

Teachings from the Mystery School
The Maitreya Discourses
Chapter 18: “Fearless Compassion and the Eternal Flame of Hope”
Given by Lord Maitreya on December 31, 1989

Dictation Summary

In this chapter, Lord Maitreya shares an excerpt of the Introduction to Book II of the 1984 *Pearls of Wisdom*. This excerpt contains teaching on Maitreya and the bodhisattva qualities of kindness, fearless compassion, and *vīrya* that Maitreya exemplifies. This teaching adds to our understanding of who Lord Maitreya is and what it means to be his student in his Mystery School.

Core Concept

One of the core concepts of this chapter is that a bodhisattva is one who exhibits fearless compassion. This compassion is extended through unending forgiveness and mercy. Lord Maitreya says, “Blessed hearts, I ask you to enter this year in the full majesty of that fearless compassion, whose definition comes down to the point of forgiveness. Forgiveness is that which will erase the record untoward, soften the recalcitrance of hardness of heart, of arthritis and diseases of the bones, even the calcification of the brain. Understand that forgiveness is needed; it is needful that it arise out of the fount of your soul in this hour in such a concentrate of mercy’s ray that it may contact and reach all who have ever wronged you in the way.” (p. 270)

Note

Although the 1984 *Pearls of Wisdom* bound volumes containing the introductions Maitreya references in this chapter are out of print (as of this writing), significant portions of these excerpts have been included in Part 1 of the book *Maitreya on Initiation* (Summit University Press, 2006). The individual *Pearls of Wisdom* from 1984 can be accessed for free through the *Pearls of Wisdom* Online website (<https://searchpearls.summitlighthouse.org/>) by searching for Volume “27 – 1984”.

Group Discussion Questions

1. In this chapter, we read the following excerpt from a dictation from Saint Germain given July 4, 1968:

Do you see, then, gracious ones, that courtesy as an expression of forgiveness and affection between hearts is a spiritual activity that brings about great soul expansion, which is intended to bring every man from serfdom to a state of lordship where he is the master of his world?

Yet we sometimes look askance, even from our octave, at those individuals who have long been under our tutelage and our radiation who upon receipt of some trivial offense immediately begin to send out a vibration of great resentment against the one who performs this offense against their lifestreams.

Quite frequently there is a mounting of intense reactionary resentment; this creates a great karma for the student of ascended master law, who ought to know better. And through the rupture that is thereby created in the emotional body, there is a pressing in from the sinister force of disturbing vibrations that not only flow through the aura and lifestream of the one who has taken offense but also puncture the peace and harmony of the supposed offender.

Do you not see, then, by contrast what a gracious thing the ritual of forgiveness can be? And oh, how wonderful it would be if our students would truly understand the law of forgiveness! It is a sweet gift from the heart of God and one that people ought to welcome into their worlds so that they may freely give it to others, even as they have freely received it.

Whenever someone does something that is not to your liking, precious ones, this is your great opportunity. This is your opportunity to say, "I will use God's energy and love to erase one more blight upon the universe! I will see to it that the blackboard of life becomes a radiant screen of white perfection, and I will put my perfection-patterns into manifestation. For these patterns are from the Father, and I am the Son representing the Father and I must show forth Light and not Darkness."

pp. 266-267

Saint Germain points out a significant potential stumbling block for students on the spiritual path. Use the following four-part exercise to help you review this teaching and assess your group on behaviors Saint Germain discusses.

- a. In your group, brainstorm two or three examples of what it could look like in daily life if someone chooses to be *resentful* as a response to trivial offenses. If you are feeling creative, you may wish to act out these scenarios. (Larger discussion groups could split into small groups of two or three people and have each group create and act out a scenario for the larger group.)

- b. Brainstorm two or three examples of what it looks like to choose *forgiveness* as a response to trivial offenses in daily life. If you acted out the first scenarios, you may want to act these out as well.

- c. Having considered what the behaviors of resentment and forgiveness look like in everyday life, make an honest assessment of your group regarding these behaviors using the rating scale below. Discuss why you would give your group this rating.

ON AVERAGE, OUR GROUP RESPONDS TO TRIVIAL OFFENSES WITH:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Always resentment				Forgiveness about half the time		Always forgiveness			

- d. Are you satisfied with the score you gave your group? Why or why not? Identify one or two practical actions your group can take in the coming weeks based on your responses.

2. Up to now, our study of Lord Maitreya and what it means to live in his Mystery School has been rooted in revelation through dictations. In this chapter, Maitreya reads from the Introduction to Book II of the 1984 *Pearls of Wisdom* bound volume which gives us more historical knowledge and insight into this great Buddha and the path he teaches. (See pp. 258-269 for this reading.) Use the following two questions as a way review this section of the chapter.

- a. Share with your group one point from this reading that brought you hope and why.

- b. Discuss as a group how this reading has added to your understanding of who Lord Maitreya is and what it means to live in his Mystery School.

Personal Reflection Exercise

In this chapter Maitreya speaks about the need for forgiveness:

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After having studied this chapter, take time to reflect on whether there is a part of life that you still have yet to forgive. If you find that there is, commit to engaging in the ritual of forgiveness in some way. You may wish to journal about your reflection and what you will do to enter into the ritual of forgiveness in the space below.

If you find yourself at peace with all parts of life, reflect on how you can extend the flame of forgiveness on a larger scale—such as to your community, nation, or the world. Journal about what you can do to daily embrace and radiate the flame of forgiveness and fearless compassion for the healing of the world. (See p. 259 for inspiration on radiating the diffused rays of *maitri* from your heart to all life.)

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Congratulations on completing the study questions for Chapters 12-18 of *The Maitreya's Discourses*! Hopefully, you now have a much deeper understanding of what it means to be a student in the Mystery School and navigate not just foundational tests, but also more advanced tests on the spiritual path. Before moving on to Section 4, take some time to review your study question notes and personal reflection exercises. Ask yourself, "How has my understanding of walking the Path in Maitreya's Mystery School deepened through studying this section?"

Suggested Break for Groups

If you are completing these study questions in a group, this would be a good point to pause and take a break for a week or two before moving on to a study of Chapter 19 in Section 4.

Your Examples of Tests and Challenges in the Mystery School

The Summit Lighthouse would like to gather personal examples of the tests and challenges one can face in Maitreya's Mystery School. The collection of stories will be done via an online form. Your story may help others studying *The Maitreya Discourses* to better understand and pass their tests on the spiritual path.

Your story will be treated with the greatest confidentiality and respect. At the end of the form, you can indicate whether you are willing to share your story anonymously or with your initials added.

If your story involves other people, please make sure you have their permission to share it before mentioning them by name. If you don't have this permission, please only use initials or use descriptors such as "my friend," "the merchant," or "the young waiter who took my order."

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