

Steven "Iven-Ra" Introduction Letter
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Hello ADL Family, I want to give thanks and praise to The Absolute Divine and also give thanks to Theresa, Pam, Brian, Lisa and the ADL Board of Trustees for giving me this opportunity, while still in prison, to earn and obtain my Certificate of Ordination as a minister and for having enough belief in me to be able to accomplish this goal. I introduce myself to you all as Rev. Steven L. Anderson, also to be known as Rev. Iven-Ra, or simply, Iven-Ra.

I'm not new to the ministry, in general, being that my late father and one of my brothers are ministers, while my mom and one of my sisters are Sunday School teachers, all starting since I was around nine years old. So, almost my whole family and I attended regular church services as I grew up as the baby of the family; the runt of the litter. While growing up singing in the church choir and serving as Junior Usher, I also proved the stereotype true for me of "the preacher's son is always the worst." That said, I was gang-banging by the age of twelve, and in prison for second degree murder and two robberies by the time I was seventeen years old. Never forsaking the church due to the fact that my parents would see to it that I was there every Sunday during those years.

Naturally, I came to a crossroads point in my life when I was about to turn twenty-one in the summer of 1995. With the Absolute Divine constantly on my focus, yet, being clouded by the pollution of the prison environment and gang lifestyle, the ambivalence within me was tearing me to shreds. On the one hand, I've always had a personal relationship with GOD in my mind and I knew I was a natural born leader with the ability to help people solve some of their problems even at a young age; and on the other hand, my at-the-time affiliates were only thinking about extortion, violence, money, drugs, and more trouble. I figured pretty fast I would do best to continue to heed the call of The Absolute Divine and learn how to be of servant of the people through GOD.

Long story short: the gang didn't want to, but had to let me go. I began to look at the prison as a University opportunity and dived face first into every book and lecture I could get my hands on about any religion or culture around the planet, and even from far away "visitors" from other galaxies, realms, and dimensions. Along the way, I picked up extensive knowledge of the law, among other interesting life tools I would later utilize in life. By the year 2000, I was involved in helping to start an "Each One, Teach One" study group held twice a week in the prison, and before the year was out, my mentor and teacher was released from prison, leaving me to take over and teach the study group. By this time, I was turning twenty-five years old. My call into the ministry had officially begun.

Since 2000, my involvement with being a leading figure in the study groups in each of the three prisons I've been to has been consistent and persistent. The men from the study groups are always reminding me of the difference I'm making in their lives by being a positive person they can count on to help them grow and thrive in the pursuit of bettering themselves.

My ability to be a willing vessel for The Absolute Divine, to give Its expression to these men incarcerated with me, has been a treasure to them all, including myself. I imagine the good I will be able to help manifest to fruition once I'm released from prison by continuing to serve the people in all righteous endeavors where I am led by Spirit.

My biggest goals are to help the youth realize their greatest potential of good so they can and will shape a better future for themselves, the one that we cannot create for them; and for me to successfully get the "Messages" within the writings that come through me out into the Cosmos where they insist on being.

I would like to support the ADL in our mission to help the world experience the Greatest Degree of Love through the Greatest Degree of Good that's waiting to emanate its fullest potential on the earth plane. I present a diversified expression of life that covers many cultural, religious and spiritual ideas and concepts.

I agree to uphold the "Oath of the Rose", that "Through this oath I pledge myself to Love, to be Love's channel in service to all human kind, through teaching, sharing, counseling and all other aids needed, to promote peace, truth, joy and enlightenment. I give myself into God's ministry" as Reverend Steven Iven-Ra Anderson, this the 14th day of April, 2018.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you at the next ADL Conference in 2019. May all of you be Blessed with Life, Health, Strength and Love.