

## *Why Group Work?*

Many Spiritual Aspirants tell of the long, dark times; times when the wells of creativity and inspiration have dried up, When the flash of enthusiasm that propelled them on their quest for the Hidden Light seems to have retreated into the shadows, leaving them without beacon or guidance toward the inner life.

My brothers and sisters, I can assure you that we all, without exception, experience “dark nights.” And I can promise you they will not last----they are temporary! Like the path we see in the eighteenth key of Tarot, “The Moon,” they will rise and fall, but little by little we will be led to the Mountain of Attainment.

One of the values of uniting with fellow Probationers in a study group is that when we walk through this darkness we experience the comfort and support of fellow pilgrims. These are travelers whose sympathy and support are born of the experience of having “been there.” Also, the power of the group mind’s momentum helps “swing” us across the valleys and up the slopes of new awakenings.

To be invited to join an established group of our Order is indeed a privilege! But what about you who are isolated on the physical plane from fellow travelers upon the Way? What can you do to find companions and form a group? I invite you to express your desires to our Grand Lodge. We have both the desire and experience to aid you in this endeavor. Our mandate from the Third Order of our Fraternity is to establish groups throughout the World to help in the upliftment of the Soul of Humanity. But we need your help also. By forming these groups we lay the foundation for future Lodges, working the initiatory work of our Order.

Remember, The work is great but the hands are few. But there is a blessing on all who serve!

Sub Umbra Alarum Tuarum, IHVH,

The Steward