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Mother's Day

MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS, is quite universally considered as the highest type of Womanhood, and the personification of perfect Motherhood.

From the time of the birth of Jesus all Motherhood has been glorified to a certain extent. The wise men paid homage to the *Mother* with the babe in her arms. The world's perpetuation depends on the functioning of the Mother principle in nature.

Mother earth has furnished the forms of mineral, plant, animal, and man. Every living thing upon the earth has its inception in Motherhood. Mother earth has cradled every life wave, and has sustained that life within her bosom. Hence we may say that the Mother principle in one way is the greatest force, and the redeeming power of the world.

Motherhood may be likened to a great initiation. The mother with her babe in her arms has inspired many of the world's greatest pictures. However, no artist has yet been able at any time to do justice to the love expressed in such a mother's face.

Every woman is a potential mother, and can through Motherhood transmute the lower propensities of her nature into the higher powers of the spirit. Every mother is literally the *Mother of a God* in embryo.

Never has Motherhood been so glorified as it is at this stage of man's evolution. The pains of war and the sadness of the times are awakening the inner craving of woman, and Motherhood as a result has never been longed for more.

Many of our great men like Abraham Lincoln might well proclaim: "All that I am or hope to be I owe to my MOTHER."

—Mrs. Max Heindel.

The Current Outlook

[FROM THE ROSICRUCIAN VIEWPOINT]

Women: Past, Present, and Future

BY KITTIE S. COWEN



DEEP in the innermost being of every human creature are certain inherent qualities which are never lost. In man we find these qualities manifesting as reason, courage, initiative, direction, domination, defense, positive action, et cetera. This for the reason that man, functioning in a positive physical and desire body, and a negative vital body, is most closely connected with the will power of the spirit, the source of all germinal ideas which manifest as knowledge. In woman we find her inherent qualities manifesting as receptivity, attraction, cohesion, imagination, preservation, intuition, love, et cetera. This for the reason that woman functioning in a negative physical and desire body, with a positive vital body is most closely connected with the love power of the spirit. Furthermore, through her positive vital body she is in intimate touch with the Region of Life Spirit—the source of love, unity, and cosmic wisdom.

Man, functioning in his positive chain of vehicles, dominated to a great extent by his strong desire body, must of necessity be masculine in nature and any attempt on his part to deviate from this divine plan only results in some form of abnormality, such as transvestitism, for instance.

Woman, functioning in her particular chain of vehicles largely dominated by her strong vital body, must of necessity be feminine in nature and any attempt on her part to deviate from this divine

plan must likewise result in some form of abnormality, notably exemplified by such women as Amelia Bloomer, who made one of the first attempts to don masculine attire.

In the far past, man's dominant nature completely subjugated the yielding, gentle nature of woman and she existed principally as his property, subject to his will in all things. All earthly possessions belonged strictly to him, including his wife and children, even to their clothing and any money acquired by them. A wife and mother could be left penniless by her husband's will no matter how much of the world's goods he might possess. Furthermore, the mother

had no control over her children, was formerly shut out from taking any part in public affairs of any kind, and most certainly she was never allowed to speak in public. Moreover, she was denied anything but the most elementary education. If she dared to offer the slightest protest, her father or husband, as the case might be, had a perfect right to discipline her in any manner that he saw fit, even to the extent of administering a good sound thrashing when he so desired. All of which was not in line with evolution. The positive force in nature which expresses itself through man, requires an equally strong negative force expressed through woman, with which to unite, in order that a perfectly balanced result may be produced. Accordingly, a change necessarily had to take place. Slowly at first,

WOMAN NOT
UNDEVELOPED
MAN

WOMAN
FORMERLY
MAN'S CHATTEL

but more rapidly after the advent of the Christ, who unhesitatingly espoused the rights of women by accepting them on equal terms with Himself, this change began to manifest.

Among this great Exemplar's closest friends were Mary and Martha, at whose home He frequently sought rest and whom He instructed in many of the deeper mysteries which were given only to those considered advanced enough to be able to receive them. Even to the woman taken in sin, instead of at once pronouncing condemnation on her, He quickly inquired who were her accusers; and then proclaimed that he who was without sin, placing her on an equality with man, should cast the first stone. And presently, when He looked up from the ground on which He wrote and discovered that they had *all* departed, He turned to the woman and said, "Neither do I condemn thee: Go and sin no more."

Since the close of the life of the great Exemplar, gradually, and apparently unconsciously, woman's status in the world has changed until in the Western World, the "melting pot" of civilization, the home of the coming new sixth race, she now stands shoulder to shoulder with her brothers, father, or husband in carrying on the affairs of the home, nation, and country to which she belongs.

During the last few decades the transition has been so rapid that many women have apparently lost their sense of balance and instead of leading their brother associates on to higher ground through the power of their own innate refinement and spiritual intuition, have adopted some of their worst vices. Men, owing to the strength of their positively polarized physical body, can indulge for a considerable length of time in vices that would soon wreck the more delicate organism of women and totally unfit them to fulfill their high destiny—motherhood. It has been well said that

back of every really great man there has been the support, encouragement, and unfailing loyalty of an equally brilliant, although often quite unobtrusive woman.

Equality between men and women does not depend on style of dress, habits, license, et cetera, but rather on the one becoming a perfect complement to the other, each furnishing the other with incentive toward the development of the real worth-while things of life—the things of the spirit which are indestructible, enduring throughout all eternity.

Each life we touch is either degraded or elevated by the contact, and contact each other we must—none goes his way alone.

Despite the lowly position which she has held in the past, woman through her power of intuition has ever been the pioneer in culture, she being the first to develop the idea of a good life for which she became the esteemed exponent among ancient civilization and in that respect she has nobly led the vanguard ever since.

Feminine qualities cannot merge into masculine qualities, nor can masculine qualities merge into feminine qualities. They are Do NOT distinctly different and MERGE they have distinctly different missions to perform. But they can unite and form a perfect whole. Separated, neither is complete.

The dissipated lives being led by many of our women today is just a passing phase. Woman is more or less bewildered by finding herself in the center of conditions to which she is not accustomed and her apparent recklessness is mostly assumed in order to give her the appearance of perfect ease and sophistication. Few women really care to go around with a cigarette dangling out of one corner of the mouth, and a far less number really enjoy saturating themselves with alcoholic fumes. True, both indulgences are habit forming and

therefore dangerous in the extreme and many there are who will become victims of these vices, sinking lower and lower until they become objects both of pity and disgust.

An excellent treatise on alcoholic danger and the advertising subtlety being used by the dispensers of the beverage, was written and printed by Roy L. Smith, A.M., Litt. D., of Los Angeles, California. In this treatise on the subject of alcohol, the author states: "He (meaning alcohol) is forcing himself upon us at every turn—from billboards, the pages of daily newspapers, moving pictures, expensive advertising, theaters, and store windows. If we go to the soda fountain for a cool drink, he thrusts himself forward. If we go to a hotel or restaurant, he insists upon sitting down beside us at the table. If we stop at a filling station for gas, he is likely to run out, begging for a ride. He is everywhere.

"Like the clever criminal that he is, he has long eluded the law, and gone on his victorious way. He
 SUBTLE has piled up the highways
 ADVERTISING with wrecks, filled the hospitals with casualties, stolen food from families, and capital from legitimate business; corrupted courts, debauched the electorate, usurped authority, devastated homes, despoiled womanhood, and deceived his best friends.

"One of the most unfortunate facts in the whole situation is that a generation of youth is growing up that is not acquainted with his true character and many are deceived by his apparent popularity. Millions of people—youths as well as adults—do not know that he is essentially a criminal by nature; they believe him to be a hard-working, patriotic citizen, anxious to help bear the tax-burdens of the nation, shamefully imposed upon."

In relation to the tobacco habit Dr. Jesse Mercer Gehman in an article written for "Health Culture" states that

tobacco is a combination of eighteen poisons, some of them the most virulent known.

Dr. Kostral, physician to the royal tobacco factory of Iglan, near Vienna, discovered that the babies of the women working in that factory were short-lived. Upon investigation he found that the milk of these mothers smelled of nicotine, and that the babies without doubt absorbed the nicotine in the milk and suffered from nicotine poisoning. One-fifth of all children investigated showed evidence of poisoning of the nerves and brain, and died in convulsions. One-third of all babies born to these mothers died within the first year.

The majority of our women we believe will discover the danger confronting them through indulgence in these vices and will mend their ways before it is too late; for woman is inherently good, pure, chaste, and noble, and when she finds her balance she will emerge all the stronger for her bewildering experiences, and will have acquired a degree of poise that in the future will sustain her in any situation where she may find herself; and having learned through bitter experience the folly of adopting the vices of men, she will have developed a strength of character hitherto unknown to her; and this new

WOMAN'S woman, more tolerant of the
 SUBLIME shortcomings of others, but
 DESTINY stronger in her hard-earned,
 noble womanhood will be

better able to guide her children into paths which will lead them into ways of righteousness, rectitude, honor, and integrity. Nor will she fail in her mission to stand side by side with her husband, giving aid and encouragement when needed. And his home? The home of the future woman will be little less than a sanctuary, not only to her husband and children, but to all who enter it as well; for here the apparently unattainable will be accomplished. The indescribable here will be done. The eternal feminine will indeed lead on.

The Mystic Light

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The Rosicrucian Fellowship is a movement for the dissemination of a definite, logical, and sequential teaching concerning the origin, evolution, and future development of the world and man, showing both the spiritual and scientific aspects.

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Our motto is: A SANE MIND, A SOFT HEART, A SOUND BODY

The World Stage

BY KATHARINE HILLWOOD POOR



THROUGH countless lives on earth I have wandered: king, potentate and peasant; artist and clod; soldier and monk; priest and layman; nun and courtesan; men and women of the rank and file of many races and nations: as all of these have I walked the earth in many eras and always in all of these guises—albeit consciously or unconsciously—have I sought the solution of a mystery, the mystery of existence, of very life itself. And the mystery of myself, an atom of the manifested life I saw about me and yet of which I never felt myself a true or integral part nor knew the *why* that I should be.

Whence came I? What seek I? What am I? and, Whither am I bound? These questions and many more burned in my brain and tugged and tore at my foundations of being through my presentments down through the ages. As now, with vision somewhat opened and extended I look back over these cycles of time, clearly to be seen is the thread of conscious life—the I AM—manifesting and using as instruments of expression these varying embodiments of sex, race, nation, and inevitably persisting throughout the events and vicissitudes marking each period of time.

My life journey from its inception as far back in the planetary morning as it is given me to see in the Book of Life Records, has contained countless ill-considered acts, much ignorance, selfishness, and greed guiding these acts, many so-called deaths of violence and many rebirths, yet now I see as I could not see then, the causes back of these acts, (set up by myself) and the effects of these acts again in after lives setting up other causes. For each sin against a human being I see payment made in full, the adjustment made, the account balanced and the debt cancelled. *And*—I see the beginnings of the development of the quality of Love, the one great reason for Being and in itself—when developed and functioning—the Redeemer of all humanity.

Many times grievous errors resulted in seeming disaster, yet from somewhere came strength and incentive to try again. It is given to me now to see in each life a lesson learned, something gained and stored up in that repository from which I draw my Will To Be, my strength to do: and as the epochs and ages passed and the growth of mind superimposed itself upon the animal self already set in motion and perhaps overactive, the lessons learned were lifted to a higher spheric spiral, and under-

standing and definite and reasoned purpose gradually replaced ignorant and blind desires and aims. Dim and unformed at first, but slowly impinging more and more upon my consciousness, came some part of the answers to my eternal queries—who and what and why and where; my relation to the universe and to the world about me. Yet these questions are never to be fully and satisfactorily answered until I—and my humanity—develop the power of spiritual understanding which alone can complete the picture limned upon the life canvas.

Mankind—I and my humanity—have unfolded and developed only to a slight degree as yet, those faculties and powers which constitute the divine heritage of the human soul, but which must be, in the journey toward the ultimate goal of this racial pilgrimage, brought out into productive activity and used in the processes of true soul culture, enabling the human to evolve and function as a spiritual being—his immortal destiny.

As the soul climbs ever higher on the ladder of aspiration reaching to spiritual attainment, new and extended vision brings ever greater knowledge and certainty; an intensified understanding of the processes incident in all lives, love, hate, suffering, sorrow, loss, triumph, downfall, ignominy, which are used by the Great and Divine Law as instruments of purification and transmutation; transmutation of knowledge into wisdom, darkness into light, man into God. There comes the day in the existence of man when the Divine touch, the finger of God, is gently laid upon his heart: the quickening of a new life impels to forward motion and an awakened soul springs from its latency into life and activity. No sudden action is this—unless like Saul he travels to Damascus and upon the road thereto receives the Divine Light, (in which case he is thrice blest) but rather step by step, life after

life, enlightenment as to “whence, why and whither” comes to the eager soul and at last he sets his foot in conscious and definite purpose upon that Path without beginning and without end, leading from death to Immortality.

During the various stages of this journey the awakened soul becomes at intervals conscious of companionship; a companionship never imagined nor glimpsed before and not to be measured by companionship in mortal form. Faint and almost uncomprehended at first, this influence gradually increases, enlarges; in course of time through soul persistence in life lived under ever increasing of Divine Law, it becomes dominant in the life of the soul pilgrim, and he becomes aware of those celestial realms to which he has long aspired and which he now believes to be his true home and the goal of his life long search.

The companionship glimpsed so dimly at first, later thought to be some force outside himself, he has now discovered to be himself extended and enlarged beyond mere physical bounds, and with unspeakable joy he realizes the existence of his inner potential powers and something of his sphere of service in the Universal Plan for humanity’s evolution and redemption. And happy is he when the realization comes of the Cause behind the manifestation which he witnesses and of those Great Ones whose service is given to mankind, each one of whom vows for eternity, “I seek to serve and to do the will of Him who sent me.”

And a yet greater day dawns in the life of the conscious aspirant: when his spirit now strongly functioning through its own efforts, first greets that Being who has watched over his faltering footsteps throughout his life course as a mother watches over her babe. Call Him by what name you will, He yet remains the Master, master of himself under law, and as Master and Teacher he points the way for weary men to follow, and

strives to guide each atom of Himself along the path of enlightened Truth. Even as deep calls to deep and like to like, as the whole evolves and guards the growth of its constituent cells, so calls the Master to His own, His little ones garbed in robes of flesh, to the labor and glory of His service.

Thus does the aspirant grow to realize the presence of the living Christ within, ever striving to receive and demonstrate the living Christ without. "Man's strong Brother wholly given to His part," of aiding humanity in its fight for self-freedom, who shall wait for the "last, least child" to reach the mighty goal and enter the gates of gold.

Within His love and wisdom do we rest: all who have life and seek Being. Upon the stage set by His will do we appear and play our parts; parts assigned to us by our own individual acts and thoughts since time began. And therefore—are we puppets moving and manifesting as the strings are pulled? Not so, for we ourselves pull the strings, set the stage, and play the roles which only we ourselves can resolve into life experience to rise or fall according to our ability.

And the evolution of the Whole depends upon the way we—its parts—perform: the Whole consists of all its parts and each part has place in the Whole which makes up the Divine Circle. None too great, none too small, none unimportant; all important and necessary to build into the Father's mansions the soul material which shall be indestructible and everlasting.

There yet remains the companion on the way embodied on earth and functioning as friend and teacher of the aspirant, and happy the aspirant who has earned such a friend and teacher. The awakened spirit has need of him while traveling the path of solitude—for ever alone is he although among many (is it a paradox?).

When the need reaches its apex and

the student is prepared, be sure the Master in the body and the Master in the Spirit will appear. Brother comes to brother with loving heart and helping hand and beckons ever onward. He who builds his karmic destiny thus to inherit under the law, is thrice blessed in body, soul, and spirit.

As time passes—time is the stage used by life on and in which its parts are played—there comes to the expanding consciousness of man in greater detail an enlightening knowledge of his racial pilgrimage. Through primitive races when man first stood upright, each race-life evidenced some growth of inherent faculty; through the varied racial experiences necessary to provide opportunity for such growth, life ever expands and consciousness strengthens.

On through the ages to the present day when as yet the human race appears not to have progressed very far nor fast after all its given opportunity, when an over-all view is taken of its lacks and deficiencies, its selfishness, greed and cruelty, lack of vision and failure to seek for that truth ever waiting "yesterday and today and forever," its apathy and blindness are appalling and heartbreaking to those Great Ones who look for the human mind to recognize, develop, and use its powers for individual and racial upliftment.

Delayed in its evolutionary progress many a century by its immersion in dense materialism, mankind has yet to travel a long, long road to make up lost time and grow from a backward race to the forward race it is meant to be. It must put to use its unfolding knowledge and opening spiritual faculties, by transmuting the power gained in material life into soul and spiritual power. Its reserves stored through its long train of past life periods are to be brought out and *used* that nothing truly useful may be lost and all gathered into the aggregate of human resources for preserving and promoting life; for beautifying and

strengthening life; for vivifying and redeeming life, for uniting and immortalizing life.

Those who possess vision may glimpse the future race whose roots are already firmly embedded and strongly growing, wherein our little man of today must win his foothold to become the great soul of tomorrow: may glimpse the spiritual mechanics by means of which is being built the new body vehicles of a far higher order to serve such a race; the new instruments of expression corresponding to our present day cities, towns, and states with their inner and outer methods of living; may glimpse the gradual abolishment of present day corruption existing in all classes of humanity, and a new Order of Life superimposed upon the old and outworn forms which have served their day and purpose and whose time for disintegration and change has come.

Since Plato—and before—has this new day been foreseen by those possessing true vision. How sad a commentary on our present material age that the term “visionary” has become a term for ridicule and scorn, rather than what it is in truth, one who has forward seeing and foreknowledge embodying the spiritual quality of Imagination and inevitably—if properly heeded and acted upon—leading to expansion and growth.

The old saying “Where there is no vision the people perish:” embodies divine truth and the continuation of the statement “he that keepeth the law, happy is he,” embodies further truth. Which again takes us back to “Know ye the law and obey its injunctions,” which should indicate to any real seeker his proper and essential life work, to learn and follow spiritual and Cosmic Law.

One of our Brothers has sent to men this message: “The questing spirit of man is indestructible and undying. Without this the pitiable spectacle hu-

manity presents today would be black and hopeless indeed. That mankind may *feel* and have strength and enterprise to *use* the inspiration showered upon it from inner wells of Truth, is the constant hope and prayer of Those devoted to humanity’s welfare, who would save and enlighten it in its material darkness, but who cannot force upon mankind the gifts of the spirit which alone will give true ‘salvation.’ ”

I who thus speak to you am an Ego of many earth life years: a spirit of many planetary lives and of vast experience, wherefore I give thanks and adoration to Him whom I seek eternally to serve. My poor words are sent forth in the hope they may reach some listening and perhaps longing ear, and bring something if only a crumb, of the holy and greatly to be desired knowledge of that great Love and Law in which we “live and move and have our being.”

For I look far back into the past and forward into the future and the entire world stage setting is one of illimitable glory and splendor, a Cosmic spectacle, the work and labor and love of our wondrous Master of the Cycle: its inception, its unfoldment, its growth and expansion and its eventual fulfillment, the gathering of His human children into His many mansions in the one immortal union of life and consciousness. “Life is the essential being of God,” and Love and Love only brought into sentient and vital existence—into life—our planetary humanity.

For “all the world’s a stage and all the men and women merely players: they have their exits and their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts,—” Could there be a better argument—if one were needed—than this from our great philosopher, for continuous life existence than the above if rightly understood? A further statement by an Elder Brother of the Race may be quoted here: “Since first appearing here, you have seemed to live

many lives, but truly you have lived only one. In each rebirth you looked upon that one from a certain angle. Some day you will know your total of lives as bright deeds made permanent, and dark ones erased by karmic action. You will see these many lives not as an extended chain, nor as a great circle of links, but as countless iridescent spheres all interpenetrating, and enclosed in one large and radiant sphere which is your self and your one life." Add to this the words of my onetime contemporary Plato as he says: "The soul is immortal and clothed in many bodies successively."

Ancient friendships and attachments exist as of today in the Light of the Eternal Now. Past, present, and future are but definitions of mundane time which seen in the Light of the Eternal are as one; to be viewed solely as varying presentations upon the stage of action, the screen of time, of varying roles played by different ego-selves making up the drama (comedy, melodrama, tragedy—and alack, sometimes farce), enacting the evolutionary course of human life in form.

Such is the universal view; much to be desired is it that an aspirant to spiritual truth attain in himself as a basic reality, this fundamental concept. It is all containing and explanatory of many seeming mysteries.

Learn to explore the depth of the human mind: this science is in its early infancy and the very words carry little meaning to those who *not yet* understand what mind is, and is destined to become.

Thus, Time as a teacher, rather shall we say, affording a field and scope for teaching—is invaluable but must be given its proper place and otherwise not considered. In each spirit, Life centers upon the I AM point of consciousness, birthless and deathless, and it is given to the spirit ego to develop that point until it becomes a flaming globe of Holy Fire learning to take its ap-

pointed place within the galaxy of Star Beings which compose its universe.

So through a myriad lives we pass in varying guise playing a myriad of parts upon the world stage, and as we play a part for good or ill, so is it meted unto us, and so do we build our temple and weave ourselves into the fabric of the Great Plan. Within the masonry of the World structure we each have place and we must hew into shape and chisel and plane and polish that stone which is ourself, and fit it into the one place prepared for it, without which the perfection of the whole cannot manifest.

Manifesting life in one form or another we move onward, stumbling, falling, rising, suffering, conquering, rejoicing, LEARNING, through planets, universes, ever carrying out the Divine Plan and fulfilling the Divine purpose. Ourselves may hasten or retard our course, and only ourselves, under Law. On, forever on, to the Brotherhood and Mastership of the living Christ in His Kingdom, and to the immeasurable glory of the Supreme and Enlightened ONE.

The True Victory

By Hasmick Vee

A new day dawns. . . .
 The heralds proclaiming it
 As yet unseen
 Are rustling in the air;
 Mustering the enlightened
 To greet the glorious morn
 As the old order
 Of greed and gain
 Fast fades away,
 And the dark battlements
 One by one
 Crumble and fall.
 With renewed strength
 Humanity presses forward
 Singing a song of victory, and
 Making the fair dream
 Of the Brotherhood of Man
 A brave reality!

Forces, Known and Unknown

BY DAVID SCOTT CAMPBELL



THE PAST thirty years have marked a great advance and a remarkable change in ideas concerning the operation of the laws of nature as previously recognized by the scientific world.

Since the discovery of the real nature of the atom by Rutherford in 1911, and the later developments in connection with the recognition of radio activity, atomic theory, relativity, cosmic rays, the marvels of electricity, wireless, aviation, radio broadcasting, also many other scientific discoveries, which are constantly throwing more and further light upon the working of the great laws of nature, a change has come over the attitude of the academic student, and gradually the dead line of materialistic determination has given way to a more elastic and receptive frame of mind.

Discovery succeeds discovery, and reveals that there are forces and energies that work with marvelous exactitude, yet, they are invisible, intangible, and can only be traced through the results of their work in the particular form or organism studied by the investigator. But as the totality of results are drawn together in the various branches of science, it is gradually dawning upon human intelligence that the laws and forces that are unseen are the foundation and fundamental source of all the visible manifestations of nature.

The difference in the rates of vibration have been amply demonstrated by science, and they know that each vibration has a definitely different reaction from other vibrations. Each belongs to its own plane of activity, a world wherein the law of that vibration rules. This is having an effect on the consciousness of man, it is bringing recognition of the fact that there are states, condi-

tions, worlds, that have not been previously cognized by the material mind and the physical senses.

So today we find that a large number of humanity are becoming interested in the study of various branches of psychology, occultism, and mysticism—teachings that deal with the evidence of the unseen forces, energies, and vibrations, both from the standpoint of scientific investigation and also from the mystic and religious side.

From a purely practical angle, we see in humanity itself the evidence of desires, emotions, mental attributes, passions, abilities, and faculties, and modern psychology has done a good work in classifying these and linking them up to the various departments of human life. Therefore, is it not reasonable to suppose that there are planes or states of being that cannot be recognized by the physical senses, but can be contacted through the spiritual, mental, and emotional departments of man's being?

Let us take this as the basis of our assumption, and consider certain teachings that have some very interesting angles on invisible forces and planes of consciousness.

In the orthodox religions of all ages, we find the teaching that there are worlds that cannot be seen by the physical eyes. For instance—heaven and hell; and that human beings function in these two worlds after they have laid down the physical garment or the body. Also there are other beings beside those functioning on the physical planes. In heaven, it is recorded, there are angels and archangels, who abide on that plane, and in the regions of hell, beings of many types can be contacted who are commonly called devils. In these different states of consciousness and vibra-

tions, human beings, minus the fleshly form but very much alive, go on living.

Now the materialistic mind has derided the idea that there is anything beyond what we can contact with the purely physical senses. On the other hand, the religious mind just as firmly believes in these superphysical realms and conditions. Therefore, there must be some middle path by which we can reach a conclusion that will harmonize the two.

Evolution is a fact on all planes, and we know from human experience, that it can be proved by the study of the forms that are used by the various streams of life that manifest in the plant, animal, and human kingdom. The development of the faculties of the mind is something known and tabulated by science. It has had a long and gradual evolution. We know that the emotional nature of man is not as wild and uncontrolled as it was in the long ago ages, when the lower primitive passions were the first factors evidenced in human action. We have now reached the place where we are able to use reason and logic, instead of being swayed by unthinking impulse. Man is capable of reaching into the unseen mental worlds and bringing forth in the shape of new ideas, that which has never before been demonstrated. We also know that, as previously stated, science has altered its ideas in regard to the unseen, and slowly but surely, the scientists are pushing their horizon back into the unseen. They now recognize that all space is filled with a living, active energy, which, for lack of a better or more exact name, they call radio activity.

It is admitted that there is no chance about the working of these invisible laws of nature, for behind all these laws, from the lowest to the highest, are found marvelous wisdom and intelligence, allied to perfect mathematics. Science has even admitted that the God of orthodoxy may be the great mathematical intelligence that they discover in their

work on nontechnical physics, relativity, astrophysics, and the other branches that have grown out of the new concept of physics. Science is talking of a fourth dimensional plane or realm because it seems that the newer discoveries demand another plane in order that they may be logical.

If cold science is talking of a plane or condition that is not demonstrable from the standpoint of the physical, then it is at least one step closer to an understanding of religion which accepts all these invisible states through faith and not knowledge.

Scientists do believe in many things that are invisible, and of which they were ignorant till the last three or four centuries. For instance, electricity was invisible till man discovered and harnessed it, making it available to illuminate the world; likewise the wave lengths that make radio possible cannot be seen, but they certainly do exist and both are now accepted by scientists as realities. Therefore, is it not possible that the future investigations of scientists may unfold the proof of other planes or worlds in which those who have left this world of matter for the time being are functioning in a finer substance which makes them invisible to ordinary physical sight? We have recently heard that it is possible to photograph in the dark by using the infra-red ray; also that it is possible to see in the dark by the use of this same ray. So it is not at all improbable that before long we may hear of some new invention which will assist normal vision in viewing ordinarily invisible worlds.

The study of psychology is very interesting in connection with mob action in riots and strikes. It seems as though waves of a certain vibration passing through a concourse of people, like wind driving down the street, will rouse the passions and emotions of a mob to such a degree that they will all proceed to follow the impulse given by it without knowing the cause or reason for it all. This can be seen in strikes and riots.

Most of those who take part in such demonstrations are carried away by some unexplainable impulse and would not be able to give a logical reason for their action.

Is it not reasonable to suppose that there is a plane or condition that is wholly emotional or passional, that works through feeling, and that man and animal also have a part of their nature that responds to the forces of that plane? Then again, we see similar conditions connected with the mental functioning of humanity. Certain ideas relative to some discovery or invention will be given out by different individuals in widely separated parts of the world, who are not aware that others have the same thoughts and ideas. This is shown in the history of radio and electricity. For instance, back in 1660, when some of the discoveries were being made which eventually led to the invention of the modern radio tube, a man by the name of Otto von Guericke, who was Burgomaster of Madgeburg, observed that if an electrically charged body was brought near an open flame it lost its electrical charge without touching any other object. Scientists know now, that at the same time, but over the Alps in Italy, the same observations were being made by experimenters in that country. Here again it seems there must be a Region of Thought, and those who have evolved particular mental qualities are able to contact ideas in this mental or thought world.

It is also known that there are spiritual qualities found in a small minority of humanity who possess a great deal of character development. These people radiate a force or vibration both beautiful and harmonious; their lives are an inspiration to those who contact them; they have an uplifting and strengthening influence. We also find wonderful spiritual influences and inspirations in connection with places, with beautiful natural phenomena, also in good music. So in man, and outside of him in the

universe, is the evidence of spiritual forces or vibrations to which he responds.

To what does this point? It seems to indicate that man is a composite being; that a part of him can be seen with the physical eye, that he has an emotional and passional nature which cannot be seen, likewise a mental power which is invisible, and furthermore, that he has within himself a living principle that may be called the spirit or ego; and that it takes all of this to make the whole man.

In considering the phenomena of human existence, sooner or later there occurs that mysterious change that men call death; a very definite manifestation of something that is invisible leaving the physical body; and this causes a drastic change. The form which before "lived and moved and had its being" now is lifeless and cold. In fact, just a congregation of inanimate matter. What is that unseen, unknown force, life or energy, that is present in every human being from birth to death? Is it possible to know positively and scientifically the mystery of human life?

These are questions that have been asked for ages, but have not yet been answered from the standpoint of material science and logic. But those individuals who have developed an extension of consciousness, who have succeeded in developing the sixth sense, know that there are superphysical worlds, and that there are those who are able to contact persons who have left the earth plane, and to hold communication with them.

Much preparatory work has been accomplished through psychology, mental science, mysticism, and occultism, all of which have made contributions that will serve as a foundation for the discoveries that will come later. But until mankind is ready for added knowledge, it is useless to place new lessons before him, for he will not be able to comprehend their meaning. It will not seem possible to him that there are other standards

and laws that are beyond his comprehension.

An unwillingness to accept anything new by the masses has always been a serious obstacle. To illustrate this: The umbrella was invented by an Englishman who lived in London. He conceived the idea that a frame, covered with cloth, would protect and shelter the body from the rain. He made the first umbrella, as efficient as he could, and when it rained, he went out into the street and demonstrated its usefulness. Now the masses in the streets had never seen anything like it, and because of their ignorance and prejudices, they mobbed and roughly treated the poor umbrella inventor. Pioneers along all lines of progress have always had a rather bad time of it. They get small thanks for their pains.

In spite of all the difficulties encountered, the work of revealing the unseen and unknown is going forward, for the minority group, who have been working to establish the foundation of our next step in consciousness are slowly but surely making headway.

The occultists of the past have delved deeply into the problem of the invisible side of human life, and much information gained by them is being given out as rapidly as man's development permits. It is also encouraging to note that science is proving the truth of many of the statements made by these pioneers.

Occult scientists have given out the information that there are vibratory emanations radiating from and surrounding every human being; and that these emanations are connected with the health, energy, passions, emotions, and mental activities of each individual; and again science has been able to corroborate the findings of the occultist by means of various experiments. These emanations have been photographed in some instances, and many other tests in different ways have substantiated, to a degree, the claims made by occult students.

It is a well-known fact that emanations of anger from one person have been felt by others; likewise, vibrations of love and harmony. That these emotions have power and force is proved by the fact that anger distorts the face, and love transfigures and beautifies the countenance in a remarkable way. Fear has a very marked reaction on the mind, temperament, and health of the one experiencing it, and in addition, it may be communicated to others and can spread rapidly through an entire group of people. Anger, love, and fear are not visible, tangible things; yet their existence is not questioned.

One of the next steps in man's evolution will be the ability to cognize the fourth dimensional plane; and this will come about through the development of an extension of consciousness. There are many changes taking place at the present time. Since the beginning of this war, we have seen the evidence that humanity is becoming increasingly sensitive to things invisible. We have read the many articles about the "Gremlins" or nature spirits, even though they are ridiculed. Yet someone must have seen some sort of phenomenon that made him or her talk about it.

Then some of the pilots got the idea that it might be possible to develop an extension of physical vision that would enable them to see at night. So they started eating raw vegetables, particularly raw carrots, to see if that would sensitize their vision. They may have done this as a joke, but they were touching on a fact in nature, for raw vegetables both sensitize and cleanse the physical body.

Many years ago scientists found that the human body emits rays of force or magnetism; and they have now found that vegetables do the same thing. They are likewise finding much evidence that the cosmic rays that impinge on our earth do have an influence, but they have not yet been able to trace definitely their effect; in fact, it has been sug-

gested that there may be some truth to the statements of the astrologers who claim that man is greatly affected by the rays of the planets. All these discoveries are making even the materialists turn their thoughts in the direction of the invisible.

The invention of the radio has been a great means of bringing home to the minds of the materialists, the fact that there are unseen forces and vibrations that can be contacted by material means; and that is halfway to the idea that it is possible to contact these higher forces, through certain physiological instruments that are within the human body—a truth quite well known to many occult scientists.

When an individual has developed positive clairvoyant sight, he can contact the pictures, sounds, and happenings belonging to long past ages as well as those belonging to the present. He will also be able to see things which are forming in the archetypal region of Concrete Thought. There is no time nor space in

this unseen world, and everything there appears as in the present. This, however, is a very difficult thing to understand by a mind that is bound by the illusion of the three dimensional plane.

It would be possible to give many more instances, showing how mankind is becoming conscious that there are other states of being besides those contacted with the physical senses.

In II Corinthians, chapter 18, Paul states: "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things that are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

St. Paul was an Initiate of high degree; and he spoke from positive, conscious knowledge. He was able to function in the spiritual worlds, and read the past history of mankind; there he learned how temporal things crumble away to primal dust, but the things of the spirit live on for ever and ever.

For My Mother

BY MURIEL THURSTON

When once again I yearn toward this earth,
An eager blossom on the fruitful Tree,
A changeling, seeking form for its rebirth,
Yet at the core the same essential me;
God grant this meadow, lush with waving grass,
Will not lose memory of my bare foot's touch,
And my return be swift, though eons pass,
To Beauty in this life loved overmuch!

By some long-treasured memo in the heart
My soul unerringly will keep its tryst
With quaint and lovely things—the donkey's cart,
Pink petals on a pool of amethyst.

*And oh, across the years my blessing be
Upon the woman who will mother me!*

The Story of a Selfish Man

BY LAWRENCE A. CULVER



HIS is the true story of a man who was—and possibly still is—a thoroughly selfish specimen of the human race.

At a very early age he decided that he wanted to be happy; wanted to get all out of life that he possibly could. That is not such an abnormal desire—not exceptional enough to tell a story about—for most young people want to be happy. But whereas others, as they grow older and have some or all of their illusions shattered by the hard facts of life, finding happiness not so easily attained, set themselves to the easier goal of winning wealth, this man did not outgrow his desire for happiness.

As a rule, a selfish man is not reasonable; but this one happened to have a rather analytical type of mind and was inclined to reason things out.

"As far as I can see," he told himself, "if a man has everything else in the world *except* happiness, then he isn't happy. But if he *has* happiness, then no matter what else he *hasn't* got, he's happy anyway, and there's nothing else to wish for. In fact, the only reason in the world why anyone, from my practical and selfish point of view, should wish for anything he hasn't got, is because he thinks it will make him happy. But if he's already happy, he already has what he wants."

Then this calculating individual, cold-bloodedly and systematically began to look about him to see what makes people happy.

The most *obviously* happy person he could find was the adolescent in the full grip of love's young dream. And the very peaks of joy seemed to be reached when the love struck youth was in some way *serving* the object of his affections—picking up her handkerchief, carrying

her books, working for her, *serving* her. And she was obviously the happiest when she was doing something for him—making cake or candy that he would like—making with her own hands something that he would wear, or in some manner working for him—being of service to the one she loved.

"That's living," said the selfish man to himself. "If I could only be like that, I'd have what I want—happiness."

But in the man's horoscope Saturn was square Venus, and he could not feel Venus love. No matter how hard he tried to fall in love, the fire simply would not burn.

It was not long before he was thanking his lucky stars that this was so; for the boy and girl he had been observing parted company. The cause he did not know. Probably she was a coquette, and her attention had been attracted by some new arrival on the scene; or he may have been the inconstant one, and had suddenly discovered that he preferred other company. Then only broken hearts, shattered illusions, wrecked dreams remained.

"None of that for me!" said the selfish man.

Then he looked elsewhere for happiness. He saw that some derived a measure of happiness, or at least a pleasurable excitement, out of making money; but the ones who really loved money seemed to suffer terribly when they lost all or any part of it. Anyway, he could not see that the money-maker ever reached the heights that young lovers dwell upon.

Again his search began: He studied the life of the drinking man, that of the gambler, the libertine, the professional reformer, everyone who, in his or her own way, was, he supposed, looking for

happiness. But he could find in most of them only objects of pity. They were children who had failed to grow up mentally. They had, however, lost the carefree happiness that children know. With drink or drugs, with unnatural food for body and mind, with excesses and excitement, some sought to deaden consciousness and forget the trials of life. And alas, poor things! They called it happiness when, for a fleeting moment, they managed to forget.

Finding nothing among such as these to interest a selfish man, he returned to the contemplation of a pair of youthful lovers finding happiness in loving service to each other.

"If a fellow could only get that feeling," said the selfish man, "and make it really permanent, he would surely be sitting on top of the world, so to speak."

His first problem was to get the right kind of feeling. Since he could not fall in love as others did, he did not see how he could get a start; and of course one must start before he can keep on going.

Finally, as he continued to observe young lovers and their obvious happiness, it occurred to him that it might not be necessary to be in love at all. Of course it was love that prompted the desire to be of service, but *it seemed to be the service itself that lifted one to the peaks of happiness.*

So he abandoned his seat on the side lines where, alone but never lonesome, he had been watching the world go by, and began to seek the company of others. With the concentration and persistence of a cold-blooded scientist carrying out an experiment, he selected, very much at random, a young lady, and began to perform all the big and little acts of service that seemed to bring the thrill of happiness to other lovers he had observed.

Due to the Law of Inertia, his heart-strings did not immediately respond. But he persisted, and finally he began to feel something stirring in his breast. His heart seemed to swell slightly and

send a thrill throughout his entire being.

"I believe this is going to work," said the selfish man. "And of course it should work, for it is quite in accord with the scientific axiom: 'There can be no action without a reaction.' Vibrations of electric current through a wire will induce an electrical pressure in a secondary wire placed adjacent to it. And it will work the other way just as well—that is, the secondary may become the primary and induce electrical vibrations in what was first the primary. In exactly the same way, it is logical to suppose that if love will induce a desire to be of service to the loved one, then acts of service performed for another will induce a feeling of love. It is not only sensible, logical, reasonable, but it actually works."

As the love vibrations in the breast of this selfish man grew stronger and stronger, causing him to know greater and greater happiness, he began to fear that he could not make it permanent.

"This woman," he said to himself, "whom I have selected, very much at random, as the object of this experiment, does not seem to be overly enthusiastic about me. I have an idea that she would not hesitate a moment to leave me if a better man than I should come along."

For a moment he wondered if he should suffer as the victims of young love seemed to suffer when the loved one proved untrue. But he couldn't imagine himself greatly affected. He really didn't seem to care.

About that time, his omnivorous reading brought him in contact with the Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception. From that wonder book he learned the distinction between personal love and impersonal love.

"Ah!" he exclaimed. "There's the answer. As long as I concentrate upon serving someone—anyone—I should know a measure of love and happiness. If I care not at all whether she loves me in return, I cannot be thrown into the

doldrums if she leaves me waiting at the church."

Then a broadening of consciousness brought another thought: "Why some ONE? Why any ONE? Why only ONE? If by serving one, I find a little happiness, I should find twice as much by serving two, and a hundred times as much by serving a hundred."

That sounded sensible and reasonable. But our selfish man was more than a logician. He was a true experimenter. He started to put the theory into practice. And he found that it made absolutely no difference whom he served. A helpful act of kindness brought an immediate reaction—a feeling of love and happiness.

About that time he found himself far from home and not at all far from being without finances. He had never done manual labor in his life, but now he could find no other way to earn some much needed money than by shoveling dirt into a truck. So he took such a job and joined a mixed crew of laborers.

He found himself working beside an exceptionally objectionable specimen. This was a foreigner of some kind—ugly, dirty, fat, greasy, pockmarked, and with a perpetual scowl.

The selfish man did not ordinarily have much feeling, either of like or dislike, for the people he met along the way; but he did thoroughly dislike this fellow worker. There seemed to be a strong natural antipathy existing between the two. As they worked away, their shovels would occasionally strike together by accident. The foreigner's scowl would grow fiercer and his eyes would flash hate.

The selfish man, being outwardly very much of a stoic, would remain apparently unmoved; but fierce dislike would flare within him, all the more devastating because he gave it no physical expression. But the thought vibrations found their mark more surely than a physical blow would have done and

served most effectively to increase the foreigner's antagonism.

The conflict continued for a couple of days before the selfish man got wise to himself. Because of the unusual conditions, he had forgotten that he was an experimental scientist and a philosopher, and had been acting rather like a human being.

Then he suddenly remembered what he had learned—or at least studied—about the power of love. While his muscles continued the routine of shoveling dirt, he closed his eyes in concentration. He mentally visualized the foreigner as smiling upon him in friendly comradeship. Mentally the selfish man reached out and patted this enemy foreigner on the back and said: "God bless you, pal."

Immediately the leaded, numbing, deadening vibrations of hate ceased to grip his heart. In their place, the golden vibrations of altruism filled his being with celestial music, and he was happy, happy, happy.

He opened his eyes and looked at the foreigner just as their shovels struck together again. The selfish man's poker face did not change expression, but in his mind and heart he said cheerfully: "It's all right, pal. God bless you."

The foreigner spoke no word, but instead of the usual scowl, there was a smile and a gleam of pearl white teeth; his eyes were alight with friendliness.

In any story, certain things must be emphasized to bring out the desired points; but this particular incident is not in the least exaggerated. It is *not* manufactured nor fabricated to illustrate the possible application of a theory, for I solemnly affirm that it happened, essentially as I have told it.

Then the selfish man knew beyond all doubt that the teachings of Max Heindel are not simply beautiful theories, but that the Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception is a wonder book indeed. It was true—true—true—and there was happiness to

be found anywhere, everywhere, for the taking. Happiness everywhere.

Imagine, if you will, how a baby chick—if it had the mind of a man—would feel when it steps from the narrow confines of its shell out into the world. Instead of the tiny, close-pressing dome of the egg shell, it would see the great dome of heaven. What an expansion of consciousness!

It seemed to the selfish man that his own consciousness expanded almost to that same degree. Up until that moment, he had been an experimenter, hoping, but scarcely believing, *with a passion for proving by actual trial whether theories would work out in everyday life.*

The selfish man was happy. But of course his happiness was far from being complete or continuous. He was like a babe learning to walk. The babe must try, try again, and often fail, even though it has the loving hand of a mother to guide it. The selfish man had the Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception and the Bible to which the Cosmo furnishes the key. But even so, he would often forget and often fail.

While he had started life and lived much of it without the normal share of feeling, this proved to be an advantage in some respects. He had no pronounced bad habits of *wrong feeling*. He did, however, have many bad habits of *wrong thinking*. Bad thoughts would play such havoc with his newly awakened desire nature that he was continually reminded of the necessity for right thinking.

Anyway, he was now on the trail—the trail leading to that which his selfish mind had started out to find and keep—happiness.

A few days after the incident relating to the foreigner with the shovel, the selfish man drew his pay and prepared to leave. He was not a talker, and no word had passed between him and the foreigner. But as he turned to go, he closed his eyes, and visualizing the smile

ing face and gleaming pearl white teeth of his fellow worker, said in his mind and heart: "So long, pal. I like you fine. God be with you 'till we meet again," and went away very happy indeed.

This foreigner was much more than normally emotional, and therefore very receptive to the thought and feeling vibrations of the selfish man. His response was immediate and obvious. Most others will be less responsive—far less responsive—but anyone, even though he be a cold-blooded intellectual such as the selfish man had been, will not remain unaffected if kind thoughts and loving feelings are persistently directed toward him. The selfish man proved, completely to his own satisfaction, that this is not an idealistic theory—not an abstract idea. Anyone can prove it for himself if he will simply close his eyes, visualize another person, and think and feel, "God bless you." The thought and feeling will surely have an effect upon the other person, but the greatest effect will be the reaction upon himself.

Thoughts of dislike and criticism will react just as surely. In fact, the reaction from critical thoughts was more powerful in the case of the selfish man than from the good thoughts; because being naturally critical, he had kept the channels open, while thoughts of love and service were cutting new channels, a process which consumed much of his available energy.

Another important point observed by the selfish man was that any person for whom one seems to have a pronounced feeling of dislike, or a natural antagonism, is the best subject upon which to practice if one is to judge by the reaction upon himself.

From a study of the Rosicrucian Philosophy the selfish man learned that such an antipathy exists between two people because of a maladjustment brought over from a previous incarnation. They have met and fought before; but their fight was not fought to a finish. Somewhere,

sometime, the fight must end in peace, understanding, sympathy, and love.

This *sounded* reasonable enough. The selfish man could have said, as so many of us do—"Oh, yes, I understand that," and have gone on with his reading. But he wanted to prove things; for he could not believe that he *really understood* a thing until he had experienced it—put it into practice. He recalled that he had received the most immediate and complete happiness from his experience with the foreigner with the shovel, and that he had never met any other person toward whom he had felt so antagonistic in the beginning.

Then he hunted up everyone he could think of for whom he had ever felt any dislike. He made a practice of going to sleep at night with the picture of some potential enemy in his mind. But it was not an enemy he saw—not a person disliked—but a friend, a brother, a jolly good fellow, kind and loving and true. And his last waking thought would be: "God bless you, friend."

And when he met that enemy again, lo and behold, he was not an enemy at all, but a friend.

Thus by actually trying out—actually putting into practice, as an experimental scientist—these ideas which we all study in the Rosicrucian philosophy and in the teachings of Christ, they ceased to be abstractions and became real, a part of his own experience.

As far as I know—as far as the selfish man knows—he is as selfish as ever. Not *meanly* selfish—he never was that—but he honestly cannot see that he is being altruistic by loving and serving; for he knows that it is but bread cast upon the waters—bread that will come back to him increased an hundred fold.

He is still rather cold-blooded, hard-

headed, practical. He believes that Max Heindel knew what he was talking about when he said that the object of life is experience rather than happiness. He has had much experience; but, more and more, his experiences are happy ones. He believes that anyone can have both happiness and experience by *actually living* the Rosicrucian teachings. Not *simply reading, studying, or even professing them*; but by making them the guiding factor in everyday thinking, feeling, and living.

Because thinking, feeling, and living the Rosicrucian philosophy makes him happier than doing anything else, he most earnestly—maybe even selfishly—so desires to think, feel, and live.

But, more often than not, he finds that he does the things that he would not do, and leaves undone the things that he would do. Therefore he needs and asks for the prayers, sympathy, and kind thoughts of all his fellow men; and in return he is sending out the same to all who will receive them.

Mother's Prayer

BY JAMES M. POWELL

She who swayed me in her arms,
Sheltered me from infant harms;
Held me fondly to her breast,
Cradled me to 'bodes of rest;
Prayed a prayer that angels sing,
Prayed in faith that days should bring
Brighter times than she had known:
Peace on earth, to one her own.

Peace on earth! My mother's prayer
Blends with others everywhere
Till on Mother's Day the song
Rises mighty through the long
Waiting years which come and go,
To reach the realm of *Be-it-so!*



A ROSICRUCIAN CATECHISM

Birth of the Dense Body

Q. Do the vehicles of the new-born at once become active?

A. No. The dense body is helpless for a long time after birth. Reasoning from analogy we can readily see that the same must be the case with the higher vehicles.

Q. Is there any means of proving this?

A. Through development of positive clairvoyance, as the occult scientist is able to see and study these vehicles.

Q. What line of reasoning would support this conclusion?

A. As the dense body is slowly prepared for the separate, individual life within the protecting cover of the womb, so the other bodies are gradually born and nurtured into activity in the womb of Nature, the Macrocosm, until ready for full birth.

Q. Are not all the vehicles present when the dense body is born?

A. In the period immediately following birth the different vehicles interpenetrate one another, but though they are all present, as in adult life, they are *merely present*. None of their positive faculties are active. The vital body cannot use the forces which operate along the positive pole of the ethers.

Q. What evidence would prove this fact?

A. Assimilation, which works along the positive pole of the chemical ether, is very dainty during childhood and what there is of it is due to the macrocosmic vital body, the ethers which act as a womb for the child's vital body until approximately the seventh year, gradually ripening it during that period. The propagative faculty, which works along the positive pole of the life

ether, is also latent, and so on through the two higher ethers.

Q. What of the forces working along the negative pole of the ethers of the vital body?

A. These are so much the more active. The excretion of solids, carried on along the negative pole of the chemical ether is too unrestrained, as is also the excretion of fluid. The passive sense-perception, rendering the child very impressionable, as it is "all eyes and ears," is also exceedingly prominent.

Q. What is the state of the forces operating along the negative pole of the reflecting ether?

A. These are extremely active during the earlier years, enabling children to "see" the higher Worlds, and they often prattle about what they see until the ridicule of their elders or punishment for "telling stories" teaches them to desist.

Q. Is the same true of the forces working in the desire body?

A. Yes. The passive feeling of physical pain is present, while the feeling of emotion is almost entirely absent. The child will show emotion on the slightest provocation but the duration of it is but momentary. It is all on the surface.

Q. How does this premise apply to the mind?

A. The child also has the link of mind but is almost incapable of individual thought activity. It is exceedingly sensitive to forces working along the negative pole and is therefore imitative and teachable. Thus all the negative qualities are active in the newborn entity, but before it is able to use its different vehicles, the positive qualities must be ripened.

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY



The Beam in Thine Eye



And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam which is in thine own eye?

Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Matt. 7:3-5.

Every aspirant who has earnestly set out to regenerate his life knows that his emotional, or desire body, is the most powerful adversary he has to cope with. Though less developed than the dense and vital bodies, it presents a more difficult opposition to discipline than either, due to the incessant migratory action of all its atoms and to the high sensitivity of their composition.

On page 133 of *The Rosicrucian Mysteries*, Max Heindel says this: "In the desire body every particle is sensitive to vibrations similar to those which we call sight, sounds, and feelings, and every particle is in incessant motion rapidly swirling about so that at the same instant it may be at the top and bottom of the desire body, and impart at all points to all the other particles a sensation of that which it has experienced. Thus every particle of desire stuff in this vehicle of ours will instantly feel any sensation experienced by any single particle. Therefore the desire body is of an exceedingly sensitive nature, capable of most intense feelings and emotions."

In addition to the difficulty imposed upon the governing Ego by this instant and often tumultuous reaction to every thought and feeling, the confusion is further increased by the variety in color and consistency of the respective par-

ticles. According to our habitual faults or virtues are these particles coarse or tenuous, opaquely ugly, or transparently beautiful in color.

This is all very important when we remember that this heterogeneous, largely uncontrolled mass, which is literally colored by our personality, extends a full sixteen inches beyond our physical body; therefore, everything we behold in the objective world, whether it be a person or a situation, can only be viewed *through* this garbled interception. Our desire body is the beam in our eye, through which we now "see as through a glass, darkly," and is the reason why we dare not judge, because through this confused blur we *cannot* render righteous judgment. Not until this vehicle, through purification and control, becomes so transparent and steadied as to enable us to see our brother *as he is*, and not as he appears to our present deceptive vision, are we equipped to judge his faults rightly and also to be of inspiration and guidance in removing the mote from his eye. And, true to the Law, a mote is all we discover his apparent faults to be, once our emotional prejudices are cleared away and we see "face to face," when spirit calls unto spirit, deep unto deep where hide the high motives and broken hopes, the inner efforts which fall so short in the outer man, the soul hunger unrevealed to the selfishly blind.

And in accordance with the automatic principle of justice throughout the universe, such individual purification and conquest bring an inner compensation that makes every effort worth any cost, and whose outer benefits become a service to humanity which only eternity can fully measure.

The Astral Ray

Astrology is a phase of Mystic Religion, as sublime as the stars with which it deals, and not to be confused with fortunetelling. The educational value of astrology lies in its capacity to reveal the hidden causes at work in our lives. It counsels the adults in regard to vocation, the parents in the guidance of children, the teachers in management of pupils, the judges in executing sentence, the physicians in diagnosing disease,

and in similar manner lends aid to each and all in whatever station or enterprise they may find themselves.

The laws of Rebirth and Consequence work in harmony with the stars, so that a child is born *at the time when the positions of the bodies in the solar system will give the conditions necessary* for its experience and advancement in the school of life, and in perfect accord with divine justice.

Are You Helping Your Stars?

BY MAX HEINDEL



NE not infrequently hears students of astrology express their annoyance at the way the stars work. They complain that the evil directions are always on time and marked in their effect, while very often the good directions seem to have little or no influence and they wonder why. Have you ever realized that you cannot possibly get something for nothing, any more than you can create something out of nothing? This holds good whether you want a loaf of bread, a position, favors, or anything else. If at any time you seem to get something without paying for it you will have to settle later, and settle with interest, for it is nature's law of Justice that nothing is given for nothing. There must be an equivalent in one way or another; the scales may be tipped in one direction for a long time, but as surely as the pendulum swings equally to each side of the neutral point, so surely will the scales of justice swing, and swing until the balance is reached.

This holds good in astrology; it is said that "God helps the man who helps himself." You may also say that *the stars help the man who helps himself*, for they are God's ministers and it should always be remembered that *the stars show tendencies, they mark times when opportunities are ripe, but they*

never under any circumstance compel any one to act in this, that, or the other manner. But neither are the directions haphazard events, they are lessons and experiences for us of which we may avail ourselves or not, as we choose, within certain limits. For instance, the Moon comes to a square of Mars, and it will bring to us an opportunity to lose our temper, and get into trouble thereby; then when the trouble is over and we sit down to reflect on the occurrence we will most likely say to ourselves, well what fools we are to allow a little thing like that to play havoc with our happiness. On the other hand, if the Astrological student uses his knowledge in the proper manner, then he should know what the effect of the Moon square Mars will be, he should resolve to be calm beforehand and say: Here is an opportunity for me to rule my stars; I am going to keep my temper well under control so that no matter what happens, I am going to maintain my equilibrium. Then, when the opportunity comes along to lose his temper, he may stand firm. Although he may feel the passions surging within, he may stand outwardly quiet, keep a cool head, and when the danger is past he will have gained a victory and learned the lesson which it was intended that he *should* learn.

Or suppose that it is a square of the

Moon to Saturn; this will cause people to worry and look upon the dark side of life, but the astrological student may say to himself when such a configuration is approaching: No, I am not going to worry. Worry will not help matters—it hinders, because it takes from me all my strength, wherewith otherwise I could overcome conditions. I am going to look at the bright side of the matter and see what I can do to remedy this trouble.

As a matter of fact, most of the things we worry about never come to pass, and if the student can learn under this planetary direction to keep his equilibrium, to stop worrying, then he has ruled his stars and learned an important lesson.

Thus, if he helps his stars by learning the lessons which they are endeavoring to teach him, the evil directions will not have the same power over him as if he simply sits down and folds his hands, saying, "Well, I cannot help it. I am under evil directions and naturally things are bound to go wrong in every particular."

There is in the horoscope a dominant factor, namely: the individual will. Bear in mind that *the horoscope shows only tendencies and it has no power whatever to compel you; compulsion is from within yourself*. You, in the final analysis, are the dominant factor in that horoscope, and can by an exercise of sufficient will power rule your stars. It is admitted that we are all weak, and therefore not able to exercise the necessary will power at all times, but that is exactly why these evil directions are sent to us—to cultivate a stronger and a firmer will to do the right thing at the right time, and it depends upon ourselves whether we shall be compelled by circumstances from without or by our own will from within. Surely that is the proper way, and astrological students above all other people ought to be able to guide their lives safely amid the rocks and shoals of existence, because they have proper warning; they know

what is coming, and they should prepare for it.

On the other hand it is asked: Why do the good directions not bring a corresponding measure of benefit? And the answer to that question is, for the very same lack of cooperation; it is as absolutely necessary to help our stars in one direction as to hinder them in the other.

Are you out of a position, with perhaps the family exchequer running low and no means in sight wherewith to replenish it, but your hopes are centered upon a strong favorable direction such as perhaps a trine of the progressed Moon to the ruler of the sixth house or the Sun, under these conditions you feel sure, from an astrological standpoint that you are going to obtain a good position which will put you on easy street? Very well, you may be sure that the opportunity will come, but do not expect it to be laid in your lap without a single effort upon your part. If a thing is worth having it is worth going after; it is worth making the very best efforts to get it. Do not neglect any detail; dress yourself carefully, but not showily when you go to see the person who has it in his power to bestow the favor. Remember, first impressions are important; have all your ammunition ready in the shape of recommendations and everything else that you would have were you not depending upon an astrological aspect to help you get the position. Use every proper means of impressing the prospective employer with your ability and you may depend that your effort will be successful, for *you have helped your stars*, you have grasped your opportunity.

Or, are you about to embark in a business venture with someone else and you feel very confident because the Moon is trine to the Sun and Venus in the seventh house? Be careful that you do not lay aside your caution on that account, thinking that under such a direction no one can come into your

partnership who is not all right. If you do, you neglect your part and you will have no reason whatever to blame the stars if later on it is shown that the person is not all you expected him to be. Nothing is needed in the world today in the same degree that we need common sense, and this applies to the department of astrology, as well as to every other department of life. Opportunity may be likened to a toboggan slide between ourselves and our desires; it is necessary for us to make an adequate initial effort in order to launch our sled upon this incline, but once we have done our part, then everything will go along swimmingly under favorable directions, for then the stars are with us to impress others in our behalf, or to strengthen our penetrative power so that we may know what is best for us.

If you want to know positively the power of directions, even transits, as we call the actual position of the stars in the sky, take an ephemeris and note moon aspects given in the extreme right hand column for each month. This magazine will reach you in March. On the 2nd and 29th the Moon is in opposition to Mars, and you will then find in people a general lack of energy and ambition; they would rather tear down than build. On the 15th we have a conjunction of Mars and the Moon. Then people will be active and energetic, but impulse, rather than common sense will govern, hence they will accomplish little good, and may do harm without intention. But on the 6th and 24th, when the Moon and Mars are trine, there will be a general desire among people to do something of a constructive nature, and they will meet with success in such efforts. And last but not least, on the 8th and 22nd the Moon square Mars will make people irritable, quarrelsome, destructive, ready to fly at each other, unreasonable and unmanageable.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The above aspects were in effect in March, 1916, when this article was written.*

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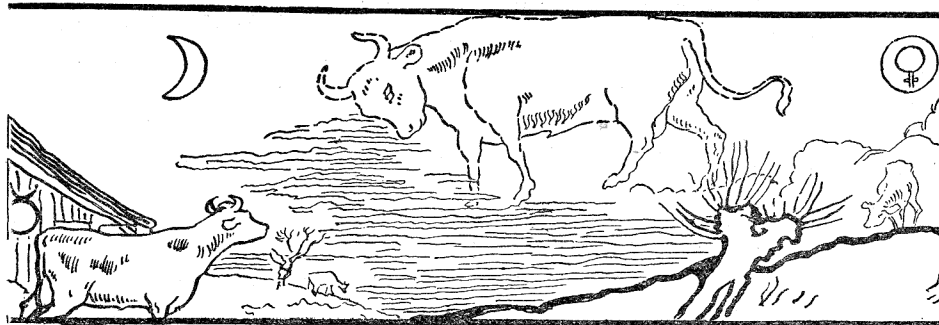
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The Children of Taurus



As the second sign of the zodiac, Taurus marks the second phase of the sun's annular cycle. In Aries the sun expresses himself as the beginner, the pioneer who by his vast expenditure of solar force launches all plant and animal life on another round of manifestation. Upon entering Taurus his method of expression changes. Turning from the hot, impulsive ways characterizing the beginning of his cycle, in Taurus the sun more closely resembles the patient, hard-working settler, than the adventurous pioneer. The forms which he has imbued with life, must continue to receive help in a steady stream if they are to continue their existence.

It has become apparent that impulsive action in itself is not enough; that if something worth-while is to be accomplished, action must be steadied, controlled, and directed to practical ends. Once the way has been opened by the initiatory forces, it becomes necessary that those forces be used to clear and cultivate the field of manifestation. The settler, like the vast hosts of plants started under the influence of Aries, must "stay put" and go through the slow, laborious process of growth. And growth is one of the keywords of Taurus, the most constructive of signs.

But the slowness of the pace may not seem particularly trying, for the Taurian has a conviction that if a thing is to be

done right, it must usually be done with precision; and that if a thing is worth-while the time and effort required to do it are insignificant. Taurus being a fixed sign, we usually find very strong and deeply rooted desires and resistance to change in its natives. Like the Bull or Ox symbolizing that part of the zodiac, Taurians often show an almost irresistible determination to attain the things of the senses or of the world to which they are usually strongly attracted. Since persistence is one of the chief requirements of success, Taurians are often among the most successful, for once having decided upon an acceptable end, they will work with unusual persistence and patience to attain success. There are many Taurians who hold key positions due to their practical and executive abilities.

Ruled by the artistic, harmonious Venus, Taurians are amicable and easy to get along with, since they generally love peace and harmony; qualities conducive to the "arts of peace," to proper development and growth of the things they hold most desirable. While forgiving and slow to anger, they resemble nothing quite as much as an enraged bull once the limit of their endurance has been reached. They generally show a keen appreciation of certain forms of beauty; particularly music, singing and

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Astrological Readings for Subscribers' Children

We delineate each month in this department the horoscope of *ONE* of our subscribers' children, age up to twenty-one years. This includes a general reading and also vocational guidance advice. The names are drawn by lot. Each *FULL* year's subscription, either a new one or a renewal, entitles the subscriber to an *application* for a reading. The application should be made when the subscription is sent in. The applications not drawn by lot lose their opportunity for a reading. *Readings are*

NOT given with EACH subscription, but only to the ONE CHILD whose name is drawn each month.

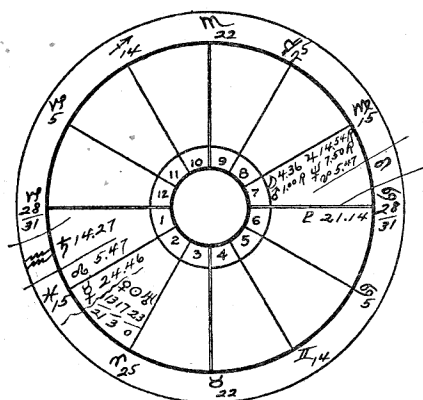
In applying be sure to give full name, sex, birthplace; and year, month, and day of month; also hour and minute of birth as nearly as possible. If the time of birth is *Daylight Saving Time*, be sure to state this, otherwise the delineation will be in error.

We neither set up nor read horoscopes for money, and we give astrological readings only in this magazine.

ELIZABETH L. P.

Born April 7, 1933, 2:45 A.M.

Latitude 41 N. Longitude 82 W.



In this chart we find the ambitious, persistent, cardinal, earthy sign Capricorn, rising. The forces working through the cardinal signs, Aries, Cancer, Libra, and Capricorn, impinge upon the dense body and stir it into action. Through the activities of these forces are accomplished the industrial things of the world, and the concrete existence of schemes, large or small, of value to the world's work are brought about by their action; also the acquisition of wealth, commercial inventions, and furthermore they stimulate executive ability. As Capricorn is in its last three degrees, there is a mixture of Capricorn and Aquarius qualities indicated. Saturn rules Capricorn and is co-ruler of Aquarius so there are the qualities of patience, persistence, and ambition in evidence.

The Sun, Venus, and Uranus in the second house show a very comfortable living may be gained through the favor of people in a position to further material prosperity; but there is great danger of extravagance on the theory of "come easy, go easy." Uranus will bring unexpected losses as well as gains. The Sun is in Aries, its exaltation sign, and therefore powerful, endowing great strength and a wonderful fund of energy to withstand any onslaught of disease. Being conjunct Venus it calls forth the artistic side of the nature, giving a love for music, art, and literature; it also strengthens the constitution and favors popularity. The Sun sextile Saturn brings out the best qualities of both planets: method, foresight, organizing and executive ability, with the moral stamina to carry to a successful conclusion any endeavor undertaken, despite delays and obstacles. This aspect favors a kind, considerate disposition, indicating that the person would never stoop to perform a mean act, and would be sincere in all dealings with others.

Saturn in the first house indicates ultimate success in life, through persistence, self-control, and restraint, no matter what the handicaps may be. It also tends to develop a wonderful capacity for work and stimulates untiring energy. Saturn in Aquarius sextile the Sun and Venus, gives a humane outlook upon life, very deliberate and distinct speech, a seriousness in all affairs of

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VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE ADVICE

THESE PAGES are a free service for readers—whether subscribers or not. Advice is based on the horoscope; therefore please give us the following information: Sex,

place of birth; year, day of month, and hour; full name. No readings given except in the Magazine and ONLY FOR PERSONS 14 to 45 YEARS OF AGE.—EDITOR.



Broadcaster. Manager

WILLIAM P.—Born June 4, 1916, 12:30 P.M. Lat. 42 N. Long. 88 W. With airy signs on the Midheaven, 2nd and 6th cusps, any artistic or literary occupation would be successful. Sun and Mercury in the 9th house in Gemini, Uranus in the 5th house in Aquarius, and Neptune in Leo indicate success as a radio broadcaster, also ability to write scripts and drama. Artistic ability is also shown and illustrator is suggested. With Venus, Saturn, Moon, and Pluto in Cancer success can be looked for as manager of a hotel or restaurant, Jupiter sextile Uranus giving executive ability.

Hostess. Dressmaker

GLORIA McG.—Born August 20, 1900, 12:30 P.M. Lat. 42 N. Long. 93 W. With Venus, Moon, and Mars in Cancer and Virgo on the Midheaven, success is denoted as a hotel hostess, food specialist, or caterer. Five planets and the Dragon's Head in fire signs indicate ability as dressmaker, chauffeur, hand wrought iron articles, or any other occupation where fire, metal, or tools are used. Three planets and Dragon's Head in Sagittarius, Sun and Mercury in Leo, show ability for leadership and organization of athletic sports. Executive ability is shown by Sun trine Saturn, also by Jupiter and Uranus conjunct in the 1st house.

Salesman. Executive

THOMAS C.—Born January 9, 1900, 9 A.M. Lat. 41 N. Long. 15 E. Here we find a choice of two lines of work related to salesmanship: one is the sale of real estate, shown by Pluto, Nep-

tune and Dragon's Tail in the 4th house in Gemini; the other is the sale of sports goods shown by three planets and the Dragon's Head in Sagittarius, three of them in the 10th house. Executive ability is also shown by Mars conjunct the Sun. These two planets in the 12th house in Capricorn and Mercury also in Capricorn indicate success as a warden, or a detective; or a position of trust in a club house, athletic field, or any other department where out-door sports are featured. Talent for writing convincing advertisements is also indicated.

Executive. Teacher

SVEN B. B.—Born July 19, 1920, 10:14 A.M. Lat. 60 N. Long. 11 E. The Sun and Pluto in the 10th house, Saturn sextile Mars in Scorpio, and Mercury in Leo, point to success as an executive in some prominent position. Saturn in Virgo gives ability in managing others. Saturn and Moon in Virgo in the 12th house would indicate work in a hospital as dietitian or chemist. Venus, Mercury, Neptune, and Jupiter in Leo, Venus in the 10th house, Uranus in Pisces in the 5th house, indicate success as a teacher of the drama, or dramatics. Four planets in fire signs and Mars in Scorpio in the 2nd house also show mechanical ability.

Lecturer. Executive

FRANCES E. H.—Born October 7, 1898, 12 P.M. Lat. 41 N. Long. 96 W. Sun conjunct Jupiter in 10th house and Mercury conjunct Midheaven, Saturn in 12th, sextile Mercury and Sun, indicate ability to fill executive positions or to work in governmental offices. Three

planets in the 7th house make it easy and natural for this native to meet the public and to hold an audience. Talent for writing and dramatics is also shown by five planets in airy signs, Neptune in Gemini, and Mercury in the 9th house. Uranus sextile Mercury gives unusual, original ideas, and the three powerful planets in Libra bestow artistic ability. Nutrition and foods offer another field of endeavor.

Secretary. Operator

MARJORIE E.—Born October 29, 1925, 12:06 P. M. Lat. 34 N. Long. 118 W. Saturn and Mercury are in the 10th house sextile Jupiter, trine Uranus and Pluto. This shows ability as a secretary, stenographer, or telephone operator. With five planets in watery signs, also the Dragon's Head, this young lady could be successful in occupations associated with water, such as a stewardess on a ship. Any occupation in which liquids are manufactured or sold could prove successful and profitable (medicines come under this classification).

Executive. Lawyer

PHYLISS A. J.—Born January 1, 1929, 11:18 A.M. Lat. 47 N. Long. 122 W. The Sun in the 10th house in Capricorn and Jupiter in the 1st house indicate success in a position of responsibility and trust in governmental work. Sagittarius on the 9th house and Midheaven, Saturn in Sagittarius and conjunct Midheaven, Jupiter ruler of the 9th house well aspected by a sextile to Mars and trine to Neptune, show ability as a lawyer. Moon in Virgo and Mercury in Capricorn suggest chemistry and dietetics.

Columnist. Banker

JEANETTE M. C.—Born June 25, 1911, 5:30 P.M. Lat. 46 N. Long. 113 W. There are several occupations offered by Libra on the Midheaven and Mercury, Pluto, and Moon in Gemini in the 7th house, such as columnist or other newspaper work, lecturer on litera-

ture, librarian, or clerk in a book store, telegraph or postal employee, traveling saleslady for those things which Venus rules: perfumes, jewelry, etc. Another occupation is that of banker shown by Capricorn on the cusp of the 2nd house and Taurus on the 6th, Saturn in Taurus and Uranus in Capricorn. The Sun and Neptune in Cancer and Jupiter in Scorpio, watery signs, suggest an occupation involving liquids or as hostess of a tea room.

Radio Technician. Engineer

SGT. WILLIAM H. A.—Born May 10, 1915, 4 P.M. Lat. 39 N. Long. 84 W. Uranus in Aquarius, Mars in Aries, Saturn in Gemini in the 9th house, show ability as a radio technician. Mars, Venus, and Moon conjunct in the 6th house, Cancer on the Midheaven and Uranus and the Dragon's Head in the 4th house, would indicate success in radio repair work. Talent as a broadcaster is also shown, the Sun in Taurus giving a strong, pleasant voice. Ability as an engineer is shown by Mars sextile Uranus, Mars in Aries, and Uranus and Dragon's Head in Aquarius. Three planets in fire signs give ability to handle tools and instruments and mechanical ability in automotive or electrical devices.

Instructor. Chemist

EDWIN H.—Born March 13, 1927, 7:57 P.M. Lat. 48 N. Long. 122 W. Neptune and Moon in Leo and Jupiter in the 5th house show ability to teach; and five planets, Dragon's Head, and Midheaven in watery signs, indicate an instructor of aquatic sports. Three planets in the 6th, the house of service, coast guard or merchant marine seems to be suggested. Sun, Uranus, and Mercury in Pisces and in the 6th house also show ability as a chemist, dietitian, hygienist, a preparer of health foods and work with the chemistry of foods. Venus trine Neptune, semisextile Mercury and Jupiter in Pisces denote talent and ability for music.

Worth-While News



Do Not Forget the Moon in Your Planting

To the Editor: I want to ask this question—is it best to go by the moon in planting gardens? If so, what are the best times to plant?—Reader, Rivera.

The influence of the moon, if there is any, has never been demonstrated. There is so much more that man can do that we can well afford to give up this belief which has passed down from generation to generation.

The important considerations in planting are to have the soil in good condition, with ample moisture, prepared in advance of planting time. Such matters as leveling, laying out and preparation of a firm, compact seed bed are important. Then the seed should not be planted until soil is sufficiently warm to insure germination of the particular seed.—*Pacific Rural Press*, March 18, 1944.

In the Question and Answer department of a bi-weekly farm journal we came across this surprising answer to a question asked by one of its readers. When we read the answer to the question we felt like asking the person who wrote it just how much experience he has had in planting gardens—in harmony with moon dates. Certainly no individual who has not thoroughly tested this method would so readily denounce it to the many readers who are depending on him for valuable advice. Particularly, should such statements be based on knowledge at the present time, for surely never in the world's history, has the garden taken such a prominent place in relation to the welfare of mankind.

To be really capable of giving advice on the subject of lunar planting one must be well grounded in astrology and must have made a special study of the effects of the moon in all its different aspects and phases. Then the information acquired should be tested by means of actual experiment. Drug store almanacs

which give the moon's place by constellation are practically valueless. For correct lunar planting one must use the moon's place by zodiacal sign. Knowing the exact time the moon changes from one zodiacal sign to another is most important for the reason that some signs are fertile while others are barren.

One should also know what to plant during the four different quarters of the moon as there are certain times best suited for the planting of certain crops or plants. For instance: Bulbs planted for flower growth are usually set out when the moon is increasing in light; but if one desires to improve the bulb or seed for the next year's planting, then it should be set out when the moon's light is decreasing. Of course the weather, moisture, quality of seed, and nature of plants in relation to sunny or shady exposure should all be carefully considered.

Lunar planting is practically a science all by itself, as those who practice it know quite well, and it requires careful study and much experimentation in the beginning, in order to meet with success; but it will amply repay those who practice it in results obtained. A case in point was noted in an article printed in the last *Astrological Bulletin*. Recently a Harvest Show was sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the *Evening Outlook* of Santa Monica, California. An exhibit covering some 150 feet of table space was closely packed with produce. The sweepstakes grand prize for the vegetable display was won by Mrs. C. A. Rodenburg, who exhibited thirty-four varieties of vegetables.

In a letter written to Llewellyn George, Editor of the *Bulletina*, Mrs. Rodenburg stated: "Seeds were all planted,

and plants were set, according to the rules and tables given in your Moon Sign Book. I really have a fine garden and grew enough vegetables for several families."

This certainly is a Victory Garden worthy of mention; and the success of such a gardener as Mrs. Rodenburg is well worth investigating. This is an age of all sorts of remarkable discoveries related to practically every department of industry; and therefore it behooves each one of us to be very careful about giving out opinions to others unless we are very sure that such advice is based on knowledge obtained by those who have positive proof of the authenticity of information given out by them.

Is There a God?

BY CHATEAUBRIAND

Is there a God? The herbs of the valley, the cedars of the mountains bless Him; the insect sports in His beams; the elephant salutes Him with the rising day; the bird sings Him in the foliage; the thunder proclaims Him in the heavens; the ocean declares His immensity. Man alone has said "There is no God."

While you are gazing upon the sun which is plunging under that vault of the west, another observer admires him emerging from the gilded gates of the east. By what inconceivable magic does that aged star which is sinking, fatigued and burning in the shades of the evening, reappear at the very instant fresh and humid with the rosy dews of morning? At every instant of the day the glorious orb is at once rising, resplendent at noonday, and setting in the west; or rather our senses deceive us, and there is, properly speaking, no east or west or south in the world.

Everything reduces itself to a single point, from whence the king of day sends forth at once a triple light in one single substance. The bright splendor is that which nature can present that is most beautiful, for while it gives us an idea of the perpetual magnificence and resistless power of God, it exhibits at the same time a shining image of the glorious Trinity.—*Grand Lodge Bulletin*, February, 1944.

The Western Wisdom philosophy as given out by the Brothers of the Rose Cross, teaches that a certain great Being, designated in the Western World by

the name of God, limits Himself to a certain portion of space in which He elects to create a solar system for the evolution of added self-consciousness. This great Being, whose body is the entire solar system, includes within Himself a host of glorious Hierarchies of inestimable spiritual power and splendor, which are the result of earlier manifestations of this same Creator, also other beings in descending degrees of development down to those which have not reached a stage of consciousness as high as our present humanity; all created beings from the highest to the lowest were fashioned by Him.

During manifestation, each and every created being is working to attain the perfected state exemplified by God. Those beings created first are naturally farthest along in their development; but all are gradually evolving. First the work is very slow because accomplished unconsciously by the evolving beings. However, when once self-consciousness has been acquired, development proceeds much more rapidly.

Nothing is truly high or low in this tremendous scheme, all differences being in the length of time each creation has been in existence. The great God of our solar system creates in life waves, each one consisting of millions of differentiated spiritual intelligences, all of whom will eventually attain perfection. It is this differentiated spirit spark within each creation from those composing the mineral life wave to those nearest to God, that from the very beginning of separation have been striving for ultimate reunion with their source of Being; for each differentiated spirit carries within itself a dim knowledge of its high Source and possesses an inner urge to return whence it came.

From the clod to God, all are His very own creations, and well might the illumined psalmist say:

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are they works; and that my soul knoweth right well."

Question Department



Dangers of Post-Mortem Operations

Question:

A friend of mine who seems interested in our philosophy recently asked me for my opinion concerning a certain "Eye Cornea Clinic" located out west somewhere. It seems that some people "will" their eyes to this clinic, the cornea to be removed almost immediately after death. It is said that the transplanting of this cornea can give sight to blind people. My friend, who is seriously considering willing her eyes to this clinic, wishes to know how it might affect her in her post-mortem state.

Answer:

In order to understand life after so-called death, it is necessary that we know something of the constitution of human beings. Man is not merely a physical body, *having* a mind. He is a spirit possessing a mind and a threefold body, namely, the physical body, the vital or etheric body, and the desire or emotional body. During life and in the waking state of consciousness the vehicles of the spirit are all together and concentric. But at death the spirit clothed in the mind and desire body, withdraws from the physical body. As the vital functions are at an end, the vital body also is taken out of the physical body, leaving the latter inanimate.

Immediately following death an extremely important process is carried on, and those who attend the passing spirit in the death chamber should be very careful that the utmost quiet reigns

there and in the whole house. At this time the pictures of the entire life, which have been stored in the vital body, are passing before the eye of the spirit in a slow and orderly procession, *in reverse order*, from death back to birth. This panorama of the past life lasts ordinarily three and one-half days. The time is dependent upon the strength of the vital body and the nature of the past life.

The reason why it is important that there should be quiet in the house of death during the three and one-half days immediately following the passing of the spirit is this: During that time the panorama of the past life is being etched into the desire body. This panorama will be the basis of the man's experience in Purgatory and the First Heaven, where he will reap, respectively, the ill and the good from the deeds done in the body. This panorama is injured or even destroyed by noise or confusion immediately after death and by any mutilation of the body.

When the life has been full of events, a longer time will be required for this etching than when the life has had little action. *During the time occupied in this process the physical body is connected with the higher vehicles by the silver cord*, which when seen with occult vision has a silvery sheen. It is in the shape of two figure sixes, connected at the hooks; the upper end is connected with the two higher vehicles, while the lower end is still in touch with the physical body. *Any hurt to the physical body is felt in a measure by the spirit until this cord is completely severed.* Embalming, post-mortem examinations, and cremation within three and one-half

days after death are all felt. Therefore these should be avoided during this period.

When the panorama of life has been fully etched into the desire body and the silver cord broken, the vital body gravitates back to the physical body, leaving the spirit free to go on into the higher life. When the physical body is buried, the vital body slowly disintegrates with it. When the physical body is cremated the vital body is simultaneously disintegrated, and the spirit is freed much more quickly from all ties that bind it to the past life than in the case of burial. Hence, aside from all sanitary reasons, the above constitutes a very important occult reason why it is best to have the physical body cremated at the *expiration* of the above mentioned three and one-half days.

You state in your question that the cornea must be removed almost *immediately* after death. This of course would require a post-mortem operation which is exactly what should not be done for the reasons already given.

Again, while benefits to the living might be derived for a part of one life as a result of the operation, the individual undergoing the operation would place him or her self under the law of Infant Mortality which requires that the spirit be brought back to birth, caused to die in childhood, re-enter the Desire World and in the First Heaven be taught the lessons contained in the panorama of which it was deprived at the close of its previous life.

TIME LIMIT TO EACH EARTH LIFE

Question:

Is there a time limit set to one's earth life before he is born?

Answer:

Yes, there is. The Third Heaven, located in the Region of Abstract Thought, is a place of waiting where the

spirit rests between the time when its labors in the Second Heaven have been completed and the time when it again experiences the desire for rebirth. It is this desire of the spirit for further experiences that draws it back to rebirth; and the great Celestial Beings known as the Recording Angels assist the spirit to come to birth in the place best suited to give it the experience necessary to further develop its powers and possibilities.

If there is no special reason why the spirit should take birth in any particular family among certain friends or foes, it is allowed to choose its own place of birth and environment. In order to assist the spirit in making that choice the Recording Angels call up before the spirit's vision a panorama in general outlines of each of the lives offered. This panorama will show what part of the spirit's past debts it is expected to pay, and what fruits it may expect to reap during the coming life. The spirit is left free to choose between several lives offered; but when once a choice has been made no evasion is possible during the coming life.

When the spirit coming down to rebirth reaches the Second Heaven it forms the creative archetype of its physical form with the help of the Creative Hierarchies. This archetype, which is a singing, vibrating creation, is set into action by the spirit with a certain force commensurate with the length of life to be lived upon earth, and until that archetype ceases to vibrate the form which is built of the chemical constituents of the earth will continue to live. But the moment that vibration ceases, the spirit leaves the physical form which begins to disintegrate.

ERRATUM: On page 61, February issue, 2nd and 3rd lines from bottom of column two should read: "... all impressions are transmitted to it by the brain and the nerves. . . ." Editor.

Nutrition and Health

Rosicrucian Ideals

The Rosicrucian Teachings advocate a *simple, pure, and harmless life*. We hold that a plain vegetarian diet is most conducive to health and purity, also that alcoholic drinks, tobacco, and stimulants are injurious to health and spirituality. AS CHRISTIANS we believe it to be our duty to avoid sacrificing the lives of animals and

birds for food, also, as far as possible to refrain from using their skins and feathers for clothing. We hold vivisection to be diabolical and inhuman.

We believe in the healing power of prayer and concentration, but we also believe in the use of material means to supplement the higher forces.

Our motto is: A SANE MIND, A SOFT HEART, A SOUND BODY

Astrology's Answer to Infantile Paralysis

BY DR. A. J. HAWORTH

(PART TWO—CONCLUSION)



OLIOMYELITIS germs have been found in sewers and other places where decaying matter is found. And researchers in seventy-two universities, supported by The Presidential Ball contributions, have tagged the mosquito and the common housefly as possible carriers; so we can see that this germ, like all others, is found in many ordinary places which we may contact daily. But, if one has a virile blood stream and a body free from poisonous gases and toxins and has no serious chart afflictions, he is absolutely immune from this disease. No disease germ (and all are scavengers) can or will attempt to enter a healthy body and meet its death through the repellent force of the red corpuscle.

One vaccine "expert" injected healthy children with a weakened virus solution to make them immune to a certain ailment. The result was that many took down with a serious case of the disease. A vaccine used prior to that time was utterly impotent in combating the disease.

Until such foolishness is stopped, progress along the right line will never be made. At least not by men who are possessed with the idea that a laboratory *outside* the human body can do the

miraculous things performed daily by the human laboratory. It is a shame, too, when we consider that such men are so ably suited and educated to search in the body chemistry for the answers. Surgeons have been and are contributing many wonderful corrections of limb and muscle deformities through ingenious methods. Short legs have been made longer, et cetera, by purely mechanical means.

Poliomyelitis symptomatology records show that its attack is usually preceded by "sniffles" (Uranus, ruling the pituitary gland above and back of the nasal cavity is "acting up"). At the first "cold sniffle" one should not get excited and panicky, for the symptoms that follow a polio case gradually begin next to stiffen the neck and spine, followed by trembling hands and abdominal cramps (Neptune, Mercury, and Uranus are now combining forces).

For those of you who fear that you will become a victim of an epidemic, the only sensible thing to do is stay where you are and start cleaning your body with alkalizing foods. Plenty of plain hot water and lemon juice is about the most powerful antiseptic known. Furthermore, you should rearrange your fear-stricken mind by assuring yourself that you are immune to assault. The

reason you are or can be made so has been explained. There is every reason to believe that tonsillitis operations open the path for these tiny poliomyelitis invaders and removal of these valuable organs is distinctly contraindicated.

Let us have a look at some late discoveries made by occult scientists and astrologers in regard to combative measures. The astro-cause and preventive measures have been discussed. Here is the basis on which the Invisible and Visible Helpers work on all pathology:

The dense body is surrounded and interpenetrated by an etheric body and two of the four ethers comprising this body are composed of gas belonging to the physical plane, namely, the chemical and life; the former having to do with the chemical processes of the body and the latter with propagation of the species. The other two have to do mostly with mental processes. This vital body has its root in the spleen and shapes the foetus during gestation and is fully active and in touch with the earth's vital body up to the age of seven. Records show that most children "struck" with poliomyelitis are around this age.

The vital body is cell for cell a duplicate of the dense body, and the desire body sheath interpenetrates the vital and dense body, and has to do with our emotional life. The mind body works through the brain and through it has connection with every cell in the other three bodies via the ethers and the physical nervous system.

During the countless years the human body has been under construction, slow and marvelous changes have been wrought. The vital body was built during the Sun Period after the inception of the dense body during the previous Saturn Period. Later the forces correlated to the Moon Period predominated in developing the desire body. This indicates that the vital body, for instance, is made out of "sun stuff" so it could absorb and transmit the sun's energy to maintain physical life. Some

one has questioned, "If the eyes were not made by the sun how could we behold light?" The same can be said of the spleen, particularly, because that is the physical ingress for life force. The other ductless glands guided by the thyroid (Mercury and mind), distribute this force to the other endocrines where the various hormones are manufactured from it. It must be so, for there is an *outlet* in the glands but no physical *inlet* for juices from any other part of the body.

The adrenals and the thymus are especially concerned with the dense body's chemical laboratory and the thyroid in the throat connects the pituitary and the pineal gland in the head with the glands in the trunk. These head glands have to do mostly with man's spiritual evolution, but also control the more attenuated body ethers, including the nerve force and eye ethers, and as stated, the blood, a gas deep in the body, is ruled by Uranus. Hence we see that all body economy is under the dominion of these ductless glands. We also submit that *no* pathology can be corrected without the cooperation of these glands, for they are the key to all physiological conditions.

Now, what is the chief food of these glands? Solar energy, as outlined above. What is the main ingredients of solar force? Vitamins. And every gland is naturally associated with one or more vitamins. There are seven vitamins known to man: A, B, C, D, E, F, and G. There are seven ductless glands. Let us look further.

Of course there are subdivisions, variations, and combinations of the seven main vitamins. But each one has been quite well cataloged as to its respective specific action in the body. And the ductless glands have also been identified as to anatomical function by scientists and occult scientists, the latter having the great advantage of etheric sight, a grade of vision higher than the physical, which permits them to view both the

physiological and etheric processes of every organ in the body. And since the endocrine system functions etherically not as the stomach, liver, et cetera, metaphysicians' findings are not deduced from effects, but from sight and accordingly are more accurate.

For example, the pituitary gland, ruled by Uranus, has dominion over growth and assimilation; and when this gland is malfunctioning, freakish tissue growths of every description ensue, as well as malassimilation of the blood and nerve force. Poliomyelitis could not exist in a chart free from Uranian affliction, although it has to have the adversities of Neptune, which block distribution, as well as perhaps Mercurial adversity. It depends upon sign and house placement in the final analysis.

Now let us connect our vitamin needs with Uranus. Abnormal growths are the results of calcium deposits, which allow tissue to accumulate. Vitamin F is known to lower blood calcium and raise blood phosphorus, and iodine. Thus we see the tendency to high calcium content, which not only plays havoc with normal tissue building, but calcifies and congests nerve force. Assimilation of nerve force can be greatly augmented by vitamin C which cleanses the blood and nerve force, allowing easier flow and better quality. Anyone knows that lemons thin and purify the blood and that their chief vitamin is C.

Vitamin B complex is known to relax nerve tissue, even as does the moist hot packs mentioned in our April magazine article; but it works from the inside and the effect is chemically and clinically different from the packs, though both serve a common purpose. Thus Neptune's vitamin is quite evident. Its chief aid which combats dry tissue is F, which besides the aforementioned properties, also has been found to overcome arid skin, falling hair, as well as irritated mucous membrane caused by acidity and surplus calcium; even in the or-

ganic form, calcium excess causes irritations, often red patches of inflamed epidermis.

The thyroid is ruled by Mercury, and directly connected with the germinal sex cells, correlated to Scorpio, ruler of the generative organs, and opposite Taurus, ruler of the neck and cerebellum. Thus an adverse Mercury will give trouble in proportion to the severity of afflictions. Vitamin E in the wheat germ form is the chief agent in organization of germinal sex cells. And protein synthesis is hindered by deficiency. Thus we see that the vitamins work hand in hand with the minerals and food elements. Indeed the proteins, fats, and carbohydrates as well as the minerals, would be practically useless to the body without this powerful balancing and distributing agency—the ductless glands. For we see how one gives potency to proteids, the tissue builders, and another blocks the overactivity and accumulation of calcium.

It would require a much longer paper than this to go into the various ramifications of this most fascinating and romantic subject. So only the high lights can be given, as a basis for further research. The premise offered here will stand the light of reason and has also actually been used and proved in many cases, to the personal knowledge of the writer.

Naturally the adrenals, spleen, and thymus are important also, but even if their vitamin needs are taken care of and the other three glands neglected, no permanent relief can be obtained, for these glands depend upon the essence of the Uranus, Neptune, and Mercury ruled glands for the manufacture of the hormones detailed for general metabolism. The spleen's main vitamin is the "sunshine vitamin" D. The sun rules this gland which furnishes entrance for the solar energy which enters the system. Vitamin D increases blood calcium by increasing absorption of this mineral from the intestines. The nat-

ural sun's vital essence will not be out of balance by an unafflicted sun in a horoscope, but an adverse sun, or the consumption of excessive vitamin D in the diet and in tablet form, can cause real trouble. A very peculiar skin condition that splotted the entire body of a patient could not be cured until vitamin D and calcium were almost entirely eliminated from the diet. For this person had the sun at odds with Uranus and Neptune, and Mercury combust. Vitamin A seems to be the principle adjunct to vitamin D. It is specifically beneficial for reducing cold susceptibility, sinus infections, and stimulating the eye and auditory nerves, and from the head area (Aries) action, comes a reflex action in Libra (kidneys), and nephritis and renal hypertension are aided. Everyone knows that sun baths are highly beneficial to persons having these diseases.

The adrenals, located on top of the kidneys, are closely related to splenic functions and manufacture a hormone which energizes the blood stream as well as increases the fibrin and promotes coagulation. Vitamin G is powerful in tissue healing and coagulation. Vitamin B, the "pep" vitamin, and vitamin C, increasing the oxygen carrying capacity of the blood, both work in nicely with adrenelin activity, as stabilizers and stimulators.

During the development of the vital body of the child from inception to seven years of age, the thymus gland, ruled by Venus, is playing the most prominent gland role and is using an essence stored in this gland gathered from the mother during gestation. The child cannot even manufacture its own red corpuscles. Therefore the Ego, who uses the blood as the medium of expression, cannot operate during this first period to any great extent. Rather the mother's own essence active in the child binds the offspring closely to her. At puberty, the desire body is born and Mars goes to work.

Surely it requires little explanation to see that the way the mother thinks, acts, and eats during gestation has a profound influence on the child's vital body during the time it is most susceptible to poliomyelitis, regardless of what kind of a chart the babe is bringing into the world. When the thymus starts to atrophy at puberty, the pituitary gland takes over the work of the thymus, directing growth and assimilation. Thus the vitamin need for combating infantile paralysis is the same as the Uranian adult need.

That the Uranian ray is the octave of the Venusian ray is quite patent physically as well as spiritually. The Neptunian ray bears a similar relation to the Mercurian ray.

All things work together for good. So it is clear that while the ductless glands are the key to health and balance, attention to the proper minerals and food elements are equally important. But with the latter and without the former, little progress can be made. Indeed matters can be aggravated greatly, for be it remembered that the endocrines condition and balance all physical and etheric nourishment.

It is by no means the intention to leave the impression that solar energy is composed only of vitamins. This agency is charged with a spiritual essence and also mineral and food particles so infinitesimal as not even to be detectable by the sense of smell. The spiritual essence is sometimes referred to as prana; and occultists teach that the man of the future will get his food for his etherialized body direct from the ethers. The pituitary and pineal bodies as they become more and more developed are particularly fitted to extract and utilize spiritual essence, and so to speak, raise the vibrations of the physical cells and render the brain more susceptible to the Christ vibrations. So religious administration in the wards of stricken children have a very definite and scien-

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Patients' Letters

New Jersey, February 1944.

Dear Healing Department:

From the moment I mailed my letter to you the infection in my leg began to leave. There is still much to do, but I am praying for the great faith and trust that I know can be mine. Usually I understand the cause of my disabilities, but this time I am not sure. So I am praying for understanding. And it is wonderful to know you are praying with and for me.

Yours devotedly,
—R.P.

Texas, March 1944.

The Rosicrucian Fellowship
Oceanside, California

Dear Friends:

My cup has been so full for the last few days, I've wanted to rush off a lengthy letter to the Healing Department.

You may take my name off the healing list. And now, dear friends, I profoundly hope that the faithful service in which you have so kindly and most helpfully aided me for the past several months will react on you in added Power.

Sincerely,
—H.M.D.

Canada, January 1944.

Dear Friends:

Here is another report on my knee. It is healing very well. Yesterday afternoon I discarded the crutches. I guess I didn't report I got up last Tuesday on crutches. Have been exercising since yesterday without them.

Expect to be discharged Monday or Tuesday, because my condition is improving so rapidly, thanks to all your help, and am now in such good condition I think you could put someone else's name in place of mine.

Your wonderful help will forever be appreciated. Thanks again.

Yours in fellowship,
—C.D.

Illinois, February 1944.

Rosicrucian Fellowship
Healing Department.

Dear Friends:

I have some very good news to report to you today. I've been so very sick for the past three months that it had me scared. I've been ill before, but nothing like this. I do not believe there was a day I did not have a terrific headache.

I started worrying about my tumor. I figured cancer. . . . I've been X-rayed and gone over. No cancer, and my tumor has disintegrated, it's gone! It not that wonderful?

Thanks for everything.

In loving Friendship I close,
—Mrs. P.M.

Healing Dates

April 7—14—21—27

May 4—12—18—24

June 1—8—14—21—28

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.

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 address, The Rosicrucian Fellowship, Oceanside, Calif., U.S.A.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS

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tific effect in bringing about harmony and health. We know of no more effective service for children than the Rosicrucian Healing service offered at Headquarters. For adults, who have formed a mature conception and affiliated their consciousness with a given creed, the church of their choice will do them the most good from the spiritual aspect.

Neptune left the sign of Virgo in August 1943, and as its influence slowly diminishes so will the dread disease poliomyelitis, decrease this year (1944) as a general menace. But it must ever be borne in mind that we, and we alone, have the power to make ourselves immune to planetary influence which induces the appearance of all mental and physical ailments to which the human mind and flesh are heir. The answer is simple: A clean body for the instrument of a pure spirit, and a mind bent on rendering "loving, self-forgetting service to others."

[The End]

Children's Department



Betty's Victory Garden

BY A. F. H.

“PLEASE, Daddy, will you help me to plant a garden? So many boys and girls are planting vegetables and flowers. The teacher tells us that we too must help to feed the hungry children whose fathers have been taken by the government to serve in the army. So we must help to keep the world brighter with our flowers so that God's world will become more cheerful. Please, Daddy, may I have a piece of ground, and won't you tell me how to plant the seeds?”

“Yes, Elizabeth, I will help you to plant a garden, and will give you a certain plot of ground which we will call ‘our Betty's garden of flowers.’ But first of all, you will have to know all about the soil into which you are to plant the seeds. Unless you understand the ground and how to work with it, you will not make a success of your planting. First, we will imagine that we are walking through a thick forest of trees; so thick that everything about us is shady and cool; now the ground in which you are going to plant your seeds is much like the ground in this forest. The tiny stones, and the sand, and soft granules are to the seed what these trees are to man. There are small spaces between these particles of earth where the water can trickle through when the plant receives its moisture from the rain, and the air also is sucked through these openings which are necessary for the life of the tiny seed. The soft soil which fills in between these tiny rocks is manufactured by the leaves which drop off the plants and the trees in the fall of

the year and as they dry in the sun, the wind breaks them up by switching them back and forth, and by people walking over them, and then the rain, when they have been pulverized, washes over them and carries them into the small crevices between the tiny rocks; and this makes the ground as you see it. But there is one very interesting thing which God has sent to earth to help man get the best out of the ground. Have you ever noticed after a heavy rain which has soaked the ground and softened it, how numbers of worms begin to come out until sometimes the pavements are covered with these crawling things? Little boys and girls sometimes become cruel and purposely walk on them and crush them under foot.

“These little crawling wrigglers do not see, taste or smell and are the most useful and most valuable farmers. They actually are necessary for the raising of the plants you put into the ground. If you take one of these tiny worms in your hands, never be afraid of the little creature, but study it and know that it, too, is one of God's creatures. It, too, like unto yourself, has some work to do; and so when you take one in your hand observe the strange mouth which is just under the front tip of the body. It is a flat mouth which looks like the mouth of a shark. When this earthworm comes to the top of the ground it is for air which it breathes just as you and your little friends do. You too could not live without air. This little worm reenters the ground through a small hole which it digs after the water has soaked the

earth. Right back of the worm's funny looking mouth there is a small tube; and just back of this tube is a larger tube or cavity. The worm eats or swallows portions of the ground through which it crawls and when the ground reaches this baglike cavity, it begins to grind the dirt which has been swallowed and a white waterylike fluid then cozes out of a gland or tiny tube above this cavity. This white milklike fluid contains a very valuable mineral which, when mixed with the ground in the stomach of the worm, wets the ground with this mineral water.

"When the ground has gone through its regular grinding and pulverizing process in the baglike cavity, it is pushed backward and passes through a number of other pockets. Each pocket or stomach pours into this ground substance still other minerals, and would you believe it, this tiny, despised earthworm has five hearts? Just think of it, dear, this tiny creature of God possesses five hearts! Think if you had five hearts.

My, how much you could love; what a wonderful girl you would be with as many hearts as this earthworm which man despises. It also possesses a brain which is divided into two parts. Of course this little worm with its brain cannot think as you can. It cannot learn the A.B.C.'s as you can, but it thinks in the worm world—wonders how it can work harder to digest the tiny grains of sand it uses for food, how it can pulverize it and mix the proper minerals with it so that the little girls on top of this ground may get the very best earth in which to plant their flowers.

"These tiny workers are forever bringing the lower soil to the top after they have pulverized and mineralized it, and then they take the hard and baked ground down with them to work that

over also. But these worms need lots of air; so ever so often they must work their way to the top soil and get more oxygen; this oxygen they breathe in through the skin, for these worms have no lungs to breathe with like you and your little friends.

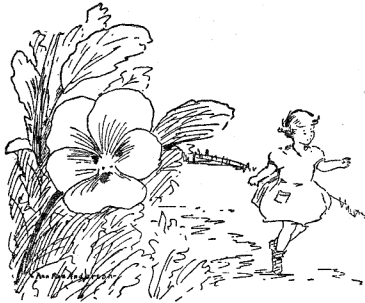
"There are also other little people which are very necessary for the sprouting of the seeds and the growing of the plants.

"There are in the earth other little beings a little larger than the earthworms which work and cooperate with the worms. These little funny creatures are known as nature spirits or gnomes. They work and live in and on the ground. It is they who help the seeds to sprout. They are shaped like little men, and are nearly always dressed in

brown, and wear pointed brown caps. They become invisible when they meet people for they are very shy and work mostly during the early morning and at night when there are no human beings near. Of course they love children and sometimes at

night when little girls and boys are asleep and in dreamland these gnomes visit them and at times they become mischievous and play pranks on the children. These little gnomes are responsible for the sprouting of the seeds in the ground and they work with the earthworms mentioned; and when these gnomes are friendly with little girls they are especially ready to help the seeds they plant to take root and grow. Later these plants, under the care of other nature spirits who will act as nursemaids, are nurtured and cared for until they mature.

"Now Betty, I have given you this little plot of ground on which you are going to raise beautiful flowers that you can take to your teacher. I have also bought you a small spade with which to



work in the ground and to keep it soft, for remember that all living things which God has created must have air if there is to be any growth. If you were to put your seeds in a glass jar where they could not receive air, they would remain dry seeds, and would never grow until the air, the water, and the warmth of the Sun awakened the tiny life which is in the seed.

Our next work will be to rake the ground with that little rake which Papa bought you, and then we will be ready to place the seeds where we want them to grow. We will choose for our first planting the seeds of the snapdragon, those plants which have such funny little flowers that look like the face of a small bulldog; also something like those big paper dragons which the Chinese use in their parades; those imitation dragons which they claim drive away all the evil things.

"Next we will make a line in the ground, a line with our fingers. When we have this straight line drawn we will then take a stick and make a little ridge, or a deep mark in the ground, and then we will take the seeds and place them gently, with loving care, into their little bed. This soft ground is to the seed what your bed is to you. The seeds must have a time in which to take a nap in the warm ground. But one should never plant baby seeds in the ground where the sun shines too hot. A shady place is much safer for these tiny plants when they come up. We will lay the seeds in the ridge about three inches apart, and then we will cover them in order that they keep warm. To do this we take some ground which is rich and with our hands work it over and over until it is pulverized and as soft as mother's corn meal. When we have softened it enough we will sprinkle it into the ridge over the seed. We should cover them about one-half inch, then pat the ground very lightly with our hands, so that the wind will not

blow it away. After our little seeds are put away in their little beds, we must see that the ground is kept moist. Papa will buy his little gardener a sprinkling can, which she will fill at the faucet each morning and sprinkle these seeds very lightly. Never pour too much water on the ground or it may wash the earth away from the seeds.

"For about ten days or two weeks after planting the seeds we keep them wet; and never in any way must we dig them up to see if they are growing, but just leave them in the hands of God and those little men father told you about, the gnomes. They, you know, are the nursemaids who must cuddle and coax these baby seeds to sprout. In a little while, after the seeds have first sent their tiny roots downward, which are called anchors, they will begin to seek the light. Everything in the whole world is ever seeking for this light, which is the light of God. And then, Betty, you will be rewarded for your work and care. For a tiny shoot will appear above the ground, a little green sprig, and from then on another group of little people just as tiny as the gnomes are called in to help these baby plants to live above the ground. These little people are called fairies. They are very shy and never work when people are near. They prefer to do their work in the very early morning. Little girls and boys can sometimes see them if they sit very still and alone. The fairies build the green colors into the leaves of the plants and paint the flowers. They are a very happy people and do not like children who cry and are naughty. The fairies and gnomes have their parties and play just as our little boys and girls do; and on moonlight nights they are especially jolly.

"Do not forget to be grateful to the nature spirits which are serving you and helping your plants to grow and produce their beautiful flowers; and above all do not forget to thank God for His help by giving of His life so freely to all living things on earth."

Echoes from Mt. Ecclesia



At the time of this writing (March 23) thoughts of Eastertide are paramount in people's hearts. And as if in keeping with the beautiful and solemn Vernal Equinox service Probationers were privileged to attend in the Temple a few days ago, all of nature seems to be proclaiming Spring. On the north side of the Temple waxen white calla lilies, in their flowing grace and purity of line, stand like tall white Easter candles. . . . The bees are beginning to feel the stir of Spring, also. And although fragrant purple wisteria makes swaths of color along the Library roof and one side of the Administration building, and here and there white roses and yellow poppies bloom, our masses of flowers are still not in their full splendor, and this last drowsy dreaming moment before the full burst of Spring activity is no doubt doubly sweet to the stirring bee. . . . Progressive Mt. Ecclesia birds in the tall eucalyptus trees not only have the usual nests, but the bark peeling from the tree trunk dangles in long narrow strips, and where it accumulates in the various crotches of the tree it affords material for ingenious archways and covered patios for the birds.

Dr. Leon Patrick was host to a number of old-time friends from Orange, California: Justus Craemer, State Railroad Commissioner, Gordon X. Richmond, Attorney, Ranald Fairbain, publisher *Orange Daily News*, and Albert R. Benson. According to Dr. Patrick, the gentlemen expressed their generous praise of the work that is emanating from the Fellowship.

Mr. John Reed, Astrology secretary in our Healing Department, returned recently from a trip to Yuma, Arizona—

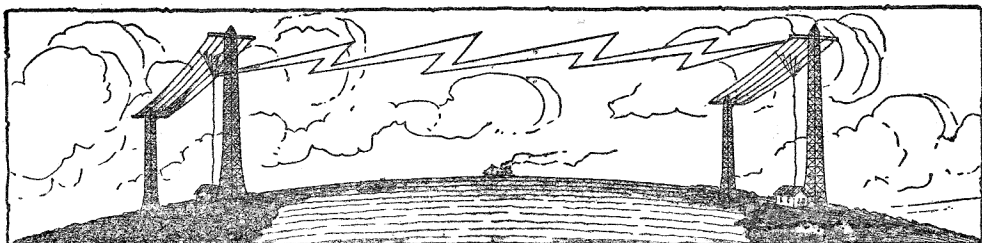
with a bride, Mercedes Davis. She and Mr. Reed have both been affiliated with the Fellowship for years; at one time she was hostess in the front office of the Administration Building. Their many friends here join in heartfelt felicitations, and wish them a long and happy married life.

In a News Letter from the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce we learn that success is about to crown the Chamber's years-long effort to secure a new railroad station for Oceanside. They have been advised that plans for the new station are now being prepared. The establishment of Camp Pendleton only a few miles away, with its thousands of enlisted men constantly moving, has undoubtedly made the new project a definite necessity.

Housing continues to be a serious problem in Oceanside. Young wives of Marines stationed at Camp Pendleton come to be near their husbands until the last, and upon arriving, find no place to stay. Girls from all over the United States fill our bus and train depots at night—some are sleeping on the beach, without blankets, despite the efforts of the U.S.O. and the Red Cross. The Fellowship has been doing all within its power to help in this emergency. Marines' wives serve in our cafeteria behind the counter, some help in the kitchen and the Lodge.

Thought for Meditation: "Christ will come unto thee, and shew thee His consolations, if thou prepare for Him a worthy mansion within thee. All His glory and beauty is from within, and there He delighteth Himself. The inward man He often visiteth; and hath with him sweet discourses."

Rosicrucian News Bureau



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"I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew the things to come." St. John 16:12-13.

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

Early spring in some sections of the country is often a bitterly cold season, and it takes a strong soul, indeed, to leave the comforts of his fireside to plunge out into the cold to attend a meeting. There may be many personal reasons why our friends of this group have had few at their meetings—especially on Healing nights. (This applies to several other Centers, too.) Giving of ourselves in this manner—sending out vital healing power into the world at this critical time when all types of healing are desperately needed, is rendering service inestimable in value, is "sacrificing the flesh for the sake of the spirit."

For Probationers, we find that reading the letter in the Probationer's Book corresponding to the current month, reading it many times during the month and then meditating on it in order to get all the subtle overtones of truth Max Heindel, Initiate, put into it, replenishes enthusiasm when the affairs of one's busy life—his long hours of grinding labor, his health, perhaps, and

other distractions—cause a Probationer's enthusiasm to wane, or at least to make service sometimes seem irksome.

Yet while our young men are sacrificing their lives on the battle fronts of the world, and our young women are giving more than their quota of strength and courage into the world's coffers, surely it is our obligation, our privilege, to take up our cross daily and follow Him. Let us spare no effort to prove the sincerity of our determination to lift the consciousness of the world a little closer to Beauty and to Truth.

MIAMI, FLORIDA.

We wish to extend to these friends our warmest greetings, and welcome them into our Fellowship family. Mrs. Rose Lewis, writing for the group, states: "We ask for your prayers and blessings on this little group. We sincerely desire to contact and be of help to any Rosicrucian students who may happen to visit this city. I am happy to say that I have met a few very fine people who are interested in these teachings, and the thought came to us that there might be someone else who would like to meet others of the same mind. We would be happy to see our little group grow into a real Center, to become a better instrument to spread these beautiful teachings and be of some help to our fellow men. Personally, I am deeply grateful for the lessons and teachings I

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have received and will do all in my power to further these same teachings, with God's help."

NEW YORK, NEW YORK.
(73rd Street Center)

The thoughtfulness and consideration of this group of friends for our brothers in other countries bring joy to our hearts. Recently they wrote:

"At our last Board meeting in December 1943, it was agreed that since our Center was coming along so nicely financially, we would send ten per cent of our monthly love offerings to Headquarters to help defray the great cost of sending books, magazines, etc. to foreign countries. We are not unmindful that these countries do not permit monies to leave their shores, and it must indeed be a hardship for Headquarters to continue their great service."

That they are in complete accord with the true Christian policy as stressed by the Rosicrucian Brotherhood is evidenced by the statement at the close of their letter: "Not that we rate our financial status more; for we realize that without harmony and unity of purpose and sincere good fellowship, we can accomplish nothing. This bears out the Bible statement: 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things will be added unto you.'"

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA.

The titles of some of the Sunday evening lectures of this Center sound fitting and proper for the expansive and discriminating ideals of the New Age. "The Power of Man" was Clarence Klug's subject; another evening Evangeline Morrey spoke on "What's Wrong With the World?" From an editorial by Joseph Darrow, "The Strenuous Age," another lecture was given.

We are praying that this faithful group may receive a new influx of power which will make each member an individual and enthusiastic channel through

which the New Age teachings may be brought before the world.

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

This Center apparently earns the "reward of merit" this month for attendance at the Sunday evening services—it was splendid, and our congratulations go to them for their up-and-coming spirit. We note, however, that the Moon meetings were not so well attended. Max Heindel stated repeatedly that on the nights of the Moon meetings the Elder Brothers meet with the Probationers in a special endeavor to help them amalgamate the soul growth made during the preceding month, which then becomes usable soul powers at once. Needless to say, this is a most sacred appointment that every Probationer has with the Elder Brothers, and we should regard it more highly than an appointment with any earthly dignitary, no matter how high his rank.

THE CHILDREN OF TAURUS

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whatever acts upon the senses in a pleasing, refining manner. It is not unusual to find splendid speaking and singing voices among them.

Considerable attachment to the so-called "good things of life" and "solid comfort" is often apparent in the Taurian. He will work long and hard to surround himself with an adequate measure of the things adding to his well being and his enjoyment of life. Having better than average earning capacity, he is usually able to turn his hand to what brings an appreciable amount of money. However, he rarely considers the acquiring of money as an end in itself. It interests him mostly as something he needs if he is to satisfy his desires for good food, good clothing, and the luxuries and refinements of a good home.

Contending with an overfondness of rich, fancy foods may be a trial. Un-

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less fortunate enough to have been trained toward a certain measure of self-restraint during childhood, the Taurian is likely to find it difficult to curb and guide his appetites later. It is essential that he do so, however, if he is to avoid the inevitable effects even upon a constitution as strong and sturdy as that usually possessed by the natives of this sign.

Learning the difference between resolute but reasonable determination on one hand, and blind stubbornness on the other appears to be one of the lessons of Taurus.

CHILD'S HOROSCOPE

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life, and the ability to attract friends among the aged, wealthy, and intellectual.

The Sun conjoined Uranus gives a very high strung, nervous temperament with uncontrolled emotions, impulsive, unreliable, with no regard for the conventions, and highly impatient of any restraint upon liberty. Mars conjunct Neptune tends to make the nature coarse and sensual, self-indulgent, militant, extravagant in speech and action. These are dangerous waters but with careful guidance the barque of life may be brought safely to port.

The occupation which would bring the most satisfaction as well as material gain, is that of auditor or banker, shown by the three planets in the second house and Capricorn rising. The four planets, Moon, Mars, Jupiter, Neptune, and Dragon's Tail in the seventh house indicate success in some occupation which would bring the individual before the public—perhaps as lawyer, for Libra is on the ninth house, and Jupiter in Virgo gives a cautious, analytical, practical nature, with an almost unerring ability for discriminating between the real and the seeming, for sifting the truth from error and arriving at facts.

The Rosicrucian Fellowship

AN AQUARIAN MOVEMENT

There was a time, even as late as Greece, when *Religion*, *Art*, and *Science* were taught unitedly in the Mystery Temples. But it was necessary for the better development of each that they should separate for a time.

Religion held sole sway in the so-called "dark ages." During that time it bound both *Science* and *Art* hand and foot. Then came the period of the Renaissance, and *Art* came to the fore in all its branches. *Religion* was strong as yet, however, and *Art* was only too often prostituted in the service of *Religion*. Last came the wave of modern *Science*, and with iron hand it has subjugated *Religion*.

It was a detriment to the world when *Religion* shackled *Science*. *Ignorance* and *Superstition* caused untold woe, nevertheless man cherished a lofty spiritual ideal then; he hoped for a higher and better life. It is infinitely more disastrous that *Science* is killing *Religion*, for now even *Hope*, the only gift of the gods left in Pandora's box, may vanish before *Materialism* and *Agnosticism*.

Such a state cannot continue. Reaction must set in. If it does not, anarchy will rend the cosmos. To avert a calamity *Religion*, *Science*, and *Art* must reunite in a higher expression of the *Good*, the *True*, and the *Beautiful* than obtained before the separation.

Coming events cast their shadows before, and when the Great Leaders of humanity saw the tendency towards ultra-materialism which is now rampant in the Western World they took certain steps to counteract and transmute it at the auspicious time. They did not wish to kill the budding *Science* as the latter had strangled *Religion*, for they saw the ultimate good which will result when an advanced *Science* has again become a co-worker with *Religion*.

A spiritual *Religion*, however, cannot blend with a materialistic *Science* any more than oil can mix with water. Therefore steps were taken to spiritualize *Science* and make *Religion* scientific.

Centuries have rolled by since a high spiritual teacher, having the symbolical name Christian Rosenkreuz—Christian Rose Cross—appeared in Europe to commence this work. He founded the mysterious Order of Rosicrucians with the object of throwing occult light upon the misunderstood Christian *Religion* and to explain the mystery of Life and Being from the scientific standpoint in harmony with *Religion*.

In the past centuries the Rosicrucians have worked in secret, but now the time has come for giving out a definite, logical, and sequential teaching concerning the origin, evolution, and future development of the world and man, showing both the spiritual and the scientific aspects; a teaching which makes no statements that are not supported by reason and logic. Such is the teaching promulgated by the Rosicrucian Fellowship.

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