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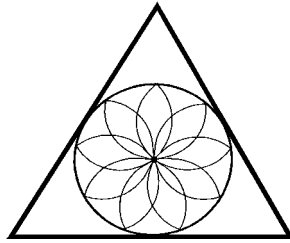
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THE GREAT INVOCATION

From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into the minds of men.
Let Light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men.
May Christ return to Earth.

From the center where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little wills of men —
The purpose which the Master knows and serves.

From the center which we call the race of men
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on
Earth.

“The above Invocation or Prayer does not belong to any person or group but to all Humanity. The beauty and the strength of this Invocation lies in its simplicity, and in its expression of certain central truths which all men, innately and normally, accept—the truth of the existence of a basic Intelligence to Whom we vaguely give the name of God; the truth that behind all outer seeming, the motivating power of the universe is Love; the truth that a great Individuality came to earth, called by Christians, the Christ, and embodied that love so that we could understand; the truth that both love and intelligence are effects of what is called the Will of God; and finally the self-evident truth that only through *humanity* itself can the Divine Plan work out.”

Alice A. Bailey

Editors' Foreword

Transmuting the persona, from a source of sensations and desires into a vehicle of light, is an essential part of spiritual growth and development. Transforming the persona enables the consciousness to rise up, identify as its true self, and discover its purpose, place and function in the One Life. The new body of light becomes an instrument of the true self, the Spiritual Soul, through which the Soul manifests the Divine Plan in the world of affairs.

Creative Thinking is a course in cleansing or purifying the persona, in aspiration to the Overshadowing Spiritual Soul. If actively practiced, it will prepare the persona (mind, emotions, and body), to become a vehicle for serving the One Life.

When the vehicle is prepared, the Spiritual Soul can be called into it. As the work of *Creative Thinking* proceeds, the practice of *The Nature of The Soul* begins. The incarnate soul aspires to and at-one's with the Overshadowing Spiritual Soul. The two, individual identity and group realization, become one, and the life and affairs becomes an embodiment of the Soul.

Creative Thinking first incarnated in 1957, as a series of dittoed lessons titled "Corrective Thinking" or C.T.

The present edition of the text has been renamed "Creative Thinking". This alternative title was suggested by the author, and the editors feel that it accurately represents the content, and helps make the work more accessible to modern seekers.

This edition is a faithful reproduction of the original printed edition. The only changes are minor corrections of grammar, punctuation, gender pronouns and design, and we changed most of the biblical quotes from the

King James version to the Revised Standard version. Every effort was made to retain the subjective quality and outer flavor of the earlier edition, while modernizing the language in order to clarify the overshadowing meaning.

The text was carefully scrutinized by the staff of Wisdom Impressions. Whenever a correction would have changed the meaning or quality, the original text was retained.

We have added a Table of Contents, Directory of Techniques, Study Guide, and Index. While not part of the original text, practitioners of the course have found them helpful.

Creative Thinking is a course of instruction in The Wisdom. The Wisdom is not a religion, philosophy, or science, but an independent field of study, experience, and practice. For information on the practice of this course, please see Appendix A, The Study Guide, beginning on p. 519.

Current students should keep in mind that when the course was written, Western students had access to fewer spiritual practices than is the case today. Meditation was not then a common practice, nor reincarnation a popular Western belief. Thus, the early C.T. lessons presume that students have a primarily Christian background. However, this gradually gives way to a more universal approach as the course introduces terms, concepts, and inner disciplines.

Sincerely,

The Editors
August, 2001

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