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Communal Societies Collection: New Acquisitions

The "I AM Activity" began in the 1930's and was founded by Guy Ballard (aka Godfre Ray King) as a theosophical religious movement. They believed that humans could live many lives through reincarnation. During these lives, and over time, they could become an Ascended Master. Among those counted as Ascended Masters are: Saint Germain, the Archangel Michael, Mary, and Jesus Christ. This leads many in the movement to consider it a Christian religion. The Ascended Masters communicated through trained messengers on earth. Guy Ballard and his wife Edna were among the chosen. They call on the Violet Consuming Flame which they identify as God's flame of Divine Love. It is only through this Flame that a human can truly free himself from his imperfection. Initially, it was believed that after learning the I AM teachings, a human would be able to enter heaven alive. Upon Guy Ballard's death in 1939, this changed. The new understanding was that, having served the Ascended Masters during a person's lifetime, they could enter into heaven at a higher level than the average person. The movement enjoyed its greatest popularity in 1938 when there were about one million followers. The Saint Germain Foundation remains active today, with its headquarters in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Special Collections at Hamilton College has acquired some early publications from the movement. Along with a few large format pictures, the collection includes more than eighty issues of *The Voice of the I AM* dating from 1936 through 1949 and a bound copy of the *"I AM" Adorations and Affirmation*s. Also included are many issues of the *"I Am" Decrees,* which include decrees for protection, the electronic circle, Honor Flame and the Sun. "Dictations" from the Ascended Masters were recorded and presented to groups of followers around the country known as "Conclaves." Small datebooks with space for notes to be taken during the conclaves were printed. We have fifteen of these small publications, some with manuscript notes. While the I AM Activity is not known as widely as it once was, it is credited with being at the forefront of the New Age religious movement.


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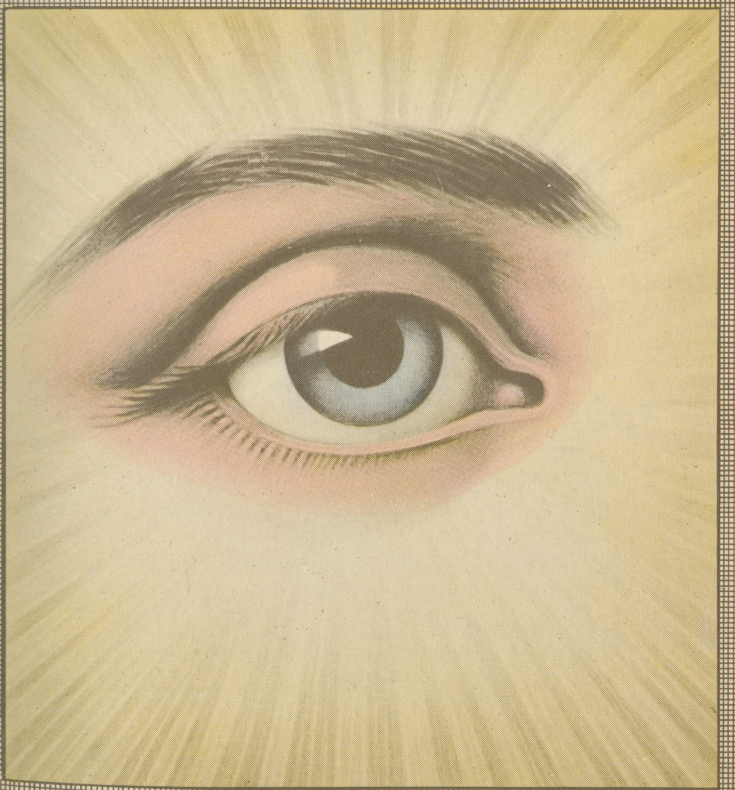

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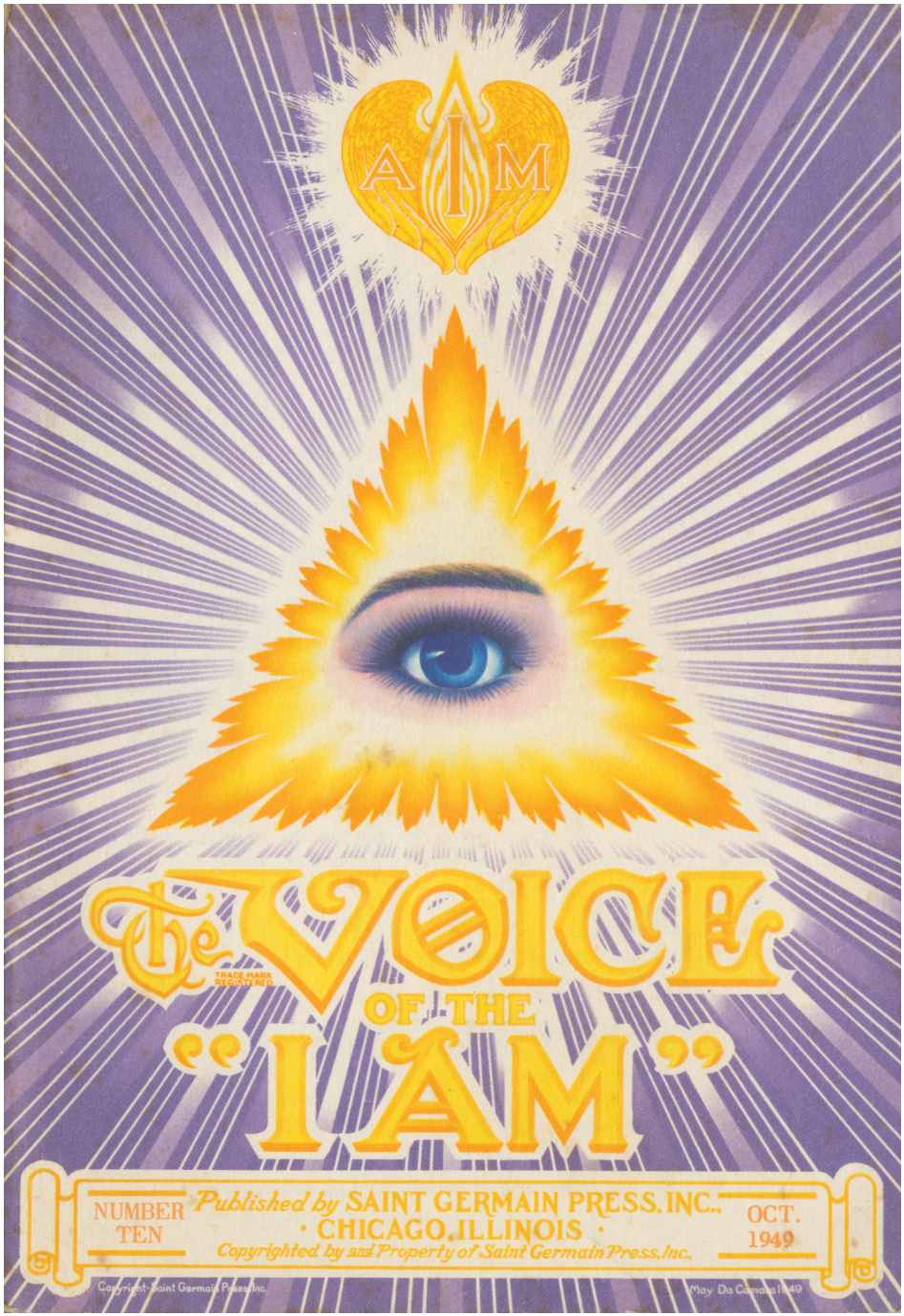
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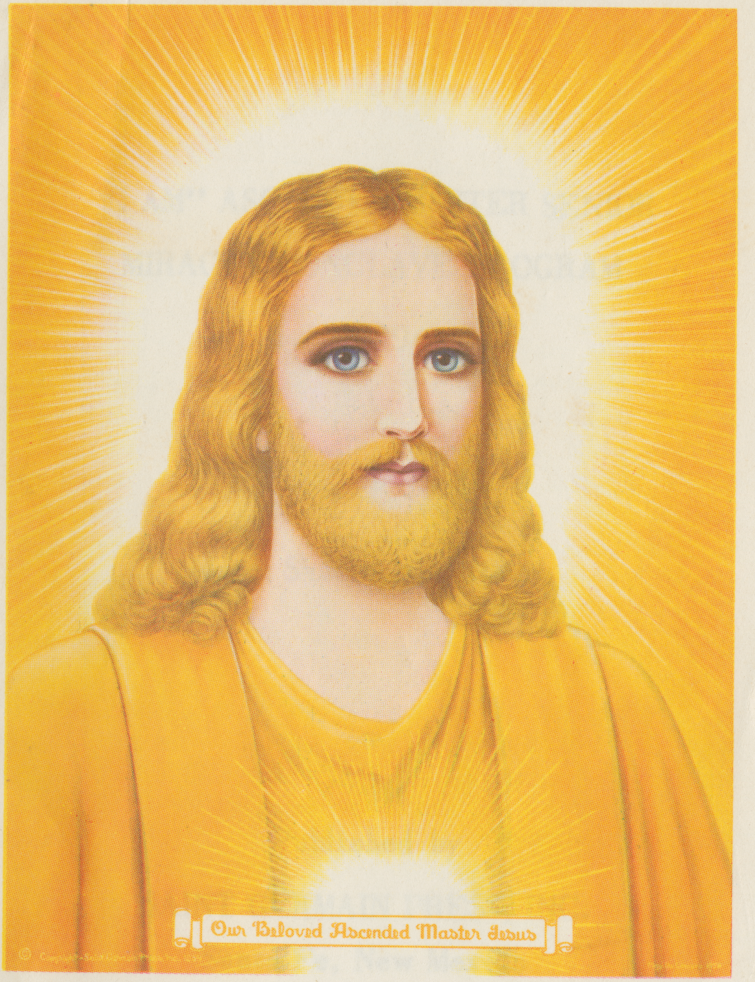

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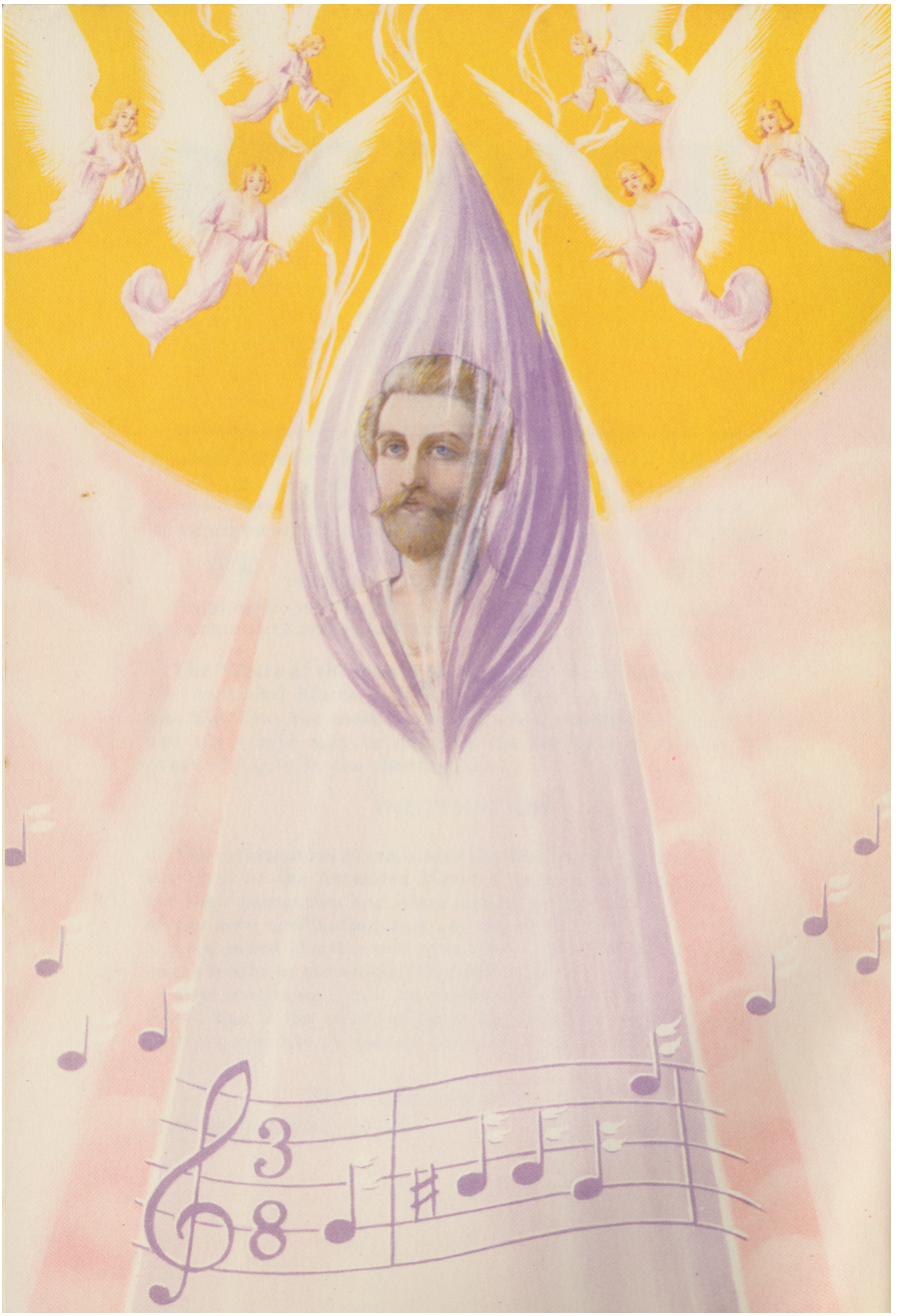


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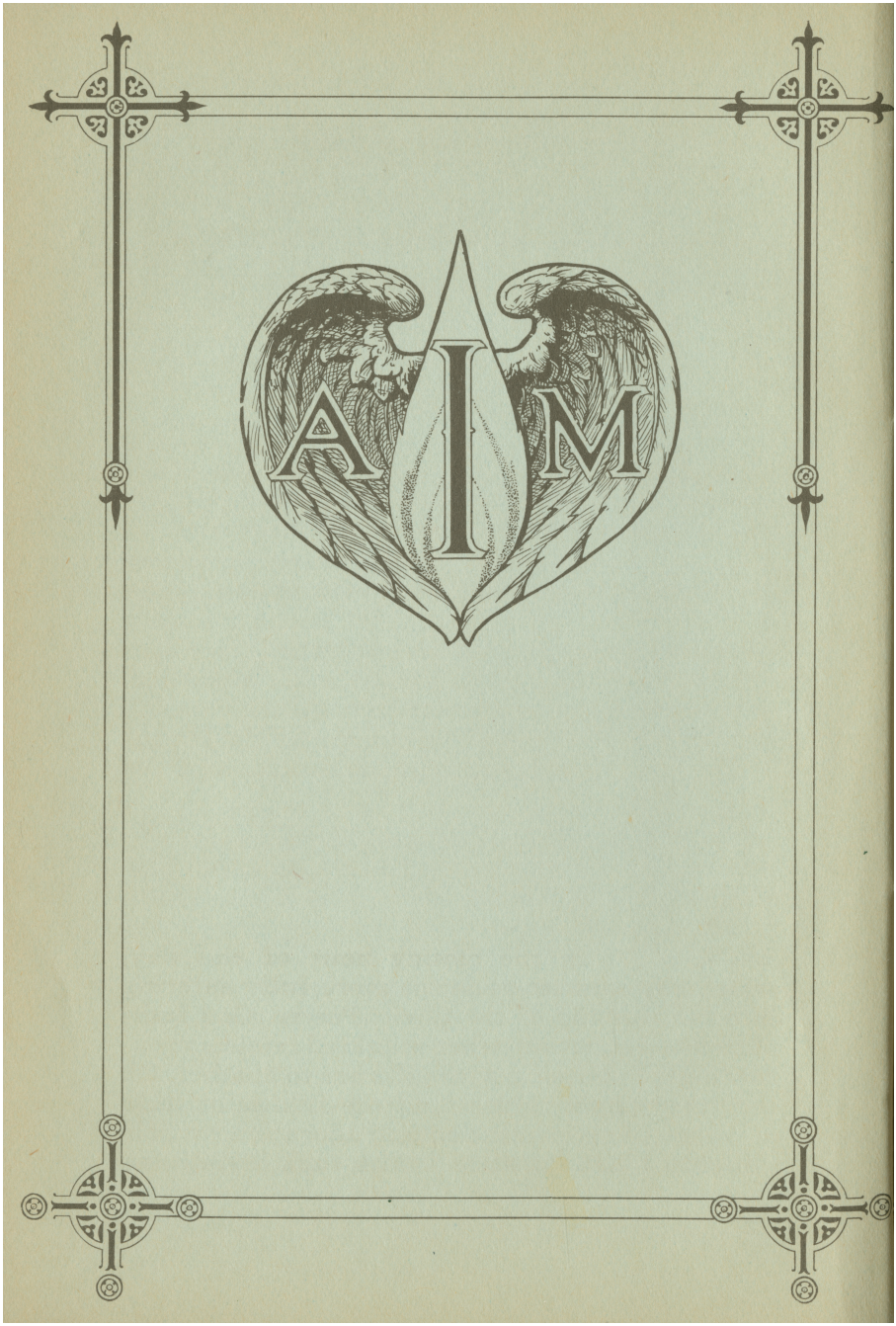
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