

***Teachings from the Mystery School***  
***The Maitreya Discourses***  
**Chapter 5: “The Hour of the Mystery School Is Come!”**  
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**Part 1: Study Guide**

## **Introduction**

Chapter 5 of *The Maitreya Discourses* is an important chapter for serious students on the spiritual path to understand and apply. Below you will find a study guide of questions that will help you go more deeply into the key concepts of this chapter. We recommend completing this Part 1: Study Guide individually or in a group before continuing to the group discussion and personal reflection questions in Part 2. The section headings and page numbers will help you reference specific passages in the chapter.

## **Dictation Summary**

This dictation by Lord Maitreya was given approximately three months after Jesus’ announcement of the return of Maitreya’s Mystery School. In it, Lord Maitreya speaks about the encounter with the Teacher and some of the ways in which a student on the spiritual path can avoid or embrace this encounter.

## **Core Concept**

Lord Maitreya explains that he has returned for the divine encounter with our souls. The encounter with the Teacher is a necessary step on the spiritual path. By free will, we can embrace this encounter or we can avoid it.

## **Study Guide**

### **The Hour of the Mystery School Is Come!**

1. Why does Lord Maitreya call himself the divine accountant? (p. 39)





2. Lord Maitreya says, “Understand, then, that in the fullness of the Law the master cannot reveal the unreality of thyself except thou be willing to see it, to hear it, and to fear thy God.” What does this mean? (p. 44)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What is “the blind spot in the spiritual eye”? What characteristics does it have? (p. 44)

### **Your Reaction to Circumstance**

1. How is our association with the ascended masters tested? What does our “reaction to circumstances” have to do with this? And how do pride and disdain play into this testing? (p. 45)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How is chelaship measured? How does this relate to “the beginning of the path of Maitreya”? (p. 45)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What is the deeper meaning of the principle of association as explained by Lord Maitreya? (p. 45)

4. Summarize in your own words how we should prepare for the hour of the initiation of Maitreya when he comes to us as the auditor. (p. 46)

### **The Principle of Accommodation**

1. Which two choices can the soul accommodate to? What are the results of each choice? (pp. 46-47)

### **The Life of Comfortability**

1. Explain Maitreya's "cream in the coffee" analogy. (p. 47)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What actions does a chela who sets up a life of comfortability take? What is this chela avoiding in the process? (p. 47)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Which self is the self that fears? (p. 48)



4. What warning does Lord Maitreya give us? (p. 50)

### **Areas of Nonresolution**

1. In this section, Lord Maitreya makes a very interesting point about having a hobby (some form of re-creation in the Spirit) that elicits strong or negative emotional reactions in us. These emotional reactions show us that we are still in need of being confronted by the Teacher. Why is there a need for this confrontation? (p. 51)
2. In contrast with the point above, what is the true indifference of the Buddha that we should strive for? What should we be willing to do as the indifferent ones? (p. 51)

### **The Path of Ease and the Path of Struggle Will Fool You!**

1. When we experience a sense of struggle, what does this really tell us about our state of mind on the path, according to Lord Maitreya? (p. 52)
2. Who is the true “resolver of problems”? (p. 52)

3. What are “rusty chelas”? (p. 52)
4. Maitreya says that he comes with “severity” and “a level of expectancy.” What does he say “time has run out for”? (pp. 52-53)

**Come into the Realm of Love and Surrender**

1. What is our struggle the result of? (p. 53)
2. What happens to the spirit when we remain in a state of human comfortability? What are some signs of our spirit being in distress? (p. 53)
3. Why does Lord Maitreya caution us not to create a molecular or synthetic formula of life and the path? What would this kind of synthetic formula of life look like? (p. 54)

4. Describe the “path of ease.” What is it and who are attracted to this path? (p. 54)

### **The Presence of the Living Master**

1. In this section, Lord Maitreya illustrates the principle of association by giving the example of how different chelas related to the messenger Mark Prophet while he was still in embodiment. In your own words, describe the two different modes of association pointed out by Maitreya, and their consequences for the progress of the soul. (pp. 54-55)

### **The Necessity for the Teacher**

1. For what reasons has Lord Maitreya come? (pp. 55-56)
  
2. Why does saying, “I am not satisfied with the way I am,” prolong that very state of being? (p. 56)



### Personal Reflection Exercise

1. Now that you have studied this dictation from Lord Maitreya, how do you feel about the divine accountant coming to settle his account with you? What does the encounter with the Teacher mean for your own spiritual path and chelaship?
2. Lord Maitreya states: “The desire to save the world must be accompanied by the desire to be shaken *fully*, pressed down to fill the cup of the Lord, and then to run over.” (p. 56) Reflect on your own desire to save the world. How well does it match your desire to be “shaken *fully*” by the Teacher?

3. At the conclusion of the chapter, Maitreya says:

*In the deepest love of thy soul’s aloneness and suffering in all centuries, I declare:  
I AM the One Sent.  
I AM thy Comforter and Teacher.  
I AM truly in the Spirit of the Lord Jesus and the Maha Chohan as I come to lead thee  
into all truth of thy self-knowledge.  
Ask. Prepare thyself. And thou shalt receive the answer.*

(p. 59)

Reflecting on Lord Maitreya’s profound teachings in this dictation, what do you most want to ask him? Ponder how you can best prepare yourself to receive his answer.