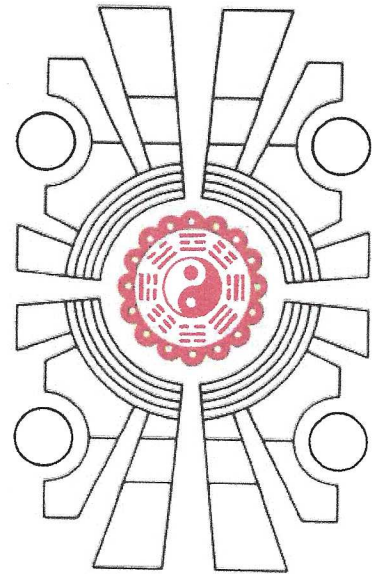


CHAPTER 67

The Temptation Of The World



“LET ALL members of the Community be wary of the temptation of the world.

“God ☒ would that members of the Community be of one body which is Light—builders of the Temple, creators of order, teachers, inspirers of man, workers for a new creation on earth, heirs of the tradition of holy men, givers of a new testament so that mankind might be free, the immortals of God ☒, sustainers of the Messianic Sun who would perpetuate it by goodness and righteousness.

“There exists in the world Light and Dark-

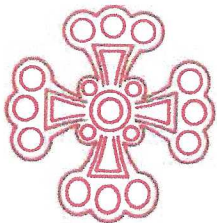
ness. One gives immortality, the other mortality. Darkness would extinguish God's ☩ Sun so that man's soul would be darkened. The Light would illuminate man's soul.

"Those enlightened by God's ☩ Word in the Light of the Sun must needs remember that the illumination given of God ☩ is not for one's own use, but to be shed for others that they may be enlightened.

"The temptation to use the power of Light for selfish reasons is great; for man, being selfish, would use whatever is given for personal interests.

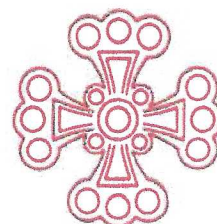
"Each man of the world may live as he will as an inherent right; for every man is free to live as he will. But I say unto all members of the Community that God ☩ has sent His Light into the world filled with His Word so man may become illuminated of a higher life and participate in his divine nature of immortality. Once knowledge is given unto a man, once a man shares in this inheritance, he must needs share it with others.

"This is the most fundamental law of Light:



as one receives one must give. God ☩ has sent His Word and His Light into the world for the redemption of man. The enlightened of God ☩ are obligated to work in community and teach others so the teachings may be perpetuated for a new creation on earth. For there is a mighty conflict between the Powers of Light and the Powers of Darkness for control over men's spirits. Those who would look upon God's ☩ Sun must needs labor in Light in order to serve the Word of God ☩ ; else they will be motivated to labor in Darkness. This is the way of the war of Light and Darkness which holds the whole universe in an unstable manner. It is this conflict that causes suffering, pain, illness and death.

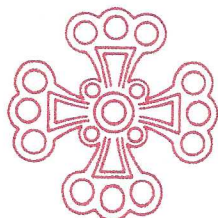
“Therefore the enlightened must needs recognize their responsibility to the order, else they will be taken by Darkness. And this is the great temptation of the world; to labor for God ☩ or to labor for self. Godliness is a state higher than self; ungodliness is a state of self which sees itself equal to God ☩ .



“Man may believe that conflict between Light and Darkness is unnecessary, or even wrong, placing himself outside of these conflicting forces. But I say unto you that conflict is a part of earthly life. It is two opposing forces battling for supremacy, the battle resulting in life as man knows it. Out of this conflict issued the world that man knows, and the mortality that he knows.

“God ☩ , who is the generator of Light beckons man to return to the Light nature and share in his immortality. Therefore, if a man is illuminated by that Light, let him labor in Light for the good of his own soul, and for the good of all other souls. If he fails to acknowledge that the opposing Powers of Light and Darkness are greater than himself, and that one must reign supreme in his nature, then he falls victim to Darkness.

“Above all things a man of Light struggles to keep the Darkness out of his soul, out of his nature, out of his being, mind and body in every way. And he must do this with all of his might.

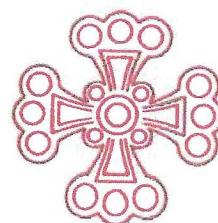


This can be accomplished in community, on earth and in heaven. If a man allows himself to fall away, then he falls.

“The great temptation for the enlightened is to believe that one can live in the world in an illuminated state, absorbing Light and partaking of the divine nature while living outside the Community. This is the greatest of errors and must needs be avoided of all things.

“The universe is involved in a holy war which is destined to shake the earth. Great good can come of this battle if man ally himself with the Light. If he fails to do this, he and his world shall dissolve into oblivion forever.

“God ☩ has sent Light into the world to redeem mankind from Darkness. This can only be accomplished by the consent of man, and by man collecting into an orderly community in which God's ☩ Word and Light can incarnate. Men run to and fro, they live selfishly for personal gain or glory, they live in a world in which all men are set against one another in competition. But men



of Light, as all goodly and dedicated men of purpose, know that to accomplish anything of lasting value, requires dedication by a united body of conscientious men and women who are willing to sacrifice their own selfish interests for the greater good of the whole. This is necessary if God's ✠ Word shall be instilled in the spirits of man for a new creation.

“Therefore, the illuminated must needs collect together and work for the collective good of the Community. The temptation to live in the world apart from the Community is the call of Darkness that would destroy the soul.”

