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Joseph: Greetings to you, my children, I am Joseph. It is my privilege to again among you.

In the twentieth century much more interest has been shown by Man of Earth in the occult sciences. In fact, this interest began even before the twentieth century. Therefore many adepts have come forth in this century offering their services as teachers to those who have shown great interest and have put a great deal of their time into the study of these matters.

Now generally speaking in occult terms, there are the masters, the adepts and the pupils. A master is one who has mastered all of the occult sciences through his sojourn of his system. That is to say, he has passed through all of the school rooms of his system and has mastered all of the laws and sciences of the occult teachings.

This is not to say that all masters are on the same level of evolution, for this is far from the truth. Those who have reached their mastership in times of the far past, naturally have risen higher on the ladder of evolution, and are more powerful than those who have more recently reached their degree of mastership. This also holds true with the adepts and with the pupils. Even upon your plane you have the same situation. For instance, a bushman of Australia and a Tesla, or an Einstein, or an Emerson compared, would leave a large gap evolution. Yet each is on his level of evolution and is evolving according to his ability and his desire to do so.

The adept is a pupil, so to speak, of the master, and has not yet mastered all of the sciences; he has not yet reached the state of perfection that one must reach to be classified as a master. But the adept acts as a teacher to those who have not yet reached his level of development and these are known as the students.

Many are searching in these fields of occultism. Some are taking the route of doing their own research and experimentation. Others are taking the route of the teacher. Regardless of the route taken each one must do his own experimentation. A teacher might tell you something and you would say, "This is true, my intuitive nature and my common sense tells me this is true." He might tell you something else and you might say, "This

is absurd. My intuitive nature and my common sense tells me this is not true." Here you have a belief and a non-belief, but you do not know.

Beliefs are really of no great importance. You can believe or you cannot believe, but this does not tell you it is true or not true. Beliefs are as nothing, for on a certain subject you may have as many beliefs as you have individuals. So if you are to know, you must do your own experimentation and prove that which the teacher has said or the writer has written. You must prove it through experimentation to be either true or false. And when you have done this, then you know.

There are thousands of people today upon your planet who are studying metaphysical principles, occult principles. Sciences are being taught by individuals who never do any experimentation on their own. They only believe or disbelieve because someone has said it is so or it is not so. But, my friends, you will never know until you have proved it for yourself, until you have experienced that which you wish to know. This requires some effort upon the part of the individual. He must use his God given abilities to search out and to seek and to prove these thing.

No great advancement has ever come to your civilization without a great amount of this being done by someone. Your great inventors have not brought about their inventions because someone has said to them that this or that will work. They had to, through their own efforts and experimentations, prove the principles involved. Many times failure after failure comes before the final solution is found.

But this is the way man truly learns and truly knows. So if you are to rise to great heights on the spiritual path or the scientific path, and there is no difference, it will require much experimentation, much effort upon your part. Great strides are not made without effort. You will only accomplish according to your desire and the efforts that are placed behind those desires.

You can accomplish any height or any goal, if you are willing to do the work necessary to accomplish it. It is up to each individual. No one is going to do it for you. You will not be handed anything upon a golden platter.

In the scheme of universal evolution it requires that you do this if you are to ever reach the higher rungs of this ladder.

My friends, I extend to each of you my most sincere blessings and my love. And may the desire grow in each of you that will drive you on to the mountain tops, where your view will be such as you have never dreamed.

May the peace and the joy of all the Great Ones be bestowed upon each of you now.

Go in peace, my friends, go in peace. Peace, peace, peace. ❖