

THE FOUNDATION STONE MEDITATION

PANEL ONE	PANEL TWO	PANEL THREE	PANEL FOUR
<p>Human soul! You live in the limbs; Through the world of space they bear you Into seas of spirit-being:</p> <p><i>Practice spirit-recalling</i></p> <p>In depths of soul, Where in the wielding World-creator-being Your own "I" Comes into being Within the "I of God;" And you will truly live In human cosmic being.</p> <p>For there reigns the Father-spirit of the heights In cosmic depths creating existence Ye Spirits of Strength, Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Let from the heights ring forth What in the depths finds its echo; This speaks thus: From the divine mankind takes being.</p> <p>Thus hear it the elementary spirits In the East, West, North, South: May human beings hear it!</p>	<p>Human soul! You live in the beat of heart and lungs; Through the rhythm of time it leads you Into the feeling of your own soul-being:</p> <p><i>Practice Spirit-meditating</i></p> <p>In equanimity of soul, Where by the surging Deeds of world-becoming Your own "I" Is united With the "I of the cosmos" And you will truly feel In human weaving of souls.</p> <p>For there reigns the will of Christ all around us In cosmic rhythms bestowing grace onto souls. Ye Spirits of Light, Kyriotetes, Dynamis, Exusiai, Let from the East be enkindled What through the West takes on form; This speaks thus: In Christ death becomes life.</p> <p>Thus hear it the elementary spirits in the East, West, North, South: May human beings hear it!</p>	<p>Human soul! You live in the resting head; From eternal grounds it discloses The thoughts of the cosmos to you:</p> <p><i>Practice Spirit-envisioning</i></p> <p>In stillness of thought, Where by the eternal aims of gods Light of cosmic being To your own "I" Is granted For your free willing; And you will truly think In human spirit grounds.</p> <p>For there reign the cosmic thoughts of the Spirit In cosmic being light imploring. Ye Spirits of Soul, Archai, Archangeloi, Angeloi, Let from the depths be entreated What in the heights will be answered; This speaks thus: In the Spirit's cosmic thoughts the soul awakens.</p> <p>Thus hear it the elementary spirits in the East, West, North, South: May human beings hear it!</p>	<p>At the turning point of time Came the cosmic spirit light Into the earthly stream of being.</p> <p>Night darkness Had reached its power's end; Light, bright as day, Rayed forth in human souls;</p> <p>Light That gives warmth To simple hearts of shepherds;</p> <p>Light That enlightens The wise heads of kings;</p> <p>Light divine, Christ-Sun,</p> <p>Give warmth To our hearts;</p> <p>Enlighten Our heads,</p> <p>That good may become What from our hearts We are founding, What from our heads We shall guide With our purposeful willing.</p>

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