

Book Review

The Initiate of the Aquarian Age, by Dr. Joseph B. Majdalani, published by the Society of Friends of the White Knowledge, under the Esoteric Science Series, Beirut 2010. Paperback, 112 pages. Available at www.esoteric-lebanon.org and as an e-book from Amazon.com.

The Aquarian Age is the forthcoming epoch in humanity's evolutionary development—following the present age of Pisces, which began with the coming of Christ. Preparation for the dawning of this Golden Age has been popularized in various stereotypes and clichés, along with randomly coined terms related to the “real man,” “free thought,” and “channeling” as “New Age” prerequisites for development. Therefore, a book was needed to end the confusion and expose the higher realities of the esoteric science, which had been previously restricted to the adepts.

The Initiate of the Aquarian Age explains that the Initiates are now teaching the science of the future in private circles. However, they will establish public institutions for the teachings of the invisible aspects in man as delineated in the esoteric science. These teachings will include the tenets of the sacred truth and the Universal Laws governing the life of man as the center of existence. Afterward, they will appear openly amongst the general public for the promulgation and demonstration of proven realities revealing that the Initiates are the scientists of the future “par excellence.”

This book provides unprecedented access to the traits that define the ideal man—the Initiate—as the axis of the Aquarian Age. Though intended for the elect and confirmed aspirants, this book will prove of absorbing interest to various seekers on the inner path of development who seek to improve their lives through the advanced ways of self-progression. However, for those engaged on a mystical or spiritual journey with a group or a guide, *The Initiate of the Aquarian Age* will speak loudly, helping them to develop spiritual discernment and reevaluate

the authenticity and efficacy of the path and guides they follow.

It is worth mentioning in this respect that *The Initiate of the Aquarian Age* addresses “Meditation” as a tool for the Initiate-to-be to tune to the higher levels for the receipt of subtle vibrations, and the taking in of Prana, to nourish both the gross and subtle sheaths. The aspirant may then unfold and awaken the various levels of consciousness and their relative vehicles or subtle components. The book also sheds light on Mantras, another essential tool that varies according to the level and purpose of the meditation practiced. The correct intonation of a Mantra helps the Initiate to attune to the higher planes and illuminated beings in the divine sphere, which propels him towards achieving his mission. All this complements the detailed methodologies provided in the precedent book *Meditation and Contemplation*, by the same author.

The book elucidates how “*the Aquarian Age will prepare the aspirant to quicken his unfoldment and development, since the evolution of the mind, in esoteric affairs, is fully connected with the evolution of the self.*” It stresses that “*self-reliance is mandatory, and self-confidence is imperative, and self-knowledge is one's provision.*” In line with his other publications, Dr. Joseph B. Majdalani directs seekers to the fact that inner change at the level of the individual is the “magical” way to bring about real social and global change by dissolving the negative elements latent within the psyche and attuning with the inner virtues of “the Initiate of the Aquarian Age.” Seekers shall be working towards creating an “Aquarian Age” within themselves, and thus consciously realizing the future “now.”

Neither pedantic nor religious, *The Initiate of the Aquarian Age* humbly depicts a complete (inner and outer) way of life that became necessary with the advent of the Aquarian Age. It delivers to humanity a compelling insight into much that is unknown today, revealing the inner

meanings of the New Age mission, and illustrating the architecture of the “Pyramids of Development.” These “pyramids” are not meant for fanatics or traditionalists, but for the sole purpose of helping prepare seekers for a wider understanding of the past and future, together with the lifetime mission which they may undertake.

The book is charged with needed facts guiding seekers and Initiates-to-be. But it emphasizes that the attainment remains the seeker’s responsibility on the path of self-reliance, self-confidence, and self-development. It emphasizes that “*the more we open our minds and practise right thoughts, the higher we elevate and expand our consciousness. This affirms that mind is consciousness in experimentation, and that the unfoldment of mind consequently leads to the development of consciousness.*”

The author dedicates the book to the Initiate-to-be in the coming Age of Initiation. While previous esoteric publications by Dr. Majdalani delineated the road of self-development, this book is about the road to mastery or the hidden tenets of “Raja Yoga.” As such, the book is foundational for those who would realize their true potential and seek to fulfill it to its greatest extent.

The Initiate of the Aquarian Age was translated from English into Bulgarian. It was also published in English and Arabic by the same author, along with more than seventy other esoteric books (in eight languages) published by the Society of Friends of the White Knowledge. This futuristic masterpiece consists of instructive speeches and illuminating teachings that reveal the inner truths of the Aquarian Age and its Initiates, together with the prerequisites for effective advancement in self-development and self-realization.

The author has applied and verified the far-reaching messages in this book to his own life, for only those who have consistently applied the qualities of the Initiate to themselves can attune to the heartstrings of humanity.

While higher esoteric revelations continue to be transmitted by word of mouth to the worthy, readers should attempt to attune their understanding with the heartthrobs of *The Initiate of the Aquarian Age* and meditate on the unspoken words concealed between the lines to be at one with the Great Masters of Wisdom, ever striving to elevate humanity as their only mission on Earth.

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