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The Heart Doctrine

The Voice of the Silence

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Inner Discrimination

Search for the Paths. But, O Lanoo, be of clean heart before thou startest on thy journey. Before thou takest thy first step learn to discern the real from the false, the ever-fleeting from the everlasting. Learn above all to separate Head-learning from Soul-Wisdom, the "Eye" from the "Heart" doctrine.

—The Voice of the Silence

A Lack of Real Knowledge

Yea, ignorance is like unto a closed and airless vessel; the soul a bird shut up within. It warbles not, nor can it stir a feather; but the songster mute and torpid sits, and of exhaustion dies.

But even ignorance is better than Head-learning with no Soul-wisdom to illuminate and guide it. —The Voice of the Silence

Discovering the Valuable

False learning is rejected by the Wise, and scattered to the Winds by the good Law. Its wheel revolves for all, the humble and the proud. The "Doctrine of the Eye" is for the crowd, the "Doctrine of the Heart," for the elect. The first repeat in pride: "Behold, I know," the last, they who in humbleness have garnered, low confess, "thus have I heard."

"Great Sifter" is the name of the "Heart Doctrine," O disciple.

—The Voice of the Silence

The Psychological Gymnasium of Life

The wheel of the good Law moves swiftly on. It grinds by night and day. The worthless husks it drives from out the golden grain, the refuse from the flour. The hand of Karma guides the wheel; the revolutions mark the beatings of the Karmic heart.

—The Voice of the Silence

Psychological Purity Produces Wisdom

True knowledge is the flour, false learning is the husk. If thou would'st eat the bread of Wisdom, thy flour thou hast to knead with Amrita's clear waters. But if thou kneadest husks with Maya's dew, thou canst create but food for the black doves of death, the birds of birth, decay and sorrow.

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बोधिचित्त Bodhichitta

Bodhi, "wisdom, light, enlightenment." Chitta, "mind."

1. In an introductory form, it is used to describe the altruistic intention to attain enlightenment for the benefit of suffering beings.
2. In Mahayana teachings it is an elevated state of awareness (prajna) which directly perceives Emptiness.
3. In Tantra it refers to the seminal fluids of the body. The Tibetan version, byan-sems, can be translated either as "enlightenment mind" or "semen."

Heaven Cannot Mix with Hell

Before that path is entered, thou must destroy thy lunar body, cleanse thy mind-body and make clean thy heart.

Eternal life's pure waters, clear and crystal, with the monsoon tempest's muddy torrents cannot mingle.

Heaven's dew-drop glittering in the morn's first sun-beam within the bosom of the lotus, when dropped on earth becomes a piece of clay; behold, the pearl is now a speck of mire. —The Voice of the Silence

Innocence: The End of Desire

Do not believe that lust can ever be killed out if gratified or satiated, for this is an abomination inspired by Mara. It is by feeding vice that it expands and waxes strong, like to the worm that fattens on the blossom's heart.

The rose must re-become the bud born of its parent stem, before the parasite has eaten through its heart and drunk its life-sap. —The Voice of the Silence

Compassion and Charity: The Seed of Awakening

Let thy Soul lend its ear to every cry of pain like as the lotus bares its heart to drink the morning sun.

Let not the fierce Sun dry one tear of pain before thyself hast wiped it from the sufferer's eye.

But let each burning human tear drop on thy heart and there remain, nor ever brush it off, until the pain that caused it is removed.

These tears, O thou of heart most merciful, these are the streams that irrigate the fields of charity immortal. 'Tis on such soil that grows the midnight blossom of Buddha more difficult to find, more rare to view than is the flower of the Vogay tree. It is the seed of freedom from rebirth. It isolates the Arhat both from strife and lust, it leads him through the fields of Being unto the peace and bliss known only in the land of Silence and Non-Being.

—The Voice of the Silence

Selfish Liberation

If thou art told that to become Arhan thou hast to cease to love all beings — tell them they lie.

If thou art told that to gain liberation thou hast to hate thy mother and disregard thy son; to disavow thy father and call him "householder"; for man and beast all pity to renounce — tell them their tongue is false.

Thus teach the Tirthikas, the unbelievers.

—The Voice of the Silence

The Illusion of Duality

If thou art taught that sin is born of action and bliss of absolute inaction, then tell them that they err. Non-permanence of human action; deliverance of mind from thraldom by the cessation of sin and faults, are not for "Deva Egos." Thus saith the "Doctrine of the Heart."

The Dharma of the "Eye" is the embodiment of the external, and the non-existing.

The Dharma of the "Heart" is the embodiment of Bodhi, the Permanent and Everlasting.

—The Voice of the Silence

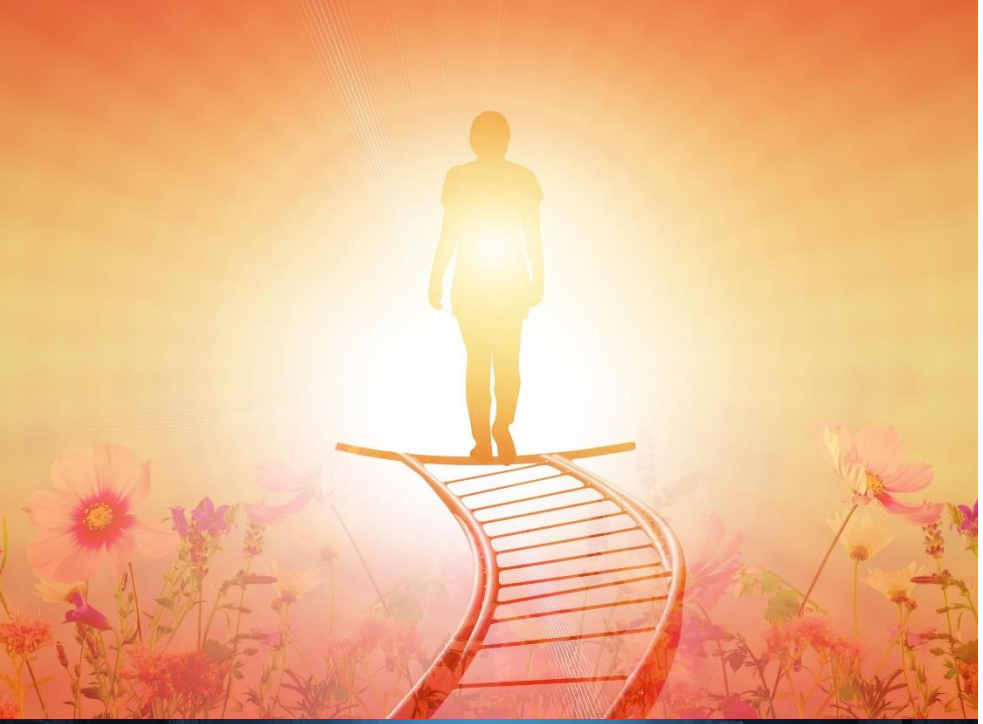
Inner Sacrifice on the Path of Spiritual Birth

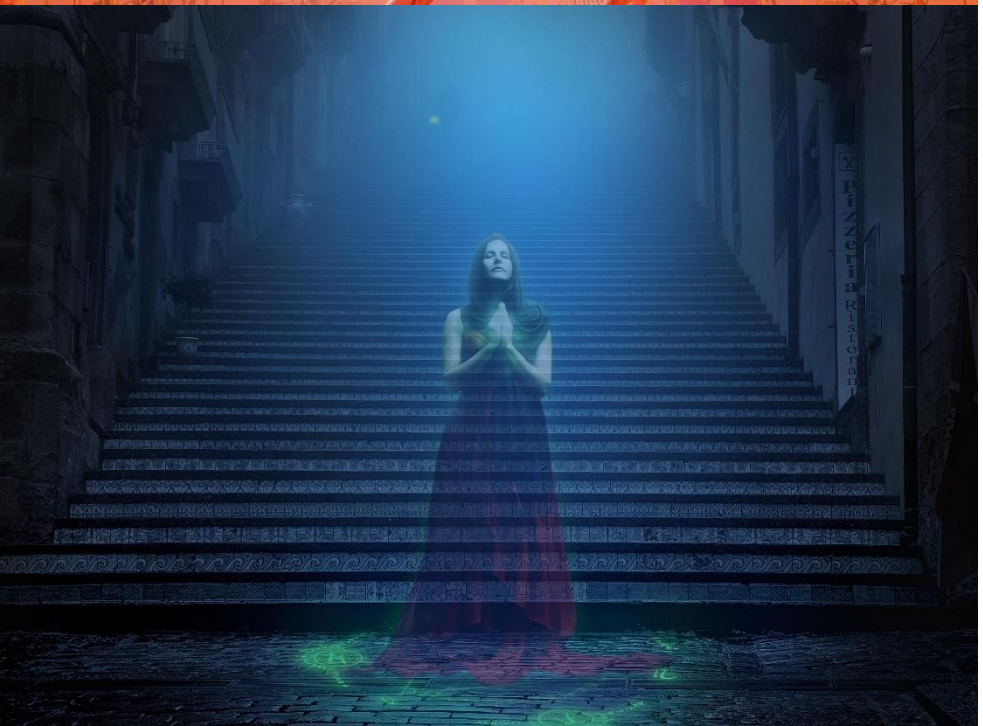
If thou would'st reap sweet peace and rest, Disciple, sow with the seeds of merit the fields of future harvests. Accept the woes of birth.

Step out from sunlight into shade, to make more room for others. The tears that water the parched soil of pain and sorrow, bring forth the blossoms and the fruits of Karmic retribution. Out of the furnace of man's life and its black smoke, winged flames arise, flames purified, that soaring onward, 'neath the Karmic eye, weave in the end the fabric glorified of the three vestures of the Path.

These vestures are: Nirmanakaya, Sambhoga-Kaya, and Dharmakaya, robe Sublime.

—The Voice of the Silence

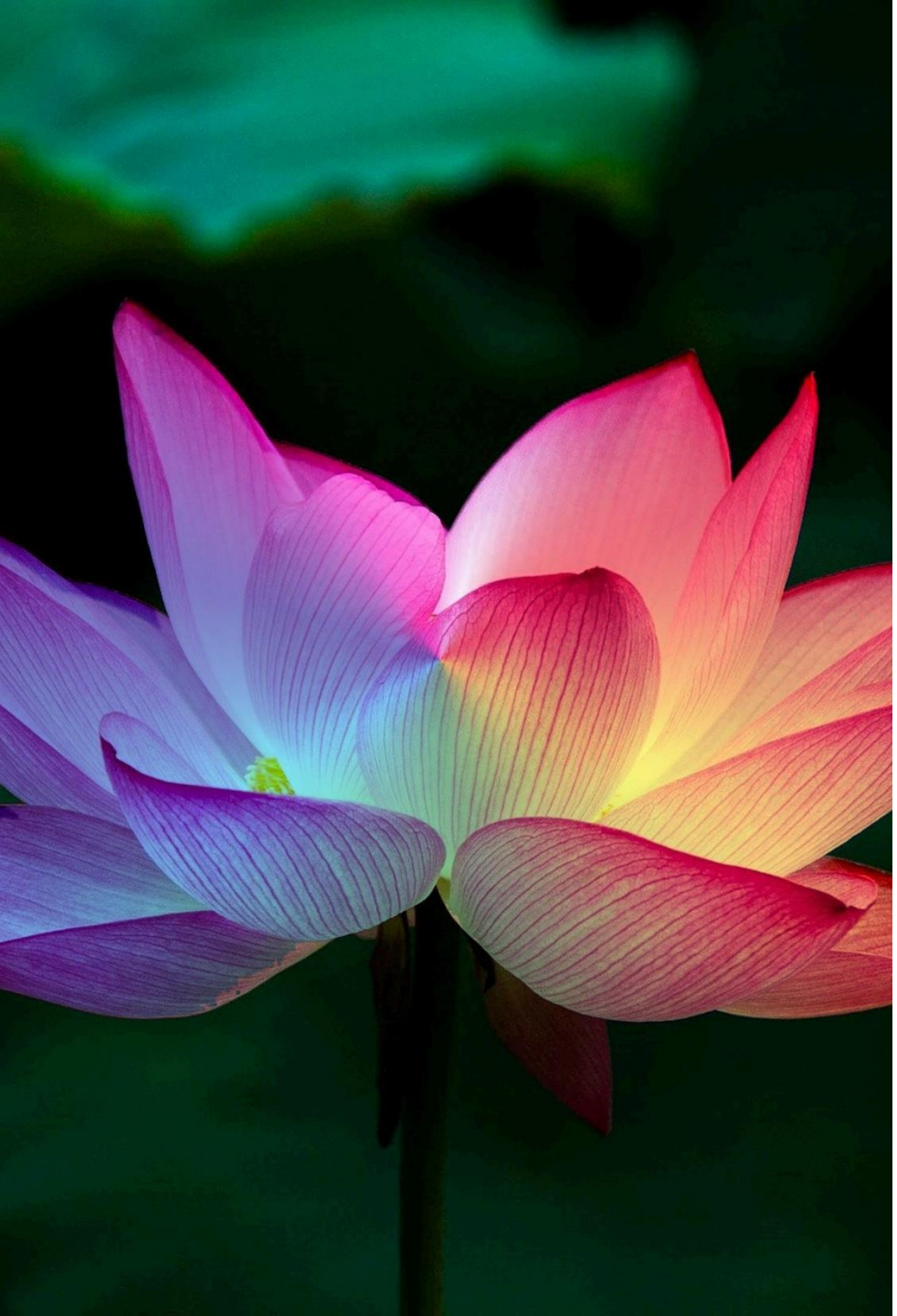




What Should Be Our Spiritual Priority?

The one who does not possess the Bodhichitta, even when he has created the superior existential bodies of the being, is still unconscious and absurd.

—Samael Aun Weor, *The Pistis Sophia Unveiled*



Every Conscious Effort Counts

Yet, if the "Doctrine of the Heart" is too high-winged for thee. If thou need'st help thyself and fearest to offer help to others, — then, thou of timid heart, be warned in time: remain content with the "Eye Doctrine" of the Law. Hope still. For if the "Secret Path" is unattainable this "day," it is within thy reach "to-morrow." Learn that no efforts, not the smallest — whether in right or wrong direction — can vanish from the world of causes. E'en wasted smoke remains not traceless. "A harsh word uttered in past lives, is not destroyed but ever comes again." The pepper plant will not give birth to roses, nor the sweet jessamine's silver star to thorn or thistle turn.

—The Voice of the Silence

Cause and Effect is Certain

Thou canst create this "day" thy chances for thy "morrow." In the "Great Journey," causes sown each hour bear each its harvest of effects, for rigid Justice rules the World. With mighty sweep of never erring action, it brings to mortals lives of weal or woe, the Karmic progeny of all our former thoughts and deeds.

—The Voice of the Silence

Acceptance and Aspiration

Take then as much as merit hath in store for thee, O thou of patient heart. Be of good cheer and rest content with fate. Such is thy Karma, the Karma of the cycle of thy births, the destiny of those, who, in their pain and sorrow, are born along with thee, rejoice and weep from life to life, chained to thy previous actions.

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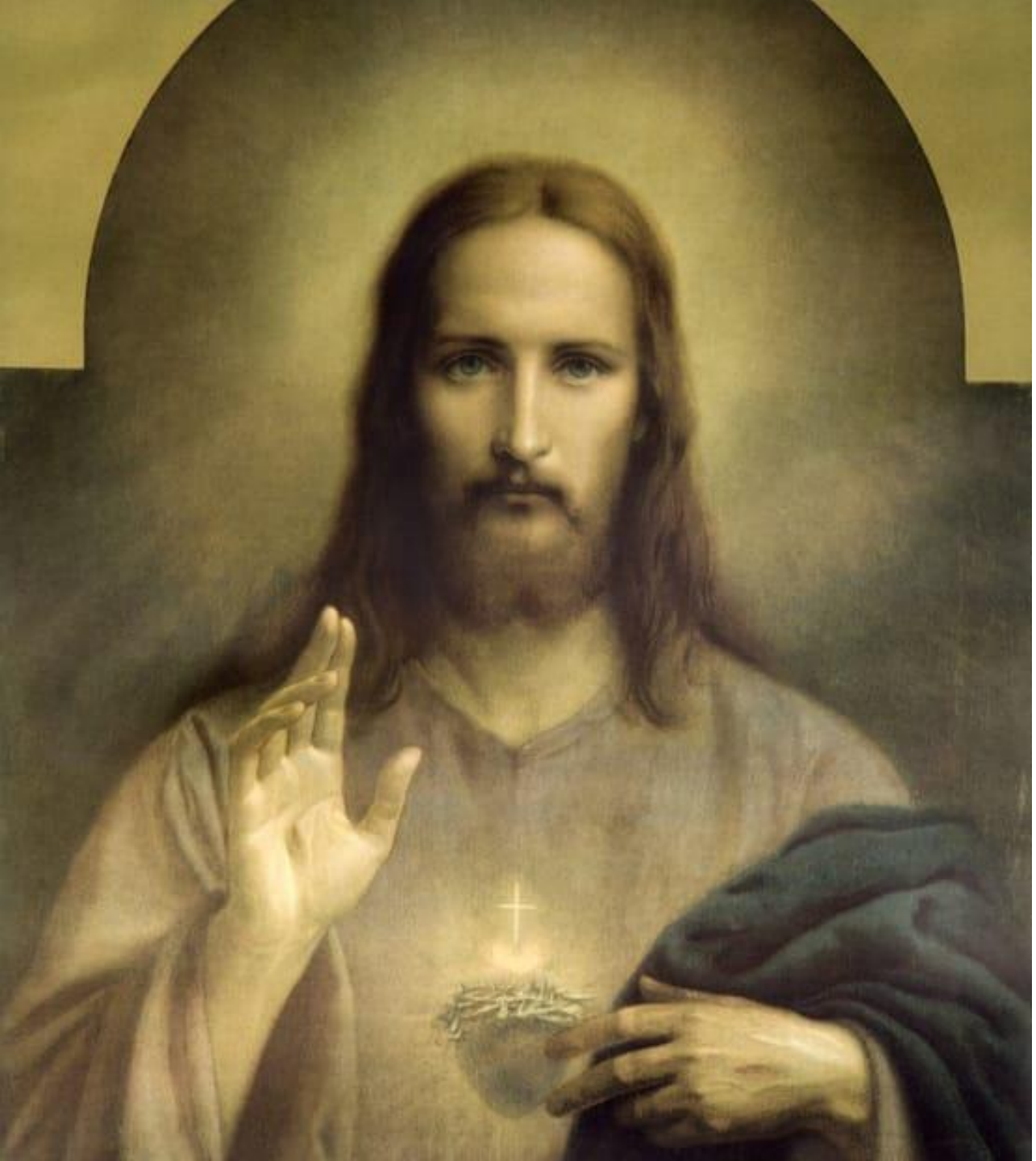

Awaken the Heart and Strive in the Spiritual Path

Kill out desire; but if thou killest it take heed lest from the dead it should again arise.

Kill love of life, but if thou slayest *tanha*, let this not be for thirst of life eternal, but to replace the fleeting by the everlasting.

Desire nothing. Chafe not at Karma, nor at Nature's changeless laws. But struggle only with the personal, the transitory, the evanescent and the perishable.

—The Voice of the Silence