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# DIALOGUE FOLLOWING THE RECEPTION OF A BROTHER GRAND PROFÈS BETWEEN THE HEAD INITIATOR AND THE NEWLY- RECEIVED, SERVING AS AN INTRODUCTION TO THEIR EXPLANATIONS REQUESTED ON THE EDUCATION HE HAS RECEIVED, AND THE DESIRED EXPLANATION OF THE SECRET DOCTRINE OF THE ORDER TO COMPLETE HIS INITIATION

### The New Initiate

The sublime instructions which have been given to me during my Reception into the high and final secret class of the Masonic Order in the Rectified Rite have filled me with joy. With each new shaft of light I felt my whole being becoming greater. These instructions intended to reward the persevering zeal and purified desires of those who, in good faith and without curiosity, seek the means to attain knowledge of the most essential Truths for the man who strongly feels the need, have raised my spirit by instructing it on the Eternal Creator of all things. They have inflamed my heart, and have stirred up within me ardent transports of love and gratitude towards the Author of my existence and for the Divine Redeemer of men.

However, in the midst of this immense tableau of such important facts, several subjects came to my mind only like fleeting flashes of Light whose speed did not permit me to grasp their relevance and their application, and in the darkness in which their disappearance has left me concerning those subjects, I believed I noticed holes, gaps and fractures. In that wonderful chain of facts this saddened me, and I thought I perceived some intentional reticence, based no doubt on prudent motives I do not know and which I should respect. But since Initiation has as its goal the education of well-trying men, might I hope to receive by your aid greater explanations about the points which still elude me, which by focusing my thoughts in this regard upon the path of truth would prevent me from wandering aimlessly, and making those unreliable interpretations which so often expose us to great danger?

### The Head of the College

My very dear and beloved Brother,

Cease to be surprised about the reticence which concerns you and the obscurities which hinder you. You should focus your gaze upon yourself, and you should question yourself about all the duties that you had to fulfill thus far. Remember the important counsel which was given to you when you were received as a Companion in the Symbolic Class, and placed before the veiled mirror, which was the key symbol of that Grade. Then you were told: "*If you have true desire, courage and understanding, draw aside this curtain*", which is to say, tear off the blindfold which obscures your understanding, and *learn to know yourself*. Have you done this? Have you constantly had that *true* desire unmixed with any human motive, that courage which never

permits itself to be beaten down by obstacles, and which raises the intellect up to the high realm for which it is destined? Have you properly studied your own nature, and your essential relationship with the Being of Beings Who established you in His own Image and Likeness? Have you never neglected for too long or materialized<sup>1</sup> the emblems and symbols which from that time were offered to you to exercise your intellect, and those which were presented to you at each step with the same intention on the Symbolic path; all of which demanded on your part the deepest meditation?

You came here in the beginning *to learn how to subdue your passions and submit your will in order to make further progress along this path*: have you been faithful to that wise resolution? Aren't you still completely under the yoke of some troubling inclinations, some prejudices or some discordant opinions which habit or the need for human respect prevent you from daring to reform? The submission of man's will to the Will of God is as constantly recommended to the Mason as it is to the Christian: have you made a sincere surrender and a complete sacrifice of yourself to Him, for without that surrender can you reasonably expect the rewards? Have you arrived at that state of simplicity of the heart and mind so praised in the Holy Gospels, among children quoted as the examples, whose heart hasn't yet opened up to the puffing up of knowledge, and who is protected by others? For it is to those who are like them, and to them alone, that the Light is promised. Finally, knowing that all true Light comes from above, have you cultivated the pleasing habit of asking for it from Him Who alone can give it when engaging in any important undertaking? This, my dear Brother, is the examination which you should perform upon yourself before engaging in any complaint about the obscurities and gaps which you have perceived, and even less on the reticence which distresses you.

### **The Initiate**

I recognize and confesses with sincerity that, in the past, I didn't attribute the great importance which you are impressing on me at this time, to all the emblems and symbols which have been shown to me, nor to the advice and counsel which was given to me, but which have often been present in my thoughts. But is this mistake irreparable, and can I never hope for the indulgent friendship of my Brothers who will help me make reparation?

### **The Head of the College**

Your Brothers who have watched you have observed your efforts with great satisfaction, and you have given the clearest evidence which is in their power, their confidence and their hopes to be able to conceive. You can therefore count on their aid as well as their friendship; but meditate more seriously than in the past upon the questions that they have just put to you through me, and which contain so much counsel, and never forget that even the educated and the most enlightened men are only instruments in the hands of Providence who makes use of them as it will; that despite their help you will always have your own personal work to do; that all true Light comes from God and He alone can give it to you.

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<sup>1</sup> In this sense, considered anything but the most sublime interpretation of those symbols in the mind.

The Doctrine of the Grand Profès which you desire to know in more detail is not a random system, put together like so many others as a result of human opinion. It goes back to the most distant antiquity, to Moses who experienced it in all its purity, and who was chosen by God to make it known to the small number of His Initiates who were the leaders of the great families of the Chosen People, to whom he received the order to transmit it to perpetuate its knowledge in all its truth, and without the veils with which he then had to cover it for the multitude of the Nation composed of ignorant, carnal and coarse men who would soon have misused it. The instructions you have received, as well as those which will follow them, are a faithful excerpt from that holy doctrine passed from age to age through Initiation to us. It has then been joined to those relating to the Great Mystery of the Incarnation of the Divine Word, and to other major events subsequent to Moses.

The form of this initiation has sometimes varied according to time and circumstance, but the foundation, which is invariable, has always remained the same. Receive it therefore with a just sense of recognition and meditate on its doctrine without prejudice, with that religious respect which a worthily prepared man feels he owes to what educates and illuminates him, and you will harvest great fruit for yourself and your Brothers.