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O God, make speed to save me; O Lord, make haste to help me. Hellow again my brothers. We continue today with our study of the Hymn of the Soul. In this passage our protagonist receives a letter from his parents, reminding him of his nobility and of why he was sent down into Egypt to begin with, that is to recover the pearl. This depiction of awakening and remembrance will be immediately recognizable to every initiate. This sensation of waking up from a haze-dulled dream, of remembering that one is descended from the heavenly court and that one has been charged with the very critical mission of recovering and restoring something precious, and therein recovering one's own divine birthright - this sensation is one of the principal hallmarks of initiation.

In the Hymn of the Pearl we are not reading of one man's journey alone. We are not reading of a single lost pearl. It is the whole necklace that has fallen to pieces! And every man and every woman carries one of these pearls, buried deep within the layers of unreality that obscure the true awareness, the perfect knowledge of self. now, in the beginning of our journey we are really concerned with only one pearl - the one that we have been uniquely tasked to recover. But as we work to liberate that pearl from the mire, it is important to realize that everybody else has been charged with a similar task. Once this is understood, we can be more helpful to those just awakening to their mission, and more ocmpassionate to those who still slumber under the effects of the poisonous food of the underworld. We are also able to look to those in advance of ourselves for guidance.

It is a great error to believe oneself alone in this mission. It is true that you are tasked with a unique mission that you alone may accomplish. But is it also true that every other man and woman has been likewise missioned. The failure to recognize this leads to a false inflation of the ego and is detrimental to one's own advancement, as well as to the general reintegration. While we are each responsible for our own particular duties and roles, the regeneration and reintegration of Humanity - the primitive Anthropos - is a collective and collaborative effort. To see onself as utterly alone in the task is self-deceptive. That one is not able benefit from the Masters who have come before, and who can help show the way. Likewise, that one is useless to others setting out upon the path; and often cruel or at the very least condescending towards those who have not yet been awakened to their mission.

Remember, therefore, that you too were once in darkness. Recognize also that there are those, living in the flesh and living in the Spirit, who have been precisely at the stage you now occupy, and who are ready and willing to assist your progress. Be also willing to assist those around you, for we are all intimately and inextricably connected and inter-dependent. now, this is something that many people do not want to hear. In America we love our independence, right? Well, in reality there is no such thing as a true independence. We may, as a people, be liberated from an oppressive rule. As individuals we may be liberated from oppressive modes of thinking, or from physical oppressors. But these forms of liberation do not in any way grant independence in an absolute sense. A true and complete independence cannot exist, and to believe otherwise is yet another self-deception and fantasy based upon a destructive and childish anarchism. But by discovering our own mission, our own True Will, and helping others to do the same, we can rise together in a cooperative and synarchic union to our rightful stations in the assembly of souls that make up the restored Pleroma - the high and heavenly court.