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**Nathaniel:** Greetings to thee, my children, I am Nathaniel. I have not spoken with you for quite some time but since I came here with brother Zalhem, I decided that it would be nice if I could make myself known to you and perhaps say a few words to you.

Questioner: We have missed you.

Nathaniel: It is nice to know when one is missed.

All of you here indicated your desire to be upon the Probationary Path and I should like at this time to say a few words concerning this.

On the path, one of the first things that one must accomplish is the removal of self. Earthman, by and large, due to his environment and the influences that are brought to bear upon him, has developed a very large self. He is taught from childhood that his thoughts should be toward promoting and protecting self, that he should be greatly recognized and compensated for all that he does and that he must put self first, he must serve himself first. He is taught that if you do not do these things you will not be very well respected.

This is not the teachings of the higher philosophies. We teach that man must serve his fellow man, he must not put self first but rather the good of all mankind. He does not have to defend Truth for Truth is, always has been and always will be. So you need not defend Truth, you live Truth. So one of the first and most important accomplishments on the Path, is to learn to put self in its proper place.

Most people become angry only in defense of self. They become offended very quickly when their great self is being criticized or offended or not being recognized. This perhaps is one of the greatest causes for anger to rise up in the Minds of men. They feel that they must defend themselves and prove themselves to be right and good and just.

Your Great Master of this Age demonstrated this point very clearly. Never did He put self first. He was Truth, He lived Truth, He demonstrated it. He did not have to defend it. He met His enemies with love and not with hate or anger and these are the things, my friends, that all of you must conquer.

It is not easy for we find this self becomes very large, very imperfect and perhaps becomes master of us rather than we being master of it. Master that lower self in this level of expression which you find yourself in, is not an easy task and we recognize this. This is why we have patience with Earth people and love for them and try in every way to help them by pointing the way. We know your pitfalls, we know your weaknesses, we understand your problems but we can only point the way, we cannot do it for you. We can only give you encouragement and strength but we rejoice greatly when any individual reaches this accomplishment, where we realize then that a great step forward has been taken by that individual and all the Heavens rejoice.

It has been my pleasure to spend these few moments with you and may each of you make this accomplishment quickly and may you grow rapidly on the Path that we might rejoice with you.

Go in peace, peace, peace. \$