

Love, Intelligence, God, Hilarion, Theosophy: the first letters of this grouping spell Light, the subject of this talk.

We, who know the importance of sacrifice—its Latin root words *sacrificium* (*sacred*) and *facere* (*to make*)—are well aware of what we are called upon to do. Life is the sacrifice of Spirit into form and the return of form back into Spirit. Put another way, we consciously apply our highest perspectives in our day to day living, thereby raising the vibrations of our forms back into Spirit.

Our personality can struggle to do this, but being the product of a dual nature soon finds itself inadequate for the task. The act of sacrifice requires an objectivity which resides no lower than the individuality (individual: not divisible, not separable).

We see the art of sacrifice as the mother cares for the needs of the child; as the father leaves his haven to obtain the needs of his family; as the teacher finds ways to stimulate her students; as the statesman traverses the maze of politics to achieve the needs of his constituents; as the priest searches for truth in fresh words to nurture his flock; as the scientist delves throughout the night to obtain insight; and the doctor to gain remedy for the ill. In all fields of specialization we have loving, devoted and selfless individuals who labor long to serve in their fields for the betterment of mankind.

What is it that enables such self-sacrifice? Sacred means holy, or to make whole. This is our destiny. Madam Blavatsky devoted her life to bringing man's consciousness back to wholeness, to unify that which had become estranged, and to bring the Ageless Wisdom into the mainstream of consciousness. The Masters were her guide and teachers, as they are ours also, as well as our source of inspiration as we seek to serve the Christos, the Avatar, the Higher Self. This is our source of Light. In, by, and of this One Light we will prepare ourselves and our home, Halcyon, for the manifestation of this Light.