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Joseph: Greetings to you, my beloved friends. I am Joseph.

I would like to spend a few moments upon your group and some of its functions. You were told that the Probationary Path is not easy. Although it may not be as difficult as the advanced work, it will still not be an easy path. There will be many decisions and choices to be made, for if you are not faced with this type of thing, where you must make decisions, where you must weigh one portion against another, how would you learn to function?

Life is a continuous time of choices. There are always choices to be made. There are always two ways that you can go and you must choose. You have been given guidelines to follow, and if these are strictly adhered to, you will move forward.

A group, to function as a group, must develop group spirit and group harmony, which is not only displayed in the outer, but which must become a deep inner feeling and knowing.

Sometimes, criticism of a constructive nature is in order. You will find when you have advanced farther along the path and are dealing directly with a teacher, that oftentimes, you will be criticized. Things will be pointed out to you in a constructive way, and if you are not able to receive this type of criticism, then you are not ready for the Path.

The Path requires one to be humble. This is a virtue that is found in all great beings. This is well to remember. The Path is not one that feeds the ego. He, who would have his ego fed, will not last long upon the Path.

One must be sincere in all things. Honesty is a must, honesty in all of your dealings with your fellow man and with yourself. Dishonesty is not tolerated in the Brotherhood.

The medallion can be of great value to you in the times to come if your efforts have been carried forth to their fullest. It must never be used in any way to impress

others, for when you do this, it rapidly loses any value that it might have to you. Anything that you receive from the Brotherhood that is used wrongly will bring you no benefit, and it is more likely that it will be detrimental to you.

We have mentioned in the past that an advanced brother, when meeting you, could tell who you were by the vibrations that your medallion carries. He can also tell if it has been dissipated, and he will know immediately that you have not been true to the cause. It is possible to deceive some of your fellow men, but you cannot deceive the Brotherhood. We know when you are sincere and when you are trying and putting forth the effort. We also know when you are not.

Earth man, by and large, has the tendency to use things for his own selfish advantage and this is one of the things that must be overcome. If you are to grow and advance along the Path, then you must follow the guidelines that were given, in every way. There can be no variations.

We do not expect the impossible, but we do expect sincerity and effort. You may find, and you will find if you proceed, changes coming about in your group. Already, you see some of this happening. If you are sincere and go forward, you will attract those to you who can be helpful, who can be assets to your efforts and they can help to raise the consciousness of your group. This will come about only when you have made it possible.

Do not become discouraged. Keep your hopes high, your ideals high and keep working. Work upon all of the things that we have asked you to work upon and you will grow. Your efforts will be rewarded. You will not go unnoticed. We cannot do it for you. You must do it yourselves. We will help in any way that we can when we see that the effort and the sincerity are there.

Now, as I leave you, I extend to each of you my most sincere love and blessings, and may each of you make great progress on the Path to wisdom, to love and to power. May the blessings of all the Great Ones be

poured forth on each of you at this time, and may each of you reach your desires.

Go in peace, my friends. Go in peace. Peace, peace, peace. ✠