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Foreword



Suspended in another dimension in time and space, high above the dusty plains and teeming cities of earth, the marbled walls of the temple glisten in the sunlight and the tall minarets point upward to the sun, even as their radiation is felt by mankind in the valleys below.

There have always been temples of light in the heaven-world. If you have picked up this book, it is very likely that you have already visited one of these etheric temples while your body was asleep at night. Safely held in the protective arms of your guardian angel, your soul and your spirit were free to soar upwards to the realms of light to visit these temples where the angels and masters dwell.

There have also been physical temples and retreats of light. Man has dreamed of visiting the legendary Shamballa, the fabled Shangri-La and sacred enclaves of the lost continents of Lemuria and Atlantis. And once he could—if he knew the secret pathways and mountain passes and was willing to brave the trek.

Then darkness fell, the temples were desecrated,

mankind entered an age of barbarism, and all but a few adepts were cut off from the ascended masters of the Great White Brotherhood, the eternal order of the Saints of East and West. The temples were closed and the retreats were withdrawn to the etheric plane beyond the physical realm, reachable only by the most advanced initiates.

With the dawning of the age of Aquarius, lightbearers were once again given the opportunity to enter these retreats—this time by soul travel, apart from the physical body. The temple doors swung open wide and the ascended masters welcomed seekers to their etheric temples deep in the heart of the Himalayas, the Andes, in the mountains or in the center of the earth.

In 1973 ten ascended masters opened their retreats to an even wider circle of students, to any and all who would respond to the call—a remarkable event. What caused these ascended masters to do this?

It was the return of one son of God to heaven, a soul who had earned his immortal freedom from the rounds of rebirth to take his place once more with the saints and sages of all ages as he reunited with the Presence of God within. This soul walked the earth as one of us, and his name was Mark Prophet.

This volume contains a series of letters entitled “The Opening of the Temple Doors” dictated to the messenger Elizabeth Clare Prophet by seven ascended masters called the chohans, or lords, of

the rays. This series also includes messages from the World Teachers, Jesus and Kuthumi, and from the Maha Chohan, the Representative of the Holy Spirit.

As you read the words of the ascended masters, as you journey to their retreats and come to know them as teachers and brothers on the path, you will find that their purpose is to teach the sons and daughters of God the ancient wisdom long withheld and to assist them to balance their karma through service to life and violet-flame mantras invoking the sacred fire and the Holy Spirit.

The masters bring a synthesis of the great truths at the heart of all the world's religions. Each of their letters is a priceless pearl giving profound teaching on the path of the ascension (reunion with God by the acceleration of the white light) and bringing the masters' prophecies concerning world conditions and coming earth changes: knowledge that is essential in this hour of cycles turning to the Aquarian age.

The temples of light are not hard to find if you simply ask to be taken there. Before you go to sleep at night, simply ask for an angel of protection to guide you and accompany you as you wing your way to one of these great temples in the heaven-world. When you arrive, you lightly step down in front of the gleaming white temple, the doors swing open by unseen hands, and you enter.

You may have a memory of this experience as you awake. You may have a dream of being in a classroom with other spiritual seekers, listening to

the teachings of the masters. Or you may have no outer memory—just an inner sense of your path and your mission in life.

Whatever your outer memory, know that your soul's journey to the temples of light can be the culmination of the search of many lifetimes. Do not hesitate at the threshold, but enter in to the new reality you have always sought.

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Introduction

The Mantle of the Prophet



Mark Prophet was his given name. And the mantle of the Old Testament prophets was upon him. He was the mouthpiece sent to deliver the prophecy of the ascended masters of the Great White Brotherhood.

For fifteen years he received the dictations of the seven chohans and many other ascended masters and published them as *Pearls of Wisdom*. In 1973, having fulfilled his mission in establishing the foundation of spiritual enlightenment for the age of Aquarius, Mark took his leave of earth and his soul ascended to the plane of the I AM Presence.

Mark's life was the example of the living flame of love in all of its many facets and wonders. He was an adept on the path of highest love, whose consummation is the soul's acceleration to the Great Source of being. He, the prophet of our soul's destiny, was sent to remind us of who we are, where we came from, what we were sent to accomplish on planet Earth, and how we can be effective as a world body of lightbearers united by the common goals of freedom, peace and enlightenment.

His life was a redefinition in twentieth-century terms of the path of discipleship under his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He revealed the Universal Christ as the essential Reality of every living soul.

After his transition, the masters released through his beloved wife, twin flame and co-messenger, Elizabeth, the stupendous gift of step-by-step teaching and prophecy contained in this and other volumes of the Teachings of the Ascended Masters.

A great assist to the seeker on the Path, Mark's first dictation as the ascended master Lanello is included here, giving his initial impressions of the ascended state and the information he deemed essential for his students' ongoing self-mastery and acceleration by the Holy Spirit leading to the goal of love's union in the sacred fire of the I AM THAT I AM.

From fiery prophet to ascended master, Mark was and is a trailblazer, showing the way for each one's revolution in Higher Consciousness. A living example of the path taught by beloved Jesus and the masters of the Far East, he made the challenge of balancing karma and fulfilling one's reason for being a realistic, practical goal of life on earth—one that can be met and won day by day unto the resurrection with the Lord.

The seven chohans of the rays teach mankind seven paths to the ascension. These ascended masters exemplify the disciplines of the laws of the rays—each ray an integral path back to God's heart,

having its own requirements of soul mastery.

The Piscean Master Jesus ascended on the sixth ray of ministration and service. The lady master Nada serves as the current chohan of the sixth ray, having succeeded Jesus in that office when he took the mantle of World Teacher. Advocate of the people, she lived on Atlantis and ascended on the path of love through service in the fields of law, science and healing.

Working with her are the chohans El Morya, Himalayan master and lord of the first ray of the will of God; Lord Lanto, master of wisdom from ancient China of the second ray; Paul the Venetian, of the third ray of art and beauty; Serapis Bey of the fourth ray, initiate of the sacred fire who disciplines souls of light on the path of the ascension in his retreat at Luxor, Egypt; Hilarion (the Apostle Paul) of the fifth ray, healing master of truth and science; and Saint Germain of the seventh ray of freedom, mercy, transmutation and forgiveness, hierarch of the Aquarian age.

Their unprecedented release of teaching brought together in this volume is set forth to help all fulfill their divine plan on earth and join that company of “saints robed in white” known as the Great White Brotherhood, composed of those fiery spirits and revolutionaries of Truth who have risen from all races and religions to master the testings and trials of life on earth, transcend the cycles of karma and rebirth, and earn their immortal freedom in the

ascension to the heart of the Father.

Study under the seven chohans of the rays is an unparalleled opportunity for acceleration on the path of the ascension. Their work is the missing dimension in today's body of spiritual knowledge.



Lalison

MARK L. PROPHET

I

The Ascension of the Messenger Mark L. Prophet

El Morya

*El Morya was embodied as
Melchior, one of the three Magi.
As an ascended being, he holds the
position of chohan (lord) of the first
ray of God's will. He is Chief of the
Darjeeling Council of the Great
White Brotherhood, and his Retreat
of God's Will is located on the
etheric plane above Darjeeling, India.*

*To Those
Who Look Upward
to Behold
the Son of Man...*



The disciples who beheld the ascension of Jesus were accosted by two men who stood by them in white apparel and said, “Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”¹

And so upon the occasion of the ascension of our messenger Mark L. Prophet, I say to each and every one of you that when a son of God returns to the heart of God through the ritual of the ascension, by the law of cycles he must also return to the field of battle and to the world whence he came and over which he achieved the victory, there to bring the glad tidings of the light of victory to all who walked with him on the homeward Path.

Jesus’ promise to his disciples who would believe upon him was the accomplishment of greater works “because I go unto my Father.”² Understand the Law and be satisfied thereby. The light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world³ is the light that he must expand through the flame

within the heart in order to achieve that glorious reunion of the soul with the Spirit that is known as the marriage of the Lamb.⁴

I say then to you, one and all, those who grieve the loss of a dear friend and teacher and those of you who are able to rejoice in his glorious attainment, that because he has gone to the Father, he can add the momentum of his causal body to your own that you also might do those greater works that were promised to the disciples of Jesus. Each time a son or a daughter of God ascends, those who are ready to receive it are blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit, the descent of the Paraclete; and the communion cup of hierarchy is shared once again with the children of God who yet dwell in the valley of becoming.

The parting words of the avatar to those who gather round to receive the mantle of his victory must always be “It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.”⁵ Simultaneously, as the flame that is man rises to become one with the Flame that is God, there is showered upon those who understand the Law and who pursue its spirit, the contents of the cup of the Holy Grail. The Comforter is the essence of life, of the Holy Spirit, that fulfills the prayer of Jesus “Father, make them one even as we are one.”⁶

I exhort you, O chelas of the will of God, to realize that the door to heaven stands wide open

because your messenger and mine has opened it, not only for himself, but for you and for all mankind. If he had but given the last energies of his life to the teaching and to the publication thereof, aye, that would have been enough to open the door; but by earning his victory through dauntless service and unquenchable love for God and man, he paved the pathway before you that you too might ascend into the very Presence of God.

How can there be sadness upon earth when there is rejoicing in heaven? There is sadness because men consider themselves to be alone and do not realize that aloneness is *all-one-ness*. Never before in this embodiment have you had such an opportunity to pursue the Flame, to feel its heat upon your brow and in your hand. For the cascading tides of life from the heart of the God Presence, from the heart of every ascended master now flow into your world over the pathway that he has trod before you.

Mighty footprints in the sands of life has our messenger left, and all who are wise will seek them out and place their feet in that unmistakable, clearly marked pathway that he has shown. The glory of the Piscean age initiated by Jesus was fulfilled in him. He walked the solitary path, and he walked the path of union with the hearts of all mankind. He bore his brother's burden, and he counted not the cost of giving his all to all who came for counsel, for comfort, for convincing in the Law.

As we sat at the Darjeeling Council table last

evening, I said to Saint Germain: “What a triumph in the midst of darkness! How our light has shone! As the lightning that cometh out of the East and shineth even unto the West, so has been the coming of this Son of God to the earth.”⁷

And Saint Germain smiled at me with a smile that encompassed the whole world, and he said: “I knew that he would fulfill the plan. I knew that there was a man who would not fail our cause. And standing by his side also, shrinking not from the battlefield of life, is the Mother chosen of old to nurture the children of mankind and a planet that yearns for the succor of the Divine Mother. You trained them well, my friend, and they have borne witness to the Truth in this generation.”

As Jesus spoke to the ruler of the Jews who came to him by night, so I say to you in the true Spirit of the Christ, “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”⁸ The best way that I can convey to you the meaning of the ascension is to liken it unto the birth of a tiny babe into its fleshly form, for the ascension is the birth into the Spirit. As man comes forth and bears the image of the earthy, so he returns to God to bear the image of the heavenly.⁹ The ascension day of every man is the birthday of his immortal reunion with God, the day that commemorates the hour of victory when he becomes a pillar (of fire) in the temple of God, nevermore to go out¹⁰ into physical form to bear the burden of the sin of the world within his

four lower bodies.

The wind bloweth where it listeth,
And thou hearest the sound thereof,
But canst not tell whence it cometh
And whither it goeth:
So is every one that is born of the Spirit.¹¹
To be born of the Spirit
Is to be borne of the Spirit.
And so is every ascended being,
The company of saints,
The hosts that are camped
Upon the hillsides of the world.

Among them standing tall,
Clothed in robe of white
And sash of brilliant sapphire blue,
Is the messenger of the Great White Brotherhood
Who proclaims to you still
The message of the Sacred Word,
The oft-repeated sound of harmonies,
Mantras, invocations spoken by angels
That come tumbling down the corridor
That echoes with a fateful sound,
“I AM free, I AM free,
I AM free forevermore!
We are one, we are one,
We are one forevermore!
There is no death, no parting, no sorrow,
But all-oneness, all-oneness,
And tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow.”

The crystal cord has risen
To carry a heart of fire
Back to its Source
While the blessed elementals,
Oromasis and Diana
Have taken that noble form
And returned it to the Eternal Bourn.
From light to light, from glory unto glory¹²
This is the word—
Not dust to dust!¹³
For the Son of man shall come again
With healing in his wings¹⁴
To raise each heart and to impart
The comfort from on high
“I will not leave you comfortless:
I will come to you.
Yet a little while,
And the world seeth me no more;
But ye see me:
Because I live, ye shall live also.”¹⁵

The promise of the ages is fulfilled.
The promise that God willed,
The promise of man to God
And God to man,
Is the covenant instilled
In every heart and mind,
The stain of centuries to bind
And to unleash the lightning
Of creativity sublime.

The brothers and sisters of the diamond heart and the entire Darjeeling Council assembled salute you in the Spirit of the ascension flame. We beckon you onward, and we offer it to you, a cup of light in His name.

May I introduce to you then the ascended master Lanello, to whom you may now call and whom you may address, knowing well that the friend whose hand you shook, whose smile greeted you once, will greet you again in the eternal embrace of love's victory won.

I AM your mentor on the Path,

El Morya

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Chapter I

1. Acts 1:11.
2. John 14:12.
3. John 1:9.
4. Rev. 19:7.
5. John 16:7.
6. John 17:11.
7. Matt. 24:27.
8. John 3:6.
9. 1 Cor. 15:49.
10. Rev. 3:12.
11. John 3:8.
12. 2 Cor. 3:18.
13. Gen. 3:19.
14. Mal. 4:2.
15. John 14:18–19.

Chapter II

1. Matt. 28:6.
2. Isa. 52:7.
3. Refers to Saint Bonaventure (1221–1274), one of the previous embodiments of the Messenger Mark L. Prophet.
4. 1 John 3:1.
5. Isa. 40:3; Matt. 3:3.
6. Phil. 4:7.
7. John 10:4.
8. Gen. 4:9.

Chapter III

1. Dan. 10:19.
2. Ps. 24:1.
3. Luke 14:23.
4. John 21:6.
5. 1 Thess. 4:17.
6. Rev. 11:3.

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1. Phil. 3:14.
2. Rev. 19:7.
3. Matt. 25:1–13.
4. Dan. 7:9.
5. Deut. 6:4; Mark 12:29.
6. Rev. 12:1.
7. Ps. 103:15–16.
8. Gen. 1:28.
9. Heb. 12:1.
10. Phil. 2:5.
11. 1 Cor. 9:24–25.
12. 1 Thess. 4:17.
13. 1 Cor. 9:26–27.
14. Heb. 12:2.

Chapter V

1. Ps. 119:105.
2. Gal. 6:9; 2 Thess. 3:13.
3. 2 Tim. 4:1.
4. William Shakespeare, *Julius Caesar*, act 4, sc. 3, lines 219–222.
5. Acts. 17:22.
6. Mark 9:41.
7. Job 38:7.

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