

All About Dr. Robert D. Stelle

Dr. Stelle was born on a farm in Liberty, Missouri in 1881. His artistic talents won him a job as an illustrator for a large Indianapolis newspaper at the age of twelve. Seeking something more adventurous to do with his life, he left home at 15 and spent seven years prospecting in Peru, Ecuador, visiting many other South American countries and working his way through Mexico and finally, the Alaskan Gold Rush.

After prospecting, he studied allopathic medicine at St. Louis, and then Chiropractic and Osteopathy. Choosing Osteopathy, he set up shop in San Francisco and worked there until the earthquake in 1906. Following this his career took several interesting turns taking him to many of the world's countries. He visited Hawaii, the Philippines, China, India, Borneo, New Zealand, South Africa and many of the Islands of the South Pacific. In the process he became an author, taught writing, and worked with the La Salle Extension University in Chicago.

Throughout his life he met and became friends with several unusual individuals who he later learned were Masters. As he pieced together the experiences of his life and the help he had received from these wise and learned individuals, there developed a driving desire to do something more for his human family. Interestingly, he was not told what to do, but began looking for others who could help with the project he had in mind. As he assembled the resources and talent needed and evolved the pattern of the work ahead, he was again contacted by several of the Masters he had known earlier. Gradually they guided him toward what would become his passion. When everything was in place the Lemurian Fellowship was inaugurated on September 16, 1936. For the next sixteen years, he devoted his life to establishing the *LEMURIAN BROTHERHOOD's* Outer Preparatory School.

Through his contacts with the Elder Brothers, he was given all the information relating to the Great Work which it was believed necessary for him to have. As the information was received, much of it was incorporated into the lessons of the Lemurian Philosophy. An important part of Dr. Stelle's work was writing *THE SUN RISES*—the history of the inauguration of the Mukulian civilization. He served tirelessly as President and Counselor of the Lemurian Fellowship until his death in 1952.

Very little of Dr. Stelle's life has been shared with the public and this was at his request. People, he felt, should not be led to blindly follow an individual, no matter how wise or learned he may seem, but rather through proving to themselves the validity of a teaching, discover its true value for themselves. Thus, he purposely stayed out of the spotlight, counseling his staff in this direction too. He taught all who worked with him to understand that what was being offered through the Lemurian Philosophy was not originating with its authors, but rather was being transmitted through them. And he studiously avoided any claim to personal greatness, despite the fact that human beings must necessarily be a part of documenting the teachings of the Elder Brothers.

Dr. Stelle never resisted attacks on the School or his personal character, trying only to offer the value of the Lemurian Philosophy to those who would take the time to study its mystery and wisdom.