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# May There Be No More Laggards!



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He might have been a man had he stayed faithfully at his Father's business. His destiny was no less.

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# EDITORIALS

The Christian Community

THE CHRISTIAN Community is another movement of life and of inspiration which has emerged out of the spiritual needs of the hour. Originating in middle Europe a few years ago, it has passed quickly beyond national boundaries, racial differences, and creedal limitations. It has taken root in a number of the countries of continental Europe and has found high favor also in England.

The Christian Community has recaptured something of the pristine power and the morning gladness of Christ's early followers who were one in heart and one in soul, speaking the word of God with boldness and bearing witness to the resurrection of the Christ. The grace that was upon these early testifiers and practitioners of the Christ ideals reappears again today in the authentic spirit of the Founder of our faith.

It is one more impressive manifestation of the spiritual awakening of our time which is vastly more significant than the average person realizes or is likely to give ready credit. As Adolph Heidenreich, one of the foremost apostles of the Christian Community, has pointed out, the fact should never be hidden that the fusion of the Early Christian Church with the Roman Empire meant the end of the original community of Christ, and that "it is simply not true that there is a continuous evolution of the Christian truth from the beginning until now. A break in the development occurred which is almost equal to subversion."

The wisdom of the Mysteries was present in the early Church. Its first disciples were Initiates, and its earliest groupings were comprised of daring, dauntless spirits capable of utter self-renunciation and a complete surrender to the Spirit's call. To such there comes inevitably a realization of eternal verities that remains forever unattainable to the seekers after the things of the selfish self.

In this early Church rebirth was a familiar doctrine, and the incarnation into our planet of a Ray of a Solar Logos was accepted doctrine. The cosmic aspects of the earthly mission of the Christ were clear. The annual reenactment of the birth, the sacrifice, and the resurrection of the Christ were events in which they themselves were conscious living celebrants.

To them the equinoxes were festivals indeed. So too, the seasons of the solstices. The bread and wine of life were holy sacraments in daily living and not merely rites of formal worship.

After centuries of obscuration these transcendant truths are once again amongst us. The sublime conceptions which for so long a time have been patent only to the faithful few are dawning today upon the inner knowing of the many. Through privation, anxiety, and travail, the soul of man is waking to its true estate and building for itself a High Church without dogma and a Community in which the Christ is King.

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# Seismic Disturbances

THE RECENT earthquake in California has focused attention anew on the nature of seismic disturbances. What are their underlying causes?

To this question we have the explanations offered by academic scientists, which are based entirely on physical phenomena, and the interpretations of the occultists whose insight penetrates to the hidden side of things.

A study of the conclusions arrived at both by the physical and the metaphysical scientists proves at once illuminating and convincing. As the former advance in their investigations they confirm more and more the teachings of the mystical doctrines in this as in every other field of human knowledge.

Investigation in the Archetypal Regions indicate that geographic changes are under way. Continental boundaries are due for alteration. Land areas that long have served their usefulness are nearing resubmergence for an extended Sabbath; others now beneath the seas are awaiting another day of fruitful ministrations to human needs.

#### A Continental Cleavage

Writing in the *Rays from the Rose Cross*, December, 1917, Max Heindel states that preparations for a continental cleavage extending in a general direction from Maine to Southern California have been going on for centuries and are now nearing completion in the invisible world. The archetype or matrix, molded in mind stuff, and representing the thought of the Grand Architect and His builders appeared to him to be likely to manifest physically by the middle of the present century.

There is mounting evidence in observable phenomena that such is the cosmic blue print for our country. From the Northeast to the Southwest the signs appear. Touching the former region the late Rev. Frederick L. Odenbach, for many years Professor of Science at John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio, Jesuit priest, and "the father of American seismology," has called attention to the subterranean disturbances which were gradually pushing up part of the United States. "In 200 years," he said, "Chicago will have her canal to the Mississippi. At the rate the land is being tilted toward the Southwest, Chicago will get all the water diversion she wants, because Lake Michigan will simply have to drain off into the Mississippi Valley. The Great Lakes drainage will be to the west and south."

When directing our attention to the Southwest, we quote T. W. Koch, geologist, who in an address delivered in Los Angeles last November, declared that "the rate of movement in the Buena Vista Hills (California) has been measured at an inch and a quarter a year." To this he adds that "The growth is one not resulting from earthquake slipping, but a gradual, continuous growth. . . . Oil well casings and pipes that have been in the ground fifteen years have been twisted in the form of a croquet wicket."

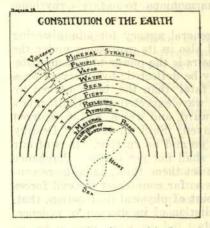
At a point on this diagonal line across our continent approximately midway between the two extremes, recall the curious phenomenon which occurred in Colorado last December when Carbon Mountain "shook and groaned and tossed its bulk into the wide Animas Valley below." It was literally disintegrated and without apparent cause exterior to itself. A host of nature folk, obedient to the Master Builder's will, had come to lay it low even as when wreckers raze a structure that no longer fits into the architect's improved designs.

### New Lands for the Coming Race

Among other impending changes is the extension of the American continent westward into the Pacific to provide in the centuries to come, a virgin field for the evolution of the next Great Race, the nucleus of which is now forming in the new countries, and more particularly on the Pacific Coast of America.

California's recent earthquake marked a noticeable incident in this major operation. It was therefore primarily constructive in nature. Such destructive features as did accompany the adjustment were due to contributing causes generated by man himself.

Man as a creature of mind is himself creative. He utilizes finer forces in nature, albeit his control over these is as yet but slight. These



subtler creations which he emanates from himself become active entities in space, and their influence either beneficent or malevolent according to the character imparted to them by their creator.

Becoming a part of the sum total of nature's forces they will of necessity find expression in natural phenomena. Figuratively speaking the expression of man's higher nature in action shows forth in the lavish fruits of the field; his love for beauty in the scenic grandeur of sublime places; his higher aspirations in the joyous chorus of the

song birds. Similarly his lower nature sets into motion the volcanic fires, his distorted impulses breed plagues and famines, and his violence returns upon him in cataclysmic upheavals of storm and quake and tidal wave. Invoking successive'y the four elements in nature, each of which he violates for selfish purposes, man brings upon himself in turn the destructive aspects of fire, water, earth, and air. Rightly used, they serve; wrongly utilized they annihilate. Thus it is, that fires destroyed Lemuria, Atlantis suffered inundation, the earth crumbles in Aryana, and atmospheric asphyxiation awaits the unprepared in the cycle that lies ahead. Sodom and Gomorrah tell this self-same tale an allegory of scientific truth, a dramatization of nature's laws with the dual character of man and earth in leading roles.

In the light of the arcane wisdom no event, no circumstance, no plane nor condition of being stands isolated in nature. The interrelationships extend to infinity. All are embraced within the One and progress toward that Unity is marked by an increasing perception of the all-pervasiveness of Life and the omnipresence and operation of a law that is immutable.

### Man's Morals Reflected in Nature

There is a living link that binds man to mother earth. Both are of a ninefold structure. The earth is a nine-layered sphere, at the heart of which resides the planetary Logos. Man, too, is ninefold by his triple triune nature of body, soul, and spirit. The mind becomes the center around which the three revolve. What man thinks registers in the parent body. By the properties inherent in the refracting stratum of the earth the forces released by man return in time upon himself. Individuals and communities, races and nations, reap in time whatsoever they have sown.

Man's actions of the past cannot be undone, but the manner of their outworking can be modified by setting counteracting forces into motion. This opportunity is ever open to man. In Noah's time the people's continued disregard of divine ordinance, despite the prophet's exhortations, at length brought on the flood that destroyed them all. Lot spoke the word of wisdom to the wicked cities of the plain, but they failed to heed his warning. Jonah made a like appeal to Ninevah's worldly populace, and harkening, they averted their threatened doom.

As in the past, so today, man determines his own fate and he may, if he will, lessen the severity of the Great Tribulation of this time by releasing only such energies as are harmonious to nature's rhythmic building forces.

While natural law becomes the general agency for administering retributive justice, it may be modified also in its expression under the guidance of the Lords of Destiny. Theirs is the power to hasten or delay the process. A storm's course may be deflected; by intervention a cataclysm may strike at a time less fatal than the hour marked by nature's unimpeded course. The tidal wave expected after California's latest earth shocks which extended seaward, and which, had it occurred would have multiplied disaster, was stayed. Said the Lords of Destiny to the lifted sea: Thus far shalt thou go and no further. It is of our children's making, but from this they shall not yet suffer. Perchance the tribulations are already such as to set them thinking in more constructive paterns; perchance they may so far counteract the evil forces which have now precipitated to the point of physical destruction, that, if they do not effect a complete cancellation of its disruptive violence, they may greatly mitigate its ill effects.

Man is today reaping the accumulated results of extended sowing. For millenniums the Guiding Powers have held back the heavy karma. Mankind has been favored with repeated extensions in order that it might redeem its evil progeny before they wreck their vengeance on him. Now that we have reached the close of a major cycle it can be delayed but little longer. Accounts must now be balanced and the atmosphere made clear for fresh beginnings.

Human woe is everywhere. Disasters of divers kinds fall upon men in all parts. Where then may we flee for safety? Nowhere. Our destiny is inescapable. Through fear we may escape only our opportunities. That which we fear comes upon us. We would remain, therefore, where duty calls. We would fulfill our destiny where we are. Seeking personal safety first is loss; to think primarily of other's weal is ever gain.

Consciousness determines safety, not geography. Where this has found divine adjustment a thousand may fall at our right hand and ten thousand at our left, but it shall not come nigh unto those of us who abide at the heart of eternal concord. LL STUDENTS of spiritual science agree that the purpose of evolution is the unfoldment of the latencies of the spirit within. To that end it employs periodically a threefold body which we call the personality. By the means of this composite vehicle the spirit is enabled to become aware of the three planes of being, to which its bodies correlate, and to function and gather experience therein.

The personal consciousness, at first dim, grows through impacts from without. These were of a violent character in our dawn days; now that we are more sensitively organized, our consciousness is affected by changes in conditions so subtle as to evade physical detection.

It is in keeping with these facts that man's dietary needs and habits change with the spirit's progress in form. The coarse foods and the heavy drinks that sustained the bestial body and the sluggish consciousness of animal-man give way to the dainty dishes and the pure beverages of the refined physique and the awakened mind of aspiring humanity.

The spirit of alcoholic liquors is the product of fermentation and decay. Its inspiriting effects quicken body, emotion, and mind. They benumb the spirit. They are its negation.

Such temporary benefits as the false spirits have bestowed upon man are confined therefore to that stage of man's evolution when he as a spirit was primarily concerned with first finding himself in the physical world and conquering material conditions. For the Western Races this stage has passed and the continuous consumption of wine can mean but one thing—a deadening of spiritual perception.

The probable repeal of the 18th Amendment does not, however, necessarily mean retrogression. It may simply mean that we were not ready for so great a forward step as we attempted. The idealist's disappointment in liquor's return may consequently not necessarily be due to a moral slump or failure, but to his own over-estimate of man's present status. The ideal visioned may not be immediately within his reach. Delayed therefore, but not defeated.

The evils of unenforceable prohibition may be greater than regulated access to intoxicating liquor. It is a truism that virtue can not be legislated into man. It must be acquired in freedom, through experience, and not by compulsion in the face of rebellious resistance. Man must come to the place where he voluntarily does right for right's sake. The law must become inscribed in his own heart.

While prohibition's enactment has been cast aside in part, the opportunities still remain with Society and the State to initiate measures of such creative, constructive character as will call into play the higher faculties of man, after which the desire for the lesser forms of stimulation shall automatically pass away.

Complete abstention from all intoxicating liquor marks the forward path. With that ideal we know no compromise; for its ultimate consummation we work and in the full knowledge that its attainment is assured in a future that is not far distant.

# The White Light

H E WAS a Wall Street man; vigorous, brilliant, commanding. When he appeared men took notice. His crystalline mind compelled admiration. His ready humor enlivened. His buoyant cheerfulness was a tonic. His character was invigorating and his idealism inspiring.

He was only thirty, yet he had set his imprint on cold, calculating, financial New York. His influence was due neither to wealth nor family. It grew out of intrinsic merit.

That he would be given his three score ten was a reasonable assumption. His health was perfect. Moreover a man of his type must needs have a providential protection, it was thought, that would assure his continued usefulness in the affairs of men.

But God disposes. One day this man of power and promise was out sailing. A friend fell overboard and he attempted rescue at the cost of his life. It was a heroic finish and ran true to his life.

Wall Street was stunned. There was grief over his loss, grief for the sake of his mother, for this youth was not merely his mother's son—he was her closest friend and comrade. The bond between them was one of the deepest sympathy and understanding. They lived together. He was moreover her sole support.

A memorial service was held at Trinity. The venerable old edifice, facing the Street on which the young man's activities had centered, was filled with mourners.

There was an air of oppressive solemnity. The hearts were heavy at the thought of the loss of friend and associate, and for the sorrow that therefore must be his mother's.

The mother arrived. The air of depression was lifted; it was dispelled. She was in white. A calm, composed, radiant figure.

What did it mean? Where were the professional mourners? Where the family lamentations? Where the customary suits of solemn black? They were absent. They had no place in the world of knowledge and understanding and light into which the mother had entered. They belonged to the darkness of the passing age. She was living in the light of the New.

The pagan crust of fear and gloom and doubt and grief had been broken. A ray of light shone forth—a white light from a white figure the central figure in Trinity,—at Wall Street, in the heart of world materialism.

Truly a new day is dawning.

# The Realm of Poetry

### BY VIOLA MAY BURCH

ORDS that have been woven into the patterns of poetry under the stress of pure inspiration vibrate to the music of the spheres. What flows from the poet's pen, as it becomes the instrument of his mind, is thought which emanates directly from out the higher realms. Poetry has been much abused, little read, and greatly misunderstood; the general flow of mass thought is too gross to take hold of the filmy garments that cover the body of poetical truth. It has long been recognized that the highest occult configurations in an astrological chart presuppose a poet, but little significance has been given to this circumstance.

Poets are conceived as being romanticists instead of being perceived as witnesses to the occult. Few recognize that

the "beloved" of the poet is almost invariably Universal Love toward which the sensitive soul of the poet turns. The urge toward the Ultimate Goal with which the average of mankind concerns himself is but carpenter's scaffolding compared to the exquisite filigree of yearning which besets a poet's consciousness. The ebb and flow of rhythmic force under which a poet writes is born in the highest realm of archetypal forces. Hidden in rhymed words are often secrets for which one might search a lifetime. The cosmic forces are objectified and evolutionary development humanized in poetry, and it is only necessary to look with seeing eves and listen with willing ears for truth's unfoldment.

### Similitude

### BY RONA ELIZABETH WORKMAN

Above a cliff of sliding, broken shale, Splintered by frost and the slow wear of time, A pine tree reared its fire-scarred trunk And bare limbs, gnarled by twisting winds; But it had sent its roots deep down through riven rocks To reach the lake which mirrored back the stars, And from its heart had sprung new growth of tender green. I thought of you, who burned by life's fierce fires, Had reached beseeching hands to the still waters of God, And drawn from them the strength to live again.

#### Why

#### BY VICTOR VAN DYKE BELL

The candle flickers: "Why does the candle flicker?" "Because the wind blows." "Why does the wind blow?" "To blow out the candle." "Why to blow out the candle?" "So you can see yourself in the dark!"

#### Responsibility

#### BY FELICIA B. CLEM

A simple thing to kneel in prayer, And at His feet our hearts to bare, Confess each sin—and leave it there!

But when we come to look within Our own hearts to remove each sin— No simple task do we begin!

# Can You Read the Symbols of Your Craft?

By CHARLES M. MARTIN, 32°

•• T IS for the Adepts to understand the meaning of the symbols!" Thus wrote that grand old mystic and philosopher, Albert Pike, 33°. No more fitting words could be found to open a discourse on symbolical and mystic Masonry, and to focus the Light of Truth on the inner consciousness. Quoting further:

"It is for each individual Mason to discover the secret of Masonry, by reflection upon its symbols, and a wise consideration and analysis of what is said and done. Masonry does not *inculcate* her Truths. She *states* them, once and briefly; or hints them perhaps darkly; or interposes a cloud between them and the eyes that would be dazzled by them. *Seek* and ye shall *find*.... Knowledge and Truth!"

On the Buddhist castles of ancient Ireland, and on the Pyramids of Egypt; in the forgotten temples of ancient Memphis; in the jungle-covered temples of Central Mexico, and in Japan, remnant of lost Lemuria—in all these places are many well preserved symbols of mystic Masonry, but whose mysteries have remained hidden from all except Initiates. And these, like the Sphinx, never tell.

When, after years of patient study we do understand some of them, we know what was meant when it was said: "Let there be Light!" Very few secrets of Free Masonry are ever exposed. They are cleverly concealed and carefully veiled, requiring several keys to unlock the mysterious truths. There are also many interpretations, and through all the fabric of our Craft, there runs the ancient strain of legend.

Legends are historical records that came down to us by word of mouth through countless generations, each adding something even while making changes. These are the "Veils through

which we might not see" until we can look at them with the third eye or inner illumination that comes with spiritual consciousness.

Through all of ancient Masonry or Mysteries, there runs a deep frame-work of the occult. Man never appreciates the things that are easy of attainment, or those that are obvious and readily understood. For this reason there are many classes of Masons, judging by the *degrees* of enlightenment that filter through our "Eyes that see not!" We want *more* Light, and we are told: *Seek*, and ye shall *find*!"

What of Plato, Socrates, and Aristotle? How plainly does Zoroaster and Pythagoras speak to you? Or Christian Rosenkreuz? Read the first four chapters of *First Kings*, and then by way of contrast read the eleventh chapter. Try to picture how the story would look if it were told in pictorial symbols, since the first *Bibles* were written in allegorical symbolism—largely interspersed with astrological symbols.

These symbols were interpreted for our benefit by those who were given an illuminated sight, and therein lies a fact that cannot be denied. Masonry and Religion have always been inseparable from the most ancient times. The two have been what might be described as a paradoxical analogy. They agree in some respects while seeming to disagree. Knowledge and education were confined to the priesthood and to the nobility. Free Masonry has always said : "Let there be Light!" As children of Light they have always insisted that Church and State be kept separate, even while working toward the same common goal, and the story has been told many times in the symbolical language of the ancients.

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### **An Inspired Parable**

By CHARLES M. MARTIN, 32°

K nowledge comes in many ways to they who seek The Light, N ever from the Force of Strain, but gently with the Right. I nearnation is the cart; evolving is the Key, G od-head is for all who seek . . . the ever present THEE.

H iram worked in foreign lands, proving Destiny,

T o compensate his loss of tools, They promised him a Key.

O h students of the Mystic Arts, a Parable I tell, F or through the Fires Hiram sank, to know a glimpse of Hell!

 $\mathbf{T}$  hen Lazarus, a Widow's Son, was born in ancient Nain,  $\mathbf{H}$  is Life was as his Birth had been, the narrow path of pain;  $\mathbf{E}$  volving is the same for all; through fire-mist and rain.

**R** aising him to heights undreamed, the tribes of Judah sang, **O** h grip him with a Lion's paw, and spare him from the fang. **S** olomon, the son of Seth, who ruled the Holy water, **E** ntered through the Hidden door: This time *without* his daughter!

C hristian soldiers of the Cross, symbolic of His pain, R ose Croix of deep antiquity, we now give him from Nain. O ut from that deep Cosmic night, from labors nobly done, I nearnate now this widow's son, and spare him from the Hun, X enogenesis to us . . . Epigenesis to ONE.

F or unto him we give this day, a sacred, secret trust, O h teach him how to heal the sick, and banish every lust. U nto the world a Truth shall come; a bright and wondrous Light. R emoving darkness from the Mind, with Wisdom's second sight. T riune in all the seven realms where all shall blend as One, E ternal in the Highest sense, far brighter than the Sun. E xacting of Its neophytes, who born in pain and sin, N ow Rise in Evolution's scheme, that they may enter In. T his day we give the Healing Force, to be dispensed by HIM, H allowed be the Master's Will, in Samuel's Godly limb! D eliver us from narrow Creed, we pray to THEE this day. E ndow this lowly widow's son, with Heaven's Cosmic Ray. G uard well the secrets of Thy Plan, on Memory's Nature screen, R ewarding they who follow us, with Inner eye-sight keen. E ternally, then let this Knight, whom Thou hast Raised this day, E nguard Thy sacred Healing trust, for only those who pray!



We must remain our own Masters.

In service is the only true road to greatness.

Once the neophyte has thoroughly felt in his being the love of the Father he is a changed man.

Only as we cultivate equipoise and self-reliance coupled with zeal of devotion, are we really fitted to go on.

On the path of attainment, through various stages of initiation, we gradually pass from the outside world in towards the center.

The door of a genuine Mystery School is not unlocked by a golden key, but is only opened as a reward for meritorious service to humanity.

With the divine prerogative of free will, man has the power of epigenesis or initiative, so that he may enter upon a new line at any time he wishes.

In a future stage of human evolution no one is to be ruled, guided, or advised from without, but each one must and will be ruled from within, where each will unite within himself the office of king and priest.

Where shall we seek truth? There is only one answer—within. It is absolutely a matter of moral development; and the promise of Christ that if we live the life we shall know the doctrine is true in the most literal sense.

In the centuries that have gone by since the Rosicrucian Order was formed, the Elder Brothers have worked quietly and secretly, aiming to mold the thought of the world through the works of Paracelsus, Boehme, Bacon, Shakespeare, Fludd, and others.

The Christian religion was given that we may embrace the whole world, that we might pass from the narrow patriotism which only recognizes the beauties and grandeur of one's own country to that higher stage where we may say, "The whole world is my country and to do good is my religion." This is the path of attainment, and the line of endeavor we must follow to progress.

To the activities of the Elder Brothers we owe the gradual spiritualization of our once so materialistic science. Each night at midnight when the physical activities of the day are at their lowest ebb, and the spiritual impulse at its highest flood tide, they have sent out from their Temple soul-stirring vibrations to counteract materialism and to further the development of soul powers.

# The Great Work

THE PHYSICS AND METAPHYSICS OF THE ROSICRUCIANS

BY CORINNE S. DUNKLEE

T HIS is the season of the year in which the miracle of transformation is effected throughout nature.

As above so below. The enlightened one who is able to observe these divine processes operating all about him arrays himself in the golden splendor which is now flooding the earth and is touched by its high spiritual ecstasy to a degree limited only by his own capacity to respond.

The early Rosicrucians referred to this as the most fitting season in which to bring the Great Work to its perfection. They observed three supreme steps or degrees: Purification, which has to do

with the birth month, or the winter soltice; Initiation, which marks the resurrection festival or spring equinox; and Perfection, the white ecstasy of midsummer. May is observed as the sacred month of preparation for this mystic consummation.

The real work of the Brothers of the Rose Cross was concealed beneath the symbolism of the alchemist who labored beside his fiery furnace transmuting base metals into gold. His

ultimate object was to realize oneness cum Deo for which he himself passed through the Crucible of Fire.

In the sacred yearly processional, the great testing time is symbolized in the Ceremony of the Autumn Equinox. With every cycle of progress the disciple is brought into this Place of the Balance, illustrated by the scales. Above these are the words: Ars Natura. As man learns to observe and respect nature, she

in turn does him obeisance. So taught the Ancient Wisdom.

The supreme ideal toward which the worker of divine alchemy aspires is shown in the figure that ascends from the pedestal and which carries the inscription, Wisdom. The body of this figure bears the impress of the fiery triangle indicating the Way, (Sagittarius) and the Light, (Leo), that lead unto the citadel of Wisdom, (Aries).

"And as in each Triangle of Perfection," writes Albert Pike in the closing paragraph of *Morals and Dogma*, "one is three and three is one, so man is one.



though of a double nature, and he attains the purposes of his being only when the two natures that are in him are in just equilibrium, and his life is a success only when it too is like the great Harmonies of God and the Universe."

The alchemist, we observe, has discovered the wings of the Caduceus of Mercury; he has become the White Stone of the divine vision of St. John's *Revelation*; also he has found the golden glory of the

sun blended with the silvery radiance of the moon, which is the theme of King Solomon's matchless *Song*.

The Great Work attained, the illumined one kneels in reverence and humility; the denizens of Fire, Air, Earth, and Water are at his service and he wields the powers of the superphysical. The great purposes of God's Manifestation have been revealed.

# **Pioneers in Spirit**

#### By V. MAY COTTRELL

THE MORE fully individualized persons in all ages and all climes have ever striven for freedom of thought and action. Countless numbers suffer martyrdom, in varying degrees, even to this day, rather than yield to the crude dictates of their less enlightened fellows. They prefer ignominy, abuse, and death at the hands of others rather than allow themselves to be compressed into the narrow mould wherein the great mass of the people is content to dwell.

New thoughts, new ideas, and inspiring beliefs come to those whose minds are open to receive them. Once having taken possession of the human consciousness, this spiritual enrichment means more to the fortunate individuals who possess it than even life itself. Hence their utter refusal to wear the galling yoke of mental slavery, which the majority carry so lightly.

These sturdy pioneers in the realm of thought, feeling, and emotion are the advance guard of civilization. To them belongs the honor of breaking fresh trails and marking out new paths in the dense, dark jungle of a materialistic conception of life.

Thus does the consciousness of mankind gradually evolve through the influence of those valiant souls, who, venturing out alone upon voyages of discovery into the realm of spirit, return with new knowledge in their minds and fresh hope in their hearts. These folk are the leaven, the re-creating, renewing power which gradually permeates the whole lump of human consciousness, raising it to higher and higher levels of understanding and enlightenment.

Not by a prolonged study of old and tried methods of living and working is new and valuable knowledge acquired, but by a constant pressing on toward new viewpoints. New vistas open up before those whose minds are freed from preconceived ideas and false assumptions. There is an inner guide who cannot err and in whom all knowledge is centered. It is the first duty of every individual to seek diligently that he may find this hidden source of wisdom and power within his own nature.

Not afar off in dim, remote regions does the God-whom mankind seeks so ceaselessly-dwell. The innermost being of each one of us is His constant refuge and chosen abiding place. It is because men persist in visualizing God as a Being quite apart from themselves that they fail so frequently to find Him. He is the marvelous in-dwelling spirit of Good, whom wonderful and highly evolved personalities have ever recognized, in part at least, and claimed kinship with, to the utter mystification of their fellows. A joyous union with the Good that dwells within each one of us is all that is necessary to salvation, for salvation simply means a happy release from the fears, sorrows, and dangers attendant upon the blind gropings and grovellings due to an ignorance of spiritual verities.

The light of truth filters slowly but surely into people's minds however carefully and painstakingly they may be sealed. This is because the knowledge that lies hidden within their own inner natures is so constantly seeking the recognition of their conscious minds. Delve deep into the larger consciousness of human beings and you must ever find spiritual riches in plenty, despite the crudities and ignorance of their everyday thought-lives.

It is through constant contact with this larger self, and a growing realization of all that it implies, that great personalities are evolved. It is conscious (Continued on page 234)

# Creed or Christ

STUDIES IN THE ROSICRUCIAN COSMO-CONCEPTION

E SHALL devote a little space each month to studies in The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception. This volume which is described as an elementary treatise on man's past evolution, present constitution, and future development, was given in detailed outline to Max Heindel by one of the Brothers of the Order of the Rose Cross and constitutes the textbook of the philosophy promulgated by the Rosicrucian Fellowship.

The writer of this treatise well knew that the tendency of every group is to separate itself from others and to erect institutional barriers of pride, position, and self-aggrandizement, and to formulate its teachings into articles of faith, the mere profession of which in time replaces the power of the spirit contained within the simple untrammeled teachings.

Max Heindel therefore prefaces the volume with an *Introduction* in which this fact finds some elucidation and preceding this, a statement entitled *A Word to the Wise* in which he emphasizes the fact that the open, receptive mind is an essential to progress in the search of truth.

But prefacing both these introductory statements, the author places the poem *Creed or Christ.* Beyond all knowledge that the book can impart, is the spirit of love and service which it would inspire, and without which its body of fact, precious though it be, is of no avail. The poem follows:

No man loves God who hates his kind, Who tramples on his brother's heart and soul; Who seeks to shackle, cloud, or fog the mind By fears of hell has not perceived our goal.

God-sent are all religions blest; And Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life, To give the heavy laden rest And peace from sorrow, sin, and strife.

Behold the Universal Spirit came To ALL the churches, not to one alone; On Pentecostal morn a tongue of flame Round EACH apostle as a halo shone.

Since then, as vultures ravenous with greed We oft have battled for an empty name, And sought by dogma, edict, creed, To send each other to the flame.

His pure sweet love is not confined By creeds which segregate and raise a wall. His love enfolds, embraces human kind, No matter what ourselves or Him we call.

Then why not take Him at His word? Why hold to creeds which tear apart? But one thing matters, be it heard, That brother love fill every heart.

There's but one thing the world has need to know, There's but one balm for all our human woe; There's but one way that leads to heaven above-That way is human sympathy and love.

# Cosmic Colors and Their Influences

CORRELATIONS FOR THE ASTROLOGICAL MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE

#### BY ELOIS F. JENSSEN

MAY is the month when all Nature joins in singing the musical keynote (B) of joy. Not only are we receiving the gold vibration from the departing planet of beauty, Venus, but intermingling with these we have the healing greens and glistening whites of nature which herald the incoming planet Mercury, (May 21 to June 20) and which, when blended with the basic colors of the individual's own colors, make for health and harmony. Mercury vibrates to violet.

The Gemini constellation, known as the Twins of the Star family, ray down two different forces; these irregular vibrations have a tendency to deplete not only the physical but emotional, or color body (aura). Also, they cause inharmony and restlessness in the mental body unless the individual has the understanding to use the soothing greens with yellow casts.

Violet will balance these divided forces, especially if this color is used in flowers at the bedside during sleep, also in sleeping garments; the greens with a yellow cast will harmonize and stabilize the restless nature of these double-sign individuals.

When considering colors in wearing apparel the choice depends, in part, on their degree of harmony with the color of one's sun sign or birth month. Further, we must consider if we wish restful or stimulating colors. Also we must distinguish between colors for the intensely emotional individual, the phlegmatic one, and the person of average temperament. Then we choose colors suitable to the occasion as for instance, dark colors when out to absorb lectures and white or light colors when giving instruction.

The Gemini individual should de-

velop his color sense. We stated in a previous article that breath (color, green) is life upon this planet, and that man transcends all the other kingdoms. vegetable, animal, and mineral, because he possesses a vibratory power which enables him to project as well as reflect color by inhalation, and it is this creative gift that brings a responsibility that is not shared by lower organisms. The chromatologist of the future will command color consciously and not be at its mercy, as he is today. A little knowledge of color combinations and their effects with concentration on same in a few months can accomplish wonders. For healing purposes or for harmony one should familiarize oneself with the physical sedatives and recuperatives, also those similarly affecting mental and spiritual activities.

The chemical needs for this month are potassium, chloride, and calcium fluoride. The beneficial plants and vegetables: All citrus fruits, lemons, grapefruit, lime juice, celery, spinach, lettuce, garlic, cucumbers, and all vegetables grown above the earth. For wearing apparel: Purple blues, with a touch of yellow; lavender, green. Flowers: All those carrying yellow, orchid, and lavender; violets, pansies, daffodils, and yellow roses. Crystal and aquamarine are the jewels of the restless Gemini.

The soothing yet exhilarating feeling induced by a plunge in the ocean is the force of the vibratory magnetism one receives from the blue color of the waves mingled with the tints of green, and the vitalizing force of the yellow in the Sun's ray.

At the present time the science of color is in its kindergarten stages, but as it is worked upon in the right way, wonderful truths will be discovered that will be of great benefit to humanity.

# A Metamorphosis

"God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform."

#### BY KITTIE S. COWEN

DROPPED into the office of my old friend, Dr. Frank Howard, and after chatting for some time, suggested that his life as a doctor must be filled with many unusual experiences.

"Yes," he said, "that is quite true, and some of them certainly are, as you say, most unusual. I do not suppose there is another class of people in the whole world that enters so many different homes and contacts the lives of so many people in such an intimate way as we doctors do. However, it may surprise you to know that the strangest, the most unexplainable mystery that I have ever

encountered I contacted in my own home.''

"So?" I questioned. "It sounds most interesting. If you feel like telling an old friend about it I shall certainly be grateful."

Being sure of my sympathy and understanding he related the following story, which I give in his own words:

I have thought about it, and wondered, and questioned. Now, however, I believe that I have some idea of the truth, strange as it may seem. No, I don't mind telling you for the reason that you have considerable understanding of the "unknown," and might be able to corroborate my conclusions.

I had been comfortably established here in my profession for some time when I was called for consultation to another state. When I arrived at my destination I found that my patient, who was a prominent business man in the city, was suffering from a severe case of brain fever. His close attendant was his only daughter, a girl of unusual poise and charm. The wife and mother was a fine, intelligent woman, but her great love for her husband had thrown her into such a nervous state of fear and apprehension that she was practically useless in the sick room. But not so the daughter, Cicely. Hour after hour she remained at her father's bedside faithfully and lovingly ministering to his every want, and with uncanny intuitiveness divining his needs before he seemed to be aware of them himself. A trained nurse did night duty, but the patient always seemed better and less restless

when his daughter attended him.

I remained several days in the home of this charming family and before I left I had the pleasure of knowing that the sick man had passed the crisis and was on the road to recovery. Much of this time I spent with Cicely at her father's bedside, and each hour, I mar-

veled more and more at the girl's unselfish devotion and her unusual skill in the sick room. There was something about the entire family that drew me strangely to them; some invisible bond that made me feel a part of all that was going on around me. My patients always interested me, but John Dale was from the very first more than a patient to me. It was as though some secret bond existed between us; some friendship of the spirit that bound us together, and I still believe that it was this basic harmony between us, his daughter's devotion, and my own unfaltering faith in his ultimate recovery that pulled him through.

**I** S IT possible for a departed spirit to return to earth life without being reborn as a child? Are there exceptions to the normal operations of nature? This unusual story opens up lines of inquiry which, if followed, may reveal surprising truths concerning the comings and goings of spirit. The last hour of my stay was spent with Cicely and her mother. When I arose to tell them good-bye, without conscious volition on my part I suddenly swept this unusual girl into my arms. "Cicely," I said, "I find that I cannot leave without telling you what is in my heart. I love you, Cicely, do you know it, and do you realize that fate has brought us together?"

"Yes," she answered, lifting her eyes and smiling.

"We belong to each other, Cicely. Surely you know it, my dear?"

Again the same understanding smile. "Yes, Doctor Frank, I do know it. I knew it the moment you entered my father's sick room and I looked into your eves."

Then still holding her close, I turned to her mother: "Mrs. Dale, I love your daughter. Are you willing to give her to me?"

"You have saved my husband's life, doctor," she answered. "If you make my little girl half as good a husband as you have proved yourself to be a physician, I shall feel that my daughter's happiness is in very safe keeping."

The day that Cicely's father was a well man we were married; and a year later our little son, John Dale, Junior, was born. Three wonderful years passed by and I often wondered how it was possible that one home could contain quite so much happiness and joy. I realized that there was a great deal of sorrow and pain in the world, for I contacted it daily in my work; but somehow it just seemed to pass by my loved ones and me. It did not seem as if there was another thing needed to complete our happiness. Mentally my wife and I were in exact harmony; and spiritually we were as one. At home our meals were always the best-well-prepared, well-balanced. Cicely seemed to anticipate my preference in relation to everything, and I was always planning to give her some pleasant surprise. When I came home tired and hungry, invariably my favorite dishes were on the table, my favorite

flowers in the house, and my favorite music floating in the air. And how I loved her—how I adored her. My work was all done for her and our beautiful boy. My greatest joy was to surround them with comforts and beauty.

We often visited Cicely's parents and they came to see us frequently. They had not lost a daughter, they said, but instead, they had acquired a son and an angel grandson; and to me, who had been orphaned early in life, they were indeed a mother and father.

In a town close to the home of my wife's parents, my mother-in-law's sister, her husband, two sons, and one daughter resided. The daughter, Estelle, resembled Cicely very closely in form and features, but there all similarity between the two ended. Estelle was a healthy placid girl who took life calmly and serenely, never bothering herself to get excited over anything, and perfectly willing to let others relieve her of all responsibilities. The girl wasn't actually stupid, but she was too lethargic and negative to care to really exert herself. I did not see her very often, but when I did her calm placidity always got on my nerves. I often remarked about her inaneness to Cicely, but she always laughed and said that the soul of Estelle was asleep and that if it ever awoke she was going to be genuinely surprised to find out that she really existed.

I had become so successful in my profession that I was now being continually called to adjoining towns and states on consultation, my specialty being brain and nervous diseases. One day a long distance phone message summoned me to a case in a city about sixty miles from home. Cicely helped me pack my bag and little Junior laughed and cooed and followed us around begging for kisses and asking "where daddy man go?" A dozen times I stopped to pat his sunny head and answer his eager questions. When I was ready to start I gathered both my wife and child in my arms and kissed them again and again. I was used to being called away just as unexpectedly, but somehow this time I felt almost as if I could not go.

"Be careful of yourself and the baby, won't you, Cicely," I cautioned, and Cicely's sunny face suddenly sobered for a moment and her arms tightened convulsively about my neck.

"Frank dear, be careful how you drive, won't you? There are so many accidents on the roads every day. Do not let anything happen to you, dear, for if there did I should certainly die."

"Why, Cicely, you are crying," I said in surprise. "A most unbecoming thing for a doctor's wife to do," and playfully I wiped the tears from her eyes.

"Don't worry about me, sweetheart, I shall be careful," I promised, "but be sure that you take the best of care of my wife and baby while I am away. You two are my life, my dear."

Then Cicely took my face between her hands and looking deep into my eyes said earnestly: "Frank, beloved, death can never separate me from you and the baby. Were anything to happen to me, I should move heaven and earth to get back to you. Remember what I tell you, Frank, I shall never be separated from you for long." Then her face again all smiles, she held Junior up for a last good-bye kiss and stood vibrant and smiling in the warm sunlight as the car pulled away.

Three days later, when I had just succeeded in saving another life, I received a telegram from home. Cicely, my beautiful wife, was dead—killed in an automobile accident right in front of our own house. A drunken truck driver ran into her little runabout and turned it over, pinning her underneath. She was dead when the terrified neighbors succeeded in getting her out from under the car. Junior was with her, but escaped uninjured.

I never knew exactly how I got home or how I lived through the funeral. All that I could distinctly remember were flowers, flowers—such a profusion of them—and multitudes of people; soft, beautiful music, a lovely waxen face framed in a cloud of soft brown hair, a small, wistful mouth that for the first time did not return my kisses, and pale lips which no longer smiled.

Of course I lived on, I had to; for there was Junior who clung piteously to me begging that I go and get his mother whom the big men carried away in the white box all covered with flowers. Finally I tried to take up my work again.

And now comes the strange part of my story: It was just a year later that I received a long distance call to go to a city in an adjoining state. It was my motherin-law who called me, and the patient was her niece, Estelle. Estelle, of all the people in the world; Estelle who had the form and features of my beloved wife. but whose soul was sleeping. Estelle whose face and form would quicken my heart, but whose inaneness would madden me. Estelle, the stupid one, who lived in God's bright sunshine, while my own vivid, vivacious Cicely lay pale and silent in a musty tomb, her glad eyes closed forever, her white hands folded serenely across her motionless breast.

Could I go-I wouldn't-I ought to-I-I-. Of course I answered the summons. When I arrived I found the sick girl suffering from a severe case of brain fever in an advanced stage. The irony of it-Estelle, who had never really exercised her brain in all her life, a victim of brain disorder. I felt an insane desire to laugh when I discovered her malady; but my physician's instinct urged me to lose no time. Day and night I worked over her, and then the crisis came. Lower and lower she sank. The pulse beat came fainter and fainter; the pallor of death settled over her features. The odor of death was in the air. I had felt from the first that she would die. She was too listless to make an effort to help herself-still I worked-God! how I worked-there was a long drawn breath-a well known gurgle-I bent over the still figure-the pulse fluttered pitifully-THEN STOPPED. I give you my word as a physician, the girl was

gone—the spirit had left its earthly tenement—Estelle was dead !

And then the impossible happened! Under my thumb which still rested on her pulse, I detected-or thought I dida faint flutter; very faint at first, but it was there! Christ in heaven! was I losing my mind? The dead did not come to life-the freed spirit did not return, once it shed it mortal coil-yet even as I reasoned that first faint throb was repeated, and it was growing stronger. I was filled with startled amazement, and my body shook as if with a chill; but again my physician's instinct asserted itself, and I brought every medical art of which I was master into action, watching intently every reaction on my patient. An hour passed by-the color was slowly creeping back into the white face and pallid lips-and then the eyes opened and smiled into my own.

"Frank, Frank dear," a faint voice whispered, and then without the least volition on my part I reached down and gathered the slender girlish form to my heart. When at last I laid her back on her pillow she was still smiling, and her breath was coming, even and regular, She was fast asleep.

In a week's time, shall I call her Estelle, had sufficiently recovered to sit up in bed. Two weeks later we were married, and I took her home.

Why did I marry Estelle, I asked myself over and over. I loved my wife just as much as I ever did, and yet I loved Estelle in exactly the same way. In fact the two loves seemed to be one, for when I thought of Estelle, I thought of Cicely, and vice versa; or was it Estelle Cicely, or Cicely Estelle? What had happened to me, I wondered. Had something gone wrong with my brain since Cicely died? Was I the victim of an hallucination? Was it possible that I was mentally un-

balanced? I had never been physically better in my life, and my ability to diagnose disease was actually improving. My mind was clear and accurately analytical. I could discover no symptoms of mental derangement anywhere, and yet—?

When baby Junior saw Estelle, he squealed with delight. "Muzzer," he cooed, covering her face with tears and kisses. "Muzzer, my own booful Muzzer, did Dod send you back to Junior? Oh, Muzzer! Muzzer!" And the two were folded closely in each other's arms while tears of pure joy rolled down their faces.

In less than a month Estelle was perfectly well, vivacious, charming, and beautiful. The old home life was reestablished, and Junior and I began to *live* and were happy once more. And Estelle, well, Estelle just simply wasn't Estelle to any of us. A complete metamorphosis had taken place. She was completely changed into a charming, adorable woman.

One day when I came home to dinner I found on the table a dish which was a particular favorite of mine; one which Cicely concocted herself and always prepared with her own hands. I looked at it, tasted it, and then walked around the table to Estelle, and taking her face between my hands turned it up and looked long and searchingly into her eyes. "Estelle," I asked, "when and where did you learn to prepare that dish?"

Tears filled her eager eyes, and after a moment, smiling bravely she replied: "Frank, dear, I just *knew* how to make it. It is *my own* special recipe. Frank, Junior calls me 'Muzzer.' Oh, my dear, do you not know that children are sometimes very wise? In the future won't you please call me Cicely? Oh, Frank, my beloved, don't you realize, don't you *know* that I have come back to you?"

It is difficult to say any longer that we walk in the Shadow of Death when the darkness is sown with stars.—A. E. Waite.

# Shakespeare or Bacon?

BY ELLEN CONROY MCCAFFERY

#### PART I

T HE most interminable of all arguments is that of the Bacon-Shakespeare controversy. Did Bacon write Shakespeare's plays or did Shakespeare write them? So far the arguments have depended on the deciphering of codes within the plays and sonnets, also regarding the possibility of an unschooled man producing masterpieces.

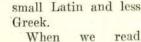
From the literary point of view, it is clear to anyone who has a feeling for the use and value of words and rhythm, that Shakespeare and Bacon wrote in two very different styles. When we come to know people really well in or-

dinary life, we recognize their voices. In conversing with them, we learn their phraseology, their intonation, their rhythmic sequence of words. Later still, if we are analytical, we recognize their method of constructing sentences, for this is a very individual thing. Occasionally a person may imitate them, the disguise is never continuous.

Artists also recognize a fellow artist's work. They realize

that every artist possesses certain distinctive qualities peculiar to himself alone. The student of literature also knows that certain writers construct their sentences on a pattern—a rhythmic pattern that is inherent; hence when the student reads anything written by such an author, the rhythm sinks so deeply into his consciousness that forever afterwards he recognizes "the voice."

Bacon's rhythm is a Latin rhythm. His English sentences are patterned after Latin models. Shakespeare's sentences are still models of essentially English construction. Bacon believed that Latin would be the Esperanto of Europe and that it would entirely supersede English or any other national language for the use of the educated classes, hence everything that he thought important, he wrote in Latin. An error in Latin would have been impossible to Bacon. Shakespeare, however, knew



read Bacon's essays, we do not get the same rhythm as in Shakespearean prose. We have not the dramatic note. The essays were never meant to be read aloud or to an audience. Yet, if we read anything of Shakespeare's silently, we must read; as if to an unseen audience, for drama is inherent even in the prose.

Again Bacon knew

his geography; Shakespeare did not, Bacon would have died of shame to give a sea coast to Bohemia. Shakespeare's country bumpkins use the Warwickshire dialect, for Shakespeare was a Warwickshireman. Bacon was a Londoner, city born and bred, hence he could not use the Warwickshire dialect. Shakespeare

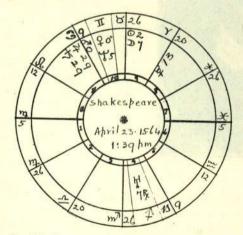


gives us a Warwickshire country squire in his Justice Shallow of *Merry Wives* and as we recall an incident in Shakespeare's life, we recognize this character as a sketch of the country squire who would have imprisoned him for poaching.

The Baconians have, however, piled up so much proof to establish their contention of Bacon's authorship, that a new angle to the discussion is perhaps needed. Few people have sufficient feeling or training to recognize "the voice," hence in this article we shall present the horoscopes of these two men in sequence, and endeavor to prove that Bacon was a great scientist with literary ability in certain directions, whereas Shakespeare was a great dramatic poet inspired by the loftiest muses.

Both were occult students, but their forms of expression were entirely different. Both arrived at some of the same truths, but each found truth through a different door.

When studying the horoscope of a great poet, a man with prophetic inspirational thought, we look very carefully to the ninth house, which indicates the illumination of consciousness that is possible to the native.



In Shakespeare's ninth house, we find the Sun and Moon conjunct in the sign of Taurus. Taurus gives the key to the understanding of the secrets of nature. In an ordinary person, it will manifest as knowing how to deal with crops and fruits,— in watching them grow and patiently tending them. In a great soul, it will still manifest as interest in growth growth in nature and growth in human souls. Placed in the ninth house this latter fact will be very important, watching the growth and development of human consciousness, and that is just what a great dramatist has to be able to do. He must study patiently and reverently the workings of the human soul, and find himself just as interested in the weeds as in the corn.

The two luminaries concentrate their light on the two planets in the tenth house in Gemini, the sign of writing. First on Venus, giving love of melody, rhythm and poetry; then they concentrate on Neptune, planet of inspiration, in tune with the music of the spheres.

Note that Venus is the ruler of the tenth cusp (the profession) and it is also the ruler of the third cusp (house of writing), so we judge that poetry and music are inherent properties of the native.

The two planets in the ninth house and also the two in the tenth form harmonious aspects to Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, posited in Cancer, the great dramatic, emotional sign. Mars in Cancer gives a presentation that is aflame with the breath of life.

So far everything favors an easy path to fame, but opposite Venus and Neptune we find the planet Uranus in the house of the home, showing that a terrific convulsion must take place, or be given by fate, before he will ever become aware of his powers. The whole consciousness and life will have to be turned topsy-turvy; then in the polarization that will come after this change, we shall have the illumination of Uranus playing on the cosmic consciousness of Neptune, carrying the native to such supreme flights of imaginative power and knowledge that earthly schoolmasters are no longer necessary. He could now be taught direct from the unseen planes as is ever the case with the great Illuminati.

Venus and Neptune form a focal point

in this chart, for they aspect favorably Mars, the Sun, and Moon; and Uranus by opposition; also they are sextile the great Jupiter-Saturn conjunction, giving the profundity of thought innate in Saturn, and the splendor, regality and philosophy innate in Jupiter.

Note that Mars rules the cusp of the ninth house, infusing originality and a new breath of life into his dramas (Cancer). The Sun and Moon in Taurus do not give originality, but with Mars ruling the ninth house, we have one who can use old materials and supplies already at hand, and put into them dynamic driving power.

An important tendency is usually shown more than once, so we see this fact a second time in a study of the Ascendant. Virgo is analytical, fond of history, and not particularly original, but the ruler of Virgo, Mercury, is placed in Aries, so we shall have no mere routine man, but one who can take up the routine work of making old plays presentable, and of breathing into this mean task new life. Mercury, being in the eighth house, great occult truths will be pondered over and incorporated into the writings.

We now pass on to the notable espect of Mercury to Uranus. What a play of the Cosmic Fire! And note here that it runs from Sagittarian fire to Arian fire. What could show us more clearly the urge to present in his plays the most glorious philosophical concepts with sureness and without apparent effort.

Coming back to the conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter. Only once in twenty years do these two planets come to a conjunction, but from Shakespeare's birth, it will be nine hundred and sixty years before they will conjunct again in the sign of Cancer. These two planets combine their forces at times in history when waiting souls come into manifestation with a cosmic urge in tune with the message of the two planets, souls who are able to work in certain directions and thus forward the divine purpose denoted by the sign in which the mutation falls.

But only chosen souls are able to use this combined Jupiter-Saturn force. Young souls fall beneath its load. So we would expect even from the Jupiter-Saturn mutation that a great dramatist would be born about that time,—one with a message for at least a thousand years.

Saturn is the ruler of Shakespeare's fifth house, the house of the drama and theatre, hence Saturn moved him to dramatize the vastest and profoundest of characters. It tells us why he wrote of great rulers and leaders of nations, peoples, and governments. Saturn is also co-ruler of his house of work showing he would not fail at the enormity of the task.

Jupiter is the ruler of the intercepted sign in his fourth house, the base and seat of his consciousness, hence he will be deeply and intuitionally religious. Also note the general rhythmic play of Venus, the most elevated planet, which calls every other planet in the chart to herself. But it is the chart taken as a whole that shows us very clearly the possibility of an advanced soul writing the plays we call Shakespeare.

The Sun and Moon in Taurus give us the pastoral plays. To Venus conjunct Neptune we owe *Midsummer Night's Dream*; Mars in Cancer shows forth in such a play as that of the jealous *Othello*; Jupiter and Saturn combined favored such plays as *Macbeth*, *Coriolanus*, and others, in which the noblest characters wreck their own lives and those of others.

To Mercury in England's sign of Aries, we owe the great historical plays. Venus conjunct Neptune, with the opposition of Uranus, give us *Hamlet*, where the dream life and the introspective qualities are suddenly thrown out of gear and drastic tragic action is called forth by the lightning stroke of Uranus.

And when we ask to what we owe his last play, *The Tempest*, which gives us such a character as that of Prospero, who decides to lay all magic aside because he has become the perfect Initiate, we have to confess it is because Shakespeare was working in the full power of the combined forces of all the planets.

Lest someone should ask if this chart shows his private life, we must answer that it shows it very clearly. Any beginner in the study of astrology can read Shakespeare's ordinary life in the aspects. He can see Mars making trouble in the home sign and Uranus jolting him out of the home. How futile is such astrological reading when we are trying to analyze a great Initiate! Since we cannot buy ephemerides of the 16th century, we are unable to use the ordinary secondary method of progression of people of olden times, but here our radix system comes to the rescue. It gives us the following results: At eighteen years, when he married Ann Hathaway, the Moon was conjunct the Midheaven, Mercury conjunct the Sun, progressed Midheaven sextile Mercury. Mercury was semi-sextile Venus and Uranus in conjunction the Midheaven. The Mercury aspects are important, indicating the attraction to have been of the sense nature and not a bond of the spirit, for Mercury is in his eighth house, the domain of Scorpio.

Shakespeare left Stratford for London at twenty-one years of age after the birth of twins and a dispute with a nearby landlord for poaching, at that time a crime punishable even with death. The Moon was sextile Saturn and Jupiter. Mercury was conjunct Neptune. Uranus was inconjunct Saturn. The Midheaven was sextile Mercury.

He died when he was 52 years of age. The Moon was semi-sextile Jupiter and Saturn; Mercury was conjunct Neptune; Saturn was opposition Jupiter and Neptune; Neptune was conjunct (within two degrees) of Jupiter and Saturn; and the progressed Ascendant was opposition Mercury.

And his fame after death. Is it not typically that of a man with Uranus in the fourth house opposed by Neptune? Strange propaganda to prove that someone else wrote his plays!

(Part II will appear in the next issue).

# The Song of Destiny

#### BY RUDHYAR

The Song of Destiny wings up with the tranquil power of mountains. Because it has throbbed with the love of Time, its tones beat with eagle strength over the ridges of aeons. Because it has bent under the fullness of Space its melody soars, encompasser of pain, bearer of Glad News, that deepen.

O little joys of you, my men! Fain would I take you in my womb of rock, uplift you where all hurry ceases and smiles are lengthened into curves of clouds. I would blend you with my silence and my oblivion. I would make you tense with my certitude, light with my freedom. Men would gaze at you passing above, flowing onward like glittering tides. Children would grow wings, that they too might dance rites of becoming. They would hear mountains resound under the beat of storms, mighty gongs rhythming the procession of ages.

# An Esoteric Study of the Hebrew Letters CXIX Psalm

BY CORINNE S. DUNKLEE

#### Teth

Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now have I kept Thy commandments.

The proud have forged a lie against me, but I will keep Thy precepts with my whole heart.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn Thy statutes.

The law of Thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

THE NINTH letter of the Hebrew alphabet is Teth, the number of the serpent and also the number of humanity. The supreme lesson awaiting humanity is Initiation; the serpent is not fully unfolded until man passes through the nine Lesser Mysteries.

Heva, or Eve, means both serpent and life, the life that transgressed and the life that must know redemption.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn Thy statutes.

The Bible has been termed the serpent book of the ages and contains many references to symbolic meanings of the serpent. The most ancient form of Teth was the cross; the serpent and the cross both mean sex. Through the misuse of the serpentine power man fell into materiality and the spirit is tied to this cross of the physical body, awaiting the day of liberation. Christ-Jesus, the supreme Way Shower was nailed to the cross and was resurrected that all mankind may learn to follow in His steps.

The illumined who meditate upon the divinity of evolution understand the words descriptive of Teth: It is good for me that I have been afflicted that I might learn Thy statutes.

Teth symbolizes both generation and regeneration. It is the inspiration of the regenerate soul that sings: The law of Thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

#### Yod

They that fear Thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in Thy word.

Let, I pray Thee, Thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to Thy word for Thy servant.

Let Thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live, for Thy law is my delight. Let those that fear Thee turn unto me,

and those that have known Thy testimonies.

YOD IS the tenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet and symbolizes, on the physical plane, man and woman working through generation, and on the spiritual plane, the masculine and feminine principles in equilibrium within the body celestial.

They that fear Thee will be glad when they see me, because I have hoped in Thy word.

The masculine principle has evolved through Aleph, Gimel, Vau, to manifest a high spiritual power in Zayin the Initiate.

The feminine principle has ascended through Beth, Daleth, and He to Heth, the new body builded through the transmuted powers of regeneration.

Let Thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live, for Thy law is my delight.

Teth is the way, and Yod, the Egos that walk in that way.

Yod occurs within every letter of the entire series of twenty-two. These letters symbolize the way of evolution for the masses and the path of Initiation for the few.

Yod represents the Ego on the physical plane, the I Am when reborn into the power of a joint heir with Christ.

Yod-He-Vau-He was the Sacred Name of the Hebrews. It embodies within Itself the full manifestation of the power of divinity.

# **Rosicrucian News Review**

### The Spirit of Cooperation Manifesting Everywhere

### Cooperative Spirit Among Religions

The Chicago World's Fair Committee on Progress through Religion gives effective expression to the unifying tendencies at work in the world in an announcement from which the following is an abstract in brief:

Progress is essentially governed by the spirit of men. . . An advance becomes progress when it is guided by the aspirations of men toward their God, whatever the particular form of their worship, and when it is directed to serve the high objectives of individual and social righteousness: human compassion, the cure of disease, the reduction of poverty, the equalizing of opportunity, the liberation of the mind, the appreciation and experience of of beauty. . .

of beauty. . . . An organized effort is thus being made to exhibit the contribution of religion toward the upbuilding and consecration of human life. The century . . . has witnessed among all the religions a deepening of social consciousness and a greater outspokenness in behalf of social effort. . . Most encouraging of all in the past century, the religions of the world have expressed a spirit of cooperation and many movements have come into useful life emphasizing the unity of the aim of religion in the midst of a diversity of faiths. . .

versity of faiths. . . . The program of conferences . . . should rest upon cooperation and not upon propaganda for special religious affiliations.

### Church Group Urges Cooperation

The Protestant Episcopal Conference on the Social Message of the Church, which was held in Washington, D. C., last December, asked if, as followers of Christ, we can not in some way apply His principles more fully to the life of the world in our day. The answer of the Conference to this question is representative of the awakening conscience of our Its statement declares emphattime. ically for a larger sense of cooperation and fraternity and "no one nation can save itself apart from the other." It . That is le reads:

"Isolation and self-sufficiency are not the remedy. Unregulated competition between nations as a method of conducting the world's economic life is not adequate; such competition has in many respects become the death rather than the life of trade. The world must learn that all men are members one of another.

"Too often conditions, under which it has been considered normal for men to seek their livelihood, have fostered a supposed unlimited right to private profit, and economic control divorced from social responsibility and a freedom to win great rewards through privilege or to manipulate values to private ends which ought to be used for the public good. We believe them incompatible with the spirit of Christ. We affirm that the Christian conscience cannot rest until we have evolved conditions under which wealth shall be created and distributed not for the progressive enrichment of the few but for the enlargement of life for all. And we hold that the present interests of individuals and of institutions are subordinate to this ideal. What our world supremely needs is the conservation of human values in consonance with the spirit of Christ."

### **Unseen Progress**

Professor Gilbert Murray of Oxford, writing on the work of the League of Nation's Committee on Intellectual Cooperation, speaks with hope and even with enthusiasm of its being a part of that "unseen process" which leads to human progress.

The New York Times reports: A good part of its labors and discussions was related to education. There was the question of dealing with the textbooks of history used in the public schools, so as to correct errors growing out of national bias, and to extract from them the venom which sometimes helps to poison international relations. Then there were the reports concerning the international students' societies, and the exchange of school children by the thousands between different countries... The great aim is "to accustom the younger generation to regard international cooperation as the normal way of dealing with world affairs."

#### **Barter Groups**

To a million persons in more than 300 communities in almost forty States there was nothing disturbing about the "bank holidays." While everybody else was puzzling over what to use for money these people smiled knowingly. They had found the answer, almost two years ago, in barter.

the answer, almost two years ago, in barter. Barter and self-help units have developed extensive organizations which today satisfy almost every need of their members. Money is rarely used.—New York Times, March 12, 1933.

#### CALIFORNIA LEADS

#### Again quoting The Times:

The largest and most successful system of barter in this country is being worked out in California where the Unemployed Cooperative Relief Association, a Statewide organization of ninety local units, is caring for almost 400,000 persons. In Seattle the system has met with spectacular success.

That this method of exchange should find most extensive development on the West Coast is in keeping with the fact it is there, more than anywhere else, that the New Race, whose spirit will be dominantly cooperative, is being cradled today.

### **Exchange in Knoxville**

Readers of this Magazine will be especially interested to learn of the exchange just launched in Knoxville, Tenn., from the fact that the president and leader of this cooperative movement is Mr. E. W. Ogden, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Rosicrucian Fellowship. Mr. Ogden is one of the outstanding social service advisors in Knoxville and a zealous worker in the upliftment of humanity. To him has been entrusted the task of helping to usher in some of the altruistic principles of the New Age.

The Knoxville News-Sentinel of March 5, carried a full page of descriptive matter and illustrations concerning this innovation. Below are a few highlights taken from this page:

"Like their ancestors who founded America's first colonies without the use of money, a group of Knoxville unemployed are now making a living without either currency or charity. The Knoxville Barter Exchange is hardly under way, yet about 100 families are already involved and the institution is humming with industry.

#### DOLLARS RULED OUT

"You don't talk in dollars at the Barter Exchange. You pay for what you want in labor with your own hands, or with goods certificates which you have either earned by labor or paid for with goods. For example, a farmer may bring in a basket of eggs—he has no cash—and he needs to have his shoes mended. He contacts the bartering committee chairman, who agrees to pay \$3 in goods certificates for the eggs. The deal is closed. The farmer then goes to the shoe repair booth where he gives the cobbler a goods certificate for mending his shoes.... All crafts are represented and in addition dentists, doctors, and nurses in Knoxville accept goods certificates in payment for services.

#### HOMES FOR HOMELESS

"The next thing is shelter. Here is the plan worked out by the committee with Mr. Ogden: 'Six vacant houses were selected; six unemployed families without homes were placed in them, and the Barter Exchange paid the rent to the landlords. The men in those six families repay the Barter Exchange in labor. All the houses were in various states of disrepair. The men are painters, carpenters, plumbers. They are repairing the property and paying the rent in labor.'

#### THE SPIRIT IS FINE

"The spirit of all the workers is given unstinted praise by Mr. Ogden. One of the executives recently turned down a job because he was sold on the Barter Exchange. Thus is launched Knoxville's experiment in rehabilitation."

### **Fair Exhibits Cooperative**

The world's trend toward cooperation is well pointed in the policies adopted for the World's Fair that is to open in Chicago this coming June. Contrary to all precedent it will not exploit competitive exhibits but will make them cooperative, illustrating the progress in the various industries, arts, sciences, and agriculture.

### **Greatest Cooperative Call**

The formation of a research group of unparalleled magnitude, consisting of engineers, scientists, industrial psychologists, sociologists, economists, industrialists and politicians, to meet "the greatest cooperative call to action the world has ever heard" was advocated by Dean Joseph W. Barker of the School of Engineering of Columbia University in his annual report to Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler.—New York Times, Jan. 2, 1933.



# Taurus, "The Mother of Revelations"

As Aries is the great masculine or Father Principle, so Taurus is the great feminine or Mother Principle. Through the union of the two all things are formed. Cosmically speaking, Taurus represents the primeval deep upon which God, or the Spirit of Fire, moves to create. It is the symbol of universal generation upon all planes of manifestation, and it is in accordance with this fact that the Moon, whose keynote is fecundity, is exalted in this sign.

May, the astrological month of Taurus, is the month of mothers; hence it is when the Sun is in this sign that one Sunday is dedicated to motherhood. In ancient days the constellation was referred to as the Mother of Revelations.

In religion Taurus represents the Egyptian Age, when the Bull, pictorial symbol of Taurus, was an object of worship. It represented the Deity's specialized zodiacal outpouring for that time.

The bull represents the strongest procreative instinct and as the people's worship was largely phallic at this time, they naturally chose the animal typifying that particular aspect of nature.

In Western Wisdom terminology Taurus represents the second aspect of our triune God, the Christ or Wisdom Principle which is the Word or great feminine aspect of the Logos.

### Meditation for the Solar Month of Taurus

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HARMONY-ATTRACTION-BEAUTY-STABILITY

In the beginning was the Word.... All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made.

# ASTROLOGY

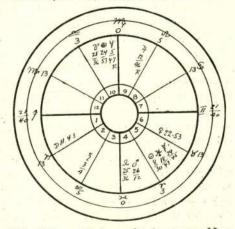
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# An Astrological Delineation

BY ALFA LINDANGER

### FANNY W.

Born March 29, 1932, 9:40 P.M. Latitude, 37 S.; Longitude, 175 E.



This little girl, born in far-away New Zealand, has the fiery, common, prophetic sign of Sagittarius on the eastern horizon of her chart. Sagittarius, the Centaur, symbolizes the effort of man to rise above his lower animalistic nature, bending the bow of aspiration, aiming at limitless space, implying the loftiest longings of the soul.

Here we have the third, or Leo, decanate rising, under the sub-rulership of the Sun, indicating two distinct paths which the soul may choose. Either the happy-go-lucky 5th house tendencies may control her or, through will power and self-control, she may transmute these into spiritual qualities which will eventually lead her to the higher planes of consciousness and intellectual attainment.

Fanny's outlook on life is strongly influenced by her ruler, Jupiter, which is in Leo in the 9th house. This being his own domain, Jupiter will be powerful and helpful. Also, being unafflicted and trine the Sun, as well as conjunct Uranus in the energetic, ambitious sign of Aries, Jupiter will give her the ability first to perceive, absorb, and synthesize abstract truths and values, and then to impart this knowledge to others.

The trine furthermore gives broadmindedness, vision, executive ability, initiative, and the urge to improve the conditions of her fellow-man. Therefore, if faithful to her ideals, she may become a teacher or leader in educational or religious affairs.

The Sun, representing the Ego, the individuality, is exceedingly powerful in its own house, the 5th, and in its sign of exaltation, Aries. This indicates that Fanny's path of attainment is through sacrifice of the personal self, the building into the character, in early youth, the quality of dauntless courage to stand up for truth and principles, developing the power of true spiritual leadership in whatever field of activity she chooses to labor.

A restless, foot-loose nature is shown by Sagittarius, one intensely eager to explore far-off places, (Mercury trine Ascendant, Mars in Pisces in the 4th house, Jupiter in the 9th, and the migrating Moon in the 1st house). However, this tendency to roam may be toned down by the conservative, patient qualities of Saturn in Aquarius, sextile to the Sun; it is this same aspect which will make her sincere, courteous, profound, and inventive.

The Moon in Capricorn in an angular house, trine to Venus and Neptune in the other earthy signs, shows her ability to utilize every condition in a practical way, giving the determination to conquer and overcome setbacks and obstacles. In Saturn's sign the Moon is more patient and persistent; but its square to the Sun shows an under-current of selfishness and lack of consideration for others. In Capricorn it also gives executive power.

The Moon's trine to Neptune in Virgo in the 10th house indicates a public career, a chance of honor in some unique manner. Venus in Taurus inclines to carefulness and much interest in money matters. Its sextile to Mars in Pisces shows love of material comforts; Saturn in the 2nd house tends to an uphill struggle and delays in their attainment, but Saturn's sextile to the Sun helps to bring out the latent attributes of persistence, thrift, economy, and practical enterprise.

It is always difficult to see the Ego's real power behind its nativity. No one really lives up to the potentialities of the horoscope. Much depends on the early training and environment in infancy and childhood. Habits are then formed which later may cause trouble and sorrow. On the other hand good traits may be inculcated by unfailing discipline, sympathetic understanding, and loving care by the parents.

An Aries child is very intense; it rushes into anything which takes its interest or fancy with much zeal and enthusiasm, but may easily become dissatisfied and impatient. Self-will and temper must be curbed. Aries is assertive, impulsive, and aggressive. Its positive nature favors pioneering but is not so fortunate for social contacts. The lesson for Aries is obedience and mental balance. Aries people are sincere, frank, and open, and can be very adorable when they choose.

Little Fanny's early life does not seem

to be very peaceful. The Moon and Sun are square, indicating lack of basic harmony between the parents. The fiery Mars is not happy in watery Pisces; being in the fourth house, that of the home, it is a disturber there. The two houses where the Moon's nodes are posited, the 4th and 10th, show that the environment needs the most improvement.

Fanny's temperament and disposition are affectionate, optimistic, imaginative, sensitive, sociable, hospitable, too fond of pleasure, restless, somewhat precise and pedantic in speech and manner. The mentality is good, (Mercury trine Ascendant), though the conjunction of Mercury to Uranus, both in Aries, indicates a lack of continuity in her thinking and a possible electric overcharge of energy.

The Sun is conjunct Mars, giving radiant health and good recuperative power, but there are two dangers to be recognized and overcome: one is in hygiene and foods; the other, mental disturbance through anger and vexation, causing headaches, eve trouble, digestive ailments, etc. Venus in Taurus warns against excessive indulgence in sweets and rich foods. Mercury conjunct Uranus and the Moon's approaching square to Mercury indicate jumpy, undernourished nerves. Her eyes may need atten-There may be some lack of lime tion. in the blood, later affecting the teeth, therefore her diet should be scientifically regulated.

The mental trend seems to be toward the study of religion and law—Sun trine Jupiter, sextile Saturn, Uranus conjunct Mercury. Scientific agricultural pursuits, nursing and healing, or similar subjects may be her life work. She is interested in children (Sun in the 5th house), so the training and teaching of them would appeal to her.

Her restless nature may, in childhood, assert itself as a tendency to wander away from home—Moon in the 1st house. She may often get lost or "kidnapped."

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# The Zodiac as a Farmer

### By F. V. McLAREN

ARIES Hunts for and pioneers the farm, if necessary fights for it. Is the first to perceive it is wanted.

TAURUS Acquires it, plows the land, builds the house, gets the stock, banks the proceeds.

GEMINI Sends forth the message it is bought, advertises the goods, sells the stock, takes the produce to market, gossips, finds customers, is agent.

CANCER Nurtures and waters the farm. Attends to the incubator, sits up with the baby stock, feeds the animals. Stays at home, is immersed in the growth of it.

LEO Loves and fathers the farm, vitalizes. Talks optimistically of it, gives orders all round. Speculates to better it. Finds pleasure in the young stock especially, proud of their beauty and size.

VIRGO Keeps the accounts, bottles the fruit, gleans and stores, engages and dismisses the servants, garners, prunes, keeps order, tries to make the accounts balance. Attends to details and cleanliness.

LIBRA Picks the flowers, decorates the house, uses the hides and wool for clothes; keeps the peace, smooths out difficulties, arranges for some leisure and pleasure, relieves monotony.

SCORPIO Burns the stubble, dips the cattle, sprays the trees, kills the pests, destroys the vermin, attends to the breeding, acts as the veterinary, picks out the unfit or unwanted for the butcher, drowns the kittens, changes the aspects, destroys to create anew, and better.

SAGITTARIUS Sees the lease is in order, riparian, water and pasture rights are protected. Trains the horses and dogs; sees the harness fits and stables are suitable. Plans the harvest festival. Has big ideas to benefit the farm.

CAPRICORN Deals with income tax, municipal and governmental assessments, etc., arranges the insurance, imports and exports. Promotes workers, detects loafers and fraud; works hard to make it the biggest farm around. Frugal in expenditures but likes the best implements, seed, stock, etc. Never loses sight of the goal in view.

Beginning; perception

Acquires; constructs

Makes it known far and wide; sells.

Makes it a home for all.

Loves and praises it.

Tabulates; worries at possible losses.

Beautifies; practically harmonizes.

Destroys the old and useless, creates new.

Loves the animals and understands them.

Ambitious; plans and works hard too. AQUARIUS

PISCES

Attends to the commercial side of the farm, plans and works to get a dam made, while others won't trouble, but allows them to use it; preaches cooperation, works for the future, has many progressive ideas, gets influence in Parliament and Councils to get roads made.

Sells or gives away his old or wornout things, as well as the discards of others, to help needy. Builds a hospital for the sick animals. Has an outhouse ready for a passing tramp. When the farm hands are tired or weary, cheers them in the evenings with music, and solaces and sympathizes with them in their troubles. Gives hope to lift the despondent. By helping, changes lowered vibrations into higher. Preaches humane methods and progression.

Helps the sick or underdog.

Thus Aries finds the farm, Taurus constructs the buildings, Gemini advertises and sells its produce, Cancer nurtures it, Leo vitalizes it, Virgo handles the staff, Libra beautifies it, Scorpio destroys the useless and creates better conditions, Sagittarius locks after and trains the animals, and protects the rights of the farm, Capricorn attends to the taxes and distribution of the harvest and stock, Aquarius, by means of cooperation, with bold and new ideas, obtains powerful influence and help, Pisces walks in where others fear to tread, (or will not take the trouble), and makes good use of what others discard.

# Countries and Cities Ruled by Different Signs of the Zodiac

- ARIES—England, Denmark, Lithuania, Palestine, Syria.—*Cities*: Cracow, Florence, Leicester, Marseilles, Naples.
- TAURUS—Ireland, Poland, Asia-Minor, Persia, White Russia.—*Cities*: St. Louis, Dublin, Leipsic.
- GEMINI—United States, Belgium, Armenia, Lower Egypt, Tripoli. *Cities*: San Francisco, London, Plymouth, Melbourne, Metz.
- CANCER—Holland, Scotland, Zealand, N and S. Africa.—*Cities*: New York, Constantinople, Amsterdam, Venice, Milan, Stockholm, Genoa.
- LEO—France, Italy, Bohemia, California, Sicily, Chaldea, Tyre and Sidon. *Cities*: Chicago, Philadelphia, Bombay, Rome, Prague.
- VIRGO—Turkey, Switzerland, Assyria, Mesopotamia, Babylon, Virginia. *Cities*: Boston, Jerusalem, Paris, Corinth, Lyons, Heidelberg.

- LIBRA—Austria, Indo-China, Thibet, Upper Egypt, North China, Japan, Argentina.—*Cities*: Antwerp, Lisbon, Vienna, Johannesburg, Copenhagen.
- SCORPIO—Germany, Algeria, Bavaria, Norway, Queensland, Morocco, Judea.—Cities: Washington, D. C., Baltimore, New Orleans, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Liverpool.
  SAGITTARIUS—Australia, Hungary,
- SAGITTARIUS—Australia, Hungary, Spain, Madagascar, Moravia. Cities: Toledo, Stuttgart, Cologne, Nottingham, Sheffield
- Nottingham, Sheffield. CAPRICORN—Greece, Bulgaria, British India, Afghanistan, Mexico, Macedonia—Cities: Brussels, Oxford, Brandenburg, Port-Said. AQUARIUS—Red Russia, Westphalia,
- AQUARIUS—Red Russia, Westphalia, Sweden, Arabia, Abyssinia. *Cities*: Los Angeles, Bremen, Hamburg, Salisbury.
- PISCES—Portugal, Galicia, Normandy, the Sahara.—Cities: Alexandria, Southport, Lancaster.

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### **Controlling Evil Spirits**

#### QUESTION :

Is it possible for a medium to control an evil spirit; can any medium compel an evil spirit to leave a certain room where a meeting is being held?

#### ANSWER:

It is far more likely that an evil spirit will control the medium, although it is possible for a strong medium at times to compel an evil spirit to leave the room where a meeting is being held. However, the medium, being under the control of spirit guides, is not likely to have any great power over a disembodied spirit.

### RAPID DESCENT IN ELEVATORS

#### QUESTION:

What actually happens when a person quickly ascends or descends in an elevator, or when one travels horizontally for some length of time at high speed?

#### ANSWER:

This sensation and discomfort may be caused either by a slight displacement of the two higher ethers, the light and reflecting, or it may be due to impaired functioning of the solar plexus and nerves. In most people it is the nerves that cause the trouble. The swift passage through the air prevents the spleen from attracting the proper amount of solar force from the sun; the solar plexus is then under-stimulated and is unable to supply the ordinary requirements of nerve energy, and consequently the entire sympathetic nervous system suffers depletion.

### **Hereditary** Traits

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QUESTION:

What planets or houses rule hereditary traits and diseases?

#### ANSWER:

The Sun and Venus denote the "moral" character of the individual, whereas Saturn and the Moon, the former ruling the bony structure and the latter the etheric body, are more related to the physical vehicle. The Sun and Saturn represent the father, and the Moon and Venus the mother, in any horoscope, so in this way the Lords of Destiny direct the Ego to suitable parents by the law of attraction. The sign on the cusp of the fourth house shows the "basis" of character or the inherited traits. The fourth house signifies one of the parents. The sixth house governs health; the position of the Moon and its aspects govern health in a woman's chart; the Sun and its aspects have to do with health in a man's chart. These should be studied in connection with the horoscope as a whole. This explanation is from the standpoint of form only. We know that the child does not actually inherit good or bad traits from its parents, but that we are drawn to certain parents by the law of causation in order that we may work out our own karma.

### RADIO WAVES IN THE LIGHT ETHER QUESTION :

Which of the four ethers constitutes the medium for radio waves?

#### ANSWER:

Radio waves operate in the lowest stratum of the light ether.

#### DOES PLUTO BELONG TO OUR SOLAR SYSTEM?

#### QUESTION:

Does the planet Pluto belong to our solar system?

#### ANSWER:

From an occult viewpoint Pluto does not belong to our solar system. The influences we are receiving from this planet are necessary at the present time only. It is very likely that after 1942 these influences will no longer be needed. It would then cease to reflect light and hence disappear to our sight. There are twelve planets in our solar system but all are not visible, all the time. At great turning points in our evolution "the light" is turned on them, and then their influence is felt by humanity.

#### EACH ANIMAL TRIBE GUIDED BY A GROUP SPIRIT

#### QUESTION:

What is the relation of an animal to its Group Spirit?

ANSWER:

Each tribe or specie of animals is guided by a group spirit which influences and directs it by means of suggestions which we call instinct. When the body of an animal dies, the animal spirit has unconsciously derived a certain experience from functioning in that vehicle, and after a time it is reabsorbed into the spiritual body of the group spirit, where it remains for some time while the group spirit assimilates the experience gathered by that separate animal spirit. Thus in time the group spirits which are its wards. The group spirits of the animals are in the Desire World and circle the surface of the earth. These group spirits are very often seen having human bodies and animal heads.

### FREE MASONRY THE POSITIVE POLE OF HUMAN EVOLUTION

#### QUESTION:

Why can not a woman be a Mason? ANSWER:

The first three degrees of Masonry are symbolical of three steps in man's development. The first degree symbolizes the first seven years of growth. The second degree, the next seven years and the third degree, seven more years. At the time when the third degree is given, symbolically the man is supposed to have control of his mind and be able to carry in his body the seed atom of a dense body of another individual. Masonry represents the positive pole of evolution represented by man. The woman represents the negative pole. She is the receiver and not the giver and therefore she can not symbolize in her own body that which is symbolized in the body of man. It is quite true that she could take these degrees as given in the Lodge, but they would not symbolize her own development, which is quite different from that of a man.

#### FREE MASONRY AND

### CATHOLICISM

QUESTION:

Which is the more advanced, Catholicism or Masonry?

#### ANSWER:

Neither one. Catholicism represents the negative pole in evolution and Free Masonry the positive pole. Once these two were united in one; at the present time they are separate. Some time in the future they will again be united, and then there will be neither Catholicism nor Masonry. They simply represent opposite polarities of the same thing.

#### THE DWELLER ON THE THRESHOLD

#### QUESTION:

Who is the Dweller on the Threshold? ANSWER:

The Dweller on the Threshold is a composite elemental entity created on the invisible planes by all our untransmuted evil thoughts and acts during all the past period of our Evolution. This Dweller stands guard at the entrance to the invisible worlds and challenges our right to enter therein. This entity must be redeemed or transmuted eventually. It is this Dweller that is met during the first initiation.

#### JESUS THE ONLY CHILD OF JOSEPH AND MARY

#### QUESTION:

It is stated in the Bible that Joseph was a widower and had grown children. It also says that Jesus was the only son of Joseph and Mary. Will you please explain?

ANSWER:

Joseph was not a widower, but a neophyte from youth in the Temple service, as was Mary. They were both high initiates, and only once did they make a sacrifice of their bodies in order that the pure and holy Ego known as Jesus might come into incarnation upon the earth to prepare the way for the coming of the Christ. The other so-called children of Joseph: James, Simon, and Jude, were the sons of Mary's sister, and lived in the home of Mary and Joseph after their father's death, so they came to look upon Joseph as their foster father. The same word in Hebrew which means brother also means cousin, hence the different translations. Many of the early Christian teachers, such as St. Clement of Alexandria, and Origin, substantiate these teachings of Max Heindel.

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TIME, MATTER AND VALUES. By Robert A. Millikan. 99pp. The University of North Carolina Press. \$1.00.

By this volume Dr. Millikan further strengthens his position as one of the foremost figures in the world of science whose thinking, teaching, and influence are essentially religious. The book is made up of lectures, delivered at the University of North Carolina, the purpose of which, according to the stipulation of the bequest providing for the same, is "to show the mutual bearing of science and theology upon each other and to prove the existence and attributes, so far as may be, of God from nature."

Dr. Millikan is ever championing the cause of re-linking religion and science. The universe with which he deals is one that is ever becoming. It pulsates with life and activity. Creation is a continuous process and in and through all he sees evidence of design, purpose, intelligence.

The purely mechanistic conceptions of the material scientists whose numbers are now on the decline, are giving way to forceful logic, the intuitive grasp, and the robust convictions of the more mystically-minded younger men of science today among whom Dr. Millikan occupies so prominent a place.

The pages present in compact form the essential facts of physics, relativity, wave mechanics, and the electron theory of matter, and do so in a manner comprehensive to the layman who seeks added information on world processes in the light of theistic beliefs. Since one of the major tasks of the Rosicrucian Order is to effect a reconciliation between science and religion, we may well believe that its encouragement and inspiration flow through so able and devoted a channel as is Dr. Millikan.

¶ Not he is great who can alter matter, but he who can alter my state of mind—Emerson.

THE MECHANISM OF CREATIVE EVOLU-TION. By C. C. Hurst. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, England.

Man can, here and now, take a hand in the creative evolution of living organisms, and of all forms, by replacing natural selection with human selection. This subject is treated exhaustively in a new book, the author of which is Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Cambridge.

For thousands of years natural selection, as one of the processes of creative evolution, has dominated life, and also the human mind. Scientific research and the increasing influence of mind over matter have brought freedom to man, and the future trend of evolution will be toward that of epigenesis through the use of free-will and the ever increasing power of thought. Due to the exercise of man's conceptual mind it may not be long before he will be able to control the evolution of other species, and if he so wills, to induce, direct, and guide that of his own species. Under the influence of the mind of man, creative evolution

may be speeded up; mind is gradually increasing in influence at the expense of matter, and when the next great step in creative evolution appears, the influence of matter will have been greatly reduced and displaced by mind.

The author speculates that "In the course of several great ereative steps the successors of man will be evolved in whom the influence of matter has been entirely obliterated, and a submaterial type of being will arise, utterly different from the present human species, scarcely human save in mind and thought, but on a higher intellectual plane. Such an independence of matter would enable the more adventurous of humanity to leave the earth and visit and people other planets in our solar system."

We have in these words added evidence of the scientific world's trend from physical to spiritual realities.

¶"Man now stands

at the beginning of a new exploration, which is more important than anything in his entire history. The country that he is just crossing into is the kingdom of the mind and the spirit."

-Prof. James Henry Breadstead.

KOSMOS. By W. de Sitter. 138 pp. Cambridge, Mass. Harvard University Press, \$1.75.

This recently published volume by one of the great mathematicians of our time, reinforces the frequent observation that science is rapidly passing from the materialistic and skeptical attitude which characterized it during the last century to one of reverence and humility. Purely mechanistic theories yield to conceptions of animated and ever changing universe. In the historical survey of these and earlier changes the author offers a coherent philosophical account of the increasing effort to discover the great principle of unity that links atoms and stars. It points the path from diversity back to original unity.

¶ Those who refuse to go beyond the fact rarely get as far as the fact.—Huxley.

# **Do We Remember Past Lives?**

THE BOY IS FATHER OF THE MAN

For the same reason that "heaven lies about us in our infancy," primitive people are physically more sensitive than older races. A corroboration of this fact is found in the following instance of past life remembrance. It is the story of an aborigine in the Australian Bush as told by Sir Hubert Wilkins, the wellknown Polar explorer in the volume entitled *Told at the Explorer's Club*.

"After I had known one of these men for several months," writes Sir Hubert, "and had his confidence in other things, he assured me that it was his second time on earth and that he could distinctly remember events that had happened during his previous existence—in fact, there were many people in the camp who had known him during that first life and could corroborate his statements. In that existence he had grown to young manhood, had married and had children. He had been accidently killed while watching a duel between two other men and everyone had mourned his loss, especially his wife.

"He did not want to die and in death he could sense the happenings on earth in a hazy sort of way and wanted very much to return to his wife and children. He found that this was possible only by becoming a child again and, and while he had been born again, he nevertheless had the consciousness of being the same individual as Only a few months had elapsed before. between his first death and his reappearance as a child. As soon as he could talk, he informed his first wife and his old friends who he was and confirmed it by relating incidents that had happened and by describing in accurate detail places he had seen in the earlier existence. All the people then believed him and his wife looked after him and watched him grow up. He married her again as soon as pos-sible, although there was now a difference of twenty-odd years between their ages. His story was also corroborated by several of the older men of the tribe and by his 'sons' who are older than their 'father.' They claim that this man, now about thirty, has some resemblance to his previous form, but not exactly the same physical appearance.'

A MAN NAMED LUKE. By March Cost. 300 pp. New York: Alfred A Knopf, \$2.35.

This is a new novel, by a young English writer, built around the theme of reincarnation. "This tale is sufficiently novel," writes Percy Hutchinson in *The New York Times*, "to challenge attention, although the doctrine of reincarnation is far from novel, being one of the oldest of all theories of immortality."

The writer's added observations on this subject are of interest to all those who see in the growing acceptance of the truth of rebirth, an influence on human life and behavior that is nothing short of trans-forming. Thus: "It is a doctrine numbering its adherents today, when the general con-cept of immortality is more shaken in its hold than once. But perhaps it is for this very reason that it numbers its adherents, offering, as it does, a sort of refuge from complete skepticism. . . . It is the book's precociousness which challenges, and the fillip which its theme gives to jaded, somewhat saddened, human speculation.

¶ Our characters are shaped by our experiences in past lives." -Henry Ford.

## **Film Drama**

GABRIEL OVER THE WHITE HOUSE, based on the annonymous novel of the same name; directed by Gregory La Cava; a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production.

The book on which this picture is based was reviewed in the previous issue of this Magazine.

Aquarian pioneers will be interested in certain features of this picture which de-picts a fictitious President, working openly and honestly under higher guidance to bring about a more equitable social order.

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# Children's Department

# The Sylphs and the Bird-Men

By MARY CHERRY HANSCOM



ARALDA, the ruler of the Sylphs, who dwell on the highest mountain of the earth had just received an order from the Masters of Wisdom that the earth children were about to be given a few more warnings in the

form of earthquakes and perhaps tidal waves. He had notified the Undines through their ruler, King Neeksa, who in turn whispered the message through the West Wind, wherein resides their special power, that they too should stand in readiness in case rain were needed.

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To his army of Sylphs, Paralda carefully pointed out a certain western city built by man, over which these Air Spirits should direct their energies for the next few days. These inhabitants of the third ether were known as the riders of the night, the wind-born, and the storm angels.

As they dashed through space to the place designated by their leader, they swerved a little out of their course to call mischievously to the Undines who were mobilizing in case they also should be summoned.

These capricious, daring, and eccentric Air Spirits loved excitement and change, and especially did they love this new assignment of work because it brought them in close touch with the thought of living earth creatures.

For centuries man had ignored all but the most obvious manifestations of laws, natural and spiritual, in his vain search for gold, fame, and power; it was only because a few great souls had learned and applied the law of causation, had joined hands to strengthen the power for good, and prayerfully worked for the thoughtless ones, thus preventing the powers of darkness from obtaining complete victory, that a world cataclysm had been avoided.

Merrily the Sylphs dashed to a point above this western city. They had been told to prepare the sky to hide the Sun: this could be easily done as the Moon was just entering the watery sign of Cancer. As they scampered hither and thither, arranging the clouds, darkening the sky, one jolly little Air Spirit, looking over the edge of a big black cloud. called to the others: "Stop, come quickly and see what this means." As they followed her gaze they saw directly under them a great crowd of earth people, hundreds of them congregated in one spot, all with their faces turned skyward with one accord.

As they watched, two earth men sitting in the midst of a birdlike mechanism, came soaring through the sky. They were chasing each other, darting in and out among the clouds. Oh, it was thrilling, such speed! The leader of the Sylphs, noticing how delighted her workers were with the exhibition, gave them permission to stop work and watch a few moments. To see men flying in the air, the Sylphs' own element, and to note the multitude of thought forms produced by this exhibition was indeed exciting. How spellbound the earth folk were! Their thought forms were

those of fear; they showed quivery lines of anxiety. The daring little Sylphs could not understand this fear so their leader explained that there was great danger that these two bird-men might lose their lives, since they had not yet learned the perfect law of the air as the Sylphs knew it. Listening with intensity the leader motioned her workers to be quiet, and listen. What was that earth woman down there saying? The thought form emanating from her consciousness stood out in bold relief from all the rest of the thoughts reflected on the mental (Continued on page 234)

# Aquarian Philosophy

#### A SCHOOL BOY'S SOLILOQUY

## BY ISABEL AMBLER GILMAN

Folks say I'm chasing rainbows in a mist; Forever seeing things that don't exist!

To human sense, sight, hearing, touch, taste, smell Are contact points between my consciousness And that which constitutes the matter-world, The universe of planets—sun, moon, earth, Star-worlds and all the air-spaces between. (Star-dust obtained from fallen meteors Is like, in element, to our own earth.) And this created universe is all That now exists and all that man can know; Except, perhaps, a hope that somewhere in Those realms of space a heaven-region hides— Accessible alone by means of death.

But there is THAT within my consciousness Which gives the lie to limits and duress.

When senses sleep I leave my body here And visit worlds my teachers know not of. Dream-things are real; I see them without eyes; I touch and hear them without hands or ears. The perfume of dream-flowers is genuine. The fruits of dreamland taste delicious too.

When I'm asleep I visit foreign lands By sea and air, and witness strange events That next day are broadcast by radio. When I'm alseep I see and talk with those Dear dead ones said to be in Heaven-land, And, waking, hold these things in memory.

The universe of sense-reality Is but a stepping-stone to that within,— My sub- and super-realms of consciousness Eternal, timeless, spaceless, limitless.

# HEALTH

# The Law of Compatibility in Healing

With the coming of the Aquarian Age when we find great advances being made in every department of human endeavor, of necessity the art of healing will be included, and the following article incorporates the Rosicrucian teachings as set forth by Max Heindel regarding the restoration of physical well-being.

The Sun is the great reservoir of Life: we may, therefore, readily see that its position would mark one as particularly beneficial to a certain class and in certain diseases. This influence is determined by its position according to triplicity. Thus those who have the Sun in one of the fiery signs have great healing power with respect to people suffering from diseases ruled by these signs. Those with the Sun in airy signs have power over diseases common to airy signs, etc. Those born under the cardinal sign of a certain triplicity are most successful in treating acute cases of disease pertaining to those three signs. One who has the Sun in a fixed sign is apt in the cure of chronic diseases of that triplicity. Those born with the Sun in common signs make the least successful healers, but have more power to soothe the sick, and often bring recovery by their quieting influence on the patient's nerves. Therefore they make the best nurses for patients under their triplicity, especially where there is mental trouble or where physical illness is the result of mental unrest.

Thus people born when the Sun was in one of the fiery signs, Aries, Leo, or Sagittarius (April, August, or December), are particularly successful in the treatment of the head, heart, spinal cord, femoral region, fevers, etc. Those born in April, with the Sun in Aries, would be best in the treatment of acute cases of those ailments. Those born in August, with the Sun in Leo, would succeed in chronic cases where others would fail, and if these healers secure a nurse having the Sun in Sagittarius (December), he or she will aid them in all their cases as no one else could. The same holds good of the other triplicities.

But some may say that it is impossible to choose in this manner, and one must help all who come, to the best of his ability. Replying to this objection Mr. Heindel declared that "the weak willed are mastered by circumstances; the strong make conditions to suit their desires."

Before long we may expect Healing Centers on astro-scientific lines will be established in many places, with an astrologer to ask applicants the questions necessary to determine which of the doctors, healers, and nurses connected with the Center will best be able to care for each particular case. When once the experiment has been tried, its sweeping success will lead to the establishment of such Centers in every section and city in the world. We shall then be working with Cosmic Law, and sufferers will find relief in a measure now unknown and undreamed of.

# **Rosicrucian** Principles

The Rosicrucians advocate a vegetarian diet as superior, physically and spiritually, to a diet containing meat. They regard alcohol, tobacco, and stimulants as injurious to the body and a detriment to the spirit. They believe in the power of prayer and the creative power of thought through concentration in bringing about the healing of mind and body. They hold, however, that physical means can often be used to advantage to supplement spiritual and mental means.

# Invisible Helpership

TEACHING ON THE INNER PLANES

#### BY VIOLET B. REED

As a nurse conversant with the Rosicrucian philosophy it is seldom that I am called on a case that does not call for spiritual as well as physical assistance. The following is an instance:

I had been treating Madame X at her home for about a year. Quite suddenly her mother-in-law passed away. Shortly after this occurred I was called to give Madame treatments in the room previously occupied by the departed spirit. In this instance the violet rays were to be used. I attached the glass rod to the machine but made no connection as I discovered that the room was already so full of such radiations that no additional power was needed. The glass rod remained full of these beautiful violet rays as long as we were in the room.

After I had gone Madame X took occasion to sort over and divide the motherin-law's personal belongings, much to the latter's dislike, as we learned later. In fact she protested vehemently against what she considered undue presumption on the part of her daughter-in-law to thus take charge of her belongings.

That night we three met on the inner planes at which time I had an opportunity of setting the mother aright in the matter. I explained carefully that material things were no longer a part of her and that she must not allow them to hold her to the physical plane now that she was set free to travel on to higher realms of development. She understood at once and gave Madame X her love and gratitude. A most beautiful light of understanding dawned upon her. Her face became radiant as she thanked me profusely for the little help I had been privileged to give her. Then she went away, completely reassured. Even in writing up this little experience I am flooded with the beautiful love she sent forth. It was an impressive experience to Madame X also, who has since become increasingly interested in occult truths.

# How the Invisible Helpers Find Those Who Need Help

Applicants for healing are required to write the letter of request with pen and ink. Thus the paper is impregnated with a part of their vital body and this is taken from the letter by the Elder Brothers. It contains an accurate gauge of the condition of the individual from whom it came, and it also acts as an "open sesame" to the Helpers who are given charge of this case. Through that they have free access to his body, and a considerable number of the patients who come for healing, write that they have both seen and felt the Helpers working, both inside and outside of their bodies. As the condition of the patient changes so does the record. Therefore the patients are required to write, with pen and ink, a few words every week and mail it to Headquarters. Thus the Elder Brothers are in constant touch with their condition and are able to direct intelligently the work of restoration to health.

# **Planetary Influence in Healing**

#### CULPEPPER, THE HERBALIST

Nicholas Culpepper, whose Herbal remains a classic on the subject to this day, declares that it is absurd for any man who knows nothing of astrology and consequently nothing of the causal nature of a malady to prescribe its remedy. Culpepper looked to the hidden side of things. Whence came the discordant influences as read in the stellar script? What organs in the body would these affect? What plants in nature held the virtues requisite for their correction as determined by the law of correspondences? Such were the questions asked and answered by this prince of simplers.

#### PARACELSUS AND ABRAMS

Paracelsus, foremost of the alchemists, prepared and administered medicines in harmony with planetary law. The vibratory law that he thus invoked in healing has been approached by modern science. The late Dr. Albert Abrams declared all matter to be a kind of motion and all disease, vibration. At which point it may be added that this brilliant researcher arrived at truly occult findings when retracing human ailments to sensual abuse and declaring that in the last analysis realized pathology was syphilized pathology.

# PEOPLE WHO ARE SEEKING HEALTH

May be helped by our Healing Department. The healing is done largely by the Invisible Helpers, who operate on the invisible plane, principally during the sleep of the patient. The connection with the Helpers is made by a weekly letter to Headquarters. Helpful individual advice on diet, exercise, environment, and similar matters is given to each patient. This department is supported by freewill offerings. For further information and application blank, address, The Rosicrucian Fellowship, Oceanside, California.

## HEALING DATES

Healing meetings are held at Mt. Ecclesia on the above dates at 6:30 P. M. If you would like to join in this work, begin when the clock *in your place of residence* points to 6:30 P. M., or as near that as possible; meditate on health, and pray to the Great Physician, our Father in Heaven, for the healing of all who suffer, particularly those who have applied to the Invisible Helpers.

### ASTROLOGICAL DELINEATION (Continued from page 222)

The Sagittarian loves to explore strange and out-of-the-way places.

Altogether this lovely child is richly endowed with good qualities of character and latent capabilities. If she will use her powers and possibilities wisely, she may advance rapidly on her path of attainment to permanent happiness, and thereby become a blessing to the world.

## PIONEERS IN SPIRIT (Continued from page 206)

union with the self who sees and recognizes truth, the being who acts in perfect accordance with Law under all circumstances, that brings to the individual power and dominion over evil.

Outside influences effect character to a certain extent, but it is the response to the inner urge, or the denial of it, that really makes or mars each one of us as we journey through life. The widelyvarying degrees of spiritual unfoldment. so apparent amongst human beings, are due, not to the number or quality of past lives, but to the strength or weakness of the materialistic armour in which their mentalities are encased. This would seem to indicate an almost entire absence of free-will in the matter. It is not so, however, for every rational human being, whatever his antecedents, station or upbringing, is provided with the means of contact with his inner self and must of necessity use it repeatedly.

### THE SYLPHS AND BIRD-MEN

#### (Continued from page 231)

plane. Yes, the Sylphs heard her, they received it clear and distinct: "Bob, I bless you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May you be protected, Amen. John, I bless you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May you be protected, Amen."

With authority the leader of the Sylphs began giving orders: "Here you two Air Spirits, go ride with those birdmen; grab two small clouds of oxygen and hold one under the nose of each of those men. Stay with them to the finish—the rest of you, clear the dome of the sky. Clear it away down to the edge of the horizon and don't you two get lost in the illusions of earth, when the birdmen land, because we have work to do in connection with the earthquake."

The men in the planes were intoxicated with the spirit of the Sylphs, who had been sent to protect them. They felt like birds, and their daring knew no bounds. The crowd below was astonished, petrified with amazement.

Never had there been such an air exhibition in history, and finally as the two men landed on earth safely, and the Air Spirits arose from their grand stand cloud-seats on the horizon to meet the two little Air Spirits who had been riding with the men, the leader explained that, some day, there would be no need for earthquakes and tidal waves, and other cataclysmic disturbances because in time all earth children will understand the power of the spoken word and prayer and will have become obedient to the Perfect Law.

# Astro-Diagnosis, the Healer's Guide

We still have a few copies of the first edition of Astro-Diagnosis. As this edition does not contain the index we are offering it at half price—\$1.25. A separately printed index will be supplied without added charge.

# **News From the Field**

# The Wisdom Religion Makes Unprecedented Progress in Europe

By far the most interesting and encouraging report ever to arrive at Headquarters is just received from Regional Headquarters at Darmstadt, Germany, the leader of which is Mr. Hugo Petzold. In the past month no less than twelve new Centers have been organized to spread the great message of Truth in collaboration with the Rosicrucian Fellowship. These groups are in different cities of Europe, and one additional Center in South America. We are glad to note that Berlin heads the list that follows:

GERMANY—Berlin; Stuttgart; Heilbronn; Stettin. Austria—Vienna; Graz. Switzerland—Zurich; Winterthur; Oerlikon. Poland—Bydgoszcz. Lithuania—Uebermemel.

RUMANIA-Brasov.

South America-Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The report states that all these Centers and Study Groups are represented by probationers of the Fellowship who organize the work and give the necessary instruction in class work, etc. All this good news is a confirmation of the known fact that a new impetus and stimulant is now being given the work all over the world and that it is going forward as never before. A world-wide spiritual revival is truly spreading like wildfire, and the true Christ religion, which is taught by the Rosicrucian Fellowship, is destined to be ushered in by the pioneers of humanity and to become the guiding light for those who would enter the new Aquarian Age. We, who have the privilege of taking part in this great work, should give thanks to God and the Elder Brothers for the opportunity, and strive to become more worthy and competent to labor in the Master's vineyard.

#### ACTIVITY FOREMOST IN LAND OF ROSICRUCIAN BEGINNINGS

When we remember that the Etheric Temple of the Rosicrucian Order is located in Germany, and that Max Heindel received his instructions and information there for the writing of the Cosmo-Conception, it is not surprising that this country should show so much activity and interest in the teachings at the present time. Mr. Hugo Petzold, the European field leader, is doing excellent work and from him we gather the following information: "The new Study Groups are being assisted by us with German pamphlets, magazines, and advice. In the last four weeks 7000 pamphlets were spread by our members and we are going to print 10,000 more and distribute them immediately.

"In Vienna, Mr. Stephan Schwarz and some other students are working faithfully, and as the majority of the people in Austria understand the German language, we are aiding them with printed matter. In Lettonia, Mr. Vedrik Ivask, of Riga, is doing much good work and giving useful support. In Switzerland, Messrs. Milz, Zingg, and Wirth are engaged in positive work by lectures and classes. In Rumania Mrs. Silvia Stoica is an active worker and leads the attention of the public to the Rosicrucian teachings. In Poland, Mr. Kurels and the brothers Fritz and Rudolf Schubert are leaders of the work. Some books by Max Heindel are already translated into Polish and they hope in time to publish all the teachings. At present German literature is used."

This is the kind of report we like to receive and gives us new zeal and encouragement to intensify our efforts to spread the teachings in this country and throughout the world.

# New Centers in South America

Word comes from the president of our Center in Asuncion, Paraguay, Sr. Antonio Paciello, that the work there is proceeding very satisfactorily. At present considerable effort is being put forth in Chile to spread the teachings, and in spite of economic conditions, good results are being accomplished. Three new study groups have been organized and are functioning in Argentina : Tucuman, Concordia, and Buenos Aires. Reports from these groups will be forthcoming from time to time.

#### A ROSICRUCIAN TRIP

The leader of the Boston, Mass. Center, Mrs. Lucy P. Lambert, reports a trip through Maine in the interest of the Rosicrucian teachings. Portland was visited first, and then Wayne. "I found the people more than interested in the Philosophy," says Mrs. Lambert: "The library at Wayne was pleased to accept any books we might send so I am sending them a Cosmo today. I next visited Farmington where I contacted a group of very earnest people.

"The impression gathered on this trip is that small towns and country places are even better than the city. They read and think and study, which the people in the city find so little time for. I found the Maine people very earnest and sincere, and eager to know more about the teachings."

## A Prayer for Humanity

From one of our active Eastern Centers comes a card on which is printed a prayer for the welfare of our people in these times of distress. They ask if other Centers and groups would like to join them each day in a moment's meditation on this petition to the Father, which follows:

"We ask God, the Father, the great Leader, to send down His divine power to help us, heal us, guide us, and through the rays of the Living Christ may love, peace, justice, and harmony be restored among the people."

Would you become a link in the Love Chain which goes forth to encircle the earth? The workers at Headquarters have, for some time past, been meeting in the Pro-Ecclesia each day at noon, for a period of concentration on a prayer similar to this one. The power of prayer is greatest at the noon hour when the sun is directly overhead, then its rays are the strongest, and the connection is more easily made with the great Christ Spirit. All our friends are invited to partake in this movement to uplift humanity with their prayers.

# Field Lecturer in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Joseph Darrow has just completed a series of lectures in Washington, D. C., in the interest of the teachings of the Rosicrucian Fellowship. These talks were given in the Arlington Hotel, and Mr. Darrow reports splendid co-operation and excellent attendance in the "Capital" city. The next city to be visited on the present lecture tour will be Pittsburgh, Pa. Following this series the cities of Columbus, Hamilton, and Cincinnati, Ohio will be given lectures, with the possibility of Indianapolis, Ind., being included also. All our friends and students in these cities will be glad of the opportunity to attend and share the knowledge imparted by Mr. Darrow.

#### NOTICE TO STUDENTS IN WORCESTER, MASS.

All students and friends in Worcester, Mass. and vicinity, who are interested in forming a Study Group, are requested to communicate with Raymond E. Hammond, 29 Trowbridge Circuit, Worcester, Mass. Following the recent visit of our field lecturer, Mr. Joseph Darrow, to that city, a great interest in the teachings is being manifested, and the formation of a regular Study Group is deemed advisable.

# Magazine on Display at World's Fair

The Rosicrucian Magazine is to be on display in the Exposition Grounds at the Chicago World's Fair. A building is now under construction immediately adjacent to the Hall of Science and directly opposite the General Exhibits Building which will take the form of a Magazine Library. The interior of the building will center around a huge rack upon which will be the greatest International Display of Magazines ever assembled. It is known as the Time Building, the Exhibit being under the direction of the Time Magazine, Inc., of New York and Chicago. Here the visitor may rest and take his ease, he may read the magazines or idly thumb them and there will be attendants to answer questions concerning subscription rates, etc. When attending the Exposition this summer don't fail to call for a copy of the Rosicrucian Magazine.

#### VERNA WILSON RETURNS

Mrs. Verna Wilson was welcomed back as a resident worker on Mt. Ecclesia after a nine months' leave of absence. Mrs. Wilson resumes her former position as head of the Center Department and in addition serves as assistant secretary to the Board and the third member of the recently elected Executive Committee.

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## CAN YOU READ THE SYMBOLS OF YOUR CRAFT? (Continued from page 202)

If you are interested in symbols, read the first ten chapters of Revelation. These are word symbols which have been interpreted from pictures. A picture changes in aspect according to the light under which it is viewed, which means that you will see these pictures according to your Light. It is said that one hundred and thirty-three translators worked on the King James version of the Bible, which was written in Hebrew. Only two of these translators were Hebrews, and one died before the work was finished. The political exigencies of that time also influenced the translation, which was only one of seven that were made from the original text.

Truth cannot be hidden from those who are entitled to the light, even while we remember that: "None are so blind as they who will not see !" The verse entitled The Sublime Rose Croix which accompanies this article contains hundreds of truths that have been written in many languages, and in many forms; from the Caballa and from our own Bible; from the symbols of the pyramids, and the words of our own interpretive Adepts. The thread of legend is also present, and the first key will perhaps furnish you with a second illuminating light that contains within itself, two more keys.

(In the next issue Mr. Martin will contribute an illustrated article on the symbolism of the Cosmo-Conception.)

## COSMOS IN FRENCH

A supply of the second edition of the Rosicrucian *Cosmo* in French has just been received. Available in cloth and paper covers. \$2.50 and \$2.00 respectively.

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We believe that NOW is the psychological time to make a special effort to aid the Higher Ones in their endeavors to prepare for the new order, and we are asking that every reader of this Magazine who is interested in serving humanity, join us in passing on the message at this time. The time is propitious for a concerted effort to enlist unprecedented numbers of students who may be prepared for greater service in the Master's vineyard, through the teachings given us by the Elder Brothers as set down by our founder, Max Heindel.

The harvest is white! Will YOU be one of the reapers?

# Board of Directors Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors was held at Mt. Ecclesia March 25th, when the following officers were elected: Mr. Andrew C. Lohr, President; Miss Annella Smith, Vice-President, Mrs. Frances Ray, Secretary; and Mr. Gunnar Jenssen, Treasurer. An important step was taken toward centralizing the direction of the Fellowship on Mt. Ecclesia by appointing a committee, composed of the President, Vice-President, and Assistant Secretary, to carry out the policies laid down by the Board. It is believed that this arrangement will go far toward increasing the efficient functioning of the organization.

#### SUMMER SCHOOL

Due to some uncertainties existing at the present time it seems probable that it will not be advisable to hold the Summer School this year. Definite announcement will be given next month.

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# **Easter Services**

Many visitors and friends attended the Easter Services at Headquarters, the feature of which was the Sunrise Service at the Cross. After a special musical program an address was delivered by Mr. Wm. Ar-bert, of San Diego. On Saturday evening preceding this service a lecture was given by Corinne Dunklee in the Chapel. Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the speaker was Mr. Andrew Lohr, of Los Angeles. Mr. Theo-dere Heline evels at the greater wide dore Heline spoke at the evening service.

# The Adventures of Rex and Zendah in the Zodiac

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