

# builders of the adytum

## Temple Dedication – October 11, 1959

*Reverend Ann Davies:*

Builders of the Adytum, when it was started—this was in the east, and it was very long ago—started not as a new system of teaching, not as a new system of training, but there were certain clarifications made. Indeed, there were more things involved than this. The Master of Wisdom told Dr. Case that each era, each period, as evolution progressed, there were many aspects of the spiritual training which had been completely esoteric, which were ready to be made more available to aspirants. Therefore, we would say at least three quarters of the B.O.T.A. teachings which you get in your lessons were very strictly esoteric, given only to the obligated aspirants who were taken into what, for lack of a better term, we may call the “mystery school” system. At least three quarters of what you receive was completely esoteric and has been made available; because during this cycle, many more aspirants are ready and able to receive, assimilate and use these wonderful truths and methods.

However, this does not mean that in the lessons, you receive is everything that B.O.T.A. has to offer. Always, we have what we call the “exoteric” and also what is called the “esoteric.” Only under instructions from the Inner School, from the Master of Wisdom, are we able to give out more. Those who receive the esoteric training must have gone through what we call the “exoteric” training first. Then, if they can pass the various tests, there is available to them more—very much more.

Well, Dr. Case then got busy. He filled-in all the studies that he could. He laid the groundwork, and at very profound sacrifice, though he never thought it was that. He gave up a very successful career, with very fine earning capacity, in order to give all his time to his service. He always used to say, “You know, some people need to work for a living and some people don’t. I don’t work for a living, because I enjoy my work. I play.” But the strange thing is his “play” involved something like twelve hours a day, seven days a week. To him, it was not work. He loved it. He had a spirit of service that is rare indeed.

Not that he didn’t occasionally get a little tired of playing. After I came on the scene, just to share a little smile, I used to push him into taking care of various aspects of the work which required a little practical consideration. It was at that time that I received the name of being a Mrs. Simon Legree. Well, of course, my *karma* has come home to roost, because now I have Simon Legrees who get after me—and it’s very lovely.

As time went on, Dr. Case found it was necessary to move the work to the west coast. He had many active centers going in the east; but he was told by the Inner School, that there was going to be a cycle in which it was best not to spread the work too fully, because there was going to be an influx of aspirants. What we had to offer, incidentally, was never advertised. The only people who found us were those who had the, shall we say, *karma* to have it recommended to them by others.

If it seems to some of our followers that we are small, this is not actually the case. We remain very deliberately small, because we were awaiting the period, the cycle when the next stage of the work of Builders of the Adytum would be ready.

When that time approached, I hope you will forgive my levity, but let us say the Inner School played a very dirty trick on Mrs. Case and myself. They took Dr. Case off to the other side of the veil and left us holding the bag.

But, we had been prepared for this. We knew, of course, that this was going to come about fairly soon. We knew that it had been Dr. Case's mission to receive, transcribe, clarify and get into more modern presentation the Ageless Wisdom and specialized training that Builders of the Adytum has to offer. And then, mine, to fill-in a few of the gaps and to spread it, because this was the time. Apparently, Dr. Case has been able to do a better job in helping to spread our work from the other side than he would have done here, because he had certain traits which were too scholarly, shall we say. They were the sort of characteristics which were required to bring in this massive, staggering treasure, which we have at this time. It's supposed to take a more practical human being to be trained and serve as a channel for the extension of this type of work.

Therefore, we got busy as soon as we received our instruction from the Inner School. Much to our astonishment, doors seemed to open, although we shouldn't have been astonished. I mean, we grant this. Down through the years, we've noticed that guidance and help has always come whenever it was required. Nevertheless, it was quite an amazing thing to watch how the Inner School guided the extension of the work of B.O.T.A.

Our own were brought to us with all the various and special talents which they had. Each of the talents was a vital and essential part of the work; so that now, we have a staff which we are so proud of. We love each other so much that I think that if some of you watched us occasionally, you would, perhaps, think we are over-demonstrative. But certain feelings require expression or, perhaps, we feel we might burst. The gifts and the treasures and the talents which have been brought to B.O.T.A. under this guidance, this help which was promised us, these have certainly come into being just exactly as we were told it would.

This dream is just now starting its new phase. This, incidentally, was the dream Dr. Case had all through the years. Often, Dr. Case, Mrs. Case and I would talk about the time when we had our own Temple; when we had a place where aspirants could come regularly, receive the teachings, the inspiration, and the help; and give us the privilege of knowing that we are truly carrying-on that which has been put in our hands. The dream at last is here!

We are so overwhelmed. Really, I can scarcely speak, because what this has meant to all of us is beyond communication. So, you will forgive me if I'm a little incoherent. I feel this way. I rejoice! And, I know that we all rejoice together that this dream has now come into being.

That now from all the corners of the earth, our members, our beloved sisters and brothers, will have a place to come to, will be able to gather together to be inspired, will be able to receive the very specialized forces which come under this type of work and training.

Remember: *Where two or more are gathered in My Name, there am I amongst you.* This has more profound meaning than many of us may realize. The Inner School can and does transmit an energy, an intensification of the consciousness of the emotional nature when we gather as a group regularly. A sort of group soul is formed. This group soul is like an open cup that has no bottom. It pours. The energies pour in. We discover that we become aware of areas within ourselves and life which we never dreamed even existed. As a group, we can handle more intense energies than either any of us can alone. And, THAT prepares our vehicle, so that after awhile we can handle it alone also. But when that time comes, it's time to start handing it on to others, as we all realize.

Now, I want to introduce to you the various members of our staff, who have helped bring this dream into being. But before I do, I would like to point out to you that in our work, we have many sections and many levels. We are going to have regular Sunday Services every Sunday at 11:00 in the morning. We are going to have regular Tarot and *Qabalah* classes every Thursday evening, starting a week from this Thursday. We are also going to start a Pronaos, which is a marvelous and an amazing instrument to aid the growth and development of consciousness, and to bring about the fulfillment of spiritual aspirations. It is an interim, preparatory stage between the exoteric and the esoteric work. Pronaos means "portico," the porch to the Temple. We have many other things which are going to be done and accomplished now that we have our center in and through which to do it.

I would like now to introduce to you Mrs. Paul Foster Case, Grand *Cancellarius* of Builders of the Adytum, and, in English, that means "Executive Secretary."

*Harriet B. Case:*

All I can say is, "I am very happy for all." As Ann says, this is really quite an occasion for us, as it is the realization of Dr. Case's dream. And, of course, as Ann said, it could not have come into being had it not been for the Lord of Life and the Inner School's plan. Also, it could not have come into being had it not been for the help of our wonderful staff, our volunteer workers, and our members, who have been so loyal and so dedicated and helpful with this work in every way. We have struggled for a long time. And now, we have come to a wonderful realization. Thank you.

*Ann Davies:*

Incidentally, our beloved Harriet, Mrs. Paul Foster Case, spent years clipping, folding, and numbering lessons by hand, so that the patience that this required was truly staggering. Her dedication, her service, her willingness in carrying on the work of Builders of the Adytum, has been one of the rarest expressions of true aspiration and service that I feel it has ever been my privilege to see. She is very shy in a way and has a great deal of true spiritual humility, but I do feel we should recognize the service that she has contributed to the full accomplishment.

I now wish to introduce to you our Grand *Prolocutor*—that means “Vice President.” Had it not been for his amazing organizational ability, we couldn’t have accomplished anything at all. But the Lord of Life knows what talents to bring. Mr. Frazer.

*Felix Frazer:*

Thank you, Ann. For many years of my life as a lecturer in several of our large eastern universities, it was my great privilege to come into close association and contact with quite a few of the leading minds of our times—men and women of profound learning and scholarship. Well, like too many easterners, I had the dream of eventually coming to California, which I did about twenty years ago. I must confess that in coming here, I was afraid that I might feel, possibly, a bit like a fish out of water; that, perhaps, I had left culture and scholarship behind me in the east. Well, that nonsensical notion was very sharply disavowed, particularly after I met Dr. Paul Foster Case, for I found in him, one of the most profound scholars and brilliant intellects which I have ever known in my life. We got along very famously together. I think, perhaps, because, as he told me, and as I believe I knew, all roads lead to Rome anyway. My particular road—I had majored in mathematics—had shown me through that subject, many of the truths which are taught in the Ageless Wisdom. Paul and I used to get together; and I would tell him how I came to find out these things in my own particular field of activity. He would, at times, consult me concerning some of the geometry and *gematria* of the lessons. So, we knew each other very well. As a matter of fact, I was a guest in his house for many months at a time. Well, it was my sad duty in 1954 to take a plane down to Mexico City where Paul had passed away and assist in bringing Harriet in the car and his ashes back here to Los Angeles. That seemed to be about all that I had to do. I had known in my life that at various times an inner knowingness—not a voice—but an inner knowingness, would tell me very suddenly, exactly what I had to do. I always knew it. Two years after Dr. Case passes, this inner knowingness suddenly hit me. I knew exactly what I had to do. I broke off all my other activities and presented myself to Ann Davies and Harriet Case and said, “Here I am. Let’s go to work.” We have been going to work ever since, as we have come to see. Thank you.

*Ann Davies:*

One of my Simon Legree’s. Bless his heart. I would now like to introduce to you our Assistant Minister, Arthur Redman. Mr. Redman has been with our work for a very, very long time. He has been in occultism throughout his life. He has been through all the exoteric and esoteric training which our work has. And, he has now reached a point, God bless him, where, because we have our Temple, he’s going to be able to serve as a channel to help with the wonderful spreading of the messages and the services which we have to offer. Mr. Redman, thank you!

*Arthur Redman:*

Ann said quite truly that I have been interested for quite a number of years in occultism. I remember from the time when I was that big. Perhaps it won’t be out of place to say at this time that I owe my life to what ordinarily may be considered an occult miracle when I was a little boy about three or four years old. At another time, why, actually, I studied hypnotism

when I was twelve years old. I have been interested in the occult ever since I was a little boy and have studied many systems of philosophy and of training along this particular line. I have found none that offer the [same] clarity and the practicality; that which was applicable to everyday life, and was practical from the student's point of view, whereby, and by which means, he may proceed on the Path. It is only when I came into this teaching that I became acquainted with him, when I was in the East, in Milwaukee, quite a number of years ago. I immediately recognized that Paul Foster Case was a man who spoke straight from the shoulder. He didn't beat around the bush or speak in an ambiguous manner and say, "Well, uh, this is very...this is something we cannot talk about." If he meant the thing, he'd call a spade a spade. If he didn't know about it, he would tell you straight forward that he didn't know. Nor did he try to deceive you, as many of these teachers do, that are going for occult training and are willing to teach you for twenty-five dollars for so-and-so for a period of time. He stated that he might withhold, because of his obligation, sometime, some information. But, he certainly had no intention nor to his knowledge would he ever deceive or state anything wrong in any of the lessons that were sent to the students. I received these lessons in Tarot when I was still back east. I have studied them very thoroughly, very conscientiously and I have put them into practice. If I have stated here, this day, the thing that had happened as a result of actually practicing those teachings, I think seventy-five percent of you would not believe it. It was truly miraculous, the thing that had happened as a result. Things will happen when you study Tarot, both physically, mentally and emotionally—that I can assure you—so that's about all I can say. I have not yet anywhere found a system as comprehensive and as practical as the system that B.O.T.A. teaches.

*Ann Davies:*

I now want to introduce to you Mrs. Elinor Person, our Executive Councilor. Incidentally, my other Simon Legree.

*Elinor Person:*

Thank you, Ann. Well, I don't know if there's much left for me to say. Everybody has said so much. Like Arthur, I, too, from nay high, have been interested in occultism and metaphysics. I took the long way around before I found B.O.T.A. My new name, everyone here will tell you, is "impatience." Ever since I've discovered B.O.T.A., I've been mentally kicking myself—I won't tell you where, but I have—for not having found it sooner. I can only say that it is not only a wonderful thing to see, what I see today, but it is a great privilege. It is a great privilege to be here and to be a part of something so true, so wonderful—something that has changed my whole life. I have not had the privilege of meeting Dr. Case personally. But for an individual that I have never met, he has certainly made a remarkable change in my life. He has made me work harder than I have ever worked before; grouse louder than I have ever groused before; become more impatient than I have ever been before—and made me love it, every minute of it. No one here pays attention to me at all. They all know me, because I'm the one who dreams up all the jobs for myself, and then I growl about it. But, I've loved every minute of it. I have never in my life seen anything demonstrated so visibly as I have found right here in the manifestation of this Temple. Thank you.

*Ann Davies:*

We love us! I now want to introduce to you, Miss Mary Alpaugh, our Secretary, gal of all work, lesson sender, stuffer, and what have you, and my right arm.

*Mary Alpaugh:*

You're my Simon Legree, too. As Eleanor said, everyone has said it all. But I feel that I am such a very green apple and so very new in it all, that all I can express is gratitude that the doors were open, that Builders of the Adytum were made part of my life. Thank you.

*Ann Davies:*

Well, these are just our immediate staff. We have wonderful helpers, volunteers, dedicated ones who've come and done so many marvelous things for us and with us and, incidentally, for themselves. We want you to feel, because this is true, this is **your** Temple, yours and yours alone. Builders of the Adytum is a non-profit organization. Those who happen to be on the staff are not the owners. They only have earned the privilege of losing a little more sleep, working a little harder and forgetting to eat, because of all the riches and treasure that have come to them from the work. Nevertheless, it's your Temple. We want you to feel that if you join with us regularly in our services and in our classes that you are entering your home, your spiritual home. Because we have seen it happening down through the years, we know that as we give of the various treasures that come—and after all they are not ours, they're God's—that you will discover a life—and many of you have, I know, I can see your faces, right and left, and up and down—you will discover a treasure that is beyond comprehension.

When I met Dr. Case, I was bitter, pessimistic, morose, unhappy, walking on crutches or a cane. Never on God's green earth could you have found a person who was more sorry for themselves than I was. I made it a religious duty to pour my woes and sorrows into any ear that would listen. Quite a reprehensible character, [it] sounds like, but truly I was a very unhappy soul. From the moment I met Dr. Case, this startling recognition occurred between us—my life changed so fantastically. Again, just as our beloved Reverend Arthur Redman said, if I told you some of the stories, you wouldn't believe it. I usually tell some of them in the classes, during talks, because we love to share some of the things which helps the faith for all.

I think that we've talked to you and at you long enough. We will proceed with the service by having our Healing Service. After that, we will show you the building, greet you, maybe hug you. Now, we will proceed.

Healing Service, Reverend Ann Davies

There are those who weep, whose lives are burdened with sorrow.  
There are those whose hearts are heavy, whose bodies are wracked with pain.  
We will now hold these near and dear ones in our thoughts,  
permeate them in the healing love of God.  
Wash them in the wholeness of the Divine Perfection.

I think like a God. I speak like a God. I act like a God.  
for I am the offspring of the Living God.

This body is an expression and manifestation of the Divine Idea.  
Every nerve, every muscle, every cell is now vibrant with light, life, energy  
in perfect rhythm, in perfect harmony, and perfect coordination with the whole.  
I am in Thee and Thou art in me.

Thou, Almighty One, In Most and Most High,  
May these whose names we hold in our minds come to the realization  
that the Real Self reveals the truth and sets them free from all negativity.  
May they come to rely on Spirit, not on form, on movement, not on structure,  
and thus change daily into a more responsive instrument of the Life Power.  
May they realize the transformation into the likeness of the One Self,  
that Self which sees naught but the perfection of the Divine Manifestation.  
May they, as of this hour, resign themselves utterly to the unfailing support of the One  
Reality. Instructed by the Inner Voice, may they turn away from the limitations of the outer  
senses, that their bodies may be transformed into the new image  
through the unfailing strength of the Perfect Law.  
May they realize the everlasting and overshadowing protection of the Almighty One.  
Amen.

[Meditative music & silence]

May the One Ego seated in the hearts of men shine every brighter in all the ways of your  
life. May you walk through the highways and byways of the Great Adventure  
in the sure knowledge that the Christos lights the Path before you.  
And may you abide under the Shadow of His Wings, whose name is Peace, Jehovah.  
Amen.

This concludes our Dedication Service.

Again, we want to say, we greet you, we welcome you. Thank you for sharing with us this  
joyous occasion. We invite you to come and participate with us in the special Tarot classes  
which will start a week from Thursday. Incidentally, we never take up the same material that  
you get in the lessons. We always expand and show how these various principles can be applied  
in relation to Tarot to our daily problems. We invite you to come and participate with us in  
worshiping the One Lord of Life.

We will now put you in [the] charge of the various members of our staff and show you around.  
Thank you.