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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 Masters know and serve.

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

The first incarnation of *The Nature Of The Soul* was in 1953, as a series of ten loose-leaf lessons. This version of the course was taught to classes in Washington State during the early and mid-1950's.

In the late 1950's *The Nature Of The Soul* (or N.S.) was revised and expanded into a 40 lesson course. During the late 1950's and early 1960's N.S. was taught to groups of students in Washington State, California, Washington D.C., and Colorado. The number of students and teachers of the course grew slowly but steadily from the mid 1960's through the 1970's. In the mid 1980's the number of students and teachers began to grow at an increasingly rapid rate. Today N.S. and its sister courses are quietly taught at a number of locations across the United States.

The first printed edition of *The Nature Of The Soul* was a loose-leaf text published in 1957. Several editions have been published since then, but all were loose-leaf texts designed for classroom instruction. A bound textbook edition was planned, but was never completed (until now).

The delay in publishing a textbook edition is partly due to a lack of organization. *The Nature Of The Soul* is not associated with or controlled by a central organized body. This gives individual students and teachers the freedom to initiate their own growth and practice, but makes it difficult to act as a group.

This edition of *The Nature Of The Soul* is a faithful reproduction of the original '1957' text. The only changes are minor corrections of grammar, punctuation, and design. Every effort was made to retain the subjective quality and outer flavor of the earlier editions. The text was carefully scrutinized and copyedited by a dozen

Teacher Training (the advanced course for teachers) and Nature of The Soul graduates. Whenever a correction would have changed the meaning or quality, the original text was retained.

This edition of The Nature of The Soul Textbook also includes a Table of Contents, Directory of Techniques, Glossary, and Index. While not part of the original text, students and teachers of the course have found them helpful.

The Nature of The Soul is a course of instruction in The Wisdom, a field which is only beginning to make its reappearance in humanity's life and affairs. The Wisdom is not a religion, philosophy, or science, but an independent field of study, experience, and practice. The Nature of The Soul is designed to facilitate step-by-step unfoldment from individuality to group awareness, from unconscious activity to conscious service to the One Life.

Instruction in The Nature Of The Soul, and other interpretations of The Wisdom, is available through graduates of the Teacher Training course. Information on a class or teacher near you may be obtained through Wisdom Impressions [see Appendix B on pg. 501].

Sincerely,

The Editors
January, 1993

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Combining these disciplines with drugs, or other techniques, or using them for selfish purposes, is dangerous. If you have any questions about the use or effects of these disciplines, we recommend that you obtain instruction from a trained Teacher of The Wisdom [see Appendix B on pg. 501].

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