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

If you were to ask me what the most important thing would be for you to understand, I would say unto you, understand and know thyself. And after many years of searching, studying and learning, if you were to ask me again, I would again say, know and understand thyself. After many more years if you were to request the same, I would give you the same answer. For this is the purpose of the Path of Knowledge and Understanding, for when man knows and understands himself thoroughly, he will know all things for you are all things.

For what you call the Spiritual Path, we prefer the term, "The Path of Knowledge, of Wisdom, of Understanding," and also "The Path of Service." Knowledge brings man to a spiritual being. Spirituality is Knowledge, is Wisdom and Power. This is the Triune that man is striving to achieve. This is a part of all mankind.

Some parts may be more predominant in one, such as wisdom may be more predominant in one than in another. Love may be more predominant in one than in another and so the power, although the individual himself might be completely oblivious of this. This is not to say that they are far advanced in any one of these. I'm only saying that it may show in them more prominently at any one given time.

But this road to knowledge is not an easy road, it is a road that is rough, many times you may want to turn back, and some do. But as man treads the Path of Knowledge, he must prove his worthiness of the knowledge he has before he can go on to greater knowledge. If man gaineth great knowledge and hath not the wisdom to use this knowledge, the knowledge can be more harmful than good for him, for all of these things must go hand in hand, Love, Wisdom and Power.

Man's greatest asset is love for love hath power when it is understood. Man has little conception of the true meaning of love. He confuses love with emotion and these are two different things, but as you trod the Path you learn more and more of the power of this great

force. Now every force, regardless of what it might be, must be used with wisdom.

As you travel the Path you will learn more and more about our Brotherhood and how it functions. We do not attempt to control the minds of men, we only attempt to encourage, to help them by pointing the way and encouraging them to follow the way. We do not try to force nor to control your minds in any way. This is where the forces that oppose us have an advantage over us. They do attempt to control the minds of men and do control them in many cases, for you see they have no conscience. They seek only power, they do not seek love and wisdom, only power.

But we are interested in mankind's welfare and we know that man can only grow and learn through experience and through service to his fellow man. Our function as a Brotherhood is completely one of service, not to control, but to serve mankind in his best interests and this you too, will learn to do as you pass along the way.

It is our hope that more and more Earth people will choose the Path of Knowledge and of Service and we will aid in every way that we can but we will not violate cosmic law. For we know in doing this, we can do you no good and only bring dire results to ourselves.

As I leave I extend to each of you my most sincere love, my blessings, my joy. Go in peace, beloved ones, go in peace. Peace.