

# LESSON NINE





# LEMURIAN PHILOSOPHY

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## THE PROLETARIAT

Having studied Lesson Eight you now understand something of the well-organized operations of the incomparable Mukulian Empire as well as some of the reasons for the prosperity and contentment its people enjoyed. That the Empire continued for approximately fifty thousand years when civilizations of known historical times have existed only a few hundred years before falling into decline, is an eloquent tribute to the sound, enduring value of the principles that were the basis of its foundation and growth.

Yet, this civilization, which to all appearances seemed destined to enjoy permanently the fullest measure of peace and true happiness, started to disintegrate at the height of its glory and finally brought on its own destruction through the violation of the very principles it had been built on!

Those responsible were the proletariat, who had been brought from the tribal valleys long before the advent of Melchizedek to relieve the citizenry of the more menial tasks. They had received no training and knew nothing of cosmic principles. Even so, living and working among friends and relatives who were citizens, they enjoyed all the benefits and improved conditions made possible through the knowledge the citizens had gained by attending the citizenship schools.

Due to the unmistakable, though mildly expressed, disapproval of the Lords of Venus and Mercury at permitting uneducated, untrained individuals to come on the Rhu Hut Plains, no others after the first group were admitted. But the damage had been done, for the proletariat multiplied rapidly with all participating in the advantages achieved through the rapid growth and development. As the citizens and aristocrats improved their standards of material living, those of the proletariat also improved until eventually they lived on a scale comparable to that of today's multi-millionaires.

The proletarian element on the Rhu Hut Plains did not continue to be an entirely illiterate or uneducated people. Their association with the citizenry precluded such a possibility. And as the civilization developed, the young people received an education comparable to that offered by our modern elementary and high schools. Yet, individuals of this class were self-satisfied and content with what they had, believing material gains were all that was needed to live a full and happy life. To go to the trouble of educating themselves beyond what was neces-

sary to earn a good living and provide personal and family recreation seemed wholly unnecessary to them.

That they had no voice in governmental affairs was of supreme indifference to them. Actually, under these conditions, they could feel free to criticize without being in any sense accountable. And being what they were, the aristocracy and citizenry usually tried to correct any causes that created dissatisfaction.

The proletariat were not unlike many today who are quick to find fault with prevailing conditions but are not interested in fulfilling their responsibilities as citizens by doing what they can to correct them or even voting for those who would do so. Their worldly-wise and skeptical attitude also prevented them from learning the true purpose of life and striving to fulfill it.

Under the guidance of Melchizedek throughout the thousand years of His stay, and for several millennia following His reign, the Empire made remarkable progress, those attending the citizenship schools being educated in all the sciences and professional pursuits as they became known. In due course, beautiful, though unostentatious, marble temples were erected and for some time all the populace attended the simple but very lovely services conducted there.

Yet, because they had little appreciation of spiritual values and were fond of show, participation in this phase of Mukulian life did not have the same appeal for the proletariat as it had for the aristocracy and citizenry. To their credit, they attended temple services for many, many years. With the tremendous growth of the Empire and the constantly improving material standards of living, though, the proletariat gradually came to feel a sense of superiority toward the simplicity displayed in the temples. Eventually, the time came when they no longer attended the services held there.

### *A Possible Solution*

After carefully studying the situation, the Elder Brothers suggested that special places of worship be erected where the proletarian element might participate in a form of worship more to their liking. In the hope that a gradual elevation of consciousness might be brought about, churches were established. Those selected to conduct services were citizens who had been preparing themselves to become teachers in the elementary and high schools. Since these individuals were well versed in the teachings that made the Empire great, it was believed they would be able to help the proletariat to greater understanding.



And while for a time this seemed to be true, gradually, in contrast to the quiet, unpretentious services conducted in the temples, those of the churches became more and more ostentatious. Elaborate ceremonies and rituals were enacted and pageantry, so dear to the hearts of the proletariat, was introduced. As a result, proletarian attendance in the churches steadily increased. The individuals who conducted these services — called priests — were so pleased with the church attendance and the adulation they received that they grew increasingly arrogant, completely disregarding the *purpose* the churches were intended to fill. (See Lesson Six, "Initiation.")

Instead of trying to help the proletariat accept the simple, natural unity of their relationship to the great and beneficial powers of the universe and to strive for citizenship to advance themselves egoically, the priests revived the old gods associated with the familiar forces of Nature that had been worshiped by primitive people. With little experience and less understanding and knowledge, those early people could conceive of nothing more powerful than some very strong personality and so, to them, the elements became endowed with human characteristics.

When the wind brought devastating storms causing early humans to flee for shelter, or the rains brought great floods that often engulfed them, or the sun caused blistering, withering heat and killing droughts, they believed that very great and powerful *individuals* — gods — were angry and used these means as punishment. When forces were destructive and, in a single ungracious mood, swept away all that made life good, unreasoning fear and a great sense of insecurity rose in the hearts of these simple people.

To appease the angry gods was the thought uppermost in their minds, and they knew of only one way to do it. That was to pay them homage in much the same way as they did their chiefs and rulers. In this way, they hoped to demonstrate their recognition of the awesome powers of these strange entities as well as their own humble subservience and willingness to bow to their will — while at the same time begging for their forbearance and aid.

When Nature was kind, dispelling the droughts and sending fair weather, good crops, and comfort, primitive people felt the gods were in good humor, kindly and smiling. Such times were always cause for celebration and great festivity, marked by elaborate songs of praise and thankfulness, and wild, abandoned dances indicating great happiness.

### *The Priests' Growing Power*

By causing it all to seem more attractive than it really was, the priests had little difficulty imbuing the proletariat with the superstitious and legendary worship practiced by their ancestors. The proletariat readily accepted the idea that the priests could intervene for them in alleviating the displeasure of such gods. They were told, of course, that the gods were not easily appeased unless the sufferer agreed to give them some prized and often valuable possession. In this way a very welcome and satisfying source of revenue was provided the priests.

These false teachings came into being so insidiously that they were well established before the Elder Brothers became aware of what was happening. Since the proletariat could not understand that these teachings and their perpetrators were a source of potential danger to the Empire, all attempts the Elder Brothers made to correct the situation only drove the priests under cover. Regarding them as victims of unjust persecution, their many followers protected them and their views from investigation.

As explained in the chapter, "Initiation," Lesson Six, the priesthoods distorted the beautiful philosophy the Elder Brothers had so carefully fostered, influencing large numbers of the proletariat to an ever greater extent. Their increasing control over these people and the personal adulation and material benefits that resulted from their nefarious efforts proved so gratifying that, in time, the priesthoods considered ultimately gaining control over the entire Empire.

Because they understood much of which the proletariat were ignorant, the priests were able to misrepresent some of what they knew to forward their nefarious plan. Wisdom and ability were replaced by cunning and trickery as they continued to influence their overly idealistic followers. Taking full advantage of these individuals, they shrouded truths with as much secrecy as possible, introducing "speaking statues" and other devices to deceive them into believing the priests had superhuman powers. Symbology became personalized and the beginning stages of idolatry appeared. As expected, the idealistically inclined were profoundly affected.

Naturally, this information deepened the mistrust of more practical individuals toward the priesthoods. Suspecting that trickery was behind the miraculous powers the priests were claiming to impress their followers, they investigated the devices used and discovered that fraud was, indeed, being used.

Reasoning that the priesthoods were using deception for personal gain, the more practical element of the proletariat rightly concluded they were intent on deluding their followers still further, although the specific purpose was beyond anything they could have imagined. But when they tried to warn their friends of the trickery being used to impress them, in most instances their well-intentioned efforts were unsuccessful, since those of idealistic temperament refused to accept what they were told and held blindly to their faith in the priests.

In fact, this element of the proletariat took such delight in the elaborate observances sponsored by the priesthoods and became so imbued with what they considered remarkable and beautiful phases of religion they were learning about, that they, in turn, tried to impress the wonder of it all on their *practical* friends and neighbors! When their enthusiastic and persuasive comments met with cold logic, they became quite fanatical. Convinced that their friends were losing opportunities to enjoy a superior way of life, they tried to *force* their beliefs on them, all of which was contrary to cosmic principles.

More or less in self-defense, the more practical of the proletariat organized, calling themselves Phree Musons. The term "musons" had been applied to all craftsmen since civilization began, and since fire and heat played important parts in many of their industrial operations, the word "phree," which meant fire, was combined with it. They also called themselves Sons of Cain, taking the name of the legendary Tubal Cain, who was supposed to be the first skilled worker in metals. Because they were prone to keep hidden the secrets of their several trades, they were also called "occultists."

Later, the priesthoods called their followers Katholi Kists, or Sons of Seth, using the name of the son of the legendary Adam whom they built up as the staunch advocate of Jehovah. Since the use of water formed an important part of their rituals, the priesthoods stressed the belief that water was more powerful than the fire it could extinguish. Their extreme interest in the mysterious resulted in the term "mystics" being applied to them.

The Phree Musons are now known as Free Masons. From the Katholi Kists developed our modern churchianity of all denominations in which water still plays an important part in rites and ceremonies.

The Katholi Kists of Mukulian times developed extreme ideas of what constituted spirituality, becoming quite sanctimonious, although regarding themselves as profoundly devout and superior to those who did not believe as they did.

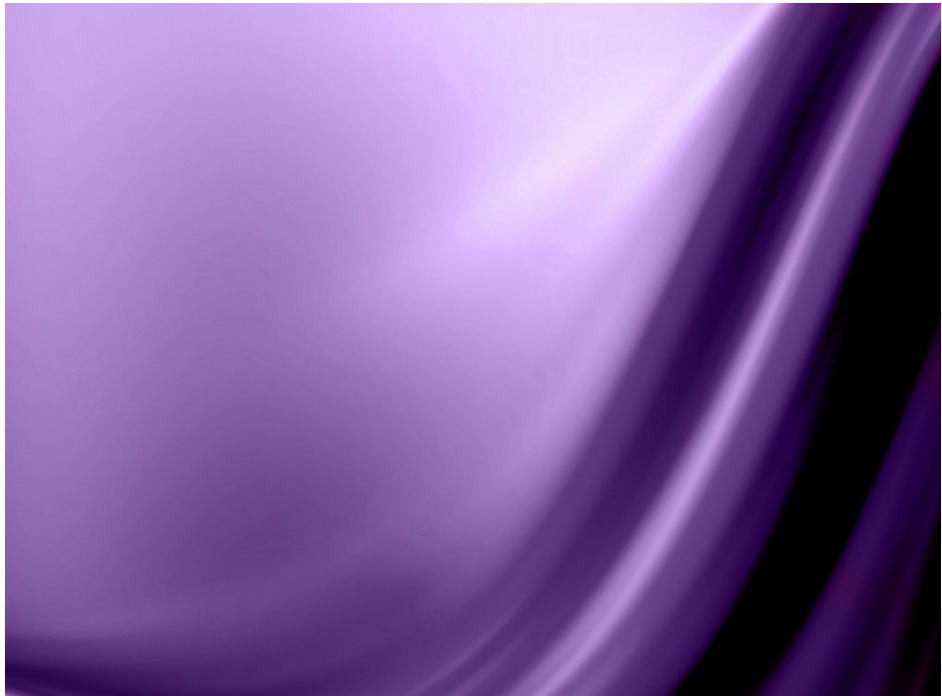
The Phree Musons, many of them engaged in industrial and mechanical enterprises, developed an extremely materialistic outlook. Participating in the creation of marvelous machines that reduced the need for long and tedious hours of backbreaking labor, yet making possible such an efficient and high degree of production, caused them to believe their lines of endeavor were contributing more to the well-being of humankind than anything the churches and priests had to offer. The more they followed this line of reasoning, the more materialistic they became.

Each faction developed a sense of superiority, one side regarding its common sense and logic as beyond the mental capacity of the other, while the other side regarded the material-minded as morally unable to recognize *its spiritual* superiority. The Phree Musons, considering their idealistically inclined neighbors as poor, deluded fools who gullibly swallowed the visionary and, to them, silly teachings of the priests, became highly intolerant of them. On the other hand, the followers of the priesthoods, unable to cope with the material progress being made by the more practical-minded, developed martyr complexes and grew steadily more intolerant of the Phree Musons.

Through the efforts of the priesthoods, the proletariat became divided into two definite trends of thought. At first, the divergence of opinions caused only verbal strife, but as each side tried to influence the other to its way of thinking, the antagonism between them grew until, in the later years of the Empire, the two vast masses of the proletariat were at the point of armed conflict.

While this was the goal the priesthoods had worked toward for thousands of years, the discord between the two factions did not bring them the benefits they had anticipated. The effects of other destructive causes based on violations of cosmic principles and emanating from equally simple beginnings, were manifesting almost concurrently with those put into operation by the priesthoods. The repercussions of these causes had been felt long before the proletarian-priesthood situation reached a crisis, and will be discussed in a later chapter of this lesson.





## THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS

For many millenia, the aristocracy and citizenry carried the responsibility for the success of the Mukulian Empire. The proletariat did little or nothing to understand what was essential to its proper conduct or to prepare themselves for positions of responsibility, although enjoying most of the benefits provided. In addition, they multiplied so rapidly that the administration of the various phases of government assumed staggering proportions. With only very few undertaking the training that would enable them to take over some of these duties, the tasks and responsibilities gradually became more than the comparatively small citizenry and aristocracy could sustain.

In view of the overwhelming proletarian population, the Elder Brothers realized that unless some were trained, they ultimately would be taking on positions they were incapable of administering for the greatest good of all. And the magnificent civilization that had endured for so long would gradually deteriorate.

### *Encouraging the Proletariat Toward Citizenship*

They reasoned that this calamity might be averted if enough of the proletariat could somehow be persuaded to do what was necessary to attain citizenship. Yet, since for thousands of years most of these people had remained unconvinced of the value of undertaking the training, it was difficult to know just what might be done to arouse the desire to do so.

After much thought, the Elder Brothers finally conceived the idea of presenting the steps leading to Initiation in a symbolic and mysterious manner, hinting at secrets to be disclosed later in the hope of appealing to the proletarian mind.

Today, conscientious students trying to interest others in the Great Work and the Lemurian Philosophy are often confronted with similar situations. The average individual is eager to participate in a New Order based on the Christ Principles and may listen hungrily to truths revealed through the Philosophy. But when she learns that several years of earnest study are necessary to *assimilate* these truths and prepare herself to aid in building the New Order, she quickly loses interest. Like the proletariat of old, she can't imagine the value of what may be acquired and so is content with what may be had *without* the need for diligent mental effort.

So that large numbers of the proletariat of the Mukulian Empire might be sufficiently intrigued into undertaking the training, the Elder Brothers contrived a Tabernacle representing the series of steps to Initiation. They used secret means they hoped would mystify and fill the proletariat with wonder that could be satisfied only through doing what was necessary to attain Initiation!

### *The Tabernacle and Its Significance*

This Tabernacle was a tentlike construction that could be moved from place to place throughout the Rhu Hut Plains so all might have the opportunity to visit it. Each time it was erected, its large site was first enclosed with a high, tight fence of heavy cloth, making it impossible for those on the outside to see what was going on inside the enclosure. Naturally, this aroused people's curiosity, just as anything partially hidden incites strong interest even today.

As the framework for the Tabernacle rose above the fence, the proletariat's curiosity heightened, while speculation mounted as to what it was all about. To increase the mystery in the minds of the people, the entrance to the enclosure was covered by three curtains so arranged as to cut off the view of the curious, who were unable to catch even a glimpse inside. Approached from the outside, the first of these curtains was purple, the second scarlet, and the third blue, symbolizing humanity, the Angels, and God. Humans being the creation of both the Angels and God, scarlet and blue were blended to make the color symbolizing them.

### *Admission to the Tabernacle*

The curtains symbolized the lack of perception veiling from us that which is spiritual. The lifting of the veil indicates the clearing of our senses as we become initiated into the so-called mysteries beyond the Physical Plane. With Initiation we come to understand God and our relationship to all that is spiritual in a manner never before possible.

When it became known that not more than a hundred were to be admitted into the Tabernacle each day, curiosity increased. When it was learned that these were selected previously and that each must bring an admission fee in the form of a bull or a ram or other prized possession the day before being permitted to enter, interest in the Tabernacle grew intense.

The air of mystery, and a sense of having been selected for a rare privilege, put the visitors in a very open frame of mind. Those apply-



ing for admission were interviewed by the attendant at the entrance and were pledged to maintain complete silence regarding all they were to see and hear while being conducted about and taught regarding the marvels inside. (This helps us understand the origin of much of the secrecy surrounding so-called initiations and revelations about certain truths impressed on truth seekers by some schools of thought.)

Twelve visitors were admitted at one time and found themselves in what was known as the Outer Court. This was the enclosure made by the high fence that had aroused so much curiosity. The Tabernacle proper was surrounded by the Outer Court, which was twice as long as it was wide. The gate they entered was at the eastern end of the enclosure and was called the East Gate. The entrance to the Tabernacle itself also faced east.

The entrants were greeted by the Elder Brothers' assistant, an Initiate who explained to them that the Tabernacle was purposely pitched east and west so the entrance to the Outer Court faced the rising sun. They were told that as they proceeded into the deeper mysteries of the Tabernacle, they would progress toward the west, as does the sun which appears to go from east to west. (As you know, the priesthoods had revived some of the original Mukulian worship which centered around N'Kul, the sun god.)

### *The Brazen Altar*

Just inside the gate stood the Brazen Altar, an animal sacrifice burning on it. The brass forming the Altar was a composition of copper and zinc not found in Nature and symbolized the fact that sin, which arises only in the minds of human beings, is foreign to Nature. And just as the Altar is a symbol of suffering and death, so does a man or woman become a sacrifice, enduring much pain as long as he or she persists in doing what is not compatible with God's plan for humankind.

Attention was drawn to the fire that burned without fuel and with no need for replenishment. They were told that although it did not instantly consume or disintegrate the animals on the Altar, for anyone other than a qualified member of the Tabernacle staff (Initiates) to touch or interfere with it in any way would result in instant death. This was true, since this particular fire was of the same secret origin and nature as the Maxin or unfed Light of Atlantis, that you will learn about in a later chapter of this lesson. It was used here so the emotions of the people might be stirred into recognizing something of the wonderful possibilities that come with Initiation.

As the neophytes stood choking before the Brazen Altar surrounded by the stench and the smoke, they were told that the animals were being sacrificed for their sakes so they might understand that this was only the merest suggestion of the "forced sacrifice" that ultimately would be exacted if they failed to undertake the training for Initiation. They were told that, with the passing of time, their seed would die out and their cattle and crops would be destroyed by famine and drought; they would be compelled to give up their homes and all they held dear because of their mental laziness and indifference to the admonitions of the Elder Brothers.

The great hope was that, enveloped in the dense, billowing smoke and nauseated by the stench of burning flesh, the visitors would come to realize what would happen if they did not seek Initiation and citizenship.

What they were seeing was symbolic only, for none could attain even the slightest step toward Initiation merely by entering the enclosure and viewing their possessions being burned on the Brazen Altar. The sacrifice of the animals was purely representative, for as true and sincere aspirants for Initiation, we know that humans advance only as they sacrifice their own selfish desires and come to abide by God's universal laws.

### *The Brazen Laver*

And now the teacher and his or her charges were grouped around the Brazen Laver standing before the door of the Tabernacle itself. Here, they were told that merely passing through the Tabernacle would not make them citizens and that they were witnessing only the diagram of the actual process. It was explained that before entering the Tabernacle, it would be necessary to wash their hands and feet in the fluid in the Laver that had been blessed by a High Initiate.

This depicted the Bath of Purification in which aspirants for Initiation washed before entering one of the Seven Lesser Schools to receive instruction from the Elder Brothers. Even then, it was only symbolic of the cleansing process through which one passes before he may advance to the point where he transcends personal problems associated with the Physical Plane.

At this point, the Initiate-teacher talked to each member of the group individually, to see if they desired to proceed further. Those who did not wish to go on were immediately dismissed, while those who did were given appointments when they were to return for the next step. After this, each neophyte was instructed personally, just as is true

today. Information in the form of the Lemurian lessons is released to those who indicate a desire to receive it, but who receive nothing more until they have assimilated it, made an effort to apply it personally, and have expressed a desire to proceed further.

When the neophytes returned to the Tabernacle for individual instruction, they were required to satisfy the teacher that they understood the significance of the Brazen Altar, after which they were again taken to the Brazen Laver.

This large basin rested on figures symbolizing the twelve signs of the zodiac. The teacher explained that the Empire was supported by the twelve tribes of the Motherland in much the same way. Since each neophyte was a resident of one of the provinces, it was their duty to perform the greatest of all services for the Empire by gaining knowledge concerning the principles on which it was based. It was not enough to refrain from doing evil; each must perform service to the civilization of which they were a part, or the time would come when they would lose all they held dear. It was impressed on them that by fitting themselves for citizenship, they would always have good in their lives.

Contemplating this more or less abstract idea was quite an undertaking for the average proletarian neophyte, but when they signified that they understood it, they were given permission to bathe their hands and feet in the Brazen Laver.

### *Beginning the Journey*

Curiosity has led many into the study of truth — the Outer Court. The mystery which seems to surround metaphysical study, and the "show" of so many teachings dwelling on the unusual and the seemingly miraculous, are intriguing. But having started their study, all too many become dismayed when finding themselves before the Brazen Altar and learning that if they hope to enjoy the benefits, they must sacrifice possessions meaning most to them — their selfish, personal wishes and many of their opinions. For most, this is too much! Yet, this we must ultimately do if we are to fulfill our purpose here on the Physical Plane.

These are the sacrifices we must make if we are to attain our goal. This is the price all must pay and the basis for the old saying, "Man advances by sacrifice alone."

Are we content to endure the repercussions which must be ours until we are *forced* to make the principles of Christ *our* principles? Or will

we look beyond today and decide to make the break with our old selves now — in this incarnation — and so pass the Brazen Laver and enter into the Tabernacle itself?

Reading these words for the first time, most students stand in the Outer Court in somewhat the same position as those Mukulians then preparing to enter the physical temple, or Tabernacle. You are coming to see with your *physical* senses something of what it is all about, but you will not be able to enter the spiritual temple until your awareness of its true meaning has been awakened. This may be done only as you demonstrate your willingness to give up erroneous personal opinions, personal and selfish wishes, and sacrifice even your personal self through doing what is essential to spiritual progress.

*And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. (Luke 9:23-24)*

#### *Inside the Tabernacle*

The neophyte now enters the East Room of the Tabernacle, also known as the Holy Place. This was without windows and completely enclosed so its only light shone from the Golden Candlestick to the left of the neophyte standing just inside the entrance and facing west. Directly ahead was the Altar of Incense, while to the right stood the Table of Shewbread.

The Golden Candlestick was six-branched and, with the shaft, bore seven lamps using the purest olive oil especially processed by the Elder Brother in charge. These lamps were carefully and painstakingly serviced so they afforded excellent light and were kept burning continuously. They were symbolic of the Seven Lesser Schools through which individuals start developing abilities essential to egoic progress.

It was explained to the neophytes that when they entered the sanctuary of one of these schools, they would gain illumination from the wise and beneficent Great Ones whose sole desire was to help each one reach Mastership. This appealed to the neophytes because people inherently *want* to be great and do remarkable things, but are usually too lethargic to do what's needed to reach such an outstanding goal.

The Shewbread represented the final product of service: cultivating the wheat originally given us by the Lords of Venus. Planting and harvesting this grain, then converting the harvest into a form that can be

assimilated by the human organism, showed the value and meaning of service. The practical preparation and use of what God had provided was actually a dedication *to* the Creator. The Shewbread was not the result of daydreaming, but *it was the product of actual toil* precisely and efficiently performed.

The Shewbread stood in two piles of six unleavened loaves each, on which frankincense was burning in small vessels. The neophytes learned that the bread represented excess constructive service unselfishly rendered; that such service is canceled or consumed only when something destructive has been done, or when used by the individual to satisfy some personal need or desire. In this way, the neophytes learned that whatever they could produce in excess of their consumption *could not be taken away from them* except as they themselves canceled it out of existence.

They were told that the frankincense symbolized the quintessence derived from service performed for the benefit of others and was being burned as a love offering to God. Unlike the burnt offering on the Brazen Altar with its disagreeable fumes and smoke symbolic of *forced* sacrifice, these vessels gave off a delightful aroma pleasing to the senses, and the neophytes learned that it symbolized *voluntary* service and selflessness as they are woven into one's egoic development.

### *The Altar of Incense*

As each neophyte stood with his teacher before the Altar of Incense, he learned that it was here aspiring Initiates would stand when offering up the quintessence of their good deeds, the aroma of which would then be incorporated into their evolving soul. This quintessence would not be the result of simply refraining from wrongdoing, but from actual service in helping others in accordance with cosmic principles. Each came to understand, even as we do today, that simple service, though attracting little notice, frequently carries the sincere aspirant to almost unbelievable heights. They learned, too, that it is far better to *live* for a cause than to rise to a notable, spectacular occasion *once* in a lifetime, only to die like a martyr in the attempt.

### *The West Room*

And now, the neophytes stood before the veil separating the East and West Rooms. The West Room, they were told, was the Holy of Holies where the Initiate would find God. But none should draw aside the veil across its entrance until they had evolved the light of advancement within themselves. If there was no inner illumination, and one

depended on physical sight alone, he would see only absolute darkness. One must be prepared to withstand the high vibration through the consistent performance of selfless service and consistent striving toward increasing advancement.

Lesson Ten will explain the truth that God is all about us in every manifestation and in every force of Nature. With egoic development, acquired through constant striving and consistent performance of selfless service, we evolve the spiritual perception that enables us to "see" God in all things. Until there has been this preparation, there can be no inner illumination. To have attempted to explain this to those passing through the Tabernacle would merely have confused them and so was left unsaid.

All too often students sincerely hopeful of interesting others in the Lemurian Program will discuss matters beyond the comprehension of most people and so defeat the purpose they have in mind. The Lemurian Philosophy *gradually* acquaints students with truths that otherwise would have confounded and discouraged them. Remember this when next approaching someone concerning the Great Work, and talk on the level of his or her present understanding. Talk about what the Philosophy can do for them and its great purpose rather than concentrating on the information released.

Neophytes were told that when they fitted themselves to become citizens, they developed an inner illumination through absorbing what the Elder Brothers would teach them, at which time, they could enter the Sacred Holy of Holies. Until then, they were permitted only to peer into the room from the doorway. If aspirants were sincere in the desire to learn more, they might see the Sacred Shekinah Glory which was the symbol of God. If they were not sincere, not only would they see nothing, but would risk serious physical consequence, perhaps death.

In this room was an elaborately carved, hollow receptacle of precipitated virgin gold, later to become known as the Ark of the Covenant. The cover of this receptacle was called the Mercy Seat, with a golden cherub on each end. This was the special dwelling place of the Sacred Shekinah Glory that hovered between the two cherubim and directly above the Ark, manifesting as a blaze of celestial glory.

The Elder Brothers had placed around the Ark a form of protection known only to them, and this was responsible for much of the phenomena later attached to the Ark. Also, none but an Elder Brother or high Adept might touch it without meeting instant death.

Having come to this point, the teacher advised the neophytes to take a few days to think over all they had learned and to make sure within their hearts that they sincerely desired to learn more. During this period, they could return for further explanations or to hear again all they had been told, of which we have given only the highlights. If a neophyte felt a deep down desire to do what was necessary to qualify to see beyond the veil covering the doorway of the Holy of Holies, he returned to the teacher who turned him over to the Elder Brother in charge.

The Elder Brother then took the neophyte to the entrance of the Holy of Holies at a time when no others were present in the East Room. Lifting the veil, he allowed the neophyte to look into the darkened room. If unable to see anything, he was required to spend further time in meditation and return again. If the neophyte saw a faint glow about the Ark, the Elder Brother made the necessary arrangements for this person to go to the *Thirteenth School*, after which the privilege of attending one of the citizenship schools for instruction was extended.

### *The Result*

For all the elaborate thought and care put into the planning and construction of the Tabernacle, experience soon proved conclusively that its effect on the proletariat of the Rhu Hut Plains was negligible. The priests, realizing the danger to themselves if any number of the proletariat aspired to citizenship, shrewdly appealed to their followers' most vulnerable points to discourage them from undertaking the training.

The idealistic element willingly listened to these smooth arguments, for it seemed to them that the priests displayed all the powers anyone could desire, and the advantages of these could be secured merely by paying a price! On the other hand, those of materialistic tendencies, having found that many of the priests' so-called powers were based on clever tricks and sleight of hand, unfortunately became skeptical about the mysteries of the Tabernacle as well as about what would be taught them in the citizenship schools.

Despite evidence of the abilities of the citizenry and aristocracy all around them, and the many results they were enjoying, these people could not or would not associate them with the training citizens and aristocrats had received. Truly, their minds were closed in much the same way minds today are closed concerning the need for devoting time and thought to gaining an increasing understanding of life and in developing inherent abilities.



After exhibiting the Tabernacle for some years with poor results, the Elder Brothers finally concluded that further exhibitions on the Rhu Hut Plains would serve little purpose and decided to see what might be accomplished in the tribal valleys. These had never been converted into provinces but were regarded much like territories of today.

*The Tabernacle in the Tribal Valleys and Beyond*

As you know, the public school system of the Empire had expanded to include the tribal valleys and eventually, many elementary schools were located in them. In return for this education and the protection received from the Empire in maintaining their grazing land unmolested, the various tribal clans or septs were required to tithe to the Empire. Since this arrangement was liberally interpreted and enforced, those living in the valleys were content.

Yet, beyond those mentioned, they had none of the outstanding advantages and privileges accorded the proletariat on the Rhu Hut Plains, and for this reason, it was believed that training for citizenship would appeal to them more. Also, the priests' operations on the plains had proven so profitable that they were not interested in undertaking the hardships of carrying on in the more or less wild and far-flung sections of the Empire. For these reasons, the Elder Brothers hoped the Tabernacle would bring much better results among these people, and started it on its mission. As a result of these travels, it eventually became known as the "Tabernacle in the Wilderness."

While it proved more successful here than on the plains, the population was so scattered that comparatively few could be reached. The increase in the citizenry was far from enough to offset its steadily reducing numbers, and the Elder Brothers were finally forced to realize that the task they had undertaken was a hopeless one. Sorrowfully, they acknowledged that there could be only one outcome — the ultimate failure of the Empire!

Believing the day would come when the Tabernacle would become a shrine in the minds of many, they sent the Ark of the Covenant and the accouterments necessary to establishing a replica of the Tabernacle to what is now known as Mexico which, by this time, had become a colony of the Empire. (How this came about will be explained in a later chapter of this lesson.) In the Ark were enclosed not only the complete plans for the Tabernacle, but for the great temple later erected in Atlantis, as well as the basic laws of the Empire. The protection previously placed around the Ark by the Elder Brothers was maintained, later taking the form of the pillar of fire by night and the pillar of cloud by day, as mentioned in the Bible.



### *Symbolism*

Today, between the outstretched wings of the eagle on the Great Seal of the United States, we find the pictorial representation of the Shekinah Glory in the Glory Cloud. Within the Glory Cloud are thirteen stars arranged in the form of two interlaced triangles, clearly indicating that the principal organizers of the United States and the framers of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution knew their meaning. Obviously, too, they were fully familiar with the true significance of the number thirteen that figures so prominently in the Lemurian Philosophy as well as in United States history. As a matter of fact, all these men were Initiates of high degree and well aware of the important part this country was and is to play in the integration of the New Order.

The capstone with its all-seeing eye above the pyramid represents the Golden Age, the age of spiritual enlightenment to come in America. The interval between the capstone and the pyramid is the period of preparation — the transitional period between the old order and the new — the period through which we are now passing.





## THE WANDERING OF THE TRIBES



The true "wandering in the wilderness" concerns the Twelve Tribes of Mu rather than the migration of Hebrews from Egypt as the Old Testament might lead one to believe, and would better have been called the "tribal migrations." Although the greatest exodus from Mu occurred during the period of its collapse, there were migrations from the continent throughout the fifty-two thousand years of its history, as you will see. And the wandering continues until this day, for we were all members of some tribe in that long ago period, and truly, we are far from home.

Learning about these migrations will help you understand how the earth was populated and why there are the various races. Before beginning, we suggest that you keep a map of the world handy, or better still, an inexpensive globe, which gives a truer perspective and will make this information more meaningful. As you study, you will find that not only did world topography change with the sinking of the vast Mukulian Continent, but even the shape of the world *after* this catastrophe was quite different from what it is today. Land once at sea level became mountain ranges; fertile valleys became seas, and seas, fertile valleys. The Amazon River is all that remains of a great inland sea, while the Gobi and Sahara were not always deserts.

The map of the Continent of Mu, included in your second lesson, will also prove helpful. With it and a world map, you should experience

little difficulty following the tribal "wanderings" as they began even before the advent of Melchizedek and led into those that took place later.

### *The Chi and Thibi Yans*

The valleys of these two tribes were inclined to be swampy, and malaria was such a common illness that the tribes living there appear to have developed an immunity to it. They also developed a distinctly yellowish skin pigmentation which became a tribal characteristic. By the time of Melchizedek's advent, both tribes were developing the almond-shaped eyes now associated with most Asians. These tribes appear to have been the first to acquire racial distinctions, and in some respects there was quite a marked similarity between them.

Before the establishment of the civilization on the Rhu Hut Plains, practically no friendships or cooperation existed among members of the twelve tribes, but an especially bitter antagonism existed between the Chi Yans and Thibi Yans. The reason was that along the western coastline, the mountain range separating the valleys of the two tribes flattened out, forming a plateau highly desirable to both. It was a source of constant dispute and the scene of many conflicts between them, although the Chi Yans were the more aggressive fighters, often descending on the Thibi Yans without warning.

To escape these raids, the Thibi Yans developed crude, raftlike boats, the first of which there seems to be any record. High tides covered the mud flats with from three to five feet of water, permitting the Thibi Yans to escape in their shallow-draft craft when the Chi Yan attacks became too severe. In time, these crude boats were greatly improved, and when a flotilla of them was blown out to sea, were sufficiently strong to stay afloat until the few surviving voyagers landed on what are now the Philippine Islands.

Here, they discovered bamboo from which they made better and lighter craft. A few hardy ones sailed back to the Motherland in these and from then on, more and more of the Thibi Yans escaped the Chi Yans by going to these islands. Inevitably, the Chi Yans captured some of the bamboo craft, and being very ingenious, planted groves of bamboo in their valley from which they constructed boats superior to those of the Thibi Yans.

Alarmed by this threat of still further pursuit, the Thibi Yans living on the islands migrated north, finally reaching what is now known as Japan. But they did not escape the Chi Yans who followed them in their better boats. Finding the Japanese climate much like that of the higher plains of their own Chi Yan Valley, they soon took over while the Thibi Yans, except for a few septs who hid in the mountain fastnesses,

escaped to the Asiatic mainland. From here, they sent warnings of the danger in landing in Japan to their tribesmen on the Motherland so that further migrations were made direct to the mainland. For hundreds of years, the more daring of the Thibi Yans continued this exodus.

The present-day Ainus, or "hairy people," who are regarded as Japan's original inhabitants, are descendants of the Thibi Yans, undoubtedly those who hid in the mountain fastnesses to escape the Chi Yans. They kept distinct from all other races, retaining the appearance of the Thibi Yans and, in perhaps slightly varied form, many of the ancient practices.

In time, the Chi Yans discovered that the Thibi Yans were migrating to Asia and so great was their influx that the Thibi Yans ceased going to the mainland, while those already there fled westward into that section of the country we now know by the name they gave it — Thibet or Tibet. Here they remained, for the Chi Yans became so interested in exploiting that vast section which became known as China, that they were satisfied, for the time being, to allow them to live undisturbed.

Both the Chi Yans and the Thibi Yans were, and for the most part still are, inclined to hold themselves separate from the rest of humanity. The Mongols and Tartars are the result of intermarriage between the two tribes.

### *The Tama Yans and the Uighur Empire*

The Tama Yans appear to have been on reasonably friendly terms with the Chi Yans and many of them also went to Asia, settling in the once very fertile section that is now the Gobi Desert. So it was that before the arrival and rulership of Melchizedek, the Chi, Thibi, and Tama Yans had begun settling a portion of a vast area which many years later became the Uighur Empire.

These three tribes continued to migrate and, after the establishment of elementary schools in the valleys on the Continent of Mu, more and more of them were fairly well educated, though not beyond the status of the proletariat. But not *all* the members of these three tribes went to Asia. Far from it. Many became citizens and aristocrats of the Empire, at least one Chi Yan becoming a Mukulian Emperor, while some never left the old tribal valleys.

### *The Levi and Judi Yans*

Many citizens of the other tribes had settled on the Rhu Hut Plains before the Levi Yans and Judi Yans began to show more than a casual interest in the progress being made there. A few of them applied for



citizenship training, but when they learned it was necessary to part with half their possessions, most were highly indignant and returned to their valleys. Only a small minority remained to accept the conditions and eventually attained citizenship.

Being of fertile imagination and, as is true of most unduly suspicious people, rather careless with the truth, those first returning ones spread tales that confirmed the others' skepticism about the venture on the Great Plains. Yet, with the establishment of citizenship schools and later, the elementary schools in all the tribal valleys, many of the teachers proved to be descendants of their own tribesmen. When they heard the glowing descriptions from *these* Levi and Judi Yan citizens, there was a gradual change in thinking while their avarice mounted. If living conditions were even half as good as these stories indicated, they wanted to be part of them — although they continued to choke over the cost!

Eventually, they worked out a plan so that the few who would apply for citizenship training did not bear the burden of the move they planned to make. A large group of family heads from both tribes secretly pooled their interests, each contributing a number of cattle to "finance" certain selected ones from each tribe so they might undertake the training. They planned that when these attained citizenship and were settled on the Rhu Hut Plains, they were to secure vast areas of the best land by any means possible, then demand proletarian fellow tribesmen to help with the work necessary to using them.

From this beginning, they believed that by working together, the two tribes could gradually usurp power until finally, through their superior shrewdness, they would take over the Empire. By most solemn oaths did these conspirators bind one another to the utmost secrecy — oaths that were kept only too well.

In time, a thousand or more selected septs from the two tribes applied for and undertook the training that earned them citizenship, then departed with their herds for the Rhu Hut Plains. When they arrived, they were appalled by the magnitude of the task they had committed themselves to achieve. Living under crude and almost aboriginal surroundings in their tribal valleys, they could not, in their wildest dreams, have conceived anything like the living conditions they found, while the commonwealth itself was so closely knit and organized that the secret purpose they had come for presented insurmountable difficulties.

### *The Lost Tribes*

From the first, the newcomers recognized it was impossible to acquire vast tracts of land, the main essential to carrying out their plan. Even

with the enormous area of the Rhu Hut Plains, they could not simply go in and stipulate lands they would take over. Ten large sections, each accommodating the citizenry of one of the other ten tribes, were already established and the best they could do was to move into those sections that had been reserved for the Levi and Judi Yans when they became citizens of the growing Empire.

Also, the newcomers quickly learned that under Mukulian law, they could possess only such lands as they could use profitably. To justify bringing in even a few proletariat from their tribes, they were required to get their holdings to the point where such help was necessary. They themselves must first make them productive.

So the nefarious scheme the Judi and Levi Yan patriarchs had hoped to see realized within a few decades at most made extremely slow progress, and in the end did not come about as they had planned. They did succeed in settling those sections that later became the Judi and Levi Yan provinces, and because their ideas appealed to those materialistically inclined, they were able to plant seeds of dissension among the proletariat of other tribes in other provinces. As a result, they widened the difference in thought between the practical and idealistic factions.

The plan of the Levi and Judi Yans had another great weakness that contributed to its defeat. Other than the few who necessarily had to become aristocrats to govern their own provinces according to the rules of the Empire, *practically none from these two tribes undertook the training extended by the Greater Schools*. To become an aristocrat meant close association with the Elder Brothers as well as other aristocrats, and the Judi and Levi Yan patriarchs shrewdly decided that this could easily endanger their program. So even the few who undertook the training to fit themselves for administrative positions were carefully chosen from among those displaying the greatest discretion.

That the smallest number possible were taking this step was observed by the *Thirteenth School*, which found it difficult to understand why such ambitious citizens as the Judi and Levi Yans had proved themselves to be in all other respects, showed so little interest in holding positions of authority. By this time, Melchizedek was Emperor, and while He was aware of the conspiracy between the two tribes, He merely instituted a careful investigation of the seeming paradox so that those governing the Empire might gain all possible knowledge from the experience.

When the investigation was complete, the governors from the other ten provinces were secretly summoned to the Emperor's chambers where the entire affair was discussed and a plan of procedure de-

cided on. Under the guise of the annual maneuvers, the main body of the army was gradually spread around the two provinces. Regiments were also placed in various sections of these provinces that only those schooled in military matters could know were most strategic positions. The general massing of troops was given so much publicity that it was accepted throughout the Empire as part of the great game of defense!

Everything ready, the governors from *all* the provinces were then called to the Palace of the Emperor and formal charges entered against the Levi and Judi Yans. Despite their most desperate attempts at denial, irrefutable proofs were laid before them with the thirteen Elder Brothers of the *Thirteenth School* acting as the supreme tribunal. Duly tried, both tribes were banished from the Empire, together with those clans still remaining in their original tribal valleys. These were also rounded up and exiled, although considerably later due to the nature of the country and the great distances involved.

From that time on, these tribes have been referred to as "The Lost Tribes of Israel," Israel being the Continent of Mu, the home of the first civilization on this planet. But as you learned earlier, because members of all the tribes digressed from cosmic principles, this term would actually apply to the twelve tribes and not merely to these two.

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As explained earlier, punishment for murder was banishment from the Empire, while all persons involved in activities inimical to its welfare, together with their relatives, were also exiled. This was the case with the Judi and Levi Yans. So, in addition to causes previously described, here is another that contributed to populating other lands.

With the growth of the Empire, strong political differences arose among the citizenry and even a few of the aristocracy. Since some of these were contrary to the best interests of the Empire, those responsible were also banished and sent to the Asiatic mainland which was not far away. As you know, it was the Empire's intention and desire that these individuals should live in a manner comparable to the standard of living they had enjoyed on Mu, and since the majority were cultured and well-educated, they established a stable government in the Uighur Empire patterned on that of the Motherland.

As the centuries passed, the quality of ships greatly improved and more distant lands were discovered. When it was deemed inadvisable for too many political dissenters to congregate in any one place, some were sent to these countries. Each exiled group was free to express its own social and political ideas so in time, memories of the



Motherland faded into the dimness of the past as their descendants populated vast areas that grew into nations with new customs and practices. With the development of real ships, trade as well as travel between the several countries was carried on and, just as is true today, those who desired change journeyed to the various countries of their choice and settled there.

### *The Mu Yans and the Cari Yans*

While these explanations account for great numbers leaving the continent to make homes elsewhere, by far the most outstanding reason for their exodus lay in the overwhelming numbers of the proletariat. By the time the Empire reached the peak of its glory, this class had grown to the point that it outnumbered the citizenry and aristocracy many times over.

To free the Empire of the preponderance of these people was the thought uppermost in the minds of the Mu Yans who, having originated the idea of forming a civilization, were greatly respected. And since there had always been a close affinity between them and the Cari Yans, this association was universally recognized as a dominating influence in the Empire. Ever aggressive in pursuing their ideas, and unfailingly working as one, the two tribes usually swept away any incipient disagreement with their combined views, which were most often successful. Since they were intensely patriotic and placed the welfare of the Empire before everything else, it was only natural that the other tribes willingly abided by their judgment.

The Mu Yans and Cari Yans realized that simply to exile great numbers of the proletariat from the Empire would precipitate a revolution and, because of the proletarian numerical strength, result in the ruin of the Empire. So they decided on a move they believed would not only solve this pressing problem, but bring other great benefits to the Motherland as well.

### *Colonization*

By inaugurating a vast colonization program, bringing all the populated countries under the jurisdiction of the Mukulian Empire, they would then be in position to distribute some of the proletariat among them. They maintained that giving the colonies all the advantages of the advanced Mukulian inventions and culture would more than compensate them for anything that might be felt to be a loss of their standing as individual commonwealths.

If this could be accomplished through diplomacy, all well and good. If not, the army would be used for crushing any resistance. In any

event, large military units with their citizen officers would later be situated in the various localities as occupational troops serving much the same purpose as in the Motherland. They would also maintain order and see that the living standards of each new colony were elevated to the Mukulian level. In this way, more and more of the proletariat could be drafted into the army and, by placing them in newly acquired colonies, the Empire proper would be relieved.

It was also believed that among the people of the new colonies and dependencies would be many sufficiently advanced to add to the diminishing ranks of the Mukulian citizenry and aristocracy after undergoing some training.

Although the removal of the masses of proletariat from the Motherland seemed a helpful step, there was still another benefit that loomed large in the eyes of the Mu and Cari Yan leaders. This was the natural resources of the various countries, large portions of which they intended should be sent as tribute to the homeland at specified periods.

### *Believing the Ends Justify the Means*

Because they knew these plans were incompatible with cosmic principles, they went to great pains to take no one else into their confidence. In view of the great good that would be accomplished, they felt they were entirely justified, especially if the first colonizations were brought about peaceably. All would then be aware of the benefits, and further colonization would meet with enthusiastic approval. In much the same way, people have always pacified their conscience when their own will conflicts with that of God.

Knowing the Uighur Empire was patterned very closely on the Mukulian system of government, the Mu and Cari Yan planners believed there would be less resistance to change here than in other commonwealths. This Empire was also nearer to the Motherland and rich in natural resources. So it was a natural choice for their initial venture.

The first step was to take the Empire's ambassador to the Uighurs into their confidence. He and his highly efficient staff, consisting of Mu Yans and Cari Yans, so welcomed the idea that they lost little time in making the necessary contacts. Since the Uighur ruling class felt this to be a most advantageous arrangement, the ambassador cleverly suggested that they send a delegation to Hamukulia *proposing* the annexation of their Empire as a dependency in exchange for some of Mukulia's great teachers, economists, and scientists who would introduce to them all the latest innovations.

The Mukulian Empire readily accepted this proposal and carried out its part of the bargain with such meticulous care that the Elder Brothers of the *Thirteenth School* could offer no objection. Nothing had been taken by force, and the Empire would be compensating for its gains in full accord with the wishes of the Uighurs.

The Elder Brothers did frown on sending an imposing army to preserve "peace and order," though. That this army was to be supported by the colony because highly trained forces were being placed at its disposal in the event of outside attack did not appear to them to be according to cosmic principles. Yet, when informed that this made possible the removal of large numbers of the proletariat from the Motherland, they capitulated for it seemed a solution to the problem, giving fresh hope that the Empire might still be saved. Unfortunately, as you have learned, other causes had been set into operation, and the combined repercussions of all of them were to bring to an end the greatest civilization the world has ever known.

With their first venture sanctioned, the Mu and Cari Yan leaders then planned to take over that section now known as Southeast Asia. Propaganda encouraging the enlistment of the proletariat was begun. Great adventures with new and fascinating experiences on entrancing foreign shores were advertised, and the proletariat flocked to the recruiting stations. As a result, there was little difficulty in annexing this section too as a Mukulian dependency, for in the face of the mighty forces sent by the Empire, resistance would have been suicidal.

Finding this part of the mainland rich in natural resources and rather sparsely populated, the Empire embarked on a further program of influencing thousands of the proletariat to go there as colonizers, promising to support and maintain them in their accustomed style. In no remote sense were they to be exiles but merely an advance group of pioneers who could return to the Motherland at any time. There is no record of any of these pioneers ever returning, though due to demands created by further aggressions, they were eventually left very much on their own, the Empire failing to adhere to the promises made.

And so the Uighur Empire was extended until it included what is now Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar (formerly known as Burma), China, and the Mongolian Republic.

### *Origins of India and Egypt*

Then followed the invasion of what is now Sri Lanka and India, and again the Mu and Cari Yans met with little opposition. But the Mu Yan

*officers* were particularly attracted to India, many of them deciding to settle there.

Returning to the Motherland, they persuaded great numbers of the citizenry and many of the aristocracy to participate in its colonization. These people congregated in the section where the city of Nagpur now stands, establishing the Nagan Empire after the sinking of Mu, and becoming known as the Nagas. Their descendants eventually numbered into the millions, a large contingent of whom later sailed up the Persian Gulf and into the mouth of the Euphrates River where they erected the city later known as Babylon.

Still another division sailed up the Gulf of Aden and into the Red Sea, eventually establishing themselves in what was Nubia, Upper Egypt, erecting the city later called Maioo, a variation of Mu Yan. Ruins of some of their many temples may still be found in Upper Egypt. Descendants of this group finally worked their way to the headwaters of the Nile, sailing down it to amalgamate with other Mu Yans on the Delta in Lower Egypt who had come from Atlantis. (More about these people will be found in the chapter on India and still later in the chapter on Egypt.) The fusion of these two divisions of the Mu Yans resulted in the birth of the original Egyptian Empire under Menes.

### *The Thirst for Further Conquest*

Since the Mukulian Empire had now sent hundreds of thousands of the proletariat to its dependencies, this element no longer presented a problem and had the aggression stopped at this point, history might have been quite different. But the spirit of colonization and annexation with the enhancement of treasure for the Empire had gotten into the people's blood, and their thirst for more increased. And so it was that the unnecessary annexation of what we now know as Mexico and Central and South America was next planned.

By this time these countries were well populated for, once discovered, the Empire had banished many criminals to them. In addition, numbers from the Opu and Beni tribes had migrated to them so that, though the population was more or less tainted by the criminal element, many of their customs were those of the Motherland. They also had well-organized governments, and their architecture followed that of the Empire. Yet, as is so often true, the lower types succeeded in pulling the others down to their level so that they, too, degenerated, ultimately all becoming little more than savages. It was during this later period that most of the more savage practices — especially the rite of human sacrifice — originated with their Aztec descendants.

It is interesting to know that since the mountains of Mexico and the Andes of South America are the result of the vast upheavals and cataclysms occurring when Mu sank, what is now Mexico City was then practically at sea level rather than at its present elevation of more than a mile.

The determined and orderly resistance to the almost fifty thousand troops sent by the Empire to invade Mexico was a complete surprise to the invaders. Not only did the Mukulians experience the utmost difficulty in landing, but in maintaining their ground. It was only when a hundred thousand additional soldiers were rushed to their support that the overwhelming weight of numbers and superior equipment of the Empire's troops made the Mexican cause a hopeless one. Yet, every foot of the Mukulian advance was hotly contested, in all too many instances inflaming the troops to the point of ruthlessness.

### *Extreme Aggression*

Determined that these people should be made to recognize the power of the Empire, the Mukulians demanded a tribute of staggering proportions. The Mexicans' stubborn opposition, together with their refusal to accept any part of the culture and benefits offered, so enraged those in control that they determined to make such a terrifying example of the Mexican population that no other country would dare oppose them.

The Elder Brothers pled in vain with the Mukulian government, reminding them that under cosmic law, aggressions of this kind would ultimately result not only in forfeiting all the territory so ruthlessly annexed, but other dire losses. Yet, though they quoted cosmic law and the admonitions handed down from Melchizedek, the desire for power so dominated the Mu and Cari Yan leaders that they were blinded to all reason.

On through Mexico the victorious army forged, slaughtering without mercy all who did not yield upon demand, and so great were the levies exacted from those who surrendered that they became little more than slaves to their oppressors. Those who escaped fled through what is now Central America, only to be pursued by their enemy. And all along the way, the invaders established permanent garrisons and military cities. The land proved to be wonderfully fertile and rich in mineral deposits so that, before long, many from the Motherland gravitated to these new countries.

What had originally started as only a slight perversion of cosmic law with seemingly justifiable reason had grown in the following hundreds

of years to monstrous proportions for which there was *no* justification! And as we know, the Empire was to bear the inevitable repercussions of these grave violations of universal law.

In just such ways, all too often, seemingly innocent and well-intentioned beginnings lead to irreparable and inexcusable errors, a fact that applies equally to individuals or groups of individuals when cosmic law is disregarded.

With the discovery of the great Amazonian Sea in South America, extending from what are now Ecuador and Peru to the Atlantic Ocean, the fate of that continent was sealed. It so appealed to the Cari Yans that it was decided to place them in complete control, while the Mu Yans assumed sovereignty over all the countries to the north.

On the shores of the landlocked Amazonian Sea, the Cari Yans established the city of Manoa, making it the capital of what they proudly proclaimed the Cari Yan Empire. Its ruins still stand. At the western end of the sea, they cut a great canal leading to the Pacific, lining it with stone and installing mighty locks that accommodated the largest ships. Ruins of this canal may still be found in the vicinity of Lake Titicaca, over thirteen thousand feet above sea level where it was forced up when the Andes rose as the Mukulian Continent sank below the waters of the Pacific.

The Mu Yans established many cities in Mexico and in Central American countries, among them Uxmal, Palenque, and Chichen Itza.

Mukulian ships sailed through South America and into the Atlantic Ocean by way of the Amazonian Sea, encountering the great island or small continent of Poseid, since called Atlantis. After this had been taken over by the Mukulian armies, large numbers of the Hata Yans, Opu Yans, and Xion Yans became especially interested and migrated to it. Later, the Opu Yans, as a tribe, went on to what is now Spain, then to northern Africa and later to Egypt. (The Moors who are descendants of a branch of this tribe later settled in Algeria.)

After the submergence of Mu, the Xion Yans went from Atlantis to Egypt, and from there to what the Bible terms the Land of Zion in Palestine, Zion being the phonetic spelling of the original Xion.

### *The Migrations Continue*

The Beni Yans migrated into the area we call Ethiopia. The majority are reputed to have gone westward across the Indian Ocean, but prob-

ably almost as many went east to Atlantis by way of the Amazonian Sea, eventually joining their brethren in Ethiopia. The trip westward was largely by water although ruins in Madagascar indicate a lengthy sojourn by many Beni Yans. On the other hand, those who went east left many permanent traces of long stays in South America, Atlantis, Spain, and even in the lower Nile Delta before finally rejoining their tribe in Ethiopia.

It's helpful to remember that only five of the tribes — the Judi and Levi Yans when they were exiled from the Empire, the Chi and Thibi Yans, and the Beni Yans — can be considered as moving in a body or as congregating in one place.

While we refer to specific tribes settling in particular countries or sections of a country, actually, multitudes from the various tribes followed the armies, and the armies themselves were composed of the proletariat of all the tribes, with the exception of the Judi and Levi Yans who had been exiled long before this period. You will learn, too, that followers of the priesthoods, who were members of the ten remaining tribes, also migrated to India in great numbers shortly before the final collapse of the Mother Empire.

During that time and since, there has been so much tribal intermarriage and intermingling that today, most people could not truthfully be said to be descendants of any particular tribe. Also, as was true during the World Wars when many American soldiers married into foreign families, some remaining in the country of the wife, so it was with the Mukulian invaders who often married into the subjugated races and stayed in these countries after their enlistments expired. Since we can trace these moves in only the broadest general sense, it becomes impossible to state specifically where any particular tribe finally located.

*The wandering of the tribes* was of truly staggering proportions and continued for thousands of years. In fact, we will not cease to "wander" until we have attained Initiation and are gathered together as citizens of the New Order striving for still greater advancement.





## ANCIENT INDIA

Because many Mu Yan leaders made India their home, describing the country in such glowing terms, they had little difficulty persuading members of the citizenry and aristocracy of the Empire to join them in its colonization. These leaders were experienced in the governmental and executive phases necessary to establishing a civilization, so they and their early descendants were able to build great cities whose governments were more powerful and closely amalgamated than any India has since known.

Yet, while they succeeded in maintaining a fairly well balanced form of government, and though they wanted to spread the teachings of the Motherland in this new country, there was a tendency to be somewhat overly idealistic. For this reason they failed to put the necessary stress on the importance of practicality. Also, the proletariat of India were no more interested in incorporating cosmic principles into their daily living than when they lived in the Mukulian Empire. Recognizing this, and since they were importantly engaged in other work, the Elder Brothers took no part in establishing the Indian Empire.

### *The Priesthoods' Interest in India*

During the period India was becoming a nation, conditions in the Motherland were growing less and less advantageous to the priesthoods. Learning that the masses in India were becoming increasingly visionary, they believed it would prove a fertile field for their operations. Realizing, too, that the people of India did not have the advantage of the guidance and training of the Elder Brothers, a group of corrupt priests went to that country to confer with the rulers. Their purpose was to persuade those in authority that by permitting large numbers of the priests and their followers from the Mukulian Empire to relocate to India, it would be possible to restore the teachings of Melchizedek. According to this group, all who came would be motivated by the highest spiritual ideals!

After many lengthy conferences, the priests succeeded in convincing the rulers — now several generations beyond those who first migrated to India — that this was an excellent opportunity to populate their country with people influenced by standards they wished to see prevail.

By this time, earthquakes were beginning to shake the Continent of Mu. Great tidal waves inundated the coastal areas, volcanoes erupted,

and unprecedented storms ravaged fields and ruined crops. The priests quickly gathered together their most loyal followers, extolling to them the virtues of India and explaining that the Indian rulers had promised they might have complete freedom to practice their faith without interference from materialistic unbelievers. Then, through a carefully planned and concerted action following a series of especially violent earthquakes, hundreds of thousands of these "spiritual" ones left the Motherland and were transported to India as rapidly as possible.

During this same period, the leaders of the materialistic proletarian group in Mu decided to free themselves from the annoyances of their "priest worshipping" brothers by going east to Atlantis, having heard much about it that appealed to their practical turn of mind. With great forethought, they prepared scale models and plans of the many machines used in Mukulia to take with them, and because of the increasing continental disturbances, also hurried their own removal from the Motherland.

With so many abandoning the continent, panic seized the remaining populace and they began a general flight amounting almost to a stampede. But for many, it was too late. Following the last of a long series of cataclysms, the final upheavals occurred. A vast fault opened in the land formation, and the waters of the ocean flowed into the great crevasse, contacted the boiling lava of many active volcanoes, and the Continent of Mu literally exploded and sank beneath the waves.

### *A New Beginning*

Although the new arrivals in India were stunned by the vast cataclysms that so utterly destroyed their homeland, the many problems inseparable from getting settled in the new country kept them so busy that their minds were diverted from the terrible occurrence. And for some time, there was little in their behavior to warn the Indian leaders that they were destined to become a disturbing element. After settling down, though, the new arrivals gradually began to inject and then assert their ideas about spirituality. The proletariat, true to form, readily accepted these, incorporating them into those previously acquired.

Of course, the ruling class was appalled at the enormity of what was occurring, for not only were the newcomers introducing and teaching concepts detrimental to the welfare of India, they displayed an intolerable attitude in regard to the governing class. While displaying no outward arrogance, the new arrivals very successfully managed to convey the belief that they were of infinitely better clay than those administering the government. This they did under the guise of an

assumed humility, loudly proclaiming their fealty by words, but undermining and refuting by subversive acts much that had made it possible to keep India from being completely out of balance.

So confident of their spiritual excellence did the priests and their followers become that they thought nothing of belittling the suggestions of those who did not agree with them, regardless of their position. In fact, it was not many decades before they began to refer to the ruling families as "Negatives." Being commonly used, the term was soon shortened to "Negas" and eventually became "Nagas."

### *The Nagas*

The name persisted and in time, those so called gloried in the title, for it identified them as completely apart from those who could not and would not use reason. As a result, that particular division of India known as the Deccan was called the Nagan Empire, its capital being on the site now occupied by the city of Nagpur.

The growing fanaticism among the masses fostered an intolerance far from the Christlike quality those of true spiritual aspiration should strive to exhibit. At the same time, material values were so persistently ignored that the economic system of the Indian civilization was seriously threatened. The lack of balance was bringing about its own negative repercussions!

The descendants of the original ruling class of India continued to hold the welfare of the people uppermost in their hearts for many years although it was becoming increasingly evident that the country was not prospering as it should. After much consideration, it was decided that if they understood what it was the priesthoods offered that proved so attractive, they would be in position to offset the detrimental element of their teaching. To accomplish this goal, a number of these more spiritually advanced Nagas joined the most advanced of the priesthoods.

### *The Ruler Priests*

With the knowledge gained, added to their practical understanding of cosmic law, these established rulers of the Indian Empire assumed the title of Ruler Priests, and their accomplishments were of a magnitude the priests had only dreamed of, if it had ever occurred to them that such things could be done.

For example, if their people suffered lack, the Ruler Priests were capable of precipitating directly from the ethers what was needed so that

India flourished during this period. Since climatic conditions were naturally pleasant, by the exercise of their great powers, the Ruler Priests caused the surroundings to be so ideal that, for a time, it actually seemed as if the Jehovistic Garden of Eden was to be recapitulated.

Believing this type of rulership should be perpetuated, the Ruler Priests trained those of their children who exhibited the necessary aptitudes. This practice eventually resulted in what became known as the "divine right of kings" where the line of succession and rulership passes from the king to his eldest son.

That you may have some idea of the spiritual powers exhibited by the Ruler Priests, we are permitted to set forth the manner in which the last of those termed "great" defeated an Atlantean attempt to subjugate India — a large and marvelously equipped force sent there for this purpose.

The Ruler Priest of the threatened Indian area sent word to the leader of the invading Atlantean troops, requesting that they withdraw. "We of India have no quarrel with you of Atlantis. We ask only that we be permitted to follow our own way of life," his message concluded.

Regarding this mild request as a confession of weakness, and expecting an easy victory, the arrogant Atlantean general replied that he had no intention of withdrawing, stating, "We shall not destroy your land with the mighty weapons at our command provided you pay sufficient tribute and accept the rulership of Atlantis."

Once again the Ruler Priest attempted to avert the violence. "We of India do not believe in war and strife, peace being our ideal. Neither would we destroy you or your soldiers who but follow orders. Yet, if you persist in your determination to attack us without cause and merely for the purpose of conquest, you will leave us no recourse but to destroy you and all your leaders. Depart, and leave us in peace."

At dawn the following day, the Atlantean host was ordered to advance. From an eminence where he stood sadly watching, the Ruler Priest raised his arms heavenward, and beginning with the general, officer after officer in the order of their importance dropped dead in their tracks. In sudden panic and without leaders, the entire Atlantean force broke and fled the field, piled into the waiting vailxi in which they had arrived, and left.

The force applied by the Ruler Priest affected only the individuals against whom it was directed, leaving the rank and file of the attacking

army intact and free to return safely to Atlantis. Of his own people, of course, not a single one was lost.

Just what this lethal power is or how it is used is information rightfully denied humankind which is all too prone to misuse far less dangerous forces. Yet, when we have developed the necessary prerequisites within ourselves, we will each become a Ruler Priest of high integrity and honor in the sight of God, and to each will be revealed all these great abilities which, until that time, must be kept secret lest they be used for other than constructive purposes.

### *India's Inevitable Decline*

With the passing of time, it became apparent that, while the Ruler Priests were able to help the people materially, the overwhelming lack of practicality or desire to progress among the people foretold the inevitable downfall of the country. India could not rise to the heights of a really great civilization due to the imbalance of its population. Its failure had only been postponed, for the people were doing nothing to further themselves while allowing those more balanced to do for them, just as had been true of the Mukulian proletariat.

No one, regardless of advancement, should do for others what they can do for themselves. In this case, the populace had been so well provided for that they were inordinately indolent. Why demean themselves by performing manual labor when their Ruler Priests supplied them with all they needed and protected them from attack? Armies of fighting men and defensive weapons gradually ceased to exist because there was no need for them, and all traces of initiative and aggressiveness slowly disappeared. In their place was extreme passivity, which is just as much out of balance as overaggressiveness.

### *Calling on the Elder Brothers for Help*

Although the *Thirteenth School* was deeply interested in the development of India during this period of its history, the Elder Brothers had been too occupied with the painstaking study and recording of facts and events related to the rise and fall of the Mukulian Empire to have time or inclination to exercise any special influence upon the civilization forming in India. In view of the dominance of the priesthoods and the inertia of the proletariat who formed most of the population, this was particularly true. But when the last of the Ruler Priests realized it was futile to attempt to carry on further, and called on the Great Ones that these poor self-deluded people might gain understanding, his earnest request did not go unanswered.



Before doing what they could to remedy the situation, the Elder Brothers studied it carefully, for it was evident that the lower classes of Indian people had accepted without question the most fanciful and rabid instructions from the lesser priests. With the passing years, their extreme fanaticism had made them deaf to all reason; in fact, they had reached the point where it seemed they no longer possessed the ability to think, so that it was impossible to use a system of training similar to the one used in the Motherland.

The selfless service and self-sacrifice stressed in ancient Mukulia as the shortest and surest path to Initiation and ultimate Mastership had given way to the belief that self-rejection was the only effective way of attaining spiritual illumination. From this fallacious belief came disdain for the physical body, and this matured into abuse until the mortification of the flesh became a predominant characteristic. To take a bath was considered as a lack of spirituality, for the dirtier a person was, the holier he was supposed to be!

The temperament of the people became very unlike that of the population of Mu. The latter were of what we would term western mind, while the Indian people acquired more what we would think of as eastern mind. While there are still pronounced differences between the eastern and western mind, we can see evidence that this is changing as the countries of the world become more interdependent, while globalization and freedom of information bring a deeper understanding and appreciation between cultures.

### *Establishment of the Brahmic School*

Following the request of the last great Ruler Priest, the *Thirteenth School* established what we have since come to know as the Brahmic School. To have any appeal, it was necessary that the training be far less exacting than had been true in the Motherland, or than that carried on by the Lemurian Fellowship today. Actually, the Initiations established by the Brahmic School consisted of steps or subdegrees of achievement through which all Egos must pass in reaching the first major degree of true Initiation.

Since many of those living in India were so out of balance idealistically, any training given them had to work out from this tendency. So neophytes seeking Initiation in the Brahmic School were first taught that through faith, fasting, prayer, and the practice of humility and kindness, they could advance beyond the squalor and misery surrounding them. At the same time, they were taught discrimination in the practice of these observances and qualities, taking the first steps in moderation which, with time and training, would lead to greater balance.



To help them achieve even a small degree of practicality was a slow and tedious process, although a few continued to advance until they attained Mastership with the Brahmic School, among them such great Egos as Gautama Buddha, Krishna, and Kuthumi. But the number of others who advanced beyond the first or second lesser degree was so small that the school was not able to help India return to any semblance of the high standards enjoyed there originally.

Unfortunately, among those who did seem to progress there were again those who succumbed to the temptation to divert the knowledge they gained to serve personal ends. In India, these became the rulers who lived in great splendor, while the poor and common folk degenerated further and further. This was the beginning of what, several thousand years later, became the caste system — a perversion of the true divisions that had begun in the Mukulian Empire. Those of “priestly” caste were known from the beginning as Brahmins, occupying a position analogous to that of the aristocracy of Mu; the citizens or middle class were called Parsees, and the lower class became known as the “untouchables.”

From these three basic divisions evolved a complex caste system that has been the curse of India, the government since independence striving through its constitution to eliminate discrimination by the caste system, or custom, which dates back to the time we are discussing. Not only these divisions, but many cults and “isms” all make unity and balance more difficult for the people of India.

As is true in many parts of the world, ancient traditions are very hard to overcome and can stand in the way of progress that might be made. For example, in some regions the idea that one is expected to accept poverty calmly and without resentment, continues. Also, cows are regarded as sacred and are sometimes fed from meager food supplies. Killing them for food is forbidden. And until recently, large families were considered an advantage since a number of children, particularly boys, assured parents of care in their old age.

### *India's Progress*

These examples show the extreme ideality that for millennia, prevented India's early growth into a great civilization. Yet, since its independence from Britain in 1947, the monumental task of creating basic conditions for sustaining long-term economic growth and improvements in one of the world's largest countries has moved forward. Land area under irrigation has increased and India has become more self-sufficient in food production.

Even with the increased production, food continues to be a pressing problem due to the growing population. Yet in some years India has been able to create a surplus of grains sufficient to weather years of disastrous monsoonal rains, without the need to import grain from other countries. But no matter the amount of food produced, the steadily growing population continues to exceed it. For this reason, India was one of the first countries in the world to adopt a national population policy, seeking to accomplish this goal by improving health, education and literacy.

Earlier in this chapter, you read that "the overwhelming lack of practicality or desire to progress among the people foretold the inevitable downfall of the country." Yet, through the efforts of such great Egos as Mohandas Gandhi, small changes toward greater self-reliance and practicality were begun. For instance, Gandhi encouraged people to make their own clothing rather than buy foreign goods, helping to start local industries.

From such simple beginnings, India has made giant strides in recent years. Material well-being has been increasingly seen as highly desirable, and a new spirit of initiative has taken hold even in rural areas, where more young people aspire to move up in their world rather than be defined by the old caste boundaries.

For citizens, poverty has declined, the literacy rate has increased and a growing percentage of the primary school age population is attending classes. A capable work force is emerging, especially India's scientists, physicians, and business people who are among the world's best. Solving its problems as a country today involves increasing numbers applying themselves and discovering the benefits that come with gradually laying aside detrimental and overly idealistic traditions. As a result, many of the more idealistic Egos are becoming more practical. Sooner or later, all humankind must learn to use the mind effectively and so become balanced thinkers. Humanity must become aware that when the next great cosmic forward movement takes place, those who have not prepared will be left behind to come up again on a succeeding life wave.





## ATLANTIS

### *Significant Changes Take Time*

When the Mukulian continent submerged, there were violent disturbances throughout the world. Other large tracts of land also sank, and as they did, still other portions of land were forced to the surface. In some places, land areas were split almost apart by great faults or crevasses, while foothills and sometimes plains were pushed up into mountain ranges.

The North American Rockies came into being at this time, and the Andes, previously only foothills, were shoved up to even greater heights than the Rockies. The sinking of the large land mass so close to it also caused the west coast of South America to rise so that from the Andes eastward to the Atlantic coast, the entire continent became tilted. Of course, this tilting was far from uniform and was most pronounced in the section now known as Brazil, the western portion of which is several thousand feet higher than its coastal regions.

These titanic upheavals and submergences covered a period of several thousand years, making it impossible for most of the benumbed and harassed populace to keep, even in tradition, anything approximating a coherent record of what took place. The struggle for survival left time for little else, and it is amazing that such a large portion of human inhabitants managed to survive.

The many unreported gaps in this period resulted in some seeming inconsistencies so that any attempt to piece the historical fragments together into a semblance of sequence is out of the question. So the impression has been that many events from the time of Mu's destruction to the rise of Atlantis as an Empire occurred almost simultaneously. In fact, most writers have condensed periods of a thousand or more years into a matter of months, weeks, and even days, as is true of the Biblical six days of creation.

Common sense is a must in considering this era of human existence. It should be realized and understood that for vast cataclysms such as took place to occur in a few months or years would most assuredly have destroyed all life — human or otherwise — on the greater part of this planet. Major changes such as these never occur all at once. Yet, even these slow changes are often catastrophic in their consequences. So we can better understand why the Americas are full of still-existent faults and rifts that are constantly shifting, as shown by the earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and other phenomena not completely understood even today.

Enough is definitely known about this particular period to help us arrive at a reasonable approximation of the time consumed, and as geologists are able to penetrate and more thoroughly explore the Amazonian jungles, no doubt much supporting physical data now lacking will be found and classified. As it is, seashells and other fossils are found around Mexico City which is now well over a mile above sea level. The same is true of the Garden of the Gods near Colorado Springs, Colorado, over six thousand feet above present sea level.

### *The Atlantean Continent Revealed*

Before the destruction of Mu, what eventually became the Continent of Atlantis was simply a group of islands. With the sinking of the Motherland, much of the floor of the present North Atlantic Ocean rose, an inconceivable volume of its waters draining into the Pacific Ocean via what is now Cape Horn, South America and Cape of Good Hope, Africa. At the same time, the waters of the Amazonian Sea in South America were drawn into the Atlantic Ocean.

With this draining of the Atlantic Ocean, the land areas connecting the group of islands of Atlantis were exposed, forming a small continent. That portion of North America extending from the present Rocky Mountains eastward, as well as the eastern portion of South America, which were submerged before the sinking of Mu, also rose to become great tide flats covered with a few feet of water. Their full emergence and complete elevation to the status of land areas did not occur until the submergence of Atlantis.

### *Migrations to Atlantis*

As you now know, that portion of the Mukulian populace adhering to the belief that humanity's chief purpose was to glorify the earth by developing its vast natural material resources migrated eastward to Atlantis, just as those adhering to the "spiritual" dogma of the priest-hoods went to India. But there was no sharp division of the two factions, *all* the materialists locating in Atlantis while all the so-called spiritualistic ones located in India. This was not true, since before the colonization inaugurated by the Mu Yans and Cari Yans, each of these countries was occupied by a populace of mixed opinions. And with colonization, people of both points of view settled in Atlantis and India. Yet, the resulting population of Atlantis was larger and more nearly evenly distributed than was true of India.

This was undoubtedly due to the fact that while it was necessary to cross about two thousand miles of water to reach India, Atlantis could be reached via Mexico which could be seen from the Mukulian Conti-

nent. The intervening distance being largely mud flats, it was possible to cross the shallow water in barges at high tide. Toward the last, when the final cataclysms were occurring on the continent, great numbers of Mukulians fled into Mexico as the nearest place of refuge. As the upheavals that were destroying their homeland spread into Mexico, many continued on to the safety of Atlantis where they joined those who had arrived before them.

By the time the destruction of Mu was complete, the earlier groups of the more practical element of the proletariat who had gone to Atlantis had become so firmly established that they were considered the ruling element. As their aggressive and practical nature completely dominated those of idealistic temperament, the thinking of the Atlantean population was influenced toward the material aspects of life. The wonders of science they developed, and the physical and tangible phases of the universe, were regarded as all-important, while the cultural and idealistic aspects of life were considered, for the most part, as of little consequence.

#### *Aristocrats and Spiritual Priests Work Together*

Though the priesthoods of the Motherland generally were intent on gaining control over the proletariat, promoting their own selfish purposes, a few of them were impelled by the highest motives. A majority of these truly spiritual priests elected to go to Atlantis, and because they were self-sacrificing, peaceful people who placed the welfare of their followers above all else, their influence was responsible for much of the harmony existing during the early formative years of the Atlantean Empire.

Unfortunately, only a few of the Mukulian aristocracy and citizenry settled in Atlantis, yet those who did were accepted as leaders by both the materialistic and idealistic elements. They organized into a coordinated unit the loosely governed groups on the various islands originally constituting Atlantis, establishing themselves as a council with an aristocrat elected by them to act as their president. This council appointed governors for each of the islands which they called provinces. Following the destruction of Mu, many years passed before the Atlantic Ocean drained sufficiently into the lowered Pacific to uncover the land connections between all the various islands, but after Atlantis revealed itself as a continent, the provinces continued as such.

When the first governors were appointed by the Council, they selected the most cooperative priests in each of their provinces to act as High Priest, giving them complete jurisdiction over the other priests in the province, a custom followed by those who came after them. This proved to be a very satisfactory arrangement, preserving a degree of harmony between the materialistic and idealistic elements essential to the industrial growth of the forming empire.



### *Poseidonis . . . First Emperor of Atlantis*

About a thousand years after the initial Atlantean government was inaugurated, at approximately 22,500 BC, Poseidonis appeared. Again the great Archangel known today as Christ came to help a civilization build toward perfection. Just as in Mukulia, He became the first Emperor, holding the position for a thousand years. This marked the beginning of real progress for Atlantis which rose to unprecedented heights of scientific achievement — heights beyond anything yet realized through present-day research.

Poseidonis hoped to restore the beautiful and simple training of the Motherland, but with rare exceptions, as was true in India, the proletariat were no more ready to accept instruction in balanced living than they had been during incarnations on the Continent of Mu. It is true that the Governor-High Priest arrangement resulted in a good *working* association between the Phree Musons and Katholi Kists, but unfortunately, it did not bring about the much-to-be-desired blending of *thought* of the two divergent groups.

In Mu, the aristocracy and citizenry of their own particular tribes had served somewhat to check the discord between them. But now, the nefarious priesthoods had insinuated their subversive influence into the affairs of the Atlantean Empire during the thousand years before the arrival of Poseidonis and as a result, the conflicting beliefs of each sect ran riot until the populace was hopelessly divided. And while the Emperor was literally worshiped by the populace who followed His edicts willingly and carefully, even He, great Archangel that He is, was unable to eradicate the deep-seated prejudices and differences between the two elements.

Among His first acts as Emperor, Poseidonis trained and appointed the first of the Most High Priests who, unquestionably, was already highly advanced, giving him complete jurisdiction over all religious affairs. This first Most High Priest then arranged for all High Priests to come to Poseid, the province where Poseidonis lived, for instruction. From among others desiring similar instruction, he selected a few who offered the greatest promise, training them to be teachers. These, in turn, trained aspirants for the executive and higher positions of state and religious affairs, resulting in many becoming Initiates.

### *The Lemurian Brotherhood is Formed*

Since the purpose of the Seven Lesser and Five Greater Schools no longer obtained after the destruction of Mu, they were discontinued and the entire group of Elder Brothers consolidated in Tibet. Only the identity of the *Thirteenth School* was retained. (See "The Brother-

hoods" in Lesson Three.) At the suggestion of Poseidonis, this school established the first of the present-day Lesser Schools or Brotherhoods in Atlantis. This was the *Lemurian Brotherhood*, often referred to as the *Lemurian Mystery School*.

Under its jurisdiction, two systems of training for the masses were instituted, one proceeding from the idealistic viewpoint for the Katholiks and one working out from the practical aspect for the Phreemasons. The practical minded of the proletariat were to be taught to reason from *effect to cause*, thus developing faith, while the idealistically inclined were to be taught to think intelligently from *cause to effect* and so develop the power to reason.

Although the two were guided by different methods at the start, the training was so designed that after the first one or two or three "initiations," which were actually subdegrees, it was possible for those undertaking it to work toward true Initiation. The schools guiding them toward this goal were preparatory schools, operating under the jurisdiction of the *Lemurian Brotherhood* in much the same manner as the Lemurian Fellowship works at the present time.

Since Poseidonis continued to personally train all Most High Priests throughout His reign, this arrangement proved advantageous for all concerned and resulted in the greatest harmony experienced since Mukulian times. Yet, although many of the Mukulian aristocracy reincarnated to help, Poseidonis only partially succeeded in reestablishing the measure of balance then known. Even so, the Atlantean civilization ranks second only to that of the Motherland, with inventions and discoveries developed and perfected to undreamed of proportions.

Among the products of Atlantean mechanical and scientific abilities were the vailxi — long, cigar-shaped craft, the length of the average ship being about three hundred feet. These were usually used for air navigation but they could also operate beneath the waters of the ocean. Their height above or depth below sea level was governed by instruments known as gravitational deflectors which not only placed the vailxi at the desired level, but maintained them there. They were propelled by a form of motor using what were called "Night Side Forces," and a speed of approximately one thousand miles an hour could be maintained.

#### *The Incalithlon — an Architectural Wonder*

During the second hundred years of His regency, Poseidonis started the construction of a great Temple which He called the Incalithlon, meaning "Stone Temple of God." As you know, the early Mukulians thought the God of the Sun was the Supreme Creator and addressed Him as N'Kul.

In South America, the Supreme Creator was addressed as Incal, the people there calling themselves Incas. Poseidonis elected to use the term "Incal" in naming the Temple, and "lithlon" meant "stone temple."

The Incalithlon, one of the world's greatest architectural wonders, played an important part in Atlantean affairs. The building itself was shaped much like a pyramid although not quite as tall as the Pyramid of Gizeh, while its top was flat, rather than peaked, and was landscaped as a garden. Covering some twenty-five acres of ground, this stone building was five stories in height, each floor level completely encircled by a beautiful garden, giving the entire structure a terraced appearance.

This was the principal temple in the Atlantean Empire. Its main entrance was from the south, bringing the visitor into a magnificent lobby and from there to the governmental offices.

The main floor was a replica of the Tabernacle, access to it being through seven immense bronze doors placed in the west wall of the Incalithlon and affording entry from the Outer Court (the lobby). Unlike the original Tabernacle, admission was granted everyone on certain days of the year, and Initiates were permitted free access at all times.

### *The Inner Sanctuary*

The Holy Place and the Holy of Holies were combined into one mammoth Inner Sanctuary occupying the entire center of the Incalithlon. In it were conducted coronations, worship services, final trials in cases involving life or death, as well as all Initiation ceremonies. This great Inner Sanctuary had many distinctive features different from any other temple preceding or following it.

On entering, it seemed as though one were in a mammoth cave festooned with innumerable stalactites which, like huge icicles of incomparable beauty and color, were suspended from its lofty ceiling. Since pillars were necessary to support the massive dome, some of the largest stalactites were joined to great stalagmites to serve this purpose, still further enhancing the natural effect.

### *The Ark*

In the exact center of the Inner Sanctuary, Poseidonis had placed a single slab of red granite in the form of an immense six-pointed star, the distance across the diameter from point to point being thirty-six feet. In the exact center of this star was carved a crypt where He had placed the Ark. This, as you remember, had been sent to Mexico by the Elder Brothers before the final cataclysms on Mu, and later found

its way to Atlantis as they intended it should. Although it was always considered a shrine, the sense of its importance as an object of reverence was greatly rekindled by this act on the part of Poseidonis.

### *The Maxin Stone and Book of Laws*

Above the Ark was placed a five and a half foot cube of perfectly clear crystal quartz, on the sides of which were etched the Laws of the Empire. This was the famous Maxin Stone. Its many points of profound significance become known to aspirants only as they make increasing progress.

On the top and in the exact center of the Maxin Stone, Poseidonis placed the open Book of Laws He had prepared in His own handwriting as a guide and final word in all disputes. It was from this that the engraved laws on the sides of the stone had been taken.

### *The Maxin Light*

Directly above the Book of Laws, but not touching it, He caused the famous Maxin or Unfed Light to be placed. Like a giant spearhead eighteen feet high, without waver or deflection by moving air, this pure white Light cast a soft effulgence of unmatched purity over the Inner Sanctuary.

From the hour of its placement there, no other illumination was ever required inside that vast concourse. Cast on the vast array of many colored stalactites, the Light's refractions produced a blended array of spectral colors bathing the Sanctuary in a splendor of celestially iridescent rainbow hues. Without this diffusion of color throughout the great room, the Maxin Light would have blinded anyone looking directly at it.

The Maxin or Unfed Light gave off no heat and was not electrically generated. Any physical substance touching it instantly disintegrated. The dead bodies of the High Priests and nobility were placed in it, and so completely did it disintegrate them, resolving them into basic life essence, that not even ashes were left.

Strangely enough, the Book of Laws directly beneath it was unharmed by the Light, and by certain processes known only to each reigning Emperor and the Most High Priest, it was possible for either to turn the pages for reference. Yet, neither could *remove* this Book of Laws — and live. So the laws were always available as Poseidonis had written them, indestructible and safe from any who might attempt to steal the book.

This safeguard was also extended to the Ark, for the Maxin Light embodied the same protection that had surrounded the Ark when it was first constructed for the Tabernacle back in Mu. Too close an approach

to it by other than the reigning Emperor or Most High Priest invariably resulted in petrification, the body seemingly being converted into a type of alabaster, snowy white, yet translucent. There is a record that during the deterioration of the Atlantean Empire, a conspiring priest tried to remove the Book of Laws, only to be turned to stone.

The Light was used as a final test of those on trial for major offenses before the sentence of death was passed. Such a person was so placed that he touched one point of the granite star, then asked whether he was guilty. If he denied his guilt and was honest, the Light remained unchanged. If he lied, the Light instantly changed color. These are among the wonders of the Incalithlon that seem miraculous to us even today.

### *As Materialism Grows, Atlantis Declines*

Atlantis prospered greatly during the thousand-year reign of Poseidonis and all went well for another thousand years after His departure, so that Atlantis may be said to have attained great success as a civilization. After this, though, a gradual decline took place, beginning slowly and covering a period of several thousand years. Minor priests again planted seeds of discontent among the idealistic element of the proletariat just as had been done in the Motherland, gradually acquiring more and more power over their followers.

The Phree Musons, fired by the external success of the Empire, became even more unbalanced, and gradually grew crass in their materialism. In their extreme practicality, they tried to standardize everything. Homes housing the workers of the various industries, for example, had to be built exactly alike and with little regard for anything except utility.

Beauty, which had been so outstandingly a part of the Mukulian Empire, became a matter of less and less importance until it was completely lost sight of. The arts came to be regarded as of so little value that artists grew thoroughly discouraged, and an imposing number migrated to what is now the Mediterranean, the musicians choosing to locate in Italy while painters, designers, and sculptors went to Greece.

With the passing of time, the teachings of Poseidonis were forgotten as the High Priests and even some Most High Priests degenerated to the point where they gradually became a part of the rising unrest. Among the Most High Priests was one named Osiris, who held to his high ideals and made desperate efforts to awaken the people to the need for restoring the balanced philosophy of the Mother Empire. As a result, he incurred the bitter enmity of the corrupt priesthoods who

so inflamed the proletarian element that they crucified him. Later, he was deified in Egypt.

Eventually, even the rite of human sacrifice reared its ugly head!

### *The Destruction of Atlantis*

Suddenly, the Maxin Light and the Book of Laws disappeared. The Ark was removed from its crypt and spirited into Egypt where it was stored in the now long-forgotten Temple of Isis. In all Egypt, only the High Priestess of the Temple knew of this. She was warned that under no circumstances was this secret to be revealed; nor was she to touch the crypt containing the Ark. A few years later, she suddenly disappeared and then her body was found beside the crypt, an expression of horror on her face. She seemed to have turned to alabaster, but when the body was secretly removed, it disintegrated after being exposed to the outer air.

Not long after the disappearance of these most sacred articles from the Inner Sanctuary, the same rumblings and land upheavals that marked the end of Mu began to occur with growing frequency. Too late, many of the terror-stricken people realized that the end was in sight, and, as had taken place on Mu, a mad exodus from Atlantis followed. Others refused to take these warnings seriously and perished when Atlantis sank beneath the raging waters of the Atlantic Ocean.







## ANCIENT EGYPT



### *Land and Sea Changes in Africa*

Before the destruction of Atlantis, the surface features of Africa were quite different from those of today. What is now the Mediterranean Sea was a vast and fertile valley, separated from the Atlantic Ocean by a solid wall of rock where the Strait of Gibraltar is now. Also, the wide expanse of the present Sahara Desert was a great inland sea with occasional islands, the fertile plains now known as Egypt lying to its east.

With the sinking of Atlantis, the accompanying concussions caused a break in the wall of rock protecting the Mediterranean Valley, and the ocean flowed through, filling the entire area and creating what is now the Mediterranean Sea. At the same time, the great inland sea disappeared, draining off either into the Mediterranean area or into vast subterranean caves and rivers that empty into the Atlantic, leaving in its place the wide expanse of the Sahara Desert.

### *Further Migrations*

The travels of a number of tribes brought many to northern and central Africa. After their exile from the Motherland, the Judi and Levi Yans had migrated to what is now the eastern shore of the Red Sea. Previ-

ous to the submergence of Mu, the Upa Yans migrated in great numbers to northern Africa, later concentrating in Egypt. After wandering first to Atlantis, then to present-day Spain, then northern Africa, a great many Beni Yans settled in what is now Ethiopia. The Xion Yans came from Atlantis to Egypt, and aside from those Hata Yans of the artistic group of Atlanteans who went to Italy and Greece, the remainder also finally settled in Egypt.

Others who migrated to Egypt were the Nagas, the more advanced Mu Yans who left India. Later, they traveled down the Nile to the Delta where they joined another group of Mu Yans who had migrated from Atlantis before its submergence. This latter group had established a successful settlement and unquestionably, this area was that part of Egypt designated in the Bible as the Land of Goshen, meaning land, or place, of plenty.

When it was discovered that both groups were originally from the Motherland, they amalgamated and the first Egyptian dynasty was established. This was accomplished under the direction of Menes who was of Opu Yan descent and the first of the Pharaohs, or rulers. During the reign of Menes and that of his lineage who followed him as rulers, Egypt flourished, developing into an ever greater and greater civilization.

### *The Role of the Opu Yans*

The Opu Yans played a very important role in the integration of the Egyptian civilization. They were of a mental caliber different from any of the other tribes, being highly intelligent even in Mukulian times when they were held in extremely high regard due to their sound business abilities. In fact, they were the financiers of Mukulia, all financial transactions or matters pertaining to finances in the affairs of the government coming under their general supervision and authority.

They were sufficiently astute and farseeing to realize, even as the colonization program was being carried forward by the Mu and Cari Yans, that the end of the Mukulian Empire lay in the not too distant future. Having little interest in the spiritual development of India or in the materialistic growth of Atlantis, prior to the submergence of Mu, great numbers of the Opu Yans migrated to what are the present coastal regions of Algeria, Libya, and northern Egypt, much of this area then located in the Mediterranean Valley. Others settled on the largest and most fertile islands of the great sea that subsequently drained to leave the present Sahara Desert. With the draining of the sea, large numbers continued eastward, eventually settling that section of Egypt where the pyramids were later built, although many of

their descendants remained in fertile sections along what is now the African shoreline of the Mediterranean Sea.

Their superior intelligence made it possible for them to more easily understand and harmonize the ideas of those of idealistic tendencies with those who were materialistic. Also, as in Mukulia, all matters of a financial nature and affecting the economy of the country came under their jurisdiction.

With the passing of time, internal dissensions and conflicts arose and the need for some sort of religion became increasingly apparent. With their previous experience, it was perfectly natural that the Opu Yans should develop a type of philosophy satisfying to those of either materialistic or idealistic temperament. Yet, their intellectuality, together with experiences accumulated over many incarnations, caused them to consider the development of *mentality* as being most important. For this reason, the philosophy they expounded was metaphysical in character and based on a purely *intellectual* interpretation of cosmic principles.

### *Isis and Osiris*

Taking full advantage of the tendency of the more idealistic to deify a personalized god, the Opu Yans inaugurated the worship of Isis, designating her as the Goddess of Fertility and Motherhood. To enhance her prestige, they erected the beautiful Temple of Isis on the bank of the Nile over which a high priestess presided. A secret crypt was constructed in the Temple, and some thousand years before the submergence of Atlantis, the Ark was brought to Egypt and placed in this crypt where it remained until removed to the Pyramid of Gizeh.

Almost at the same time the worship of Isis was inaugurated, the Xion Yans came to Egypt from Atlantis, establishing the Osirian religion based on *their* interpretation of the precepts of Osiris, the last of the true Most High Priests of Atlantis, who was crucified by the Atlantean proletariat at the instigation of the nefarious priesthoods.

The Xion Yans settled near the Opu Yans and through association with them learned something of the symbology of the Ark as well as of their religious precepts. Interpreting what they heard according to their own ideas, they then incorporated these explanations into their version of the Osirian religion. And since what they knew regarding it was only roughly representative of the teachings of Osiris, the result was actually a blending of interpretations of several religious teachings.

It was now based on the idealization of the personality, Osiris, who was not only immortalized but attained the status of a god in the eyes of those adhering to this religion. But because the philosophy he had advocated was sound, the Osirian religion continued to live, even though portions of it were misinterpreted and distorted to conform with the personal ideas of those disseminating it.

The records indicate that the Xion Yans even went so far as to incorporate the worship of Isis into their teachings, creating the Priesthood of Isis, and personalizing the goddess to a far greater degree than did the Opu Yans. The worship of Isis practiced in the Osirian religion corresponds to the adoration of the Virgin Mary in modern orthodox religion. She was credited with giving birth to children while still retaining her virginity in the same way that the Virgin Mary is depicted as having given birth to Jesus. Yet, Mary is a human personality while Isis was merely a figment of the imagination!

#### *Other Migrations to Africa*

The Beni Yans, who migrated to what is now Ethiopia, were a passive agricultural people and little is known of them. They did not mingle as readily with other tribes as the more aggressive ones did and so retained more of their tribal characteristics, though a number of them journeyed into Egypt where they lost most of their tribal identity, becoming Egyptian as did so many members of the other tribes.

There is no indication that the Judi and Levi Yans had any part in the development of Egypt. Migrating in ever increasing numbers, they went to that portion of land now known as Palestine, the boundaries of which have varied greatly from time to time. Many later returned to Egypt only to be enslaved by the Egyptians.

Just prior to its submergence, vast numbers of the other tribes left Atlantis, many making their way to Africa. Among them were the corrupt priesthoods that had gained so great a hold over the people of Atlantis and Mu. Recognizing the emotional, mystical quality of the Xion Yan teachings as a fertile field for their operations, they too settled in Egypt, entering the ranks of the Priesthood of Isis.

#### *Degradation of the Osirian Religion*

Here, these forces of evil again took up their destructive work, inserting more and more gods and goddesses and instituting practices both licentious and degrading. Unyielding as the Xion Yan priesthoods were to the intrusion of these debasing forces, they could not stop the grow-

ing acceptance of their teachings by the vast majority of the populace. Rather than wage what they realized would be a losing battle, the Xion Yans left Egypt to locate in that region which became known as the Land of Xion, now Palestine, as well as in sections of Persia (now Iran) and adjacent territories, leaving the religion they had inaugurated in the hands of the corrupt priesthods.

In place of teaching the reincarnation of the Ego, the fallacious doctrine of the resurrection of the body was then instituted in Egypt so the practice of embalming — which the priesthods planned would be most lucrative to themselves — might be established. This idea was skillfully promoted and the people became convinced that if they were *not* embalmed at death, they would have no body in which to resume activity when the time came for their resurrection!

The final degradation of the Osirian religion took place much later. Having exhausted all other means of control over the people, the priesthods constructed large images of their main gods and goddesses, building into them crypts in which a priest could hide, just as had been done in Mu. Whenever they wished to especially impress their followers, the priests conducted an elaborate ceremony after, or during which, the god or goddess involved was addressed and asked to give them a sign or message. At the proper psychological moment, the words of the concealed priest issued solemnly from the idol's mouth, presenting the message or prediction previously agreed on. This marked the beginning of idolatry in Egypt.

With the passing of time, the Pharaohs also developed a lust for power so that the governing element became no less corrupt than were the priesthods. As a matter of fact, a high degree of deceptive cooperation developed between them, the priests becoming firmly established in the ruling affairs of Egypt. Wherever and whenever the Egyptian forces could find people to conquer, they brought the most cultured and intelligent of them to Egypt to become slaves of the Pharaohs and priests, still further cementing the tie between them. Through this combination of power, slavery began and grew.

Until the priesthods from Atlantis started to prostitute the Osirian religion, the Opu Yans had ruled Egypt, and it had prospered. As long as the Xion Yans remained and the Osirian teachings were followed, the Opu Yans were satisfied and stayed inactive. But after the priesthods gained control of the Priesthood of Isis and perverted the Osirian teachings to the extent that very little, if any, of the original good remained, the Opu Yans sought the help of the *Thirteenth School* so that something might be done to counteract the influence of the base priesthods.

### *Formation of the Coptic School*

For this purpose, the Coptic School was organized. As had been true of the schools established in India and Atlantis, the training offered started with the aspirant's predominating tendency and followed through until they developed a measure of balance. The Egyptians desiring advancement were predominantly intelligent and accustomed to using their minds, so attendance at the Coptic School enabled them to rapidly grow more balanced. As more were initiated in the School, Egypt prospered and for many years, it seemed that the evil forces responsible for the degradation of the civilization had been vanquished.

### *Dangers of Extreme Mentalism*

Unfortunately, as the empire flourished, more was learned of what may be accomplished through mind power, and another group of self-seeking individuals emerged. While these people had made considerable progress on the path, they could not overcome an insatiable desire for power. Understanding the emotional nature of the average person, they took advantage of it and through the practice of extreme mentalism, gained control of any and all who could further their selfish interests. By impressing their minds, they literally made these individuals their "tools." Today, we know this to have been hypnosis which can be used by the unscrupulous to influence any who allow themselves to come under their control.

Becoming a power unto itself, the corrupt influence of this group expanded and invaded all Egypt. Greed and lust ran riot, and so great was the degeneracy, it became mandatory that the rest of the then-known world crush Egypt as a matter of self-preservation.

Just as extreme idealism leads to fanaticism and extreme practicality to skepticism, extreme mentalism leads to control over others as it did in Egypt. Because they are so constituted, those inclined toward mentalism often have difficulty recognizing their inclination to try to influence, and in some cases, actually dominate the thinking of others. The following may help you recognize this disposition in yourself, or in others.

Consider the approaches used in sales pitches, ballot initiatives, the advertising of special interests and causes. In some cases, both sides are presented clearly, openly, and honestly, while in others, there is a strong appeal to emotions and biases, with fast-talking or cleverly worded approaches that readily convince those who are impulsive and do not take time to reason. The persuasive arguments always seem so logical, while those suggesting them appear intelligent and well informed.



In family relationships, there can be a similar tendency to dominate. An overbearing husband or wife may use intimidation or withhold love to bend a spouse or children to his or her will. One family member, disgruntled with another, may use gossip to lure others to his side, even if it means distorting the truth or deliberately leaving out certain details that might throw a different light on the situation. A parent may be inclined to stifle a child's opportunity to make decisions and grow more independent, all in the name of "love" and caring.

Individuals who believe themselves to be of superior intelligence and accomplishment often display intolerance of the seeming weaknesses of others. Believing their conclusions are correct most of the time, consciously or unconsciously, these people do all they can to force others to agree with them.

These examples often come down to integrity versus propaganda, and more basically, of simply wanting one's own way. If you are at all inclined toward using propaganda to promote your views or wishes, it indicates a tendency toward intellectuality. This so-called masterful quality is not an expression of egoic strength but rather, an egoic weakness — a lack of balance, earning cosmic debits and needing to be overcome by any who aspire to Lemurian Initiation and citizenship in the New Order.

During periods of retrospection, carefully review the thoughts and actions of your day to determine whether you said or did anything that would indicate a leaning toward intellectuality. It is very difficult for those of this disposition to acknowledge its undesirable aspects, for there is a strong tendency to justify thoughts and actions. To overcome this lack of balance will require being completely honest in appraising yourself. To correct a problem, we must first admit there is one.

Throughout the many millennia since the propaganda of the nefarious priesthods insidiously dissolved the harmony that had obtained for so long in the Mukulian Empire, evil has grown until it has become a tremendous power that feeds on people's selfishness, greed, and intolerance. Just reading the newspaper headlines, listening to the radio, or watching a television newscast, we recognize its influence reflected in the violence and corruption on every side. There can be no doubt of its power to distort and control the thinking of those who have little or no understanding of their mental processes or who, through self-centered aspirations, open their minds to impressions that demoralize.



### *The Nether Forces*

As has been true of other universal powers, evil has long been personalized, and in much of the world is known as the Devil or Satan. Throughout the Lemurian Philosophy, when mention has been made of such disruptive actions, it is referred to simply as sinister or negative forces and at times, as "the nether forces."

As you have learned, the great effort of the nether forces is to disrupt the Work of building the New Order, for when the world becomes populated by those dedicated to establishing God's Kingdom here on earth, these forces will become powerless and eventually destroy themselves. They work in much the same manner as they did in Egypt with the goal of being equally successful in undermining and destroying all attempts to bring in the New Order as they were in corrupting the Egyptian civilization. Realizing that this may be done most easily while the Great Work is in its infancy, they are putting forth every effort to prevent its growth and if possible break down the progress that has been made.

Being extremely cunning, these forces seek the point of greatest vulnerability in the Work, finding it in the weaknesses of members of the student body. We have explained how they take advantage of a student's excessive interest in matters having to do with other planes of existence to harm the individual and ultimately the Great Work. Other weaknesses that can best be used to further their ulterior purpose are the intolerance, selfishness, and intellectuality that cause some students to be receptive to ideas the nether forces seek to impress on their minds.

### *The Importance of Tolerance*

After studying the Lesson Five chapter devoted to the virtue *Tolerance*, it is not hard to understand how intolerant individuals may become tools for these forces. It is also understandable that the self-seeking attributes of selfish people can be taken advantage of to defeat what is being done to integrate the New Order.

To comprehend how intellectuality may be used by the nether forces to prevent the progress of the Great Work of the *Lemurian Brotherhood*, one must first understand that in the Lemurian lexicon, there is quite a difference between the meaning of the terms *intelligence* and *intellectuality*.

### *Intelligence and Intellectuality*

*Intelligence* is an "inner" quality born of the Ego's having assimilated sufficient experiences in this and previous incarnations to cause her to

be capable and *desirous* of making necessary mental adjustments to people and situations. To the degree she possesses it, she will express the virtues, forgetfulness of self, and love for her fellow humans. Obviously, the nether forces have difficulty finding ways to influence the minds of students of this caliber.

*Intellectuality* is based not so much on egoic knowledge gained through many incarnations as it is the result of "book" knowledge (information) gained in the present one and so would be classed as an "outer" quality. Those of this nature usually lack the depth of understanding that enables them to adjust readily to people and situations. On the other hand, the intelligence is such that this quality may be developed if the individual sincerely wants to gain the necessary understanding. The faithful study and conscientious application of the principles of the Lemurian Philosophy can be of invaluable help.

While intellectuality implies the ability to think and to learn, just as does intelligence, at the same time, intellectual individuals are inclined to be rather opinionated and not open to conviction by others. Usually well informed, they often feel superior to those not as well informed. Intellectuality also embodies a measure of intolerance and love of self which make individuals so inclined excellent targets for the manipulations of those who would suppress the Great Work.

Sincere aspirants for Initiation should carefully examine themselves to discover whether they are inclined to be of intellectual temperament, so that they are in position to protect themselves and the Work of the Great Ones from inroads into their consciousness by the nether forces. They should also be alert to the danger of being swayed by the reasoning of other intellectual individuals who are themselves influenced by these forces.

You may believe your desire for advancement is such that you could never be mentally impressed with anything detrimental to this wonderful program. Yet, you have learned that the nether forces work in insidious ways and that the victim of their pernicious scheming is rarely aware that he is being used. As stated in the Bible, 2 Cor. 11:14, the devil disguises himself as "an angel of light," using attractive and subtle means to persuade someone into believing that what he or she is about to do is right and proper. Only your own tolerance, discrimination, humility, and absolute devotion to the Great Work of the *Lemurian Brotherhood* can shield you.



## THE BIBLICAL EXODUS

Practically everyone familiar with the Bible knows something of the story of Joseph and his coat of many colors. Joseph was an exceptional child and a favorite of his father, Jacob, which enraged Joseph's brothers. In their jealousy they devised a plot to kill Joseph, but, thinking better of it, planned instead to sell him into bondage to the Egyptians, telling others he'd been killed by an animal. While Joseph was imprisoned in Egypt, the Pharaoh heard of his ability to interpret dreams. The Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and because he correctly interpreted the Pharaoh's dream as foretelling seven years of plenty to be followed by a seven-year famine, he was elevated to a high position in that country.

Backed by the deeply impressed Pharaoh, he was given full jurisdiction over the great food supplies of the land so that a vast reserve of grain and other foods might be collected and stored during the "seven years of plenty" for use during the years when there would be extreme scarcity. Finding him wise and discreet in fulfilling this responsibility, the ruler increased Joseph's standing by giving him full authority for rationing the food supplies to the populace when the need became apparent.

The famine came close to wiping out Joseph's people — the Judi and Levi Yans — then living in the portion of Arabia since known as Palestine. He used his influence with the Pharaoh to gain permission to bring his starving fellow tribesmen to Egypt where they might receive food from the plentiful Egyptian supplies. All would have been well if they had been content to accept this generosity with humility and appreciation. But they were more inclined to take advantage of Joseph's high standing, and came to consider privileges extended them as their right. Before long they were demanding more and more as their just due.

Added to this, as is so often true when a newcomer unexpectedly rises to power, many ranking Egyptian officials became jealous of Joseph and would have removed him from his high office if they could. Yet, it was not until his people persisted in displaying an air of superiority and aggressiveness that these dissatisfied and powerful Egyptians had enough grounds for a complaint against Joseph. Even then, their accusations had little effect on the reigning Pharaoh and it was only after Joseph and his supporter had passed through transition that definite steps were taken against the Judi and Levi Yans.

The new Pharaoh viewed the reports about their increasing arrogance and expanding domination with steadily mounting alarm. Not only were their numbers rapidly growing, but they had flourished to the point where they were trying to use the methods for taking over the country that had been tried in Mukulia. To their sorrow, however, they learned that they were not dealing with the Old Empire, for instead of exiling them, the Egyptians enslaved them, and soon the greater numbers of Judi and Levi Yans found themselves working under overseers who drove them with whips. The Biblical history of this period is quite accurate as detailed in the Book of Exodus.

The Bible refers to the Judi and Levi Yans as Hebrews, so when we speak of the Hebrews, you may know that we refer to these two tribes. To avoid any possibility of misunderstanding when talking about the Hebrews or Jews, it must also be borne in mind that we speak of the descendants of the Judi and Levi Yans as a race — not as individuals! Nothing that is said concerning them should be construed as any reflection on the Jewish people personally, for many were highly advanced, while over the years, countless others have accepted the principles Christ taught, as is reflected in their way of life. The egoic growth of these individuals is such that there can be no doubt that they will be a part of and participate in the New Order.

And while discussing this matter, it is well to explain another point that has caused some confusion. The Bible refers to the Israelites as being “God’s chosen people” and many believe this relates to the Jewish race alone. In reality, the term Israelites embraces *all* the original tribes so that though the Jews *are* Israelites, not all Israelites are Jews. Nevertheless, even while in bondage, the Hebrews held to the belief that they were a “chosen people.”

Although it had been necessary to exile the Judi and Levi Yans from Mu, the Elder Brothers never despaired of eventually helping them realize that they are spiritual beings with the same egoic goal as all others. Christ hoped to accomplish this during His earthly ministry and for this purpose, decided to be born into this race.

### *Moses*

The Judi and Levi Yans had never associated to any great extent with those of other tribes, and at the time we are dealing with, marriage outside their own people was forbidden. So when it was decided to send Moses, an Adept, to help them, the plans included his being born of either Levi or Judi Yan parents. Then, because the help of the Egyptians would be required to free them from bondage, the Elder

Brothers planned that Moses should be adopted by Pharaoh's daughter. (Exodus 2:1-10)

As part of the royal family, he was not expected to perform the manual labor that was the common lot of the Hebrews, but was given an extensive education — a privilege not accorded others of his race. Being born of Levi parents, Moses became a natural leader of the Jews. Due also to his influence as an adopted son of Pharaoh's household, he had access to officials that was denied his people, and was the recipient of many other favors that afforded him an excellent opportunity to study their position.

### *The Ark*

Because the Elder Brothers did not want the Ark to come into the wrong hands, Moses was informed of its whereabouts in the sarcophagus of the King's Chamber in the Great Pyramid where it had been placed at the time of its construction. He was also given the secret of how to enter the Pyramid so that he might secure the Ark and take it with him when he left Egypt.

Moses knew that in all probability there would be trouble between the Egyptians and some of the people he was to lead out of bondage if it became known that they were carrying a treasure of this size, for as you will recall, the Ark was fashioned of precipitated gold. For this reason, Moses and his brother, Aaron, encased it in a wooden replica exquisitely fashioned from the beautifully grained blackwood acacia or shittum wood mentioned in the Bible. They then concealed it among other religious equipment so that no one else took particular notice or knew of the Ark's presence throughout the duration of the journey.

The Hebrews were essentially monotheistic in their religious belief although through association with their Egyptian masters during the long period of their bondage, many had been influenced more or less toward idolatry. Yet, when the "pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night" (mentioned in the Bible) appeared before them as they departed from Egypt, they believed it to be a symbol of their Lord God Jehovah. Moses had no difficulty convincing them that he was leading them out of bondage and into a land that had been prepared for them. The manner in which they were guarded when the Egyptian soldiers would have pursued and brought them back to slavery served to bear this out.

Knowing the nature of his people and that many were inclined to worship Egyptian idols, Moses knew he must do many unusual things to

hold them in line. He did not hesitate to take full advantage of their superstitions, using natural effects as well as his own powers to convince them they were following a God who could accomplish wonders far beyond those of any of the Egyptian "gods."

### *Dividing the Waters*

The dividing of the waters of the Red Sea, allowing the Hebrews to pass over on dry land while their pursuers were drowned, illustrates his use of natural phenomena. Moses led the people to land bordering a particularly shallow part of this body of water, and during a typhoon that cleared a portion of the seabed, the entire number were able to cross before the water settled back into place again, overwhelming the pursuing Egyptians.

People of that day were not unlike many today who, seeing the signs of God's love all about them, still doubt and are without faith. As the Bible states, they were taken care of time after time, yet wavered as each fresh test of their conviction came about. Great personal harm would have been theirs had not Moses wisely held them in line.

### *The Ten Commandments*

An example of their lack of faith and the tendency to revert to idolatry came about during one of the worst periods of their distress when Moses was said to have ascended Mt. Sinai to commune with God and was given the Biblical tablets setting forth the Ten Commandments. Left to themselves, the people melted all their jewelry and ornaments as well as gold coins and cast a golden calf before which they burned offerings.

Feasting, singing, and dancing, they worshiped it. Beholding the orgy on his return, Moses was so shocked and disappointed (the Bible says he became angry) that after all they had experienced his people should exalt a golden statue, he dropped and broke the precious tablets.

There is some chronological confusion at this point in the Bible. Actually, it was following this event that Moses produced the Ark and reestablished the Tabernacle. Knowing the history of the latter and its hidden secrets, he naturally felt that it was better for his followers to glorify something possessing real merit than to worship a mere material idol. No doubt, the tale he told for the purpose of making the Ark appear more mysterious and astonishing was responsible for the elaborate details concerning it recorded in the Bible. Unquestionably, he sought to make it so dramatically impressive that it would be



regarded as the nearest possible approach to a physical manifestation of the Great Creator.

Yet, it will be observed that Moses never claimed the Ark was God, but that the Mercy Seat was occupied by God during certain ceremonies held in the Holy of Holies of the Tabernacle. This, coupled with the fact that anyone other than Moses who touched it immediately dropped dead, lent great emphasis to the importance attributed to it.

According to Biblical records, the Ark was finally deposited in the Holy of Holies in the Great Temple of Herod after the destruction of King Solomon's Temple, about which you will learn. The Bible also records that at the time of the crucifixion, the Ark was overturned and subsequently disappeared. Being made of virgin gold and therefore not subject to disintegration, it would not be affected by time. But where it is at the present time has never been revealed.

There have been several interesting speculations as to what will be the ultimate destination and use of the Ark, but no authentic information has been given us. One theory is that when the New Order is well established on the rising continent, the Ark will be brought there and stored in one of the great temples or some other edifice in its principal educational city, where it will be highly regarded for its historical value. It is hardly conceivable that it would ever be needed to serve any other purpose among such advanced peoples as will constitute the New Order.



## PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE

### *The Path to Mastership*

Increasing advancement until all have attained Mastership is the final goal of this life wave, and building the New Order of the Ages is *the means to that end*. It was this great objective the Lords of Venus and Mercury had in mind when they helped the Elders organize the first civilization on the Rhu Hut Plains. It was the hope of helping all humanity to more quickly achieve this advancement that prompted Melchizedek to assist in building the first empire on this planet.

Had the original idea been adhered to and none below the status of a citizen permitted access to the Plains, much of the misery we have been surrounded with these many millennia would have been avoided, the probabilities being that most of humankind would long since have attained Mastership.

The grievous error made in the Mukulian civilization was carried over into India and Atlantis, the proletarian lack of balance responsible for the downfall of those great empires leading to their collapse. The extreme mentalism practiced in Egypt and the idealism in India resulted in their becoming subordinate nations for a time.

Each was outstandingly out of balance in one direction. The mental attainment of Egypt was greater than that of any known civilization; the materialistic attainment of Atlantis, as seen in its scientific achievements, has never been duplicated; while idealistically, India has been regarded as so spiritual that the origin of many religious precepts are credited to it even today. Undeniably great, each in its own way! Yet, the material imbalance of one resulted in its complete destruction, while the others are rebuilding their standing in the world today.

Once uneducated and untrained members of the various tribes were admitted to the Rhu Hut Plains early in the development of the Mukulian Empire, other errors followed. These people were permitted to enjoy practically all the advantages of a way of life created by the citizenry and aristocracy but which they, the proletariat, had not earned. This left them without motivation. If attendance at the citizenship schools had been made mandatory *before* this class was permitted to share these benefits, there would have been no problem.

Had the priesthoods not been given free rein after the inauguration of the churches, but remained under the direct jurisdiction of the

*Thirteenth School*, unquestionably, a religious worship satisfactory to both proletarian elements would have been prepared to *bridge* the schism in their thinking instead of expanding it. Also, the false doctrines of the priesthoods might never have come into being nor the simple, beautiful religion begun in the early days of the Empire been corrupted.

### *The Role of the Proletariat*

The overwhelming number of proletariat was the original reason the Mu and Cari Yan leaders instituted the colonization program. On the surface, it seemed creditable, but in their attempts to free the Empire of the proletariat, these leaders exceeded their rights regarding others. Conquest led to further conquest until the Empire finally ruled the entire then-known world, demanding payment as tribute. By invading and forcefully conquering these countries, as was done in Mexico, and by demanding that each contribute revenue, the Empire accumulated negative karma of alarming proportions. It was inevitable that repercussions would result.

There was no justification for the continued subjugation of other countries, for such action was in direct violation of the second law of the Empire, namely, that anything taken away from another by force will, in turn, be taken from the aggressor by force. As you know, this was and is based on the Law of Action and Reaction.

On the other hand, if there had been no proletariat to consider, there would have been no need to acquire colonies. Nor would these acquisitions have been possible except for the vast numbers of proletariat who comprised the army. And though the misguided and selfish priesthoods were responsible for bringing about the split between the two proletarian elements that ended with their being practically in armed conflict with one another, the probabilities are that there would have been no corrupt priesthoods had there been no proletariat to influence!

As increased wealth flowed into the Empire from the colonies, the proletariat grew opulent beyond their fondest dreams, and attaining citizenship retreated completely from their minds. As you know, even the Tabernacle, conceived by the Elder Brothers in the desperate hope of intriguing them, was of little avail. In time, the citizenry and aristocracy dwindled to the point where more and more of the proletariat were taking office, and it became evident that the grand old Empire was weakening rapidly. Gradually, it lost prestige in the eyes of its

dependencies, those won through forceful conquests dropping away, while tributes fell off almost entirely.

Powerless to correct the situation and realizing there could be only one outcome of the extreme violations of cosmic law, the *Thirteenth School* erected an enormous temple in an inaccessible and protected place in what is now Eastern Tibet. In the living rock beneath it, they carved a labyrinth of archives, then quietly moved all the priceless records of the Empire to be stored there and studied.

### *The Final Cataclysm*

Earthquakes and other cataclysms occurred with increasing frequency, causing many people to leave the continent and find homes elsewhere. When the citizenry and aristocracy had departed, earthquakes of increasing force broke the continental backbone. Oceans poured into the resulting crevasses and, reaching the molten lava below, caused explosion after explosion until finally, the entire Continent of Mu sank beneath the turbulent Pacific.

It's important to realize this destruction of a continent did not occur overnight. Actually, its submergence followed a long series of violent earthquakes and volcanic eruptions over a period of a thousand years and possibly longer. Much of its population were able to escape the final cataclysms by leaving ahead of time.

### *Studying the Past to Build the Future*

We study the history of the Mukulian civilization and the three others presented in this lesson, hoping to derive from those past experiences all that will be helpful to our greater understanding in building the New Order to come. The *Thirteenth School* is in possession of innumerable records about each of these civilizations, but to this time, we have been given only the highlights.

From information released in previous lessons, you have learned that the Elder Brothers of this School kept a record of the growth of the Mukulian Empire almost from its inception. During the period since its destruction, they have studied and analyzed the reasons for its success and failure. The same has been done for all civilizations that followed so that they are fully aware of the errors responsible for their decline. From this knowledge, the Elder Brothers planned to help humankind build a civilization of the caliber and endurance that would make it possible for the greater portion of the Human Life Wave to

advance to the Angelic Life Wave by the time the next great cosmic progression takes place.

### *Qualifying for Citizenship in the New Order*

After much deliberation over the results of their research, the Council or governing body of the *Great White Brotherhood* decided thousands of years ago that the civilization to come must be erected on the following prerequisites:

1. Those to participate in it must build it themselves, gaining experience essential to their egoic progress.
2. Those building it must be well trained in the proper understanding and application of cosmic principles.
3. They must demonstrate their adherence to these principles through a balance between practicality, ideality, and mentality demonstrated in their day-to-day living.
4. They must be physically fit, mentally alert, and of noble character.
5. They must be free from nationalistic and racial tendencies.
6. That Christ may be spared the necessity for entering into matters of elementary nature, such a citizenry must exist and be organized into a properly functioning unit *before* His next advent when He will again become Emperor.

The Elder Brothers then decided that this development should take place on the then rising continent of North America which was still mud and ooze, and practically nonexistent so far as most people of the world were concerned. They also planned the establishment of the United States of America which was to figure prominently in the development of a universal race, and even chose the date when the basic philosophy, designed to aid in the attainment of balanced living, was to be released.

### *A Prophecy in Stone*

Realizing that through the millennia, countless thousands would become so skeptical that they could not accept the word of mouth explanation of something so startlingly unlike what they were accustomed to as Their Great Plan, the Elder Brothers resolved to record well ahead of time and in stone, some of the information relative to it. As

a result, what has been considered as perhaps the most mysterious and fascinating of all structures was erected in Egypt — the Pyramid of Gizeh! The recordings within afford permanent confirmation that what is being offered by the Fellowship through the Lemurian Philosophy is based on facts long since determined.

Plainly, such a tremendous undertaking as building the immense structure that was to cover thirteen acres and stand almost five hundred feet high could not have been carried on under the conditions obtaining in the Egyptian Empire before its construction and still serve the purpose for which it was intended. It was essential that the affairs of the entire Empire be in the hands of those who would respect the secrets to be recorded in the Pyramid. So it was that with its customary patience and precision, the *Thirteenth School* brought about the infiltration of a new type of rulership. Those who took over the reins of government during the period when the Pyramid was being built were known as the Hyksos or Shepherd Kings — highly advanced individuals.

This was brought about so quietly, so thoroughly, and so smoothly that the people of Egypt scarcely realized a change had been made. And when the Pyramid was completed, the affairs of the Empire were returned to the regular channels. Except for this comparatively short interval, Egypt worked out its own destiny.

### *The Hermetic Brotherhood*

That the information to be contained in the Pyramid might be fully protected and yet be available for people's use at the proper time, the *Thirteenth School* organized the Hermetic Brotherhood for the purpose of finding a way to keep this information secret until needed. After consulting with these Elder Brothers and learning something of how they proposed to record the prophecies, the *Thirteenth School* also charged them with the responsibility for the absolute precision with which the stupendous structure was to be built. Since some of the information was to be hidden in the measurements of its passages and chambers as well as steps to and from these chambers, it is quite understandable that the Hermetic Brotherhood should supervise its building.

This Brotherhood specializes in the so-called mystery of Mathematics, just as the *Lemurian Brotherhood* specializes in the so-called mystery of Balance. The Great Sphinx was erected by the Hermetic Brotherhood to serve as their Temple, and it was so used until they moved to Greece.



The Pharaohs often built pyramids to serve as tombs and in them stored much of their wealth for use at the time when their bodies would be resurrected. Subsequent rulers tunneled into them in search of these treasures. Knowing there was always the possibility that the Pyramid of Gizeh might be entered before humanity was ready for the release of the information it contained, the Hermetic Brotherhood meticulously used mathematical symbols, measurements, and other calculations for recording the data intended. Only those who possessed the key might interpret and release it.

Any who excavated the Pyramid, believing it to be the tomb of some wealthy king, found only tunnels, with walls of intricate design and superlative workmanship, and several empty chambers, the last of which held an unoccupied sarcophagus. This has been the source of much speculation and many surmises, none of them correct. As a matter of fact, this sarcophagus was designed as a receptacle for the Ark which, on the completion of the Pyramid, was removed from the Temple of Isis and placed in this container. Here it remained secure until it was removed by the Biblical Moses at the time of the exodus from Egypt.

Recorded in stone and with mathematical accuracy, the Pyramid foretold every major event in humanity's subsequent history, as may be verified by securing any recognized interpretation of these recordings. Most important to us, though, is the fact that it recorded the advent of Christ and the establishment of the United States of America, while September 16, 1936, was designated as the date when an event of greatest significance to humankind was to take place. (On that date the Lemurian Fellowship was inaugurated under the supervision of the *Lemurian Brotherhood*.)

### *The Role of the United States of America*

Knowing that the people of the various nations differed from their neighbors in language, customs, ideologies, and even in certain physical characteristics, the Elder Brothers realized that in the so-called Old World, there was little possibility for the common understanding and cooperative blending necessary to their Plan. The only hope for instituting a program that would ultimately result in close unity and universal cooperation between the world's people lay in a populace with a common language, a common philosophy of life, and freedom from racial and nationalistic prejudices and separativeness.

That this might come about, and according to plan, the Elder Brothers engineered the formation and establishment of the United States on the newly discovered Continent of North America. Here, protected by

geographical barriers from aggressive attack by other nations, they planned to build a successful democracy.

To the United States of America have come people of every religion, race, and nationality who believed in social equality until this country became known as the "melting pot" of humanity, which it truly is. The richness of the heritage of so many races, languages, ethnic and cultural backgrounds has added — and continues to add — to the mix which is "American."

That the new country might start with proper organizational methods, the *Lemurian Brotherhood* saw to it that its first leaders were advanced enough to have carried over knowledge of such matters from previous incarnations. In framing the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and the Bill of Rights, these men set forth certain basic truths on which the new government was to be established. Because they embody many of the rules and principles to prevail in the New Order, the Elder Brothers believed that in time many of the citizenry of the United States would develop a type of thinking that would equip them for the profound and personal instruction now being released.

With the framing of the documents mentioned above began a new type of life; a new form of government came into being such as is enjoyed in its entirety by no other nation on the globe. In the United States of America, the individual experiences a personal freedom and equality of opportunity known by the average citizen of no other country. The United States became the land of opportunity and has prospered and grown as no nation before or since has grown in a comparative time until it has become the predominating world influence.

(The Lemurian Fellowship has never engaged in any kind of specific prophecy, releasing only such information as is authorized by the *Lemurian Brotherhood*. We are not in position to say what will be the outcome of the present world situation; in any event, the work of building the New Order will proceed as planned.)

### *1953 — a Significant Year*

Realizing that sooner or later vandals would force entrance into the Pyramid of Gizeh and that considerable time would elapse before even the few would come to appreciate the value of what is being released through the Lemurian Philosophy, the Hermetic Brotherhood saw to it that nothing should be revealed beyond the year 1953. At that time, humankind reached the end of the King's Chamber in the Pyramid and

many, anticipating that year, expecting dramatic changes and events, were greatly disappointed and disillusioned for, to all appearances, nothing occurred to alter world conditions for the better.

Yet, 1953 marked the beginning of the second step leading to the more comprehensive and far-reaching development of the Great Plan of the *Lemurian Brotherhood*. So quiet and unobtrusive had been the undercurrent of progress in the years since the Lemurian Fellowship was inaugurated, only those intimately associated with the Work knew what had taken place. Since this step provided for the inception of the Lemurian Order, designed to be the forerunner of the New Order, we do not believe further revelations will be forthcoming through the medium of the Great Pyramid until greater numbers are awakened to the need to prepare themselves to take an active part in its integration, helping to forward the program of the *Lemurian Brotherhood*.

### *Only Initiates Will Be Citizens*

Thoughtfully considering all the material presented, one recognizes more fully why the Elder Brothers are adamant in requiring that only Initiates may become citizens and participate in the New Order. If nothing else impels a student to become aware that no one can help us attain this status unless we ourselves put forth an earnest and determined effort, the study of this lesson should do so.

Though the Elder Brothers and Fellowship teachers may give all the necessary information and all the loving help possible, individuals attain no advancement except as they recognize their own personal lack and strive to overcome it. An aspirant for Initiation can't expect to gain and advance when others solve his problems for him, and not even those on the Celestial Plane can imbue us with the character and mental abilities that become increasingly a part of a balanced nature. If it had been possible and in accord with God's plan for the Great Ones to do these things for us, do you doubt that They would long since have precipitated the Kingdom of God?

For many of us, reading of the reality of the past — the failures and what contributed to the downfall of past civilizations — can seem rather daunting. But the *Lemurian Brotherhood* has compiled this extensive history and offered it to humanity through the Lemurian Philosophy to show us that it is possible to build a civilization truly worthy of the name. Like character building, we are assured that as we are able to identify our problems and use this understanding along with our strengths, we can indeed build step by step toward this significant goal. Sometimes one of the greatest benefits to arise from our failures

as human beings and as nations is what we can learn to better help in the future.

### *Our Failures Are Stepping-Stones*

What inspires and draws us together toward building a new civilization is the chance to review what has occurred and transmute it into something beneficial. How do we do this?

Consider that, as you read these words for the first time, this is just your first run through the Lemurian lessons — a time of trying the Lemurian principles on for size. For some of us, from the moment we opened *Into the Sun* or Lesson One, a deep longing was fulfilled. For others this “something deeper” grows gradually. As each law and principle is tried and the results pondered, an unshakable conviction evolves ever so gradually through your own experience.

Yet, something more is taking place. With Lesson Nine students have an opportunity to think over all they have learned so far, to be sure within their hearts that they sincerely desire to learn more. If they do, they are also aware of the basic Lemurian efforts that need to be firmly in place as a regular part of their routine — the Lemurian Teachings growing more and more to be a way of life — their religion. To do so is to move forward with confidence and conviction about their direction. The Fellowship understands that for many students Lesson Nine is a time of standing on the threshold of weighing and thinking.

As you look ahead to the final three lessons of the Lemurian Basic Instruction, do you sense a kind of eager anticipation developing, a certainty growing about the rightness of the Lemurian Philosophy in your own striving — what it means for you and all humankind? Do you begin to see parallels in Lesson Nine to your own efforts to uncover difficult, long-standing personal problems and that what you are doing to use the help in the Lemurian lessons — to make small but very real changes for the better in your own character — are the very steps that will lead to bringing about the Kingdom of God?

The courage to take that one more step may be the difference between settling for a tentative grasp of the Lemurian Philosophy and that of a deeper *knowing* in your heart that nothing else would do.

Because we have the advantages of past experience, educational and travel facilities, and many other benefits supplied us by modern technology, most of us are spared the hardships inseparable from learning everything through hard and often bitter personal experience as was

true when people started building that first civilization seventy-eight thousand years ago. Our progress should be infinitely more rapid. And with the Elder Brothers to help us in all their acquired wisdom, this new and final civilization to come should far exceed the splendor, beauty, and contentment of the first one even at its height.

Never before has so much valuable information been released to any general student body. So extensive is the scope of the Lemurian Philosophy that one soon realizes it could come only from a source far beyond our level of awareness. And with all that the lessons disclose, it becomes increasingly clear that humankind is gradually progressing toward an incomparably wonderful goal, and a stage of egoic development that will eclipse anything the world has ever known.

*You have before you a choice — a precious opportunity.  
What will your decision be?*