

FREEMASONRY AND SPIRITUALITY OF THE XXI CENTURY

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Abstract. „Freemasonry will, undoubtedly, play an admirable role in the future civilization.” These encouraging words belong to Charles W. Leadbeater who adds: „Nothing would have been worthless, neither preservation of the secrets of sacred ancient rites, nor transmission over the centuries of the powers of these mysteries; because today we are on the brink of a new era which will be announced by the return, once again, of the World Scholar, Lord of Love, because the evolution of the humankind, as we have already seen, is carried out based on cycling laws”¹. And the exceptional author foretells such a destiny for Freemasonry where this one will “turn into splendour, until it rises from within the Temple walls, literally and figuratively”, says he, „the staircase that will be placed between the Earth and Heaven, between humans and the Grand (celestial, a.n.) Lodge, to lead them out of the darkness of the world, towards the plenitude of the Light existing in God, towards the ever blooming Rose in the center of the Cross², towards the Fiery Star, whose glow brings about peace, strength and grace to the whole worlds”.

Until then, Alice (Foster) Bailey talks about “the unknown freemasonry crisis” and she is as blunt as possible: „Today Freemasonry is facing crisis, its future, like the rest of the world, is uncertain”, and a little further she adds “while humankind will have to succeed to capture the spiritual vision of the new times,

¹Charles W. Leadbeater, *Rites Mystiques antiques*, Ed. Adyar, Paris, June, 2009, cap. „Le futur de la Franc-maçonnerie”, pp. 254 - 255; the author is effectively referring to the return of the World Scholar who preached in Palestine for the last time, two thousand years ago, in the same way in which, in the past, each of his coming coincided with a revival or “inauguration” of Mysteries: Thoth in Egypt, Zoroaster in Persia, Orpheus in Greece. „These almighty Messengers of the White Lodge, were in fact, just one, who changed his name and looks and left behind a wonderful initiation Rite capable to lead the humans”; *op.cit.*, p. 255.

²Obvious reference to „Rose-Croix” symbol: Rose-Cross, Cross-Rose, **Rosecross**; see Ștefan Mășu, *Rosecrossers Are Among Us*, Phobos House, Bucharest, 2007, pp. 9-10.
