

## EXCERPT

### FROM A TALK TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE

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Now I'm going to plead with you for something because, Precious Ones—please remember this—if you step into a stream of energy, whatever qualities are within that, if you step into that stream, you automatically absorb those qualities. You can't help it. That's the Law. If you walk into a flowing river, you get wet, don't you? You take on the qualities of the water, and that water penetrates your clothing and your body. Well, it is exactly the same with any great stream of energy focused into any special activity of the outer world; and I'm going to plead with all of you, regardless of custom, fashion or habits or anything else: Please, as "I AM" Students, try to avoid taking on the suggestions and the customs of the people of the outer world under the guise of fashion when those customs and habits are but the depravity of communism and those vicious forces that have sought to take mankind to destruction.

You cannot take on the habits of fashion of the communistic individuals or of the dregs of existence of the outer world, and you cannot use those forms without those qualities. And you as "I AM" Students, if you are seeking your Mastery, if you are seeking My Freedom, if you are seeking Perfection, if you want the great Gifts of all Supply in the Universe, you cannot have these Divine Gifts from Our Octave of Perfection and go on in the

habits and the discipline—or the lack of it, rather—of those groups of mankind in the outer world whose habits are slovenly and discordant and impure. It cannot be done.

If you step into a stream of energy that has those qualities in it, by radiation you become like that. If you climb up a chimney that's full of soot, don't you get black? You most certainly do. And that's the same law acting. Now then, if you want Our Visible, Tangible Presence with you—how much do you want Us? How much do you expect Us each day in the Visible, Tangible Presence? Do you *really* expect Us? Do you expect Us with the same feeling that, if you were going to entertain some prominent dignitary of the government or somewhere else, someone that had authority and position or outer world authority, so-called, and you were to entertain that person formally—if you were going to be formal in your entertainment, you'd do quite a lot, wouldn't you, with yourselves? You'd groom yourselves. You'd fix your home. You'd prepare with the best you had, to honor the guest whom you entertain. That's just a custom of the outer world.

Well, do you always expect Our Presence? And do you prepare for Our Presence with that same care and intensity? Now the Door is open from Our side! You have to open it from your side by expectancy, by preparation, by discipline, by obedience, and most of all, by the Forgiving Love and Purity of the Violet Consuming Flame.