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Within Silence there is Sound,
and within that Sound a Voice
that speaks.

And because the lessons are
for all who seek, the words
are here set down.

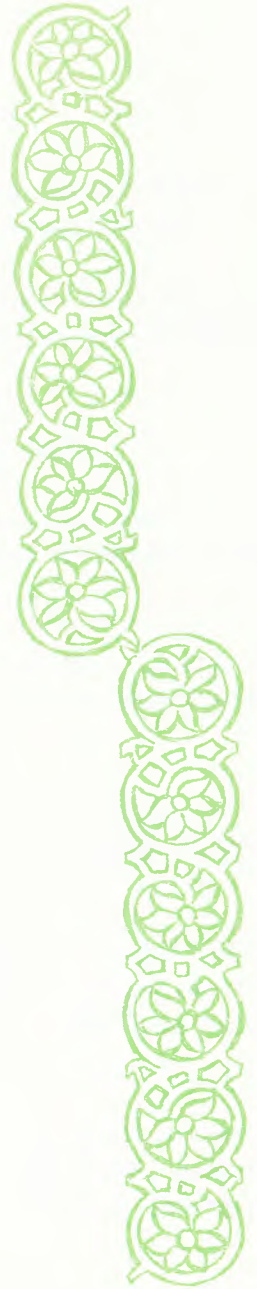
Yet think not that the Mastery
of words will bring true under-
standing.

Only the inward man may read
aright.

THE

FIRST

DIRECTION



1

My child, listen well for the Inner Voice. I speak often, but My disciples hear Me not.

What you will to do, that do in confidence and honor, having a very sure and certain faith in the presence of your Master.

I have these directions for thee.

Every day set thyself as a clear and shining Mirror wherein others may see themselves even as I do see them.

Set thyself as a clear and shining Lamp, so that thy light may guide the steps of those who falter by the way.

Set thyself as a guardian of My Love, so that through thee it may stream in blessing on thy fellows.

Fear not the words of others, follow not the whispers of the breath of men. Follow My Voice and My direction, and I will be with thee on thy journey.

Little pupil, do not fear, but tread thou thy way in steadfast faith. I am with thee, and the stones that cut thy feet have cut Mine ere thy have touched thine own.

I will show thee a guiding light for thy direction, that in the choosing of thy path thou may'st walk where I Myself have trod. Let Love be thy Beacon and the finger of thy direction. Let Love point out the Line of Light wherein thou mayest walk.

I am ever with thee. I tread the way to make the thorns less sharp.

I am ever by thy side.

Little pupil of Mine, open thine eyes, and know Me as I bend to touch thy brow.



THE

SECOND

DIRECTION



2

My child, I speak to those whose ears are attuned to the Voice of the Master by a following of the Paths of Service and of knowledge.

A pupil may not worthily fulfill his Master's instruction if he be not full of the desire for knowledge as well as for service.

Go out into the Wilderness bearing naught of the outer things to hamper thee.

Carry no books, but read My Message from the stars and the little lives that are My Universe. Therein see the physical manifestations of an inner central Unity, the conjoined particles of My Immensity.

Read therein the special teaching that they hold for thee, construe it after thine heart and not by the key of earthy wisdom. So shall Wisdom - Heavenly Wisdom - be justified of her children.

Guidance such as Mine comes in the quiet of the soul's silence, not in the outer information of the pages of a book.

And when thou hast gathered thy seed for future sowing, - for I give thee but the seed for

thine own transmutation, - when thou hast so gathered, go out into the world, and with thy service till the ground that the seed may flower therein and bear Me fruit.

But outer service without an inner communion and a breaking and partaking of the Bread of Life will but empty thee of thy power and joy of serving.

Within are all the treasures of thy being, without are the empty hands of those who cry for the consolation that may be thy gift if thou dost turn thy face to Mine.

My blessing is for those whose strength is for the weak, whose joy is for the weary-hearted, whose love is treasure for the unloved and the lonely. My blessing is one such as these. See that thou be reckoned of their number.

The way is hard that thou has chosen, but Mine Arms are strong to lift. The stones are sharp, but I will lay My Balm upon thy wounds. My blessing is on those who tread the Way. Be ye among the Blessed.

Little pupil, listen to My words. I come to thee by the quiet ways of Silence and hidden paths. I seek a listening ear and an unfolding spirit.

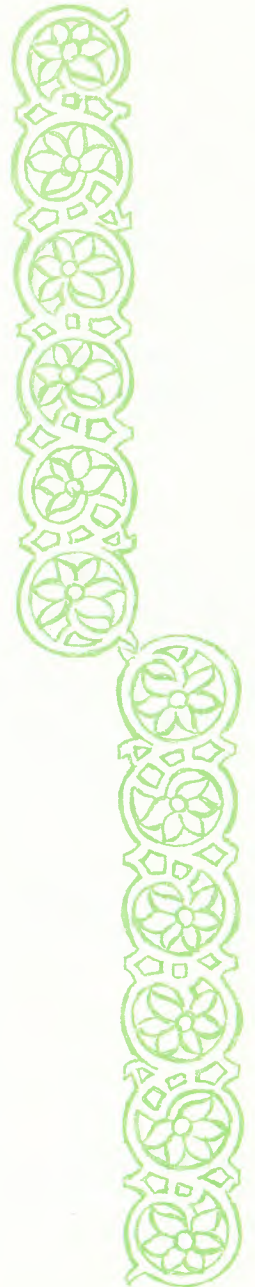
Often have I waited, but ye have not heard My Voice, - so busy was my little pupil's heart. Inwardly I call, but only inner ears shall hear. Be ye among the hearers of My Word.



THE

THIRD

DIRECTION



3

Would ye hear My Voice? Then bar thine outer doors and close the windows of thy soul and I will speak.

Remember ye My Words, for I do speak for thee and other of My children who would find the Path that every candidate shall tread.

Do ye seek that Path?

Now that thy doors are barred and windows closed, search well the treasures of thy sanctuary. Read inwardly, and ere thou sayest that thou dost so seek, be sure that of thy purposes this is the chief. For if thou has but one desire more strong, that one will lead thee into ways of pleasantness and lesser joy illumined by the mirage of reflected lights.

Set thy whole purpose on the treading of the Path, have but one desire that it may kill all else.

DESIRELESSNESS

My child, now understand.

Desirelessness is only born in him to whom desire is known, yet known and slain. Desirelessness alone is his who knoweth and yet conquereth.

The fruits of ignorance must first be plucked before the Wisdom-Tree may nourish and sustain.

Desirelessness. My child, remember. Experience Desire, and flee not from her bonds. See how the Great Law worketh, bringing just result for each desire that seemeth dear to thee. Desire of earth and earth-possession bind and limit thee. Beware, immortal Being, in the garment of a day. Lessen thy grip of little things, that thus thy grasp may grow more sure.

Think not that by fleeing from the world My Path is found. My Path is in the world where all men tread, yet only he whose feet are bared may walk thereon, whose breast is open for the shafts of pain.

He who walketh with his feet well shod will miss My Way, and who walketh wrapped within his cloak will lack My Wind of Spirit. The Spirit bloweth where He will, and resteth on the Naked and the poor. Poor is desire, yea, poor yet rich; naked, yet robed in light. Such are the treaders of My Path, the Children of My Heart.

If thou dost indeed desire My Path, in all obey instruction.

Seek not to teach unless thou be the taught, lest thou shalt find that words be but thy gift. But if

within thy teaching pearls of light are strewn for thee, then know that thou has much to give and do not fear to teach.

Only the heart may understand. Seek ye the heart, transcend the understanding; only the heart may know, - therein is Wisdom set.

Seek not to give unless thy hands are filled, - rather walk silently until thy Teacher giveth unto thee. Better give nothing than the fruit of emptiness.

Seek not to sing until the singer's voice be thine, lest if thy song be harsh and broken the ears of one of these thy brothers shrink from the perfect song some future day.

Seek not to touch unless thy touch be sure of health, lest ye do wound a brother unto death.

Seek not to lead lest others lean on thee, but do ye rather humbly walk that they may learn to guide. Yet if a brother needeth thee, fear not to grip thy staff and point the way.

Remember that the Teacher and the taught are one, the leader and the led. For when with equal joy thou ledest or art led, thou teachest or art taught, thou singest or art dumb, the lesson of Desirelessness is learnt, and one small step unto thy journey trod.

THE

FOURTH

DIRECTION



4

My child, heed well My Words if ye would take the next step on thy journey. But think not that My Lessons ye have learnt until the four-fold test of each be passed.

All teaching that I give to thee thou must translate in terms of Earth, of feeling, and of mind and spirit. Bear ye in mind My precepts need thy mastery in each of these four words.

If thou should'st think that thou hast conquered all Desire of Earth, beware, for danger lurketh near thee in the thought. Only the Watcher conquereth; Desire hath many lives, and dying, waketh in a sheath unrecognized by thee. For if ye overcome Desire of Earth and turn with gladdened heart unto the treading of My Path, Desire may walk with thee unguessed within fair forms as many as the varied lights of sky.

Desire of Earth so dead for thee that thou has ceased to watch may re-appear in fuller strength within emotion's garb. Mark well the word, My child, in fuller strength, because expression of the outer is o'ercome. So when Desirelessness is thine in any form of Earth, watch ye with eyes grown vigilant for thou; hast yet to slay Desire of the Emotions.

Again, when thou has conquered all desire of joy, and meet with equal heart the bitter and the sweet, think not thy time of guard now draweth to a close. Know that thy greater test hath yet to come, for robbed of other forms Desire appeareth in the garment of the MIND. Subtle the form, delusive, ever changing with each conquering thrust, Desire of Mind would 'scape thy point of sword. Many there be who having trod thus far now fail. But search ye out the foe, and slay.

Yet think not even when thou slayest that thy task is all fulfilled. Before ye loometh now the greatest of the four. Take courage, pilgrim of My way. Remember that the One Who guideth thee did tread the self-same Path, and suffered, starved and thirsted even like to ye.

The Footsteps of the Mighty once did press the Way ye tread, - take heart of grace and fail not, for ye do not walk alone.

Desire of Spirit. When Desirelessness of Earth, of Feeling, and of Mind are thine, Desire of Spirit thou hast yet to slay. Love ye My Voice? And find ye comfort in My Words? Desire not.

Walk with radiant heart whether I speak or whether Silence doth enfold. Grieve not when I am silent, and joy not in the hearing of My Voice. But know that I am Silence and the Sound.

Know that I leave thee not though I am hid, for the ways of all My children are as threads within My Hand. Seek then Desirelessness of Spirit, for surely do ye tread My Path when full tranquility of heart is thine although My Voice is silent and ye seem to walk alone. Then shall ye know Desirelessness fulfilleth, emptying not, - then shall ye know Desirelessness and My Desire are ONE.

Thus have I taught the fourfold test of conquering. Remember ye My Words, for they are few.



THE

FIFTH

DIRECTION



5

There is behind all a never-ceasing Motion, but beyond that lies a sea of deep, eternal Peace. And of that Peace is all Being, and of that Motion is all Life, and the consummation of all Being and all Life is the fulfillment of the Universe. Yet where is the calm of Peace.

Out of the One a Multitude, and yet the Multitude is One; out of the Nothing All, and the All into Nothing returning.

Universe after Universe shall crumble and dissolve, - the garments of a Mighty Hour, the days of the great life. Universe after Universe be rebuilt, for My Days are many, and Life is not measured by the span of men.

Seek out the depths of Being, - within ye lies the key. Yet until thou has known Motion thou canst not know My Peace.

Seek not therefore to escape Experience, - to flee temptation will not overcome it. Shut not thou thyself from the impure and the vile; to fear contamination will but bring it near to thee.

And if thou canst not walk unsullied and untouched, temptation and a fall will bear thee greater fruit than the hedging of thyself from such experience.

Only do I say to thee, - My Strength is born
of suffering, - My Peace is born of Motion and
Unrest.



THE

SIXTH

DIRECTION



6

My Words are not for those who live but for the self. My Words are for the Children who have set their faces to the Light.

In the heart of the mountain shalt thou find thy Lord; but deep the valley that doth lie below, and only but one step before thee dost thou see.

But take that step. Then thou shalt find the next is ready for thy treading, and though the darkness foldeth thee, yet still more sure an Arm encompasseth. My child, take courage. Tread the darkened way that leadeth unto Light.



THE

SEVENTH

DIRECTION





Before thou canst proceed, thy sense of Separateness must be o'ercome. Do ye now love Me in Spirit? Do ye now seek - with all the lower self laid still - to know thyself in Me as One? My child, as One I am. The Life Inseparate is thine, as Mine. And though it seem to thee that thou dost seek yet ever is My child a part of Me, - part-life of Life, part-spirit of the Spirit. There is no separation of the Master and His child. All Breath is one, and though thou seekest, yet already wert thou found before the first dim longing for My Voice did stir in thee.

My child, My Voice is for thee. Hear thee Me. Do ye not Understand? Thou art My child. Thy dedication I desire. Ever more surely may I speak to thee if thou wilt give thyself.

Give Me thy body, that at-oned with Mine the Temple of a Server it may be. Give Me of thy services unto the least of all, for only by true giving is the Pathway trod. If thou wouldst take, thou art not of that Path, - thou art of those who grow by others' gift. Seek not My Roadway then - it is for thee too steep, - but walk in meadows green with blossom filled, and gather of the sweetness for a day. Such is thy way of growing if as yet thou canst not give and only as each blossom fadeth in thine eager grasp, - because it shareth not the life of the

Eternal Bloom but is a creature of Illusion's fashioning, - only so shall Wisdom's Star up-rise and shed a light upon the entrance to the Path. Happy that day, - when emptying thy hands of blossoms of a day thou seekest the fair flower of the Eternal Bloom.

Give of thy service humbly and with joy. However small the deed, it linketh thee to Me; for thus obedient to the Law thy body is inseparate from Mine. Complete surrender do I ask of all self-thought, so that thy love, thy Courage and thy Peace of heart are dedicated to the common good.

Let Pain not touch thee, yet by every pain be touched. Let Sorrow stir thee not, yet let all grief be thine. Centre ye deep within, yet outward ray. The Self consumeth, yet Creator is the Self. Thy dedication is complete with giving of the Spirit. Then are ye wholly and irrevocably Mine, and open is the door.

For thus do ye accept a share of burdens that do weigh My World. For every dedication bringeth Pain, whose other name is Joy.



THE

EIGHTH

DIRECTION



8

Think not that thou hast learnt to overcome thy sense of Separateness when thou dost know thyself as one with Me. There are yet other lessons for thy mastering.

At one with All, with All at one. Seek Me in Silence that ye read aright. As I am All in all, the One the Life of many, so is the Life not thy Life, but the Life collective of the Whole. I am not thine more surely than thy fellows. My children are as one, for they do share My Life; inseparate from Me, inseparate from thee, the one is as the whole, the whole as one.

Thus all that happeneth unto the least of these My children, it happeneth to thee, - it happeneth to Me.

If ye do seek the Way, in the finding shall all children share thy joy. If ye do lift My burden in the lifting do ye raise it from the shoulders of My sons. I speak for all who hear, - not ye alone. All are My children who do seek... Some hear My Voice, and yet do lack in hearing; for others I am silent, yet they hear the Perfect Sound. Some see Me not, and yet am I their vision; but others seeing, yet are blind. But all are Mine.

All cups are filled from My one Chalice of

the Spirit. The Wine within thy cup in no way differeth from that of all thy fellows. The cup alone in outer semblance varieth. See to it that thy cup be filled unto the brim.

Seek ye within, and ye shall find. And when ye find, no need have ye of Me without. Yet am I with thee, and thou shalt not lack. To him that hath within and needeth not, to him the Master cometh as a rushing wind.

Within, my child, within. My Voice is in the heart, and breaketh not the lesser silence. Beware of voices that assail the ears. Rest silently with the body stilled, with senses quieted and mind subdued; let go thyself and thou shalt know thyself, awake, alert, - then seek, and ye shall find.



THE

NINTH

DIRECTION



9

There is nothing hid that shall not be revealed; but those who listen with an outer ear, hear not. Inwardly the Voice speaketh to the Inward Man, but those who know him not are deaf to Sound.

I bid ye work, but in the midst of labor, labor not. I come to those who listen for my step. Seek ye the Silence, draw within.

My child, Mine is a way of lowly treading. Follow ye My steps. Be ye so humble that the least is greater in thy sight, for in the humble heart I dwell. All work is Mine, and none is great or small; - as nothing is the deed, - the motive all.

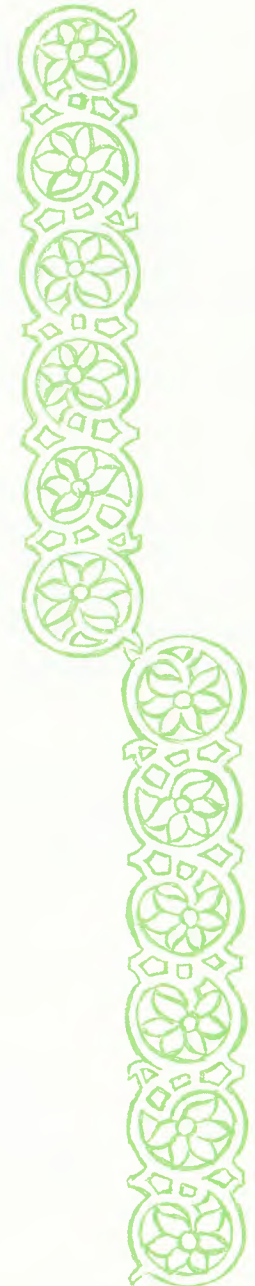
Scorn not the simple, - rather learn ye from their open ways of heart. Often do I walk with those whom men despise, and hold sweet converse with the simple-hearted. Be ye among their number, and ye shall hear My Voice.



THE

TENTH

DIRECTION



10

My child, if ye would work for me, work not for the self, - only the selfless are the children of My House. If ye do heed the word of men, My Voice is silent and My lesson lost.

If praise to thee be dear, walk not securely lest ye fall.

If scorn doth pierce thee as thou striv'st, beware, and seek ye for a poison weed. But if ye pass serene, content, unmoved by praise, unseared by scorn, know that ye walk as Mine. For he that dareth nothing for the praise or dispraise of brothers, he it is the Master watcheth in his work.

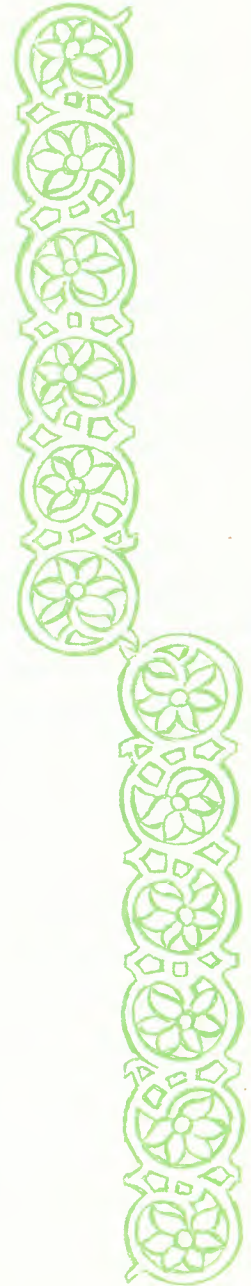
He that forgetteth self, worketh for the Self alone; he that shareth all, he giveth unto One. Selfless the server of the Self; be even such as he.



THE

ELEVENTH

DIRECTION



Discern the things of spirit and cling yet not to Earth, yet hold the Earth as if to thee most dear. Discern the heart of men. Let go their words, yet read the word aright to know within. Flee not from the outer but use it for thy finding, for only in true knowledge doth the seed of Wisdom lie. Seek ever the greater and let go the less; - choose well, lest ye be hampered by a load.

Carry no burden and yet every burden bear, for often do I walk with those who tread My Way, and if their hands are empty they may share My load. But if each passing treasure ye do grasp, when I have need thy hands are full. And if to thee it seemeth that thou bearest but a lesser brother's load, - remember I am he, the least of all thy brethern. In helping him who needeth ye do tread My Way.

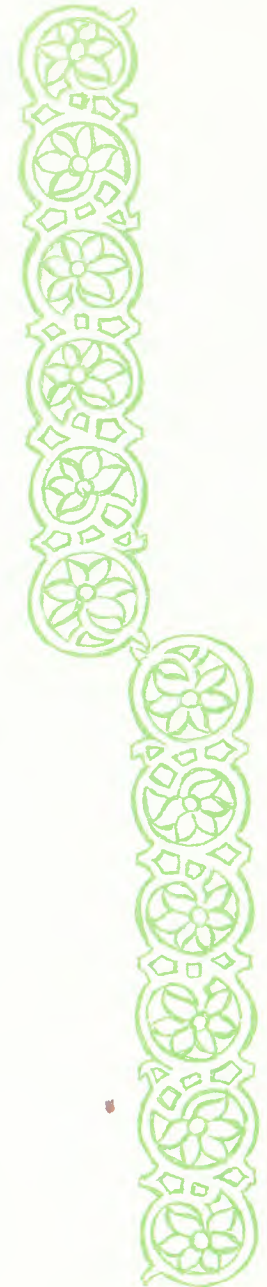
Thy Master passeth, though the many miss His step; and oftentimes when thou seekest earnestly, His hand is laid on thee. So thou art blessed. And yet not ye alone, but all His children who have wakened in the finding.



THE

TWELFTH

DIRECTION



12

My child, understand My Words. I am in the least and in the great. I am in all that is, and nothing is created that holdeth not a measure of thy Lord. I am in thee, but only shalt thou know thyself as Me when thou dost find thyself within all else. I am in all, but only shall that all be thine when thou hast trod My Way. There is a greater and a less. Fulfill the less to find the greater key. The lesser is of Earth. Learn ye thus, even as I fulfill her, nothing scorning. Seek not the greater till the less be found, lest ye do travel with a key that fitteth not the lock.

For of the first the second key is fashioned, and he that doth not perfect well the first formeth awry that other. Therefore walk step by step, content to find and fit thy key of humble fashioning.

For on thy way are set before thee many gates. And every candidate must pass the first before the second swingeth wide, and only he who is My child may fit the keys aright.

First ye shall pass where nothing is as it doth seem, where every bloom hath but an emptiness, where ugliness is not except within. But when ye grasp and hold and know, and when ye measure well that outer richness and that inward emptying, then hast thou found the first of many keys.

Next shalt thou pass where all is torn and twisted, where wrong triumphant walketh, and where Right is wearying. And thou shalt stop, and within thine own bruised hands thou shalt make smooth the paths and fair the way. Thus out of ugliness thou shalt build Harmony. The second of the many gates then openeth for thee.

The third great gate is white as pearl and shineth from afar on all thy way, - a way of Peace to men and Peace to thee.

Then carrying remembrance of that third, pleasure and pain are thenceforth but as One, and fashioned is the key to fit the fourth.

Other Keys are there, My child, but not yet for thy knowing. Rest ye content with these that I do bid ye fashion well.



THE

THIRTEENTH

DIRECTION



13

I am He that ye do seek, - follow Me. I am thyself of inward striving, yet am I not thyself, but THY SELF.

My child, understand Me well, I teach ye now a truth for inward finding. For thee it is to understand, and he that understandeth cometh near unto his Master. But he that understandeth not, yet doth he approach Me if he do keep My words. But fear ye not. He that feareth may not tread My Path; the strong alone are sealed as Mine.

I do ask Renunciation of My children, - Renunciation of the less. I do ask a chastity of Wisdom born.

Translate yet not My Words in terms of Earth. I do ask a dedication of the soul unto the finding of My Way. Choose ye then the consecration of the Pure, for such is Spirit born. Chastity true Wisdom shall conceive.

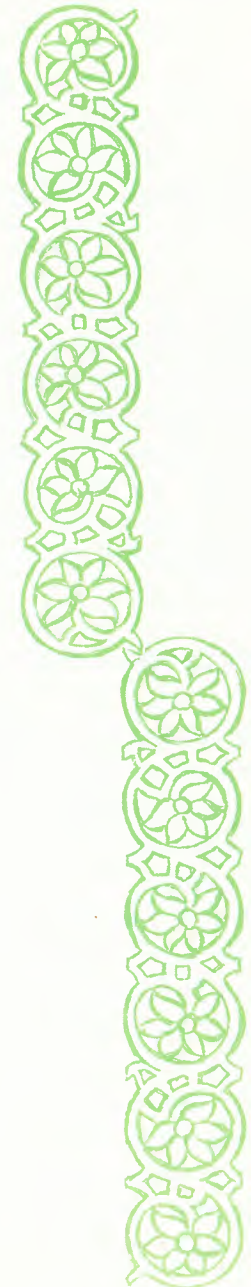
In Poverty tread thou the Way. Seek ye that Poverty that holdeth yet owneth nought, obedient to that sure voice that speaketh inwardly.

Hearest thou Me? After long journeying thou shalt find thyself.

THE

FOURTEENTH

DIRECTION



Thus have I spoken unto thee, - now weld I all My Lessons into one.

Before thou canst become as one of Mine, knowing as I am known, turn ye unto Me. Watch ye, even as My children that would seek and find. Desire Me, even as he that awaiteth his beloved. Yet look not for Me, seek not, and in the quest of thy desire, desire not, O My child. But enter ye within, and KNOW. Before thou canst be sealed as new awakened, four are thy lessons. Learn ye well.

1. SEEK NOT THE LIVING, BUT THE LIFE.

Those who have ears may understand. Separate thy world from the eternal; know ye that which is and that which is not. That which is lasting seek, but turn ye not from the ephemeral. The first step unto Me is but to know, not yet to sacrifice. For he that hath not Wisdom may not understand the way to give, and he that hath not learnt to separate things mortal from immortal hath not placed his feet as yet upon My Path. Remember well, my child, the Wise alone make sacrifice, for only he that knoweth the eternal may separate it from the lesser temporal form. Enter ye within unto My Silence. Seek ye the Hidden Man who judgeth silently. Think ye that ye do know the life from Form? The one

hath often semblance of the other.

The Life hath many veils, and only the soul perceiveth that hath inward turned. Be ye then numbered among the Wise. Seek ye to know the life Eternal from the form of fleeting shape. Be of the Wise who do perceive, before ye strive to make renunciation of the less. The second of My lessons now I give unto thee.

2. BE YE INDIFFERENT OF ALL RETURN.

My way is perilous, but walk therein. Seek ye the inner ear of hearing, lest My words awake ye not. Be ye indifferent, yet work as he who knoweth not detachment of the soul. Stand ye apart from all result, yet strive as he that is not of the Wise. He that worketh for an end hath yet to learn My lesson set within. He that desireth knoweth not Me. Ye think not to find Me by the slaying of thyself. I seek my children perfected, - not slain. Experience, and know. And after many days when thou hast fought, hast striven and hast conquered, thou shalt anew be fighting, striving, conquering, indifferent to return. He that conquereth and careth not, but joyeth only in the work, hath found the inner silence of the Master's Word. The third of these My lessons needeth different achievings.

3. BE YE THE CONQUEROR OF MANY SELVES.

Six barriers there are that check thy way. Break ye their strength. These rules I give thee for thine aid.

Master thy thought

Give access but to that which with as great an ease thou canst dismiss. Let not the thought of one be thine against thy will. A thousand foes await thee, - rise O candidate, and slay. Then seek thy hidden citadel where none may enter save at thy command. Only the Spirit seeth though the eyes may watch, - only the heart knoweth though the mind may read.

Be Ruler of thy House

Be Master of thy deeds and yet a servant in thy work for Me. Be ye not swayed by feeling or desire. But act ye in accord with that deep prompting of the self within. Harm not by deed. Refrain from action if the least is harmed thereby. Remember that the least is as the greatest in My sight. Be gentle with thy brother's deed, but stern in judgment of thine own.

Be tolerant of weakness thou hast overcome, be harsh of all that standeth yet unconquered in thyself. Seek not thine own; forgo thy point of view, - be patient with the thought most alien to thine own.

Endure unto the end, - be strong as steel. My Way is not for those of fainting heart.

Give Me thy trust, and I will light thy Way. Give Me thy Faith, and it shall bear thee where another lieth down; for unless thou canst find Faith, My Way is barred.

And walk ye evenly with perfect poise, weighing all things in balance true. Thus shalt thou learn thy lesson set for thee.

4... And when thou canst so walk, O candidate, the fourth great lesson is writ clearly on thy heart. That lesson is

TRUE UNION WITH ALL

Then art thou one with Me and I am one with thee.

Then is My Heart the Life-Pulse of thine own. Then is the All as One - the One as All.

For when thou knowest well such Unity, then hast thou trod the Path that leadeth unto Me.

THE INVITATION

Come, all ye who seek, - come ye unto Me and find My Way.

Come, all ye who thirst, and quench ye with My Love.

Behold, I stand where the great waters are divided, - behold, I meet ye as ye enter on the Path.

O my children, for thee is all My longing, - come ye unto Me, and find My Way.

ANON

