

Teachings from the Mystery School
The Maitreya Discourses
Chapter 12: “Welcome to the Mystery School!”
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Welcome to Section 3

Welcome to the Mystery School! This is the title of Chapter 12 and the tone that greets us at the beginning of Section 3. In this section, Lord Maitreya and other masters will add to our understanding of what it means to walk the spiritual path in the Mystery School today. We will also see that the Coming of Maitreya takes on an even deeper meaning in these chapters.

Dictation Summary

A key theme of this dictation is the invocation of illumination’s flame. Lord Maitreya comes to quicken illumination’s flame in our hearts and in the earth. Equally important themes are the concept of “the secret place of the crystal cave” (p. 168) and Maitreya entering our temple. You may find it helpful to listen to the audio recording of this dictation before studying the chapter.

Core Concept

In this dictation, Lord Maitreya adds important insight to our understanding of the Mystery School. He speaks of both an outer and an inner aspect of the Mystery School and describes the inner aspect by saying: “But within, beloved, as depicted in the Roerich painting on the covers of *The Lost Teachings of Jesus*, there is that inner gathering, there is that inner oneness in the secret place of the rock, in the secret place of the crystal cave, in the inner dwelling place.” (p. 168) He gives further insight into this concept throughout the chapter.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Maitreya speaks about the flame of illumination throughout this chapter. Discuss what you learned from him about illumination's flame. What are some of its qualities? What are some of the things that oppose the increase of illumination's flame in the world? How can illumination's flame help us personally and on a planetary scale?

2. Early in the chapter, Maitreya says,

Do not take yourself too seriously, [Buddha] says. Do not be too seriously burdened with all illusions in the world. Though they be strong illusions, it is well to pause to remember they are not real, nor all the engines of war or rumors thereof. They are not real but only set in places as props, as bad dreams, that those who see and know reality might draw the sword and pierce that set, that backdrop in life, and in so piercing it, excise all of the poisons and the manipulations of those fallen ones. They cannot stand unless some believe they are real. Thus, Evil has no permanent reality except the reality given to it.

(pp. 166-167)

Discuss the meaning of this statement. What might some examples of "strong illusions" look like in our lives and in the world? What does Maitreya ask us to do with these "strong illusions"? What are some of the ways we can apply this teaching personally and in the community of Maitreya's Mystery School?

3. In this chapter, Maitreya welcomes us to the Mystery School. He says:

Welcome to the Mystery School, called in the outer Summit University. But within, beloved, as depicted in the Roerich painting on the covers of The Lost Teachings of Jesus, there is that inner gathering, there is that inner oneness in the secret place of the rock, in the secret place of the crystal cave, in the inner dwelling place.

(p. 168)

What is the secret place of the crystal cave and how do we enter it? How has this statement and the chapter deepened your understanding of what the Mystery School is and what it means to live in it?

Personal Reflection Exercises

1. In this chapter, Maitreya calls us to master the Science of the Spoken Word. (See page 170.) Reflect on your own mastery of this sacred science. Is there something you would like to learn more about or improve in your practice of the Science of the Spoken Word? Use the space below to document any actions you wish to take concerning mastering the Science of the Spoken Word. (If you listened to the audio recording of the dictation for this chapter, also consider what, if anything, you learned about the mastery of the Science of the Spoken Word from giving the illumination decrees with Lord Maitreya.)

2. In this chapter, Maitreya says,

Being the Coming Buddha, then, I AM come into your temple. Just as there is prophesied in the West the Second Coming of Christ, so there is prophesied in the East the Coming of Maitreya. The significance is the descent of the Buddha who is Cosmic Christ in your heart. It is not delayed, it is ready.

I AM here, beloved. I would enter. As the chamber is emptied and then filled again, emptied and then filled again by the fire breath of illumination's flame, know that in your process of processioning through the inner canyons of being, mounting, then, the spiral staircase to the heart, I am with you, and in a moment of recognition we experience the divine awareness of we two in the heart of hearts community.

(p. 169)

Reflect on this passage from Lord Maitreya and what it means for your personal walk with him in the Mystery School. You may wish to journal about this in the space below.