

Teachings from the Mystery School
The Maitreya Discourses
Chapter 5: “The Hour of the Mystery School Is Come!”
Given by Lord Maitreya on September 2, 1984
Part 2: Discussion and Reflection

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.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Throughout this dictation, Lord Maitreya discourses on the principles of association and accommodation.
 - a. What is the principle of association with the ascended masters? How can chelas of the ascended masters use this principle to further their progress on the spiritual path?

Personal Reflection Exercise

1. In a much earlier dictation (reprinted in part in Chapter 18), Lord Maitreya shared “how the challenge to embody the virtue of loving-kindness motivated him on the Path”:

...Long ago I took my vow:

I will not leave thee, O my God!

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And I saw my God imprisoned in flesh. I saw the Word imprisoned in hearts of stone. I saw my God interred in souls bound to the ways of the wicked. And I said again:

I will not leave thee, O my God!

I will tend that fire.

I will adore that flame.

And by and by some will aspire to be with me—

To be Maitreya.

And one day I sat, my head in my hand, deep in thought, and Lord Gautama said to me, ‘What are you thinking, my Son?’ And I said, ‘My Father, can we win them with kindness and with love? Will they respond to love?’ And my Father said to me, ‘If you hold within your heart, my Son, the full orchestration of love, 144,000 tones of love, if you yourself will come to know love, then, yes, you will win them with love.’

My heart leaped for joy. My Father had given to me the challenge to know love, to be love, not for the sake of mere love and loving love, not for the sake of the mere bliss of the communion of love, but for the salvation of souls, for the reaching out unto my God in humanity.”¹

(pp. 268-269)

Ponder the great love that Lord Maitreya has for your soul. What does this love mean to you personally as a chela on the path?

¹ Elizabeth Clare Prophet, Introduction II, “The Path of the Bodhisattva: The Historical Maitreya,” in 1984 *Pearls of Wisdom*, Book II, pp. 3-13; available as an MP3 audio download at The Prophet Archives. See also Elizabeth Clare Prophet, *Maitreya on Initiation: The Coming Buddha Who Has Come*.

2. Lord Maitreya speaks at length about the dangers of incorrect association, where we assume a level of familiarity and friendship with one or more ascended masters that is not real because we lack the attainment to associate with them at that level (pp. 43-44). This kind of self-delusion will keep us from making real progress on the path because, believing ourselves far advanced and favorite sons or daughters, we will not engage in the testing at our current level of attainment or the groaning and travail of recognizing and conquering our own dweller-on-the-threshold.

It is easy to believe that we ourselves do not fall into the category of chelas who practice this incorrect association. Yet, subtle vibrations of incorrect association can creep into our consciousness, and even the most seasoned chelas may have blind spots where they can't see the signs of false association. Honesty with oneself on the spiritual path is a critical key to entering and remaining in Maitreya's Mystery School.

Therefore, it is good to pause and reflect on what Lord Maitreya is telling us in this dictation. To help you do this, answer the following questions:

- a. Do I address the ascended masters in my calls and prayers with a sense of improper familiarity rather than with the reverence that they are entitled to?
- b. Do I think or speak about the ascended masters as if I were their equal?
- c. Do I consider myself a "favorite" son or daughter of the ascended masters? If yes, which master(s)?
- d. Do I have fantasies or visions about receiving special assignments, intimations and praise from my master or from the Brotherhood?
- e. If I am honest with myself, do I consider myself better or more advanced than my fellow chelas? Why do I believe this? What evidence do I have to support it? Does it engender pride in me?
- f. Are there hidden signs of disdain in my behavior towards other people and fellow chelas?

If you answered any of these questions in the affirmative, consider the possibility that you may have fallen into the trap of incorrect association. Then, write down three things you can and should do to get back on the right track of humble service to the Brotherhood.

Additionally, consider including the following insert in your daily calls for the binding of the dweller-on-the-threshold of incorrect association:

In the name of my Mighty I AM Presence and Holy Christ Self, in the name of beloved Jesus the Christ, I cast out the dweller-on-the-threshold of all misuses of the principles of association and accommodation with the ascended masters and the Great White Brotherhood within my own being and within all lightbearers worldwide.

3. In this chapter, Lord Maitreya gives us some important guidelines for measuring our chelaship and our use of the principle of association:

All, then, gathered here, all who call themselves Keepers of the Flame, have an awareness and do affirm their association with the ascended masters, with their I AM Presence, and with the Great White Brotherhood. This association can be tested by the good fruit of your lifestream and by your daily assistance to others on the Path.

This association is also tested by your reaction to circumstances of karma, to difficulties, and to those seemingly of the world who may challenge your pride or your sense of integrity and evoke from you a serious disdain. And I say “serious,” beloved, because you have not remembered that the One Sent comes as a thief in the night, and often disguised.² And it is your dealing with those whom you deem unworthy and beneath thyself that determines how you will deal with Maitreya.

We do not measure your chelaship by your outer relationship with the messenger but by your relationship of love one to another. If this be true, then you will also be the true friend of the messenger, which is the beginning of the path of Maitreya.

(pp. 44-45)

Reflect on your reactions to circumstances over the past few weeks. What could the ascended masters and your Holy Christ Self be trying to tell you about your use of the principle of association and your personal chelaship, pointed out to you through your reactions?

² 1. Thess. 5:2.

4. Towards the end of the chapter, Lord Maitreya says:

Thus the course of self-creation may continue for five hundred thousand years and more, as it has for many of you and others in the world. But by and by the compelling of the Law and the mathematical formula thereof says, "Now you have run your course, now you have created the independent self, and now you must return to the point where you left off from Maitreya's Mystery School."

Beloved, think of infinity backwards in time. You have already lived the ten thousand years and the twenty and the hundred and the million. For you, this is past. For you, I say, the hour of the Mystery School is come. Were it not so, you would not have been in earshot of the announcement.³ Thus take the law of cause and effect as precise and know that the law governing thy path of initiation is just as precise.

(pp. 57-58)

What does returning to "the point where you left off from Maitreya's Mystery School" mean for you? Do you feel you are ready to let go of the things that stand in the way of truly walking with Lord Maitreya in his reestablished Mystery School? Why or why not?

³ The Mystery School is come. See notes 1 and 9.