

## The Next Several Years Before You

*-Provided you have reached the decision to travel the Royal Road of the Alchemists.*

You are about to begin a journey which is both fantastic and life-changing, for once you begin to *walk the path which leads to the climbing of the stairway of the Adepts nothing will be the same.* "The Path" indicates a certain prepared and laid-out route that you will travel to reach your goal. Determination and persistence need to be your *watch words* as you should not stray from your trek, at least not so far as to lose your way. Mind you, there are always times during any journey when a brief respite is taken, which should be used to obtain a better perspective of what has transpired. Traditionally Alchemical Aspirants were tested before permission was granted to begin actively studying under those who teach this art to individuals ready to receive it. The lessons are presented here freely to you, as they are not the possession of any individual, and no person is in a position to pay with mundane possessions for this Pearl of Great Price.

Following are a few essential points to be considered by the aspirant in preparing for the work:

FIRST: Profound contemplation and a sincere determination TO WALK THE PATH.

SECONDLY: Confidence that the teachings you have received from your esoteric, fraternal or church affiliations will make it possible for you to WALK THE PATH.

THIRDLY: A willingness to make a personal sacrifice. For example, in early days, should an aspirant not be able to reach their teacher by ordinary means they would not hesitate to walk the distance.

FOURTH: To do these things of your own free will and choice, without promise of accomplishments in the Hermetic work.

FIFTH: Whatever you receive during the years of instruction you will conscientiously test and apply to the Glory of the Supreme Universal Intelligence. You will share this knowledge with those in need, whom you will be directed to recognize by inner prompting and by the ways and means you are to receive

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