seed has been thereby dropped into the universal matrix of Good. Eventually that seed will sprout and grow, drawing to its environment other seed growths of the same nature. The final result of the combination so effected will be far greater than could have been conceived by the original sower of the seed. If rightly directed your efforts should bear good results, but if you refuse or neglect to obey your directors your efforts will be in vain, your seeds will be worthless for the purpose for which they were sown.

The White Lodge needs the help of every one of its disciples in order to turn the tide of disruption of spiritual ideals which has set in all over the earth, as a result of the efforts of the Black Lodge to demoralize the present human race. The very foundations of religion and morality are being viciously and violently attacked. Respect for truth and virtue is being eliminated from the minds of numberless people, and in many instances from the heads of families, who are responsible for the evident contempt of their children for all spiritual and moral law.

Is it not time for you and others like you, who are capable of perceiving these things, to strive to create a moral revolution in the hearts of the world?

These are instructions given to you by me over one hundred years ago as you measure time. They are as true today as they were then, and even more important. Over and over again I am pointing the way for you to become a part of today's moral revolution by concentrating your whole beings on the attainment of the attributes and qualities of Faith, Devotion, Selflessness, Jus-

tice. Patience, Loyalty and Endurance, all of which make for the spiritual growth of the soul. As these attributes and qualities fill every cell of your body there will flow from you a force that will help everyone to illuminate the world.

The instructions from the One whom I call Master are very clear, very simple: *Do unto others as ye would be done by*. This law would change the earth and humanity in the twinkling of an eye. However, the gaining of a true commitment to this Law is slow and difficult to come to fruition. Nevertheless, it is coming, one soul at a time. There will soon be seen by those who have developed their ability to see with inner eyes a tremendous shift in the inner consciousness of all humanity. You are where you need to be to be effective in this process. Do not forget there are no mistakes, no mischances, no misplacing of even a single atom of the universe. Every human being is placed by universal law where he or she belongs in the scale of being at any moment of life. But you are individually responsible for the condition you make for yourself in any position you hold in that scale. The lines of life are mathematically true.

I am not suggesting that you change your way of life, or take up a cause on the international scene, or any scene but the one in which you now find yourself. Each of you must fill every thought, word and deed with your consciousness of the Divinity of all creation. Act accordingly. Remember, you are asked not to speak or think falsely, unnecessarily, or critically of anyone at any time. You must include everyone and everything everywhere. Start by becoming aware of the Divine within yourself and your family. Then enlarge this consciousness to include your neighbors, your enemies as well as your friends, and all the people you meet or speak to in the course of every day. This is not a matter of convenience. Rather it is a matter of your choice to abide by the Laws of Life. In the scale of divine justice your choice could very well be the one choice that decides the fate of this fragile planet and its human cargo. An awesome responsibility, but a simple one. Simply do what you are asked to do, what you know with every fiber of your being to be True. Do this in each moment, one simple step at a time. Have no regret for the past, no dread or anticipation for the future. This is a waste of precious energy. You live now in this moment, so take up the little things of harmonious living and do them now, in this moment. The

moral revolution I spoke of will become a reality before your eyes.

Remember: Fear not, only Love more.

—*Your Father-Brother, Hilarion*

12 Noon	Healing Service, Temple
5:30 pm	Special Dinner, Hiawatha Lodge
7-8 pm	Meditation, Temple

Monday, August 2

8-9 am	Meditation, Temple
10 am	Celebration of Prayer and Gratitude, Temple
12 noon	Healing Service, Temple
12:30 pm	Potluck Picnic , Colendich Gardens
3:30 pm	Classical Music Concert, Temple
7 pm	Reports of Officers, Temple

Report of the Treasurer

We are sitting in the middle of the Temple Treasury, in the midst of this triangular container of the Divine. You and I, each one of us, is a gem in the rough. Perfect beings? Not hardly. Channels for the perfect Love of the Divine? Yes.

A treasury holds things that are of value, one definition being, "... a store or collection of valuable or delightful things." So far, this Convention has been filled with delight, gifts of the spirit that have brought smiles, tears, and the highest and best expressions of creativity and joy. Many cried this morning as the Lord's Prayer was read in 6 languages, including the language of Music. We were renewed this afternoon with the richness of a classical program from the hearts of Temple musicians.

A treasury is also a source we can draw from, to sustain us when life demands more than we have to give. We all need help from time to time, and whether on physical or spiritual planes, others help us and we help others. It is through our asking and our actions that love is made manifest.

Each day in our own unique ways, our task is to *be* Love. We don't do it all by ourselves, though. We serve as a team, a conscious community of disciples who are committed to service to

humanity, and together we make up the spectrum of light that shines into the hearts of others. Some souls are bright lights who shine on the world stage; most of us are more like little night lights, glowing in the dark, keeping one another safe and connected.

It is only through our actions—by being and doing and living the principles of The Temple of the People—that we bring the beauty, strength, and potential of the Temple Treasury into manifestation on the physical plane.

The Temple has a unique role in preparing ... a place for the overshadowing Christ to enter and send forth the message which the world has waited for so long." We have been told that our strength is greatest when we serve together as pillars in the Temple support system, and should any one of us waver or fall, another will step in and take up our load. We need one another and need to have faith in one another for the Temple work to succeed. We are One. Our strength is in our unity.

Imperfect vessels though we may be, perfection is not our goal. We are asked simply to be the best containers of the Divine that we can be at a given moment, with our fine hearts attuned to the true North of this greater Temple Heart.

—*Marti Fast*

Report of the Scribe

A year has passed with its tragedies and catastrophes, with the dark star on the brink of extinction through wars, tempests, hunger and the environmental holocaust in the Gulf of Mexico. *Homo homini lupus*, man's inhumanity to his kind and to ensouled nature, has reached a degree that marks the past Temple year as the darkest day in the history of the planet. "How long is it, O Lord!" cry the trampled-down masses, the meek and the poor, while the giants of finance nail their coffins with the hammer of mayhem, the curse of Mammon. And still, the lowest point has not been reached 'til the prophecy be fulfilled: "... until it would seem as though man and nature had conspired to destroy an offending world."

But those who still stand, the little band of the salt of the earth, give hope and comfort by tending their small garden, the little things of children. The purity that is theirs in the heart, the

faith that will lead them out of the darkness where shineth the light of the Glorified Triple Star, and the Good Shepherd who will never leave them but ever guide them over the great abyss, make them invincible, be their troop but the tiniest atom among the legions of light. "Give me just one dot, one smallest spot where to stand, and I will move the earth."

The few have started to realize, as their father has done before, that "... no material civilization could in reality advance the soul." More and more did see and know, that "... true liberty is not independence of others, but the merging of one's life in the whole," and that the holiest Master lives in the most miserable wretch, for, "... the mistakes of our brothers and sisters are our own mistakes, and none of us can fall without causing pain to us aU."

More and more discerned the evil of a world, and of a word, without love; more and more had to watch their father's heart writhing with agony when his children were not tolerant enough with each other's faults, when they opened the door to the crime of separateness—separating religion from science and theory from practice, and shutting the eyes of their souls to the great demand now all over the earth: tear down the walls of separation by eliminating the cause; realize that men are not units, only drops in the one ocean of life; inject morality into all branches of life; admit that "... any religion that leaves out the most infinitesimal portion of the universe is wrong;" and broadcast the truth that "... no separation should be permitted to exist between right philosophy, right ethics, and right politics."

But some did see and realize the importance of thought, that all the necessary reforms will fall in place as soon as the power is in the hands of the people, and that there is a call to arms against false flag operations on both inner and outer planes. While traveling showmen-salesmen offered their meager fool's gold stolen from the treasure trove of Brahma Vidya, it did become apparent to those who had eyes to read in the Book of Kiu-Te: "One must become a coworker with nature, either for good or for bad, in her work of creation and reproduction, or in that of destruction."

From the great tree of the Temple—an integral part of the Theosophical Movement, where the heartbeat of H.P Blavatsky and W.Q. Judge is as much alive as ever—new leaves were continuously translated into German, Russian and French. Available

in German now, both as hard copy and free PDF download, *The Teachings of the Temple* in eight smaller books; an extra index volume; all messages of *From the Mountain Top*; *Theogenesis*; *The Coming Avatar*; *Occultism for Beginners*; *Beacon Fires*; *White City of the Central Sun*; and, the latest, *Temple Messages*. Web address: <http://www.tempeldermenschheit.de>. Available in French, as a result of phenomenal effort that gave humanity the bulk of the entire Temple Literature in the French language within five short years: all three volumes of the *The Teachings of the Temple* and *From the Mountain Top* plus Dr. Dower's *Occultism for Beginners*. Web address: <http://www.templedelhumanite.net>. Another French website where one can download as free PDF the Temple Teachings not only in French but also in the original English, is <http://www.girolle.org/general/telechargements.htm>. In Russian, there exists a classic legendary translation of *The Teachings of the Temple*, with new translations added of *From the Mountain Top*, *Theogenesis*, *Beacon Fires*, and many other writings, including Temple talks. *Delphis Journal* in Moscow keeps publishing Temple material, and now there is also a Russian language Temple website under: <http://templeofthepeople.brat.ru/>. The Temple site in England: <http://www.creedsdisappear.org.uk>. There are translations of Temple literature in existence in several other languages, among them Swedish, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, and Hungarian.

In the past year the Temple Scribe and his wife visited their old home in Europe, with an extended stay of altogether two months, refreshing and strengthening ancient ties of brotherhood. The German Section of the Temple keeps in close touch with other Theosophical Societies and groups, and participates regularly in joint activities, such as the bi-annual Theosophical Forum.

As an occult milestone, a first-ever contact occurred: Temple members from the Center were invited by the Theosophical Society in America to spend three days as guests of honor at the Wheaton, Illinois, headquarters. They could also participate in meetings, and our Halcyon artist, Zelma Colendich, was invited to exhibit at the Olcott Center 22 paintings of her Temple Collection series. Courtesy of the Adyar Lodge, these paintings were also put online and are accessible at <http://www.theosophical.org/events/nationalprograms/Gallery/index.php>.

The Temple work has made great strides this past year. With the 2010 Convention, a new chapter is opening for the Temple Children: for the very first time. Brothers and Sisters are joining us from the great nation of France, a most important step for a new cycle. We salute you, *Soeurs et Freres de la France—bienvenue!*
—Istvdn Balogh

Report of the Inner Guard

Good evening! We are once again gathered together to embrace the concentration of the Master's love during this appointed time. I would like to begin with a poem from an unknown author:

The Difference

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day.
I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task.
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered. He answered,
"You didn't ask."
I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on gray and bleak.
I wondered why God didn't show me. He said "But you didn't seek."
I tried to come into God's presence. I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock."
I woke up early this morning and paused before entering the day.
I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

Next, I would like to share the following message taken from *From the Mountain Top*:

Ask Each Day

Thou who knowest that all life is ever ceaseless pulsing motion! Thou who knowest that the sun must rise and set *each day*, and that every heartbeat is in perfect time and rhythm! Thou who knowest that the food of yesterday will not sustain thy body for the morrow's toil! Thinkest thou the cyclic law, immutable, will be repealed for thee, in that each day will bring thee nourishment for soul, unasked for and unsought by thee, or asked amiss? Ah, No! A full supply of Christly bread awaits thine asking, but thou must ask *each day*, and ask in faith, or suffer in thy Soul as now thy body suffers from the lack of food when thou dost not provide.

All the words we will ever need are already written. All the thoughts have already been thought. All we have to add is mindfulness of all our thoughts, words and deeds.

What we create in our hearts radiates from us. We can all make this year the year that radiates Brotherhood, the Golden Rule, and gratitude. We have an outstanding opportunity every day to demonstrate our mindfulness: practicing The Golden Rule, expressing tremendous gratitude for the love, blessings and guidance we receive daily, and sharing Brotherhood with everyone in our daily lives.

Thank you.

—Margaret Thyrring

Report of the Outer Guard

The position of Outer Guard symbolizes the responsibility to the masculine aspect, the protecting, questing, balancing force.

Another year has rolled around, and it seems like a few months instead of twelve months since last year's Convention. With the weeks speeding up before Convention, the thought came to me during the night of using the dictionary to define "outer" and "guard" or "outer guard". "Outer" is defined as "out from the center or interior". The Outer Guard is at the perimeter protecting the center. "Out" used as a prefix means to protect and

watch over. To keep under control or restraint as a matter of caution or prudence. A defender, protector, watchman, guardian, sentry, safety, shield or a barrier. A state of watchfulness and readiness against danger." Isn't this what we are doing by following the Golden Rule?

An email from a good friend came to me a few days ago with the following words of wisdom:

Watch your thoughts, they become words;
Watch your words, they become actions;
Watch your actions, they become habits;
Watch your habits, they become character;
Before you speak ... listen.
Before you speak ... think.
Before you criticize ... wait
Before you pray ... forgive.
Before you quit... Try.

Let's turn our thoughts and conversations around to be more positive and packed with the power of faith, hope, love and action.

—Ron Carlson

Report of the Guardian in Chief

This year is my twenty-first Convention as Guardian in Chief. This is so amazing to me: a significant number, three sevens that represent a whole lot of living and learning. The Master's message to the Convention of this year really had meaning for me when he said:

I am not suggesting that you change your way of life, or take up a cause on the international scene, or any scene but the one in which you now find yourself. Each of you must fill every thought, word and deed with your consciousness of the Divinity of all creation. Act accordingly. Remember, you are asked not to speak or think falsely, unnecessarily, or critically of anyone at any time. You must include everyone and everything everywhere. Start by becoming aware of the Divine within yourself and your family. Then enlarge this consciousness to include your neighbors, your enemies as well as your

friends, and all the people you meet or speak to in the course of every day. This is not a matter of convenience, rather it is a matter of your choice to abide by the Laws of Life. In the scale of divine justice your choice could very well be the one choice that decides the fate of this fragile planet and its human cargo. Have no regret for the past, no dread or anticipation for the future. This is a waste of precious energy. You live now in this moment, so take up the little things of harmonious living and do them now, *in this moment*. Remember: Fear not, only Love more.

As I sat down to write the twenty-first Report of the Guardian in Chief, I thought it might be interesting to read what I had written for August, 1990. Many of you know that I have a sign over the door of my study: "Constant Change Is Here to Stay," and yet, some things are timeless.

In 1990 I told you of the analogy of a coral reef. Like the coral reef, the Temple organization has grown bit by bit, one act, one decision, one particular circumstance upon another until we have the structure that we see and feel today. We may each see and feel that structure a little differently, but I think the one thing we all have in common is faith that this structure has a Divine purpose and plan which will endure, no matter what we personally think about the structure to date, or the seeming changes taking place.

Though this plan has scope beyond our present comprehension, we need to look at as much of the plan as we can comprehend, in order to see as clearly as possible how and where we might implement it individually and collectively. Let me share my present vision.

Here we are: The Temple in 1990, and 2010. The universal Truth embodied in the principles of Love and Brother-Sisterhood is unchanging. The outer manifestations through which this truth must be entitized and lived out in the crucible of daily living are ever-changing to meet the needs of the times in which we live. In other words, there must be a form side through which the principles can flow.

The form side of the Temple organization is made up of two divisions: the Religious Society and the Corporation Sole. The

Religious Society is the Temple and all it stands for; it is the philosophy and the actual working out on the physical plane of these wonderful principles in which we believe. The Corporation Sole is a support system for the religious society. In the person of the Guardian-in-Chief and under the laws of the state of California, the Corporation Sole administers the property for the benefit of the Religious Society.



With new focus I see the Religious Society of the Temple of the People as symbolizing the Truth that called us all here. The Corporation Sole is the bridge between the Society and the outer world, the entity that enables the form side to happen. We all need to keep focused on the interrelationship of the two, and the priority of the Religious Society, for it is that which brought us here and it is that which keeps us here. Yes, Halcyon is a pleasant place to visit and to live, but unless the priority of what it stands for gets a renewed pledge from all of us. Halcyon will become just so much desirable real estate. The sacrifice and dedication of those who have gone before us must serve as an example, a beacon of light to lead us on. We cannot become the paradox of being a community of hermits. We must remember those words of the Master: "It was never intended that this become a shelter for the few."

For the last 21 years you have heard me say and will hear me

say over and over: We must become the thing we believe in. This is a process of becoming in which we actively, consciously become a manifestation of Truth and Brother-Sisterhood. This is where our particular Temple job lies. This *is* the Temple "Work" one reads about in our literature. I am asking that we spend as much time consciously focusing on the spiritual side as on the form side. We are told that this can often happen at the same time. It is a matter of our own inner focus, our own awareness, the choosing of our priorities. This must be done, as the Master told us in 1899, "... while on this plane of existence, that is what the physical plane is for, to some extent, it is to correlate the whole."



What changes do I, as Guardian-in-Chief of the Temple of the People, intend to make to help facilitate this flow?

As you all know, a board of seven Temple Officers is appointed each year. As Guardian in Chief I meet with them on matters concerning the Temple and its true work, that of trying to embody here on the physical plane the truths of the inner planes, our real home. These officers are Inner Guard, Outer Guard, Scribe, Treasurer and three Delegates-at-Large.

Each office symbolizes a certain aspect or facet of the Temple work. The office of Inner Guard symbolizes the responsibility to the feminine aspect of manifestation, the nurturing, connecting.

indwelling spiritual force expressed through compassion, sensitivity, and reverence for all life. The position of Outer Guard symbolizes the responsibility to the masculine aspect, the protecting, questing, balancing force, which is expressed through the powers of will, order, logic, and strength. The position of Treasurer symbolizes the responsibility to our storehouse of spiritual treasure filled with the jewels we have been given to use, to care for, and enhance. The position of Scribe symbolizes the responsibility to the records of our aspirations, hopes, and faith, and the flow of these to and from all human hearts and minds. The Delegates-at-Large are chosen from those Temple members who live away from the Center who meet the challenge of putting these teachings into daily practice without the outer group support and daily meetings that we enjoy here at the Center. The inner group support, of course, knows no boundaries of time and distance.

This year the Inner Guard will be Margaret Thyrring, Outer Guard is Ron Carlson, Treasurer is Marti Fast, and Scribe is Istvan Balogh. The Delegates at Large will be Sheila Samuels, Claudette Mercier, and Christin Dahl.

The entity. The Guardian-in-Chief of the Temple of the People, A Corporation Sole, is focused on the original purposes of the Articles of Incorporation: "[the] administration of the temporalities thereof, and the management of the estate and property thereof." Knowing how complex the world of corporations, tax reporting, and staying in line with changes in civil law have all become, I asked the Temple lawyer if these articles needed any updating in 1990. Fie said no, that they had served us well for 82 years, were brief and wonderfully clear. The corporation sole is not usual, but very legal-the Catholic Church is a well known example of a corporation sole. Over the years, as I have worked with the various representatives of the local, state and federal agencies that we contact, I have found a wonderful response as they realize that we are interested in cooperation and compliance rather than using the law for our own ends.

What of the office or point represented by the Guardian-in-Chief? My focus on that point has changed, as circumstances have changed. We have been told over and over that the Guardian-in-Chief is the appointed agent of the Masters of the White Lodge. What an awesome responsibility, and yet, how

simple: to do the very best one knows how to do, all the time; to try, to the best of my ability, to be the thing I believe in. I can tell you some of the things that do not happen: There is no crystal ball or hot line to heaven, only a deep responsibility to listen to the small, still voice within. There is no detailed job description, only the responsibility to act to the best of my ability, using as much insight, understanding and empathy as I have at my command. There is no "Manual of Tests for the Aspiring Disciple," only often repeated instruction to allow the Higher Law to work out the best way for each of us, through us and not by us. I have no mandate to make things comfortable and easy for everyone. I cannot do it. I used to spend a lot of time and anxious thought trying to smooth the way for people in my life, but I have learned differently. The lessons we learn through the sandpapering process between personalities are valuable, and, most importantly, I can go on loving before, during, and after a particular episode of sandpapering. I have no mandate to change anyone besides myself, but I do have a mandate to stand on the Principles, as I see them, laid down by the Masters who began this endeavor. I am learning, slowly, as we all do, that there is more than a single right way to do things. I am learning of the tremendous inflow of energy, protection, and love that flows through to us from the Central Spiritual Sun and to have faith in that inflow being always available. My responsibility is to tune into that inflow.

The Masters have a very different view of time than we humans do, and I am learning to allow them to do their work within their time frame. Of course, I can't change it anyway, and when I try I just spend a useless amount of energy meddling and manipulating in trying to force issues. I am trying to learn how to balance the concepts of Centralization with the concepts of democracy and freedom and how to translate that balance into action on the physical plane.

Everywhere I look are paradoxes! And yet, those seeming opposites provide the dynamic tension necessary for our true soul growth. We must tread the path alone, and yet it is our mandate that we must rise or fall as a group. What a challenge, what an assignment. This is so well expressed in the charge the Master issues us each Convention:

Warriors of Light, Warriors of Truth, I salute you in the name of the Great White Brotherhood. Go forth to battle with the Powers of Darkness, armed with the Sword of the Spirit of God, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Helmet of Eternal Truth. See to it, then, that no stain rests on that armor, no rust on that sword, that ye may become one with us. On that Great Day: Be with us.

So be it, for one and all, as Creeds Disappear, Hearts Remain.

—*Eleanor L. Shumway*
Guardian-in-Chief

Tuesday, August 3

8-9 am Meditation, Temple

10 am Social Science talks: Fear Not, Only Love More, Temple

I would like to offer two of many simple ways to "Fear not, only love more":

First: "Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier."

—*Mother Teresa*

Second: "We have a duty to encourage one another. Many a time a word of praise or thanks or appreciation or cheer has kept a man on his feet. Blessed is the man who speaks such a word."

—*William Barclay*

Thank you.

—*Margaret Thyrring*

For Courage to Pursue a Righteous Course

Love is courage. Intuition will show that it cannot be otherwise. If the essence of love is doing to others as we would be done by, it is apparent why all the world is cruel to each other. It is because of fear that the advantage of one's neighbor would compel one's loss. It is an urge from the animal nature, territorial craving, since the present human race is not human yet.

Courage to stand up for a just cause, be it individually or globally, always entails love. It means the giving, giving up, giv-

ing away of something which is "mine," for something which not only would not promise any immediate profit to one's own animal self or agenda but would almost certainly result in grave peril, perhaps even loss of life. A married man tries to help a neighbor, or a country, while his wife yells at him to drop it, for she wants him to perform something else at home that is important to her. What does the married man do? Odds are he is more afraid of his wife than of the death of his neighbor; even the death of an entire nation may appear to him as a trifle in comparison to the panic the yelling of his wife generates in his heart.

A man keeps bad company, realizing he should mend his ways. But the prospect of losing all his friends and being left alone all by himself terrifies him and is stronger than all his good intentions, so he keeps the bad company and goes down with it. Another man sees the evil in this world, but dares not to move to abolish it, for fear that the powers that be would go after him and make short work of his short existence; he also clings to his own brand of *dolce far niente*, and in order to have a better conscience while not doing anything to save a nation, he attempts to convince everyone he meets that they should relax, go to sleep or have a vacation, anything but trying to rock the boat, since this would give away his idle, fear-driven escapism.

Love would have shown the opposite way, that of courage which explains the query asked by the Christ: "Do you love me? Do you love me more than these? What is that to thee?" Where our heart is, that is the one thing driving us to action. If my heart is in the clutches of the lower self, simply because I blind myself with my own hands to the fact that the lower self is but an animal illusion, a straitjacket that one has to outgrow, just as the butterfly needs to outgrow the caterpillar, I will never serve the Christ which is my neighbor. And when I keep praying, driven by this animal in me, prayers that will only strengthen this animal and its hold over me, I not only do a disservice to the abstraction which I try to convert into what I call "God"—of course a personal one, in the shape of an enlarged human, with all the attributes of a devil—but I hurt myself for ages by this fanatic fundamentalist attitude. Worse, I damage my fellow man, and the entire universe, since I chose the path of life-service on my own behalf, rather than taking action on behalf of my neighbor and the universe, rather than loving my neighbor who is

own Higher Self, being reflected in every atom crossing my way.

True Love means that when I am hit, I turn the other cheek, that when my neighbor demands my shirt, I give him my coat as well. If the intuition of the disciple has not advanced to the degree of seeing the scientific rationale behind such seeming nonsense, he had better give up occultism altogether. But he who would have at least doubts about his own attitude to life, liberty, and the pursuit of so-called happiness, might use to his advantage *Our Daily Prayer* from page 73 of *The Temple Artisan*, in October 1926, over the signature of the Master Hilarion:

Father-Mother-Son in One,
 From our inmost hearts we plead
 For power to love unselfishly.
 For wisdom to perceive aright.
 For courage to pursue a righteous course,
 For determination of purpose, and
 For power of action according to **Thy** will.

—Istvdn Balogh

He came to a junction on the pathway. It wasn't a dramatic left and right turn, but a soft undulating to the East and West, and he knew this next decision was very important because the roadways slowly edged out a few miles down the road in each direction.

He sat down, lit a fire and thought deeply, "Two pathways. My choice, my decision. One to the solar plexus, and one to the third eye."

The left pathway was sign-posted to the solar plexus. "Nothing wrong with that," he thought. The pathway to personal satisfaction; but if he was not careful it could eventually lead to personal selfishness a few further miles down the pathway. He realized that he could make decisions that may hurt other people just so he could still get his own gratification. "And of course," he suddenly jumped up, as he thought, "with it one finds oneself in the land of fear." Fear because if he continued on that pathway, he would want to keep all those personal possessions he had acquired. All the physical attachments, personal mental thoughts, and all the intense emotional feelings. And it could lead to much fear because then he would be afraid that everything could be

taken away and show all his weaknesses.

The right hand path, the pathway East, looked very steep and was sign-posted to the third eye. A little distance down the path, it seemed to lead up a mountain range. As he contemplated some more he realized the rocks would have handholds to support him. The ancients used to call these Love's Helpers: Gratitude, Knowledge, Tenderness and Constancy; these would be very firmly fixed in the rock and support the climber. The footholds would be deep and safe, and these were also named: Will power, Action, Patience and Faith. He would be safe as long as he kept using Love's Helpers as they were offered to him and he would watch for them and use them to support him in his climb.

He decided on the right-hand path and started to walk steadily and surely. When, eventually, he had crawled through the last cave at the top of the mountain, tired and in need of rest, he emerged high up above the cloud cover and looked down at a splendid view beneath.

Seeing the blue sky and the sunshine and all the beauty of the mountain flowers that rejoiced in their living, he saw he had reached the portal of Love, the Love that Passeth Understanding.

And he also realized that the fear was needed along his journey, especially at the start of his walk. In the beginning it was called fear, and then changed to apprehension and challenge, the challenge to see future possibilities, to see if he could make that climb. And upon achieving each new level he saw the truth of soul beauty; he saw the oneness of all creation and its diversity in action .

And he saw he could Love and it was Good.

—*Elaine Wight*

Fear Not, God is Love

"Fear not. Only Love more," is easier said than done. Just being in touch with my feelings of love and fear is challenging. When it comes to Love, the Temple "Rules of Discipleship" begin with, "God is Love, and Love is the fundamental source of being. Therefore, if thou sin against Love, that sin is against God." They continue with, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and mind, and thy neighbor as thyself. This is the highest

law."

Loving God and my neighbor as myself, as in the Golden Rule, doesn't come as naturally as I would like, especially when my mind is preoccupied with all the other stuff I can love. I've actually gotten into trouble by loving too much. On the other hand, despite fear triggering negativity in me at times, it has managed to keep me safe too. Perhaps my first recollection of fear was being all alone in the darkness. Then, in the twinkle of an eye, the sound of my parent's voice or my bedroom door letting in the tiniest speck of light would help my fears just drift away. It is the force of love and fear that is at the center of my relationship with everything.

Correspondingly, every atom in manifestation is repelled from or attracted to other atoms by varying degrees. When one atom is attracted to another, a molecule may be formed. Sculpted by the Laws of Centralization and Polarity, this cohesion may be thought of as True Love or Unity, which blooms out of Motion and Color in growing diversity from Sound and Light. While Matter, Force and Consciousness cyclically evolve, this inorganic cellular creative dance works in perfect harmony until consciousness becomes conscious of being conscious and begins the practice of choice. This is when we become responsible for our choices and our choices responsible for our balance.

While the inherent force within an atom varies between attraction and repulsion, love and fear are foundationally connected to the biological survival instinct needed to avoid malignant unions and for the preservation of a species. This takes on new meaning when a complex cluster of cells has earned the sacred right to choose. For humans, within the motivation behind every choice we make, we may find the seeds of love and fear. What degree of each will always be our choice.

While the atom is one with Universal Law, we humans need to learn how to thrive in Balance through individual and collective experiences to attain Sister-Brotherhood. It is fear and selfishness that will eventually fossilize our love into creeds. It is love and an open mind that will always allow our hearts to feel the Light shining through the slightest opening, where we may come to know the wisdom and guidance of our Higher Selves. Gratefully smiling more than not, I will fear less and love more to nurture my body, mind and spirit, as I endeavor to be Divinely

Courageous in my climb to the Mountain Top. Fear not, God is Love.

—Rick London

Fear is the enemy. It feeds on ignorance and intolerance. We fear what we don't understand, which is a lot at this stage of our evolution. Fear generates separation. Fear serves the Disintegrator, the Dark Force that seeks to destroy human progress. When we allow ourselves to be guided by fear, we participate in tearing apart all that is good and true in human culture, putting one more nail in the coffin of progress and sending ourselves into future eons of dark ages.

We are in the midst of a major crossroads in our evolution. We have reached the cycle when we must decide whether to go forward into a Golden Age of Love and Brotherhood or whether we will spend more eons in limbo, not yet ready to accept our manifest human destiny. It is for this cycle that we here have come into manifestation once again, blessed with the ability to realize the significance of this moment and the seriousness of the task at hand, and sustained by the guidance that ever supports and protects us from within.

Fear may be the enemy, but Love is our omnipotent ally. Love is all there is. There is one particular aspect of love that stands out in this cycle of blind materialism, and that is Loyalty. When we recognize that we are engaged in the Battle of the Ages, formed in ranks by the Principle of Centralization, we can immediately see that whoever is our leader, our general, our Chief, our President, is the person who deserves our unswerving loyalty, no matter what. We realize our own potential to help carry the battle to victory when we accept the truth that our leader, positioned by the very Lords of Karma, is the only possible person for the job, and that whether or not we understand the directions that come down the chain of command, our only duty is to obey our leader with all our heart and soul, even to the tiniest detail, even to the ultimate sacrifice.

We have a perfect example of Loyalty in the story of Joan of Arc, a figure from the past who is ever dear to us. She was a simple country girl, called to fight for her country and her Prince. She led her armies to victory, was betrayed by her government, tried, convicted and executed, but she never swerved in her loy-

alty to that Prince. She never betrayed her own Higher Self, and history remembers her forever as a heroine of all time. Joan of Arc's selfless devotion and Loyalty shine as a beacon from beyond the Fields of Battle in our current struggle, lighting the way to ultimate victory for the whole human race.

—*Linda Rollison*

I just love what the Master says about fear. The Master says, "Fear lies only on the threshold." I just walked over to the door and demonstrated that all we need to do is walk over the threshold beneath the door to get past fear. That's the exact "how to" do this.

I think we are probably pretty well on the same page saying "Oh, we don't want to do fear."

How? Just keep walking through the door. Thank you.

—*Anne Dunbar*

Love is the most essential Cosmic law which encompasses all other universal laws. Love is a Cosmic energy which promotes harmony, unity, flowing light and positive creations and balances polarities. Without love there would be chaos, extreme imbalance, disharmony, lack of unity and destruction.

Fear is a negative emotion which lacks love. Fear causes a person to react strongly with a feeling of anxiety and agitation caused by a sense of danger, evil, dread, terror, uneasiness and apprehension. Fear is the opposite of harmony, unity and love.

When we love more and more, we can overcome fear. A sense of intimidation, stress and worry are released and dissolved. We need to have faith in God in order to overcome fear. We need to have faith in order to remove fear from our mind. When fear is overcome a person feels a sense of freedom and happiness. Positive feelings of love, harmony, unity and good will become true realities.

Enlightened souls have learned to overcome the lower self and lower emotions of fear, anger, humiliation, stress, anxiety and hatred the higher self is focused on so that positive emotions create positive actions and results.

So, love more and more in order to be happy and to experience love, balance, equilibrium, universal peace, harmony and unity.

—*Cecelia Page*

One of the things I enjoy most about becoming older is reaping the benefits of having developed an intimacy with the fears I possessed as a young man.

My fears then were so severe that I was diagnosed and hospitalized repeatedly, and placed on a variety of psychotropic drugs. The drug treatment continued for over thirty years. I wanted to stop the dependence, but I had fear that to do so would invite a return to hospitalization.

Eva and I were taking the same medication in 1999 when we met. She is decades younger than I, but we were bound sometimes by the diagnosis we shared.

Eva went off the medicine five years ago and is doing splendidly. I finally found a pharmacologist who was willing to work with me on the reduction of my drug. Two years later I am taking half the dose I was for thirty years. It is as if the sun finally came from behind the clouds.

And that is what I know for now about fearing not and loving more.

—*Ivan Ulz*

Fear Not,
Only Love More.

This
is what we
strive for.

The courage
to start each day
as if it were our first.

And
Love each day
as if it were
our last.

—*Debra Rowland*

Love and Hate

Love for, and trust in, our Guiding Light creates unity, kinship with all life within the family of One Infinite Being. Hate and fear, their opposites, produce separation from the living whole, bringing alignment with lesser gods to which allegiance is given and putting us into the state of "self versus other" which divides our universe.

To love and trust more and to hate and fear less is fundamental to our evolving existence, and is vitally crucial to our Mother Earth and her varied life forms. To hate and to fear is to not abide in honesty with our self, for at our basis each one of us is a cell in a vaster body of Light and Love. This Body is the root of our Beingness, is our vaster Self. How can we hate or fear our Self!

The road to true joy and knowing is along the path of apparent loneliness; yet if the Eye and the Heart are open to see the Christos at work in the world, the Heart is filled with the peace of compassion and the Mind becomes radiant with Light. This, then, is the consciousness toward which we aspire, the palace of holy Love.

Antithetical to that are the qualities of hate and fear, for to live with these is to be stuck in the stagnation of our own crystallized perspective, imprisoned within mental walls permitting but myopic vision, to endlessly repeat, and to not expand beyond our self-imposed limitations.

Let us be Love, and let Light shine forth, loving more and fearing less.

—*Kathleen Kemper*

Living Fearlessly

I have always been a person of few words until a subject I feel strongly about enters a conversation—and then the words flow like a spring bubbling up from the ground in a never-ending flow. As a child I found myself playing by myself, very content in what I did each day yet knowing I should seek out friends for interaction.

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A love of music would fill my heart but never enough to make me study. But listening to a piano or a singer fills me with delight and I want to join in. I will sit for hours without reading, mending, sewing, or creating anything that can be touched, tasted or looked at for its beauty other than what I have created in my mind that disappears with the next thought. I try to plan out things that I can accomplish that others can look at and say, "Oh, how nice," but somehow it's never quite finished. I can clear a field but not replenish it with plants that others can admire for their beauty. I see it in my head as I look at the field and it's enough for me. I see the beauty in the field that could be there but mostly the cleared field is enough. No weeds growing up is my desire. I so enjoy going to friends and looking at their gardens and what they have created and trying to bring that energy back home to create my own garden, but it goes into my memory. I enjoy watching the different birds going back and forth from the trees to the feeder, to the birdbath and back up to the tree and then down to the cleared field to look for bugs. I even enjoy seeing a gopher digging a hole out to the open air and I get a thrill seeing it drag a weed into its opening and then watching a cat stalking that same gopher.

I think of all this and then think of my family, friends, com-

munity and the world and I am filled with compassion, love and peace and know all will resolve itself, re-nourish all and I live fearlessly.

PS: Since writing this I have started a garden out front so I am growing in the light.

—*Dee Tracey*

The Search

"No one could tell me where my Soul might be. I searched for God, bur God eluded me. I sought my Brother out and found aH three." (MT Vol. II - p. 190)

Dear Eleanor, dear Temple sisters and brothers in Halcyon, dear Temple sisters and brothers in London, dear Temple sisters and brothers in Moscow and St. Petersburg:

All dear friends near and far, parts of our heart. We are with you—one thought, one wish, one will. Part of our common tribe. And the tree of life will bloom and bear fruit in the light of our common love.

So be greeted from those, who are gathered again from all parts of Germany for this convention in Berlin.

In light and love we are Temple sisters and brothers,

—*The German Community of The Temple*

Don't fear, love more. The brother of fear is guilt. He who feels guilty, has fear, fears to be punished.

To dissolve fear means to see clearly that guilt does not exist in reality. He who is not feeling guilty, is feeling himself free, also free of the so called inherited sin.

Of course we all have liabilities, which can be explained by the law of cause and action. These liabilities can be reduced in a wonderful way, reduced by salutary thoughts, actions and feelings, not only by sorrow. That chance is one of a lot of gifts the creator has given.

He who is free of guilt is able to love. He who is fearless is able to love . Therefore, don't fear; then you are able to love.

—*Manfred Gronau*

I had an interesting experience in the store the other day. A

very troubled lady who is a very good customer came in. She shared with me that she has been going to a prominent large church for a couple of years and she was going to quit going there because at that church she had a spiritual advisor who advised her to quit coming to Halcyon because it was indeed a fearful place.

My first reaction was to get the phone book out and call this spiritual advisor. However, Debra came in and so we dialogued about this and I realized that I couldn't just jump in and attack. I would be joining the fear. After spending this morning listening to these incredible talks on Fear Not, Only Love More, I realized what a space of fear this spiritual advisor is coming from.

Why don't we gather up everybody's talks and mail them to her!

—*Susie Clark*

The history of humanity has been guided by fear. Early religious leaders told their followers, "Fear the Lord thy God for he is a jealous God." In fact this theme is still put forth today from many church pulpits. Imagine the fear that this puts into the hearts of people. When a heart is filled with fear, how can there be trust and love for fellow human beings? I ask you all today to consider how do you view the Masters and their teachings? Do you see the Masters as great exceptions or as the greatest examples? If you see Them as the greatest exceptions, then you may see Them apart from yourself, exceptions that can never be at one with each other, never to reach or attain connection with each other. But if you view Them as the greatest examples, then They become for you a way a guide, a cause, and a reason to carry on in our own life the light They hold out for humanity. Letting go and letting God replaces that fear that humanity carries in its heart with love, for self and for all humanity.

I believe that the Masters' words tell us what to do, not how to do it. We are charged with living our lives to work out the details of a fulfilling and rewarding life. We are given counties: tools. We are given people that are here to guide us and teach us if we but listen. It is very nearly impossible to listen with th heart when it is filled with fear. You cannot be grateful and feai ful at the same time. Why choose to live in fear when you ca choose to be grateful? We have more to be grateful for than w



do to fear. A great many people today make a good living telling others how bad things are in the world. With all the instant communication it's no wonder people become fearful. There are those among us that tell us what a dark star we live on and how

we are at the lowest point we have ever been. Why choose to believe this? Is your glass full or empty? Let the Masters' words fill your glass, your heart, with love and light, not the words of the uneducated. I leave you with these thoughts. What you think about, thank about, you bring about. From Albert Einstein: "You cannot solve a problem with the same consciousness that created it. You must learn to see the world anew." And to get something you never had, you must do something you never did. The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.

Fear not, only love more.

—Chris Thyrring

12 noon	Healing Service, Temple
5:00 pm	Study Class, Temple
6:30pm	Special Dinner, Hiawatha Lodge

Wednesday, August 4

8-9 am	Meditation, Temple
10:30 am	Ivan Ulz Program for Children, University Center
12 noon	Healing Service, Temple
2 pm	Dedication of Peace Garden, Temple
	Tour of Community Gardens
7:30 pm	Campfire, Four Acres

Thursday, August 5

8-9 am	Meditation, Temple
12 noon	Healing Service, Temple
12:30 pm	Hot Tub Party, Sycamore Springs
4 pm	Russian Tea, Hiawatha Lodge

Friday, August 6

8-9 am	Meditation, Temple
12 noon	Healing Service, Temple
5:00 pm	Study Class, Temple
6:30 pm	Special Dinner, Hiawatha Lodge

Saturday, August 7

8-9 am Meditation, Temple
12 noon Healing Service, Temple
2 pm Halcyon Players present "All is Welcome Here," Musical Review, Hiawatha Lodge
5 pm Dinner: Leftovers Supreme, Hiawatha Lodge

Sunday, August 8

10:30 am Builder's Program, Temple
12 noon Healing Service, Temple
2:30 pm Ice Cream Social, The White House
7 pm Convention Benediction, Temple



TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

The village of Halcyon was in tip-top shape for Convention this year. All fields were mowed, gardens spruced up, and the Temple and University Center were power washed and gleamed in the occasional sunlight. We have had a very cool, foggy summer and sunny days were causes for celebration! The programs were printed, schedules circulated, and eagerness was in the air.

Convention time here at the Center always involves multiple comings and goings. Convention 2010 was certainly no different! We had visitors from Moscow, France, Canada, New York, and several places in California. It was a busy time, filled with camaraderie and a deep commitment to our aspirations of Brother/Sisterhood and the Master's work. Visitors and residents alike contributed richly of their talents: in the Temple, in the kitchen, in the choir, on the stage, showing visitors around, on the computer, in the gardens, on the phones, and during impromptu get-togethers.

Resident thespians produced an outstanding show in Hiawatha Lodge during Convention. Entitled "All Is Welcome Here," the Revue was produced by Debra, directed by Kaety. The technical director was Will, assisted by Karen and David, and musical director was Marlyn. Accompanied by Marlyn on the piano and Will on the guitar, the program showcased the singing and dancing talents of Linda, Lucia, James, Will, Annie, Dee, Will (we have two Wills), Irm, Istvan, and Debra. A masterly production!

In August Natasha and family vacationed in the Sierras. During September Susie visited New Zealand, Zelma and George worked at the Far Horizons Camp near Sequoia, Will attended a reunion with his sisters in San Francisco, Eugene left for a while to work in Denver, Debra visited with her father just before he died, and several of our little ones started in pre-school, while the older children and young adults returned to elementary, middle, high school and college. It's amazing how fast they grow!

Temple groups: There are groups in New York City; London, England; and in Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia, as well as several locations in Germany. Anyone wishing more information

about these groups can call the Temple offices in Halcyon.

The **William Quan Judge Library** serves Temple members, residents of Halcyon, and friends with an interest in Theosophy or who are doing research involving some of our special collections. Our library is staffed by volunteers. Hours are Mondays, 9-11 am. Other hours are by appointment through the Temple office.

The **University Center Gallery** is exhibiting the Life and Legend of Hiawatha oil paintings by former Guardian in Chief Harold Forgostein. Please call the Temple office at (805) 489-2822 for more information.

The **Temple Healing Service** is held at 12:00 noon each day in the Temple. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday services are held at 10:30 am in the Temple. The Feast of Fulfillment (the Communion Service of the Temple) is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Either the "Choral Service" or "Enter the Silence," a prayer and meditation meeting, is held on the last Sunday of each month. Speakers present programs on other Sundays. The public is cordially invited to all services.

Study classes under the auspices of Temple Officers and various Temple Orders are held regularly at 5:30 pm in the University Center on Tuesdays and Fridays. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Speakers in the Sunday Services were: May **23**, Annie Dunbar: *The Lower Self as Force for Change*; June 13, Eleanor L. Shumway: *Pre-Convention Thoughts*; June **20**, George Colendich: *Our Visit to Olcutt*; July 11, Eleanor L. Shumway: *Convention Preamble*; July 18, Damian Rollison: *The Significance of Particulars*; August 15, Ivan Ulz: *Teaching Truth Through Children's Books*; August **22**, Eleanor L. Shumway: *Halcyon Children (by Jean Vera Doty)*.

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