The Initiation of Mills and Ross At Heavitree Gap, Alice Springs, March 14, 1871

A Prose Poem For Narration And Accompanying Music

Notes:

W. W. Mills and John Ross were surveyors who plotted the path to be taken by the overland telegraph line. They were the first white men to cross the McDonnell Ranges through Heavitree Gap.

Heavitree Gap is the gateway to the north and is situated at Alice Springs. Through it passes the Todd River, the Stuart Highway, the railway to Port Augusta and the Overland Telegraph line.

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GLOSSARY

Purukupali	The Grand Hermaphrodite, the original monad who later became sexually discrete in Wurinpranala and Japara.
Wuriupranala	The Sun Woman and Initiator of Mills and Ross. The original Mother of this world's creation. Mother of Kurdimurka, who sacrificed herself for the development of the centre.
Japara	The Moon Man, Father of this world's creation, husband of Wuriupranala. With Wuriupranala they are the original cosmic dyad.
Kurdimurka	Daughter of Wuriupranala and Japara and with their parentage became part of the cosmic triad ie: parenthood. Originally the Aurora Australis but volunteered to descend as the Rainbow Serpent and later to enter Lake Dieri as a monster.
The Ice Maidens	The Pleiades or Seven Sisters pursued by the dogs of the constellation Orion. They proclaim the moral order of this universe.
Mulu	The Southern Cross, father of 4 daughters who, in turn were the inspiration for Smith, Ulm, Lyons and Warner.
Wata-Urdli	The Morning Star.
Byamee	A creator, especially of birds.
Kuperee	Enormous black Kangaroo.
Boors	Originally an all black pelican
Hyami	Woman of the Night, daughter of Japara, co- creator of the spectrum.

Shival	Man of the Daylight, son of Wurriupranala, co- creator of the spectrum.
Orion	"The dogs of Orion" comprise the constellation of the Great Hunter. Betelgeuse marks the right shoulder and Bellatrix the left. Rigel marks the hunter's upraised foot. Orion faces the constellation of Taurus and is pictured as warding off an attack.

PROLOGUE

The Descent Of Kurdimurka

In those ancient times Kurdimurka appeared daily in the heavens As the shimmering Aurora Australis Clothed in her red and green. She had not yet descended As the Rainbow Serpent.

It was when The centre was a paradise Of vast fresh water lakes, With all manner of palms and cycads, Birds and fish and land animals grazing. There was, as yet, no man To enjoy the plentitude, To make it complete As one organic whole.

So it was that Wuriupranala, The Sun woman, Proposed to Japara, the Moon man, That they, together, depart the heavens To inhabit the inland paradise And make it their home.

Japara, however, pleaded for time, And suggested that, instead, They send Kurdimurka, their daughter, Into those lower realms So that with her beauty She might attract men from afar By coalescing her colours As a rainbow Rather than as an aurora. It was in this manner That kurdumurka descended And became the Rainbow Serpent. In order to enhance Kurdimurka's Attractive power Wuriupranala decided That she would also open the waters to the North And invite the cretaceous sea To water the Centre And provide stepping stones For the inhabitants of the North To find their way To the giant Rainbow Serpent.

And so it was. The land mass divided And the waters flowed in from the Gulfs And the Centre Became an even greater paradise. But despite all of this No man came from lands far away To behold the beauty of Kurdimurka. Wuriupranala wept bitterly That she had implemented Japara's plan And she determined to recall Kurdimurka To be Aurora Australis once again And to close off the waters of the North And allow the Centre to wither and die.

When Japara heard the lamentations Of Wuriupranala he sought to pacify her With yet another plan. He pleaded with Wuriupranala To try once again To populate the Centre By sending Kurdimurka Even deeper into matter Into the waters of Lake Dieri So that an even stronger link Could be forged Between the heavens and the earth. And Japara Undertook a solemn promise That he would vouchsafe The welfare of Kurdimurka, Their daughter, Even though the waters of the Centre recede. And Japara promised to attract A mighty peole to the Centre Who would unlock the secretes Of Kurdimurka's descent And restore Kurdimurka to her rightful place In the heavens.

But for all Japara's pleadings Wuriupranala would not be consoled And from that time on she determined That she would intervene in history And hasten the day of Kurdimurka's return. In the stillness of the Centre Her lamentations can be heard to this day.

Wuriupranala's Lament

The beauty of this land is slain Upon its centre plains: How the mighty are fallen! The glory of Mt Liebig dimmed Mt Zeil eroded Lake Dieri reduced to salty slime.

Tell it not in Heaven Publish it not in the by ways of Earth Lest the children of ignorance rejoice, f Lest the children of the uninitiated triumph!

On these mountains Let there be no dew, In their valleys let there be no rain, In all your rivers:- The Cooper, Finke , the Diamentina Let there be an insatiable thirst. In these fertile plains Let there be blazing drought, For I, Wuriupranala, Have sacrificed Kurdimurka in vain. Kurdimurka my daughter is dying!

The Encounter With Wuriupranala

It was in the following manner That Mills and Ross Became the first white sons of Purukupali To undergo sun initiation At the hands of Wuriupranala.--

On several days Prior to March 14th, 1871, They had sighted Wuriupranala, But try as they might They could not catch her. She skilfully lured them Deeper and deeper into the interior. Finally, on that day, With the merciless sun Inducing delerium, They met her face to face, In the shimmering heat, In the dry bed of the watercourse, At the gap they sought in the range.

They advanced with trepidation In order to thank her For leading them To that gap.

"Who are you?" they cried

"My name is Wuriupranala

And I am at one with Purukapali The first being of creation.

Purukapali has sent me To initiate you into the interiors."

And with that she proceeded to dance for them, And to entice them With all manner of signs and gestures, And as light was failing She burst into song:-

Wuriupranala's Song of Enticement

"Look at me and find your centre, Dance with me And we shall be one. Sing with me, play with me, Let your music be mine Let our hearts beat together May our bodies entwine.

For I Wuriupranala Live in the light In the lengthening shadows I find my delight

I will open my portals Just empty your mind. You will find your interiors In a journey through time.

Look at me I am your centre, Come to me Fly to the sun. Sleep with me, play with me, Let your soul be on fire, Let my secrets be yours, Just share my desire."

Wuriupranala's Embrace

They were charmed by her voice And entranced by her movements. Suddenly she stopped And, as if in a swoon, She cried out:

"Purukupali! Purukupali! Purukupali!"

And in that instant A sulpher crested cockatoo screeched And Wuriupranala fell down And with outstretched hand She beckoned Mills and Ross To come closer.

And there at Heavitree, In the lengthening shadows of the trees In the soft sand of the dry river bed, She invited each of them, in turn, To embrace her.

And she gave them entrance Into her portals And she initiated them Into the secrets of the Centre-Into that hitherto unexplored region Of the dreaming consciousness. The further they penetrated The clearer became their vision And the eyes of their understanding were opened.

And Mills and Ross Though greatly affected by exhaustion Fell into reverie And Wuriupranala instructed them To prepare for 3 great journeys.

Part I THE FIRE TRIAL

The Admonition of Wata-urdli

After farewelling Wuriupranala Mills and Ross Looked into the heavens And they saw the seven sisters And they were full of desire For the Ice Maidens. For the sisters were raidiating moral qualities Which made them beautiful beyond belief Wataurdli then instructed them That to attain such heights They must fend off an attack From the dogs of Orion And to slay their baser nature.

> "The dogs which are pursuing you Embody the seven deadly sins They will entice you With all manner of subtlety. And these dogs are Envy, Sloth, Pride, Gluttony, Wrath, Lust and Avarice, And they will hunt you To the ends of the earth, And under the sea And across the waters Unless you overcome them."

It was then that Wata-urdli, The morning star, Came to their rescue. And showed them the way forward

> "Draw on the power of your uprightness, Be not afraid

And the dogs which are menacing you Will be slain And in due course You will have the privilege Of meeting the seven sisters For they lie at the centre of your being."

Then Wata-urdli sang to them The Hymn to the Ice Maidens. And drawing on their inner strength They overcame those 7 dogs.

Hymn To The Ice Maidens

Look into the astral light And see the seven sisters. Read amond the runic script Cipher akaskic pictures.

They stand upon the centre point From whe^y all secrets flow, Proclaiming the moral order Is all one needs to know.

They speak to all of virtues That stand above the others; Personified in each of them-Our beautiful cosmic mothers!

Alcyone promotes thoughtfulness, Compassion and human caring; To lend a helping hand or two And make a life of sharing.

Merope stands for curiosity, For honesty and for questing. To unlock the secrets of the world-No time at all _{for} resting. Calaeno speaks of valour-Why challenges have to be faced. If men could show but courage How life itself is graced.

Taygeta personified respect-To living things some reverence. Humility in the presence of greatness, To everything some deference.

Mafia pleads for endurance And says one had to be loyal; Treasuring high ideals, And virtues exceedingly royal.

Electra wants fortitude. To be lifted far up high. Nobility and strength of purpose With all virtues could easily vie.

Sterope said that friendship Was in the highest court. To be gracious and be chivalrous Were qualities to be sought.

Select your favourite sister Or take all into your heart. Reflect upon their central position Play your peripheral part.

The moral order of the universe And the starry skies above Depend upon the sisters And the greatness of their love.

And the Morning Star shouted for joy And they heard the music of the spheres. They were glad in their hearts For they had slain those dogs. At this point in their journey Wuriupranala reappeared And announced: "You have, with your moral strength, Overcome the desires of the flesh. You have been through the trial of fire

of

And I am well pleased. To you will be revealed Some of the script From the Book of the Past."

Glimpses From The Book Of The Past

And Mills and Ross peered into the heavens And beheld an Edenic Gondawanaland. They marvelled as they saw the past Unravel before their eyes. They saw in a succession of mighty pictures The land mass divided And the waters receded south.

They saw the Bunyip, the Diprotodon The giant Wombats and Kuperee the Kangaroo. They met Byamee And she introduced them To all manner of birds. The brolga, the swan, the heron, And even Boora, the pelican, wished them well. The land birds chatted with them-The parrots, with their high pitched voices, The magpie, the kookaburra And also Nunga, the pigeon, wished them well.

As the mighty vistas of the past Unravelled before their eyes They saw the reshaping of their land With its vast waters and inland seas And the merciless sun cracking The spaces of the earth. They saw the ice ages come and go And the mountains erode Until at last They could absorb no more.

Initiation Into The Destiny Movement By Wuriupranala

Then Wuriupranala said

"I have revealed to you But a glimpse from the Book of the Past. *In due time all these beginnings.* Will be fully revealed. Now I am going to induce A deeper level of consciousness Wherein you will meet Japara And he will baptise you with water. And initiate you into the secrets of the future And you will experience the Water Trial. Because you have been faithful And you have overcome The desires of the body You are now admitted Into the Destiny Movement. The key word of this Order is "Victory," The sign shall be the victory sign. Your token shall be a sword. Your task shall be the redemption of the Animal Kingdom."

And with that they looked And beheld a warrior, And the dragon lay slain at their feet.

Part II THE WATER TRIAL

Mills and Ross Meet Japara

Mills and Ross then fell into a deeper sleep. Scarcely had they done so When there was the sound Of a mighty rushing wind And there, Across the other side of the watercourse, They saw the moon beaming, And as they focussed their vision They looked and beheld An iridescent man Clothed in white. Then they heard a voice Echoing through the gap:-

> "I am Japara, husband of Wuriupranala It is my task To send you on your second journey, Even deeper into the interiors."

Japara Examines Mills and Ross

He then asked Mills and Ross:-"To which movement are you from?" They each in turn answered: "From the Destiny Movement." "Whisper to me the key word of this order." And they, in turn, whispered: --"The key word of this order is Victory'." "Show me the sign of this order." They, each in turn, made the Victory sign. "Show me the token by which this order is symbolised." They, each in turn, displayed their miniature sword. "What is the task of this order?" They each, in turn, answered:-"The redemption of the Animal Kingdom." Then Japara said to each of them: "You have proven yourself worthy. You may now proceed on your second journey. Are you prepared to make this journey?" They each in turn, answered: "Yes, I am ready."

Glimpses From The Book Of The Future

And with that He proceeded to play the didgeridoo And the music entranced them. Then Japara spoke.--

> "On this journey You will learn Some of the secrets From the Book of the Future. Here-in after you will experience prophetic dreams And you will traverse country That has only been known To your dark skinned brethren. If you survive the deluge You will understand That the people of the future Will be able to create and destroy Through the power of thought And this people will unlock the secrets Of the Mineral Kingdom."

Suddenly, Japara cried out:

"Purukupali! Purukupali! Purukapali!"

And there was a brilliant flash of lightning And a loud clap of thunder And the sulphur crested cockatoos Screeched in terror And the sounds echoed through the range And the firmaments opened And the rains fell in torrents And Mills and Ross were baptised In the waters of heavitree. After the deluge the clouds parted And they saw Japara in the light Receding to the moon.

The Prophecy of Purukupali

Then they heard a voice saying:

"I am Purukapali, You have withstood the Water Trial At the hands of Japara. With you I am well pleased. The flowing silver stream In which you now stand Is an image of the umbilical cord By which all persons Are tied to the heavens. Because of your faithfulness I will cause a greak work to be done here And there will be a mighty people Settle about this place And among these hills. They will flourish and multiply And blossom as the multitudinous flowers Of the desert. This gap in the range Wherein you now stand *Will be a great carriageway* From south into the north Of this dreaming land And one day the telegraph system You are surveying Will pass through this very gap And this very place Will be a carriageway For all peoples."

Initiation Into The Order Of Golden Wattle

And after Purukupali had spoken They looked up And once again They beheld Japara Who spoke these words:

> "You have been faithful On this your second journey. You are now admitted Into the Order of the Golden Wattle. The key word of this Order is "Fidelity", The sign shall be "chi" Your token shall be a chalice. Your task shall be the redemption of the plant kingdom."

And with that they looked And beheld a dingo And his coat was as shining gold.

PART III THE AIR TRIAL

Mululu Examines Mills and Ross

Mills and Ross fell into an even deeper sleep And they saw Kulpunya, The golden dingo Enter the rock, Uluru, And above the rock, in the gleaming light, Stood Mululu. Mululu said:

"I am the father of four daughters Who together comprise the Southern Cross. For all those who wish to associate with them Must prove themselves worthy to undertake the journey. Are you ready to undertake the journey?" They each answered: "I am ready." "To which Order do you belong?" They each, in turn, answered: "I belong to the Destiny Movement And I have also been admitted into the Order of the Golden Wattle." "Whisper to me the key word of these two orders." They, each in turn, whispered:-"The key words are 'Victory' and Fidelity' ." "Show me the sign of the Order of the Golden Wattle." They, each in turn, made the sign of "chi," Show me the token by which the Order of the Golden Wattle is symbolised." They, each in turn, displayed their miniature chalice. What is the task of the Order of the Golden Wattle?" They, each in turn, answered: "The redemption of the Plant Kingdom." Then Mululu said to each of them: "You have proven yourself worthy. You may now proceed on an even stranger and more exciting journey

into a land in which few have ventured, Are you prepared to make this journey?" They, each in turn, answered: "Yes, I am ready."

Mululu Speaks of Antarctica

And with that Mululu dipped his finger into a bowl of salt and, in turn, touched each of them on the tongue with the salt and said:

"This salt will help purify you even further for the great work which lies ahead. It will remind you that the salt forming processes both preserve and destroy. It will also remind you that among the great tasks yet to be faced, is to bring the great fresh waters of

Antarctica back to these salty deserts.

On this journey you are to be given knowledge which is as rarefield and as insubstantial as air,"

Mululu's Discourse

And there, in the shadows of Uluru Mululu spoke to them of the knowledge Of the interiors below the threshold Of sense perception. He spoke Of those who gained knowledge Through the influence of the moon Of those who gained knowledge Through the influence of the stars And of how the planets tempered This influence.

And the hearts of Mills and Ross Burned within them as Mululu Spoke of the mysteries of sleep And wakefulness and the interplay Of these regions and the different Levels of consciouness. He spoke Of second sight, of visions and Of premonitions and of the day In which this knowledge would Be commonplace. Mululu spoke To them of many things which It is not yet lawful to reveal And of the difference between Psychic and spiritual development.

Initiation Into The Order Of Uluru

But at that point at which they could absorb no more Mululu called out loudly:

To each of you I give a gemstone and bestow on you a new name.

The stone is given to remind you that substance itself is only frozen process and that the gem embodies a moral yearning of the universe.

Your new name is given to relate you,

once again to the world of stars so that you no longer wander the world as one unrelated to the cosmos."

"Your new name is an entrusted secret and if you remain faithful to this secret your light will shine throughout all eternity.

You are now admitted to the Order of Uluru. The key word of this order is "Digger". The sign shall be a handshake. Your token shall be the gemstone already in your posession. Your task shall be the redemption of the Mineral Kingdom."

Mululu's Farewell

While you but dream See visions wide awake; For I am to be found In your inner light-Clairvoyance in the depths Of the darkness of night.

While you are awake Enjoy a dreaming sleep; In it you will find Your true second sight; Premonitions abound, Your daily delight.

I Mululu, farewell you And congratulate you On slaying the dogs of Orion With the sword of your uprightness And for meeting the Ice Maidens.

The final journey you have undertaken Deep into the interiors Will unlock the secrets Of the mineral kingdom And fulfil the aims

Of the Destiny Movement.

Mululu's Benediction

May Purukapali bless you, May Wuriupranala and Japara Freyarimaginations maginations And may the seven sisters inspire You to greater things And I, Mululu, Will assist you to understand The deeper relationships of nature And herein I will be An everpresent companion As you face the mighty tasks ahead.

And after these words Mills and Ross awoke As if from a very deep sleep. And they recounted their experiences With Wuriupranala, the Sun woman And with Japara, the Moon man And with Mululu of the Southern Cross. They spoke Of their experiences As if they had experienced them cojointly And they marvelled That such an and interior Could give rise To such fertile imaginations.

The Reconciliation of Kurdimurka with Wuriupranala and Japara

Oh my Mother! Oh my Father!

I have longed for this day, To enjoy your embraces, To escape that imprison, To gaze upon your faces.

You sent me to live In that salt-filled lake, Now I've foundfreedom The country awake.

Your work is complete The Creation's now one. I've come back to heaven To shine in your sun.

The Kingdoms united My sacrifice not vain Smile now on your children Fall gently your rain.

All animals I bring, Plants flourishing too, The gemstones are sparkling, Diadems for you.

Oh my Mother! Oh my Father! Bless now this great land. Earth's children salute you, United they stand.

Purukupali's Acceptance

Wuriupranala:

These offerings we bring Our labours of love The harmony of Nature Below as above

Japara:

Thy light is reflecting Star wisdom now streams Creation's renewal Fulfilling our dreams.

Kurdimurka:

The veil has now parted The Spirit a winner God's Word to all men:- The Outer as Inner.

Purukapali:

Sun Mother, Moon Man Your daughter's great deed These offerings and all I receive with a blessing A promise, A call.

Continue this work Through all of my lands We rule now as one. Light's glory revealing Each family a Sun.

I call on Mululu To bless you, protect you. And act now for me, As together we fill This joint destiny.

Mululu's Benediction

May Purukapali bless you. May Wuriupranala and Japara Fire your imaginations And may the seven sisters Inspire you to greater things And I, Mululu, Will assist you to understand The deeper relationships of nature And the oneness of creation Hereinafter I will be An everpresent companion And assist you To achieve the aims Of the Destiny Movement.

Hymn to Australia

Spirit of Australia to you we give Our heart and strength and will And as the "Cross" above us shines We serve our freedom still.

Australia!Australia!Great land of liberty!Australia!Great land of destiny!

We seek to share this land of gold Of Love, and Hope and Light And sing aloud this glad refrain As one, with all our might-

Australia!Australia!Great land of liberty!Australia!Great land of destiny!