

## THE MEANING OF THE LABYRINTH

After the candidate has taken the obligation required of her, has repeated the words that all members of the Order must repeat, has made the pledges and promises that only members of the order know and understand, she is taken to Adah, where she hears that pathetic story taken from the Book of Judges. Here a young girl, an only child, becomes a sacrifice in order that a sacred vow by her Father might be kept.

And then the candidate is led around the fourth point of the Star, Martha's point. This point brings us that beautiful lesson on life after death, and also reminds us of the surrender of the life of Jesus a human sacrifice. Here lies the similarity of these two points. Adah was made a sacrifice to save her Father's honor, and Jesus was offered up as a sacrifice that whosoever believed in Him might not perish, but have everlasting life.

The candidate is taken to Ruth. After the lesson of Ruth, the candidate is led around the fifth point of Electa which represents Love, quite the most natural place of her to go.

She now comes to Esther, the Queen, the wisest and most beautiful of her time, and the one who the Jewish race owes much.

When the candidate leaves Esther's station she goes around Adah's point, and the similarity of these two characters can plainly be seen. Adah gave up her life to save her Father's honor, and Esther was prepared, if need be, to give up her crown and life to save her people.

The candidate is then taken to Martha, and hears the story of Martha's meeting with Jesus. After the point in which Jesus stands out most prominently, the candidate is led around the point of Ruth. Now Ruth was the direct line of David, and we can see the appropriateness of this part of the march.

The candidate is then taken to the point of Electa, where she hears the wonderful story of Love,--Love of God and all Mankind.

Following the lectures on Love, at Electa's station, the candidate is led around Esther's point. Now Esther represents purity, and here we find Love and Purity linked together in the labyrinth, and these two attributes.

So we have completed the labyrinth march, we have joined the points that have something in common, and through it all on every march the Holy Bible lay on the Altar as the candidate is led by, always keeping the Bible on the left nearest to the heart. Thus indicating that absolute reliance upon the Scriptures is essential to our faith and well being.

And finally the candidate is led out of the labyrinth, around the outside of the points in the only circular movement in the initiatory march, thus drawing up the beautiful lesson that have been given by the heroines of the order.

### "REFLECTIONS"

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