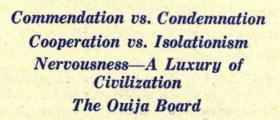


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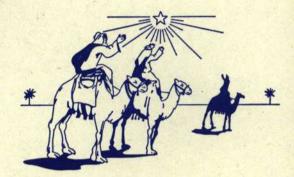


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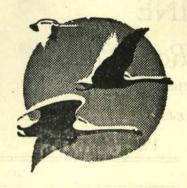
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HE GREAT WHEEL of the YEAR has made another revolution, and is now about to

carry us forward into a new twelvemonth cycle. We are being carried along into a strange and undiscovered country—the Future, veiled from our vision except as day by day, moment by moment, we step forward into it, and it becomes the Present. The extent to which we may ourselves mold and color that Future is little realized.

ONE OF THE MOST serious barriers to such realization is that chief of all illusions—separateness. In many ways our minds automatically adjust an illusion to the demands of our intelligence—the illusion of two lines of telegraph poles meeting in the distance, for example. But in many others we are constantly misled, and greatly to our spiritual detriment. That our physical senses continually mistake the form for the reality of the object, which in all cases is Life, or Spirit, is a great and serious handicap.

In writing upon this subject, MAX HEINDEL in The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception states: "Contemplation will teach us about the Life side, as Meditation taught us about the Form side. When we reach this stage and have before us, say, a tree in the forest, we lose sight of the Form entirely, and see only the Life, which in this case is a Group Spirit. We shall find, to our astonishment, that the Group Spirit of the tree includes the various insects which feed upon it; that the parasite and its host are emanations from one and the same Group Spirit, for the higher we ascend in the invisible realms, the fewer the separate and distinct forms, and the more completely the One Life predominates, impressing upon the investigator the supreme fact that there is but the One Life—the Universal Life of God, in Whom it is an actual fact that 'we live, and move, and have our being.'"

Therefore shall we RESOLVE, in this NEW YEAR of OUR LORD, 1945, to sweep away all barriers of whatsoever kind. Let us picture in our minds the coalition of all nations into a single family unit, the Human Race, living together upon our beautiful Earth in loving peace and kindliness, and working toward the same goal. Into that Thought Form let us daily breathe, prayerfully, the breath of Life. For by thus thinking, we are actually working with the material of the Thought World, a spirit-substance, and the Thought Form will eventually manifest as a tangible and positive Reality.

The Current Outlook

FROM THE ROSICRUCIAN VIEWPOINT

Cooperation vs. Isolationism

By JOSEPH DARROW



HE recent presidential election in the United States has been one of the most noteworthy of any in its long history. Although the fourth-term question occupied the foreground, nevertheless it was of relatively small importance compared with the other question as to whether the people of the United States were prepared to assume their rightful place in the concert of the nations for the establishing of

a permanent world peace. The policy of the United States in the past has been quite largely one of isolationism; that is, this country felt that it had enough to do and enough scope for its energies within its own borders without becoming involved to any great extent in the concerns of other countries, particularly those of Europe.

The recent election has within certain limits reversed this trend. and has in effect declared to the world that the people of the United States are no longer isolationists in sentiment and character, but that they are prepared to do their part in some form of international

ISOLATIONISM IS DEAD

cooperation, which in effect will probably be some sort of super-government of the world. Making the world safe against a recurrence of another world war within a generation or so has of course been the prin-

cipal motive in bringing about this change in American sentiment.

In commenting on the results of the election the current number of Life said:

"The President received many congratulatory telegrams announcing, 'Isolationism is dead.' It was not exactly news, but at last the obituary is official. . . . The people have clearly shown that they are ready for a positive foreign policy. Dewey's failure to repudiate his isolationists was handsomely repaired by the voters. They showed beautiful marksmanship—picked off Nye, Lyons, and Ham Fish; retired Senators Gillette and Danaher, and did the same for Congressmen Stephen Day, Busbey, and Maas. Wherever a campaign was fought on that issue the isolationists almost always lost."

All this shows that the United States has entered a new era. We have become citizens of the world instead of an isolated country devoted solely to its own local interests. The people of the United States have at last awakened to the fact that they have responsibilities extending beyond the borders of their own country, but it took a devas-

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tating world war in which they have lost many thousands of their sons, husbands, and brothers and almost untold material resources to bring them to this state of mind. The first world war gave a start toward international cooperation. The United States failed, however, to stand behind its war-time president, Woodrow Wilson, and the League of Nations, with the result that the League has never become a real and outstanding force in international affairs. If it had, the present world war doubtless would never have started.

President Roosevelt has demonstrated conclusively by his various activities in seeking to establish closer international relations that he is anti-isolationist in principle, and has stated that he feels it necessary to allow the U.S. delegate to the world security conference enough power to act in case of international emergency threatening war with-



out having to wait months, perhaps, for action by the U.S. Senate. The new League of Nations or its equivalent, no matter what it may be called, will necessarily have to have enough executive power to nip new world wars in the bud, before they reach the stage where they can develop into such a conflict as that in which we are now engaged. The mandate of the people as indicated

in the recent election shows that it supports the president in this policy.

It is interesting in this connection to note what Max Heindel, the accredited representative of the Rosicrucian Order, whom it commissioned to start the Rosicrucian Fellowship, had to say about making future wars impossible, and the necessary treatment for aggressor nations. His remarks had reference to World War I, but they apply with equal force to the present war. We quote from his lesson entitled, "Peace On Earth":

"It needs no argument to prove that the present war has been much more destructive than any of the previous conflicts recorded in history. It is safe to say that if another war is fought fifty or a hundred years hence it may perhaps all but depopulate the earth. Therefore a lasting peace is an absolute necessity from the standpoint of self-preservation."

Also from his lesson entitled "Mystic Light on the Great War":

"As the ancient Punic Wars generated the present conflict (World War I), so will this war in due time bring its renewal of the struggle unless we show a spirit of kindness in dealing with the vanquished foe instead of dealing with him as Rome did with Carthage in that ancient past, without mercy and without consideration. The power to harm others must be taken from the militarists of the Central Empires. It is absolutely imperative that the world be made safe from the repetition of this catastrophe, but the measures taken to secure this desirable end should be such that not only do they insure peace for the present life,

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but also for those future life days when we shall meet in another guise those with whom we are now at war. . . The new American nation, which is not yet under the domination of any Race Spirit, sees more impartially and therefore more clearly than any other what is right. Therefore it may be hoped that the American statement of peace terms will prevail when the final settlement comes."

We may be certain, however, that the Americans will insist on a settlement that will make it impossible for the fanatical Nazi regime ever to rise again and drench the world in savagery and blood. As to the above allusion to Rome and Carthage, this referred to the fact that the English are largely a reincarnation of the ancient Romans, and the Germans of the Carthaginians. The Punic Wars between those two antagonists created deep-seated antagonisms that were subcon-

sciously remembered and thus became a considerable factor in bringing on World War I.

International cooperation to prevent future wars is the only solution of the problem, whether those wars tend to start from commercial or military considerations. Isolationism, as *Life* said, is dead. One nation can no longer successfully shut itself off from full cooperation with the other

nations of the world in the quest for peace. Universal Brotherhood is the certain goal of humanity and it can only be achieved through complete cooperation.

Materialism is the biggest cause of war, and religion and philosophy, particularly of the esoteric or occult type, are ultimately the only means of breaking up materialism. The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception says:

"The Elder Brothers have been very seriously concerned for the last century regarding the fate of the Western World, and were it not for their special beneficent action in its behalf we should have had a social cataclysm compared with which the French Revolution were child's play. The trained clairvoyant can see how narrowly humanity has escaped disasters of a nature so devastating that continents would have been swept into the sea."

Earthquakes and volcanoes are the product of the materialistic and anti-spiritual tendencies of mankind, which set the nature forces in the earth into destructive action and produce such cataclysms.

The gradual spiritualizing of the people of all nations is vitally necessary in order to break up materialism and prevent the natural cataclysms which otherwise are sure to occur. International cooperation is equally necessary, and it is the greatest immediate problem with which the nations of the world have to engage. Truly, "isolationism is dead," and may it never be revived.



THE MYSTIC LIGHT



THE OUIJA BOARD

By A. J. HAWORTH

Many thousands of people in the present world crisis are desperate at the loss of relatives on the battlefields of Europe and the Pacific, and are grasping at straws in their effort to get in touch with them. The use of the Ouija Board for this purpose is most dangerous, as indicated by the following true story.

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HIS is a true account of a friend's experience with the ouija board. I have permis-

sion to relate this story for what it may prove to be worth as a warning to those who feel they want to dabble in this or any similar type of negative phenomena that entails the invocation of spirits of an unknown character. My own observation of seances, perhaps the most common method of attracting denizens of other planes, has long since convinced me of the danger involved in the process of getting doub! ful bits of "information" that are valueless even if true. It is really quite monotonous to listen to the idle talk of a "dear" spirit about such things as my grandpa's beautiful flowing beard, or that I am going to take a trip, or receive a sum of money in a letter, etc. And while it appears to be a harmless sort of amusement, the medium has no way of knowing when a powerful and vicious entity may join the "party." The following story deals with the brand of "devils" one lays himself open to, and had the good lady of this incident been aware of the true conditions, the whole affair could have been avoided.

One day while in the vicinity of my old home I chanced to pass a neighbor's house. Mrs. H-, the mother in the family, was in the yard, and after we had exchanged greetings she invited me in for a chat. I had been away from home for a few years, and we had a pleasant talk concerning mutual friends and temporal matters. We spoke of my mother, who had passed on during my absence, she and Mrs. H- having been very good friends. I made some remarks about my views on death, and as the conversation led on to religious topics, I told her of having taken up occultism some time before and how satisfying and beautiful the teachings were to me.

Mrs. H—— is a middle-aged woman, rather plump, dark complexion, with large deep black eyes. A sensitive type, a good mother, and a fine musician, having quite a number of piano students. At the mention of occult things it was plain that she was interested, and I was soon trying to answer a good many

questions. Wishing to pass along the teachings, I spent some time explaining what I could about their fundamental precepts as she not only appeared eager but perhaps ready for them. She has a definite religious streak, and though unacquainted with the occult had deserted the orthodox form of worship some years before.

When I mentioned the other planes and how the anti-Christ forces were ever at work there the same as they are on this plane, her eyes took on a strange and fearful look. She trembled a little and shifted uneasily in her chair. stopped talking, and presently she was telling me that not long before she had had an experience which she had kept secret, not only because of its hideous nature, but because she felt that even her closest friend would not believe her or would think she was crazy. However, she said that perhaps I would understand, and exhibited an inclination to tell her story. Sensing that something of an unusual nature was in the offing, I assured her I was most interested and that possibly I would be able to explain some things that would be of help to her. After regaining a measure of composure she launched into her story.

One day, two summers past, a neighbor boy called on her and inquired if one of her sons was at home. She informed him he was not, and the lad said: "I know where he is, Mrs. H—; he's in G—— (a nearby town). The ouija board said so."

Mrs. H—— felt contemptuous of what she considered silly "monkey business," but said nothing. However, after the boy had left she thought of it again. Contemptuous or not, she knew her son was in G——, and as she started out on her daily round to visit her music students, thoughts of the incident occurred again and again. Finally her euriosity won, and leaving her work she went into the city and bought an ouija board, all the while making fun of herself.

Right here it will be noted how subtly

the diabolical forces, with which I am about to deal, work through the most innocent-looking channels, and how the utmost care must be exercised in order to avoid being trapped. Max Heindel taught that the farther advanced the soul, the more necessary it is for evil entities to employ a high degree of intelligence to camouflage their work in the fertile soil of the sensitive seeking soul.

Upon taking the board home Mrs. Hjoked lightly with her family about a little pastime in her spare moments, but secretly she had decided to give it a The next day while alone good trial. toying with it, she suddenly felt her right arm move without her direction. She asked the board a question and became passive. Unerringly her hand moved freely over the board, spelling out the correct answer with no effort on her part. She was at once amazed and interested, and for the next hour she amused herself by asking it many unimportant questions, to which she received prompt and logical replies. the days that followed she continued this practice; it was not long ere the bond between her and the invisible "friend" became stronger, and she took up religious subjects with him. variably she would be referred to passages in the Bible that seemed to answer her question or in some manner clear up certain phases of the discussion. It was evident that her "teacher" was very well informed as well as appearing to be refined and religious, and Mrs. H—began to think she was very fortunate in getting this assistance.

By this time they had dispensed with the board, having devised a code of some sort, which she did not divulge to me, that was more convenient for communication. At times she would lay her hand on, say, a dusty table, and her forefinger would be guided in making old English script and many fancy intricate designs that she had never heard of. One day an old beggar called, and while she was feeding him she was informed via the code all about the old man's past, which she in turn told him. The caller was of course astonished, and declared she was a prophetess. It was probably through this incident that word leaked out that she was a seer, and soon she was bombarded by people who wanted their "fortunes" told. Mrs. H—— denied any supernatural ability and turned them all away, laughing at the idea.

One day as she sat in her parlor conversing with the invisible one, he told her he possessed some very strong powers yet unknown to her, and to prove it he snapped on and off the electric light and performed other similar feats. He told her of his great knowledge concerning the secrets of nature as symbolized by numbers, and in a talk on this he stressed the importance of the number eight.

It was quite plain to me by this time that she was dealing with no ordinary entity; in fact, that he was a power among the Black Brotherhood, for the Cosmo-Conception teaches that the number eight represents the eighth sphere, that of degeneration.

On this particular day he offered to escort Mrs. H—to invisible realms of great beauty where he would teach her many of the marvelous wonders of the universe unknown to mankind. She demurred and he did not insist at that time, but continued every day to urge her to accompany him to places that he described in glowing terms. She was tempted, but somehow this trip into the great unknown frightened her, and she decided against the undertaking. Finally she threw up a wall against her "friend," indicating that she wished to sever relations entirely.

Some instinct in this good woman rebelled at the thought of deserting her body to accompany this cunning spirit, who for months had patiently worked to gain her respect and confidence. When she rejected his attentions, he began to force himself upon her, and when she paid no heed at all, she would feel a

severe pressure on her throat and chest. It soon resolved into an open struggle, and the scheming Mephisto no longer used flowery words, but in anger upon being spurned, his hellish fury was unleashed, and he strove to force the unhappy woman from her body. She pleaded with him to no avail; he dogged her throughout the days, and kept her awake at night. She felt at times that her body was being crushed and that she would surely go mad.

But she grimly held on, until finally in desperation she called a minister she knew and told him the devil was after The good man probably thought she was being tempted to betray her husband or something in the list of orthodox sins, and he and his wife called on her and knelt down in the customary supplication for the salvation of her soul. During this prayer the foe seemed to mock the proceedings by stiffening the right arm of Mrs. H--- that he had used so often, and turning it to a greenish hue with dark spots. Truly we can see here manifested the good and evil forces locked in deadly combat, with the mind and body of this suffering woman as the battle ground. Finally when the prayers ceased, the color in her arm receded, and the callers departed unaware of what had taken place.

However, this was not yet a victory for good, for the demon assailed her again and again that day and through the night. Toward daybreak it dawned on the weak and stricken woman that she should try praying for herself, a most important decision, for we know that one of the outstanding teachings of the Rosicrucians is that we must learn to rely on ourselves, i.e., call upon the Christ within. "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."—Luke, 10:19.

Accordingly, Mrs. H—arose, went to her window, and stood facing the ris-(Continued on page 20)

Where the Path Lifts and Lightens

By GRACE EVELYN BROWN

LL human beings have the same general characteristics physically. Their differences can be traced to the length and variety of each individual's evolution, and all of the influences brought to bear upon it as well as the continual workings of epigenesis. Men's inner lives vary more than their physical expression, and such differences become more and more apparent as evolution proceeds.

Closely associated with the physical body throughout physical life is the desire body, where the desires and emotions manifest themselves. Here the differences are more marked than in the physical, although the two interact and are each dependent to a certain extent upon the other. Interpenetrating and cooperating with these two principles is the mental body, which varies even more than either of the other two, and which affects and is affected by both of these.

The mental differences in men have given rise to the terms "extrovert" and "introvert," the former class being those who are intent upon the physical world, and the latter, those who are subjective or reflective and live in their thoughts. It has always seemed to me that as a rule the extroverts are probably those who have not had as many physical embodiments as the introverts, and so are still intent upon the physical rim of expression, the crust of life; that the introverts, having had more incarnations, have had the time and opportunity to build up stronger desires and mental principles, resulting in stronger mental images. They have also attained a greater development of the intuitional and the spiritual nature in the course of many intervening sojourns upon the higher planes. This naturally results in a richer life mentally, and gives in consequence a withdrawing of attention from the purely physical consciousness and the directing of thought to the spiritual states of being. The proverbial absent-mindedness of college professors furnishes examples of those of the introvert nature.

Thus in the introvert there is a continual receding of consciousness from merely objective conditions and their limitations to states of greater and greater subjectivity, until there is reached those attained by the mystic and the seer, with their attending spiritual illumination. Such subjective states are developed to a considerable extent by Hindu yogis through concentration, meditation, and contemplation, and they are able to remain in this condition for a long time, unconscious of the physical plane.

The mind of the introvert is rich in his thoughts, while the mind of the extrovert is bounded by his five senses largely. Little does the physical appearance reveal the hidden wealth of memory, experiences transmuted into wisdom, ideas, ideals, and all of the riches of a development resulting from many lives on earth. However, to a limited extent the outer expressions of joy, grief, mir'h, and other emotions, which change the face and appearance, reveal something of what is taking place in the mind.

The treasure house of the soul grows with each experience, which may be forgotten, but the fruit of which remains and is conve ted into a tainment. Le he has caused past ties of love and hate to be forgotten, but the memories of them have been retained in the higher consciousness, and are forces in later em-

bodiments when the law of cause and effect brings them into action.

We have died physically many times, and have been buried or burned with our possessions. But the phoenix of our immortal past rises from the ashes of its dead self to a life that is more aware of the beauty, mystery, and the depths and heights of human existence. The glorious privilege of evolving along the rising path up which we have climbed so far and on which we shall continue to advance is more fully realized in each successive incarnation.

At last there comes the time when this path lifts suddenly and lightens, as if it had emerged from a dark defile with only a narrow line of sky overhead. to a high outlook where one is surprised and thrilled by the distance up which he has climbed. Then one suddenly realizes, because of the greatness of the overarching sky and the immensities stretching away to a dim horizon line. the great possibilities of future climbing along the path that is still ahead. This is a great epoch in every life. When we come to this place, we know something of the meaning of life, its origin, purpose, and destiny. when we ask for truth, the answers will be given us. Thus it was planned by the Guardians of humanity to give out for those ready to receive them the Rosicrucian teachings, which answer truthfully and satisfactorily the questions that men have always thought must remain unanswered. These teachings give the occult history of all that has taken place from the most ancient times up to the present. They describe evolution from the time when the spirit started out on its long pilgrimage through matter, in order to develop its latent potentialities into active powers. through all its many stages of growth, on and on to the time when it will return to its true home, godlike in the power of its inherent divinity.

To one who has this conception of the long vista behind and ahead, the world

teems with interest, with rare and significant experiences and opportunities, so that each day is a precious adventure, each hour filled with thankfulness that we have come far enough to realize the meaning of it all. Each moment is complete in the realization that we can now recognize that we are heirs to all the past, and to the latent powers within; that we are being led on and on by Those beyond us in evolution to still greater attainments. It is only then that we can appreciate the words of the Christ when He said: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." "In my Father's house are many mansions." This has come to mean to us the many states of developing human consciousness, each state being planned for entities at a certain stage in awareness, and all progressively arranged as grades in a school, the outer material circumstances being appropriate to the conditions of the inner life.

CONFIDENCE

A knowledge of the hidden powers which surround us and their workings, the great cosmic laws of life, the long vista of the path behind us and that ahead of us, gives confidence in mastering the circumstances which come to us in our daily lives, and an assurance which lifts us above worry, fear, and indecision. All that we have to do is to choose the right under all conditions, and then go on with the assurance that we are under the guardianship of superior Beings who are planning everything for us so much better than we could plan it for ourselves. we have nothing to regret when a friend goes out of our lives, nothing about which to grieve when an apparent blessing is taken away; for with its passing we may rest assured that it has served its purpose, and that as one door closes another will open. Then we must know that there is really no evil; all is good designed to lead us on to our next step

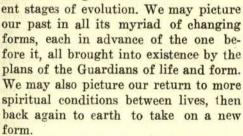
in development. If calamity comes, it is because it is necessary for us to have just such an experience to strengthen the weak places in our nature. While the occult student feels keenly the privilege of being a helper in every way within his power, he knows that the law of justice works with unfailing care to give every person at all times throughout life just what he most needs.

THE PAST

The great curve of evolution started in the remote past, extends to the present time, and goes on and on into the future. As past conditions were very different from the present ones, so the future will gradually grow more and more different from the present.

We may look back and picture ourselves as divine fragments in the life

of God, coming forth from the unmanifest into the manifest, becoming more and more centered in matter as the ages pass, and finally descending to the physical plane, having had the help of hosts of beings at differ-



We see ourselves as having lived in the mineral, plant, and animal kingdoms, slowly individualizing and growing stronger and wiser, and at last becoming an individualized being as we begin our pilgrimage in the human kingdom. We build in this way the calyx out of which is to come at last the flower of individuality, which when it has finished its human evolution will become a power and a helper in the advancement of those below it in evolution, This knowledge makes us realize that we are all one. As we awaken to the meaning of this, we know at last the reason for every pain, sorrow, tragedy, and hardship that we have had to experience. We know that the great law of good, which reveals universal love, has given all just at the best time for it to be received and transmuted into wisdom.

A realization of the oneness of all life enables us to look back to the time when we were ensouling the humbler forms of life, and this gives a reverence for all created things. The lower kingdoms and their vehicles become sacred to us, and we cannot kill our younger brothers in the animal kingdom for sport or for food, or for the purpose of gratifying vanity in the use of furs and feathers.

When this place on the evolutionary path is reached, we realize as never before the significance of past, present, and future. We have within our own being the results of all of our earlier stages in evolu-

tion, both collectively and individually. We are heirs to the earlier manifestations of life that ages ago ceased to exist. The Rosicrucian Philosophy gives the history of the earlier incarnations of man in races so far removed from the present development that there is little resemblance between them and what man has now become. all recorded in the Memory of Nature. Through the study of the Rosicrucian Philosophy we may trace the past development of what has now be ome the human body. With its constantly increasing powers it is now the most efficient, finely proportioned, and complete vehicle in physical existence, for the most advanced entities in the world today. Out of the mists of antiquity the human being has evolved from the Lemurian race, down through the Atlantean, and finally to our own Aryan races.

As we inherit our bodies from those past ages, so we inherit our minds, emotional natures, intuitions and all of the external conditions of life, while the Ego is brooding over them all. We are heirs to the past because we have lived through it and have therefore built up its conditions within ourselves.

History, developing down the ages, is our heritage. The knowledge of reincarnation makes us more keenly aware of the past; for then we know that we have been with our present dear ones in former lives. We may have had dreams and visions and even memories of long past incarnations in ancient civilizations. What a delight then to read history and try to determine who we and our associates were in those distant yet still vibrant times.

SCIENCE LEADING TO SUPERSCIENCE

Science has made our lives most interesting with its researches into the laws of God, which Galileo called His thoughts. Physiology reveals the marvels of the workings of the physical body: of the eye, a perfect and efficient camera; of the ear, with its vibrating drum; of the brain, with its mysterious cells, through which thoughts sift from the Ego, the true self.

Psychology deals with thought and emotion, and the mysterious working of those regions where the mind of man comes through to consciousness and action in the physical world. The study of psychology combined with occultism reveals a profound interpenetrating consciousness, called the Oversoul, which is much higher, deeper, and broader than that manifesting through the physical brain. It reveals also that physical matter is merely a confining prison house for the higher principles of life. The eye responds only to light waves in the trillions a second, the ear is conscious only of sound waves in the thousands a second. There are only a limited number of the myriad waves of activity with which we are surrounded that we are able to sense with our physical organs of sight and hearing. This undoubtedly points to the fact that there are other forms of activity and life interpenetrating our own physical world which we have no organs to perceive. This enables us to picture the world where those are who have discarded the physical body. They are not far away from us, but near, and in touch with us while we are here in the flesh. should make us realize that the tragedy of so-called "death" is an illusion, and also that as we leave the body in sleep, we too are on that plane with those who have gone to live permanently in that region.

The world so near us and yet beyond physical sight and sound operates under the laws of the fourth dimension. The study of this added dimension is a most interesting one, and increases our knowledge of the life beyond the physical state. It broadens the understanding of what that condition must be, and makes the student eager to penetrate into the region of the unknown, that region which is just beyond his present senses. Not only are there four dimensions to this world, but as one goes on into more attenuated realms, he finds five, six, and even seven dimensions. What vistas of fascinating research this study holds, as well as developing the abstract mind of the student!

The realization that the physical world is truly an illusion, that solid objects are merely whirling vortices of electrical energy which appear solid on account of the rapidity of their vibration, and which if quiet would cease to exist, opens up a most interesting realm of thought, study, and research. The knowledge of this truth breaks down the barriers of the physical world and opens the mind to the fact that there is really no matter except in an illusionary sense, no death, no separation, and no lack. All is spirit; and although we

are in the realm of illusion and so must take that into consideration in ordering our physical lives, yet the fact that we can realize and accept such occult truths renders us able to cope the better with the sorrows and limitations of physical consciousness. In this connection we may also know that spirit is the one changeless reality that controls all apparent forms of matter.

The mental life and its powers are marvels which we do not appreciate because we are so familiar with them. The fact of memory—that we can recall from some mysterious region of the soul or mind that which was once an objective reality-is very wonderful. almost beyond comprehension as to what it is and where this power is located. Where is the region of memory. that territory in which has been recorded and preserved some trivial happening along with memories of importance, although all the matter of the physical brain may have changed many times since the occurrence took place?

What is imagination but the creative power of the mind to make the mental archetype of new things and new conditions? William James, in one of his works on psychology, states that we cannot conceive of anything we have not already experienced, but that we may make a combination of different things we have experienced to create a new concept; for instance, death by shooting, where we can combine previous concepts of a physical blow, pain, and unconsciousness. We cannot imagine a new color not in the spectrum.

The acceptance of the fact that mind controls matter leads logically to a belief in mental healing and the work that the invisible helpers do while the body is asleep.

The microscope leads to a knowledge of the infinitely little, of the microcosm within the macrocosm. The telescope opens up a vista of the infinitely great; astronomy reveals the wonders of the stellar universe. When observed

in the light of occult knowledge, we find that from the least to the greatest all form is ensouled with the divine life. each separate entity manifesting itself in a form perfectly suited to its place in evolution. Astronomy reveals the physical forms of stars and planets, and the occult tells us of the superhuman Beings who ensoul these forms making them fields of evolution for the entities that inhabit them The science of astrology tells of the influences exerted by the Planetary Spirits and their effects in our daily lives. Astrology is the soul of astronomy. Such knowledge blesses our lives, and makes us realize the importance of using the astrological forces to the best advantage to advance ourselves, and all those whose lives touch our own, on the evolutionary path.

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

The student of the Rosicrucian Philosophy has the key to all religions and philosophies, and can understand all the faiths which have helped mankind in its development down through the ages. Those young in evolution are at the base of the great mountain of truth, and are so separated from those following other paths of development that they often consider all religions not their own as false and evil. For this

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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. The Rosicrucian Philosophy gives a reasonable solution to all mysteries of life. It is entirely Christian, but presents the Christian teachings from a new viewpoint, giving new explanations of the truth which creeds may have obscured.

Our motto is: A SANE MIND, A SOFT HEART, A SOUND BODY reason such words as "heathen," "pagan," and "idolater" have come into use, and those who employ them really believe they are referring to benighted ones who have turned away from the true God or are unconscious of Him. But these words originally had a very different meaning: "heathen" referred to those who worship on the heath; "pagan," derived from "paganus." meaning civilian or rustic. "Idol" originally designated an image used as a symbol of a Deity, such as the Christian images of the Christ, the Virgin Mary, or the Trinity. Even now the majority of mankind believe that religions other than their own are unsanctified, which is shown by the dictionary definition of "heathen" as "an unenlightened or irreligious person"; also the definition of "pagan" as "one who does not worship the true God."

As one proceeds in evolution, however, the time comes at last when the different religious paths converge, and the adherent of one religion sees that all other religions are merely other paths to the top of the mountain of The purpose of the Recording Angels is to give to each race just the teachings that will be of the greatest help to that special people at just the special time in its evolution when they are needed. The religious nature is an integral part of all men because all are parts of God, hence divine in their true nature, and continually seeking truth and union with the Higher Self.

THE ARTS

As religion is an integral part of humanity, so the arts are also a fundamental part, because art is one of the human avenues of creative expression leading to divine expression. As one proceeds on the path of evolutionary development, he becomes more and more able to express this inherent power, which is always present, and even to a slight degree in the primitive man. In the savage the artistic urge reveals itself in the painted face, the feathered headdress, the embroidered clothing, ornamented bows and arrows, and crude pictures on the walls of his tent or cave.

From such primitive beginnings art has developed with the evolution of man until we have the finer arts of presentday civilization, worthy manifestations of the growing powers of advancing humanity. As races inherit history, so they are the heirs of the arts. Individuals who have worked in the arts in past lives come to birth with "talents," the result of effort in past embodiments.

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A Cynic Solves the Great Mystery

By GUSSIE ROSS JOBE



Y Darling Daughter: I awoke this morning wondering what caused this depressed feeling

that even in sleep lay so deeply in my subconscious. Then I remembered your telegram, and my heart ached that I was not with you, and I assure you that comfort is yours if you will but accept it. Today I have your letter and realize the bitterness that you feel that Jimmy must be buried in Africa and that you

will not, as you so bitterly lament, even have a grave to mourn above.

But Jimmy is not in that grave in North Africa, darling. His earthly body is there, no doubt. I have heard that the American burial ground is on the slope of a hill. Landscaped by cedars. From the foot of this hill a meadow extends on which Arab shepherds tend their small flocks.

Child, I cannot remember at which

turn in your life you fell away from the belief in immortality that was my intention to implant in your heart. Just how you came to refute the belief of continuity of life after death I do not know. I remember your telling me that Jimmy thought this a myth too but, darling, he knows better now. Even as I write these words he is with me, fairly flooding my mind with things he wishes me to tell you, and as I pen these words I can feel a soft electric smoothing of my hair as if in encouragement and approval. This is Jimmy's hand, I am sure.

He is awake and vitally alive and wants to undo the damage he has done in helping you believe the way you do. How bleak, how terrible to think that death ends all! We are effects of a cause, darling. Creation would be so pointless if your ideas were true. It would be asking too much of any creation by any Creator to have us endure life's buffetings and trials if oblivion were the goal.

I remember your impatience with me when I tried to explain my convictions to you and your invariable question. . . . "But how do you know . . . how does any one know? No one has ever returned from the grave to tell us." Dear, don't you believe in Christ? Don't you know that His purpose in accepting death on the cross was that He might prove beyond all doubt that the grave was not the end? Can you really believe that the spark of God that was Jimmy is forever extinguished? Jimmy is (I do not say was) a wonderful musician and composer. His quick appreciative ear could be entranced by lovely sounds or pained by discordant ones. Somewhere . . . not far . . . Jimmy can now, at will, listen to the sonorous music of the spheres. Earth music at its best is but trivial noises compared with the profound beauty of the songs of the Heavenly Hosts. In the far reaches of the Infinite the morning stars sing for him, and perfection of sound

undreamed of now blesses his ears in the rhythm of the angels' chorus.

Life is growth, darling, and when we have earned promotion we pass on to higher spheres. Have you ever seen and pitied a little boy who had outgrown his clothes: his knobby little wrists far below his cuffs, and his coat stretched too tight across his growing shoulders? Jimmy always seemed, spiritually, like that to me. His spirit too big for his body. He was such a good son, brother, and husband. After his Dad's passing he shouldered the burden of the family. Cared for his mother, raised, and educated his brothers and sisters. Yes. Jimmy has earned promotion, and isn't that a cause for rejoicing, instead of repining? I dislike the term, "Gave his life for his country," very much. No one gives his life. Even the Saviour prayed that it might not be necessary. It is human to hold on to life, but when we are promoted we go on. Some spirits mature earlier than others. Did you ever notice the blooms on a gladiolus stalk? The flowers at the bottom are in a state of full perfection while at the top the buds are still tight, green spikes. Still they are all one with the parent stem and in time will all come to a state of perfection. So it is with people. No one knows through how many rebirths he will have to pass before ultimate perfection is attained; and no person is ever lost. Many, however, must pass through many purgings before purification is accomplished.

Accept God, my darling, and know the peace that passeth understanding. Come away for awhile from external things, from the grief of your loss, and the arguments of your intellect. Withdraw yourself into the inmost chamber of your heart, put aside your grief and accept the will of God, and in this calm the angels of divine peace will come and minister to you with the balm of peace and resignment.

Bring every thought, every impulse, every resentment into perfect obedi-

ence to the divine power resident within you. Believe me, dear, there is no other way to peace but this, and if you refuse to walk this way, neither God nor angels can help you. Only to him that overcometh is given the white stone fashioned by a regenerate life, on which is written the New and Ineffable Name.

This sorrow, this grief is your own to conquer, or to hug vainly to yourself. Much as I love you, willing though I am to help, or even shoulder your grief, I cannot do so. Of your own accord you can cling to your unhappiness or give it safely into the hands of the Father whose will for all is good. No one can "give up" for you. You can obtain freedom and peace only by your own efforts, yielding up that which binds the spirit and destroys peace.

Before closing I must again stress my belief that *Jimmy lives*. He is standing on the shore between worlds, awakened, holy, compassionate, glad, and self-possessed. Yearning only to have you realize that you both were wrong about immortality.

> Forever yours, Mother.

Dearest Mother:

I want to confess before I start this letter that I did not read your letter until three days after its arrival. I just could not bring myself to overcome my bitterness at what I felt it would contain. Your unswerving faith, and your philosophy upon deathless life would have made a mad woman of me. So it lay, a meek pleader for recognition upon the desk. I passed it dozens of times a day, and each time I passed it, I would close my heart to its sealed comfort and refuse to open it.

Even this blow will not have changed her, I thought resentfully. She will quote her senseless ideas of immortality and the scheme of existence, and tell me that Jimmy is not dead at all, and that this relentless "force" that gives with one hand and takes with the other is all good, all lovely, and with a great purpose behind it. I could not bring myself to destroy the letter unread but, sardonically, I covered it with Jimmy's portfolio, and resumed my occupation of hating the Government, the War Lords, the churches, the Christians, and the whole scheme of existence in general.

I am going to tell you of a strange experience that caused me to read your letter; but before I do so I want to comment upon some of the things in your letter. You said that you do not remember just when I fell away from the belief in immortality. Neither do I-exactly; it came about so gradually. You know, of course, of the perfect love between Jimmy and me, and how we thought alike on every subject in the world from "Ships to Sealing Wax and Kings." We liked the same type of literature; we possessed the same brand of humor, agreed on questions of civic, legal, and moral matters, and at last we tentatively approached religion and discussed it from all angles, agreeing finally that it was rank superstition.

We decided that the only continuity possible was that passed on in traits, looks, and disposition from parents to children. We decided that our earth was just one of a million, of small parasitical worlds going through a state of dehabitation in order to become as the larger planets, a cold, uninhabited, In fact we decided lifeless world. that human beings were just a type of parasite of which the earth was seeking by earthquakes, war, and famine, to rid itself. We enjoyed debunking the different religions and cults, calling them all by one name, to wit: CANT.

We kept a book in which we entered every cynical thing we read that struck us as clever, such as "Perhaps thought itself is a disease," and, "Fortitude is but emotional gangrene." We especially liked this—"Shall the time ever come when the race of man shall walk without infirmity and disease? Does God mean this state to be a gradual at-

tainment of perfection? If so what a terrible wastage in the achievement." Many more of these smart quips we gathered and hoarded-irreverent mockeries bent on reducing beliefs and standards to a rowdy farce, and a comedy at which only we, with our superior minds, could understand and laugh. We felt sorry for the dupes that clung to their picayune hopes for something better after this life, something of grandeur and perfection beyond the grave that worked as a sort of anaesthetic against the fear of complete oblivion. We were fond of saying to people, "I respect faith but doubt is what educates one." Yes, Mother, it was after Jimmy and I married, that I, as well as he, fell away from our religious training.

Since Jimmy's death I have functioned automatically, I have felt nothing, neither grief nor pain. Just a feeling like a stung fly in a spider's web—neither dead nor alive. Just life enough to keep me, like the fly, from rigor mortis. Only your letter bothered me. It pleaded with me daily. Of all the unopened cards and letters of condolence, yours haunted me with its mute appeal.

My apartment grew thick with dust and disorder, and one Saturday I drove myself to clean a bit. When I came to the desk, I lifted Jimmy's brief case and on impulse opened it.

You know he composed and made his own arrangements for his band music. Inside the portfolio were a number of music sheets, and I took them out. At the top of the first page in Jimmy's handwriting was the title, "Valse Lenore," and in smaller script, "In honor of her twenty-fourth birthday." There were three finished pages of composition, and a bar or two on the fourth page then. . . .

With the music in my hands I sank upon the sofa and for the first time the blessed relief of tears came. I wept and hugged to my lonely heart this mute proof of his love and thoughtfulness, He was preparing it for me as a surprise on my birthday, the birthday that was destined to find him dead on a foreign shore. I wept until I was exhausted; then sleep must have visited my worn body, for although I seemed awake, I had the conviction that Jimmy was sea'ed by me holding my hand beneath his arm pit in the odd way he would hold it when alive. He seemed to be pleading with me: "Play it, dear, play it," he seemed to say, and awaking I went straight to the piano and with the unfinished music before me played it through to the break. "Write, darling, finish it, darling," he now seemed to be saying, and so I took a pencil and with his guiding influence filled in two more pages. I, mother, who can barely read notes, finished one of the most perfect valses ever composed. The music composers to whom I hastily submitted it, said that it was perfect with no deviation in style from beginning to end.

Mother, isn't that marvelous? Since this has occurred, I really feel happy. But to get back to your letter. After I had filled in the uncompleted pages of Jimmy's valse, I had a deep longing for my mother's presence. I wanted, oh, so much, to tell you about the experience. I knew of no one else on earth who would appreciate and believe. I remembered your letter, and went for it, opened and read it over and over. It really wiped away every trace of unbelief and unhappiness.

Since then there has been no sense of separation for the three of us, Jimmy, you, and your child, Lenore. I feel more contented to have Jimmy dead yet so very much alive (as you say) and so much closer to me than when he was alive and in Africa. It seems that since this experience I run across the most comforting philosophies and poetry. No longer do I hunt for the cynical quips that formerly pleased me so. Lately I read this: "In every earnest craftsman

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Genius from the Occult Viewpoint

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By KATHERINE BREID

T is often asked, "What is Genius?" Genius is ordinarily defined as unusual power of

invention or origination; extraordinary creative ability; remarkable aptitude for some special pursuit. But occultists know that it goes further than that. Let us see.

There is no more positive proof of the theory of rebirth or reincarnation than genius; for if we are in this world for only a single lifetime, what an odd reasoning it is to think that God gives to a few men "extraordinary creative ability" and not to all! But the theory of rebirth says differently. It is thus:

A genius is an advanced Ego who has reached a state of development far beyoud that of the average man, through much work and close application in some particular line of endeavor over a period of many lives, until he has become able to create something new and unusual in that particular line. he is capable of bringing into being things that the average person has not thought of, and would not be able to originate for many lives to come. other words, a genius is one who is able to do now, that which all mankind will be able to do only in the very remote future. Thus it is evident that genius is the result of applied will and much hard work, not a gift of a capricious God to a chosen few. It is clear also that the genius has well earned his creative ability.

Epigenesis is the "freedom to inaugurate something entirely new." Through Epigenesis we are all perfecting our physical bodies by adding at each rebirth such originally designed improvements as are needed for further expressing ourselves in earth life. While in the Second Heaven we use Epigenesis

in preparing our environment for a embodiment. physical climate, fauna and flora as necessary, under the direction of higher Beings.

All things that have happened are recorded in the "Memory of Nature." and the archetypes of all things yet to happen exist in the World of Thought. They are there for man to bring down to earth and convert into material form when he has developed himself far enough to contact them. This the genius does even without being clairvoyant; he is unaware of the fact that he is contacting these spiritual realities, thinking that his ideas come from imagination or inspiration. The experience of contacting the "Memory of Nature" or the archetypes is a great recompense for the hard work that made it possible; it brings with it a thrill, an exaltation of spirit, that temporarily brushes all other things from the life of the genius. This, and the imperious urge to create which the advanced genius is constantly aware of in his innermost self, is the recompense that makes him able to endure poverty and being ignored and misunderstood by the world.

The creative ability of genius is exemplified not only in the advanced musician, poet, painter, sculptor, architect, or writer of literature, but also in the creator of new ideas used in the business world, in fashions, in motion pictures, in colored photography, and in many other lines. Indeed, if one analyzes creative activity he sees many such instances in everyday life heretofore unthought of, where the human being is trying to develop his innate ability to originate something entirely new.

There are different grades of genius, from that of the man who invents a simple tool, to one with the greatness of da Vinci, Rembrandt, Michelangelo, Shakespeare, Shelley, Mozart, or Bach, to mention a few of the highly evolved Egos of the race. Comparing a lesser genius with the great ones mentioned above shows how far, far ahead of their times these latter ones were. These old souls had well earned their genius, for it must have required enormous patience and great energy to apply themselves to their particular lines through many lives so as to put them so far in advance of the rest of mankind.

The musician composes by tuning in, through his inner ear, on the musical vibrations in the Second Heaven, the World of Thought—the region of tone. Thus he hears music in his mind, and transfers it to paper or improvises it on a musical instrument.

The painter creates by mentally visualizing the pictures and colors that he senses in the First Heaven, the upper region of the Desire World, where there is a ceaseless flow of light and color in combinations that are ever changing. He transfers these colors, as far as he is able, to canvas. His eye is much more sensitive and its perceptions far keener than those of an ordinary man.

The sculptor creates by contacting astral forms in the Desire World, where the unceasing motion makes all manner of forms, which are constantly changing. These concepts he transfers to stone or clay.

The poet creates by contacting the higher invisible realm where he senses abstract cosmic truth. This his sensitive soul feels intuitively, and he molds it into artistically expressed poetic phrases. He, like the musician, tunes in on the cosmic vibration of rhythm.

That very great musician who in his latest embodiment was Johann Sebas ian Bach, chose the famous musical family of the Bachs to reincarnate in because through many generations of musical development they were capable of supplying him with a perfectly developed musical ear. This made it possible for him to penetrate perhaps higher than

any other composer into the Second Heaven and bring down to earth the melody, harmony, and rhythm heard there, recording them as our highest and nearest perfect development in music up to the present time.

Leonardo da Vinci, that great and many-sided genius, needed a keen eye for painting, a very sensitive hand for sculpturing, and the highly perfected ability of the mathematician for his engineering creations. He is an instance of genius born out of wedlock. From this fact it is plain to see that the genius will take the conditions necessary for his next incarnation, to help him express his genius, wherever he can find them, transcending the thought of any social disadvantages that may result.

Mozart came to the musical family in which he was born because the advanced stage of his musical genius and the short span of life allotted to him in this incarnation demanded an atmosphere where he would be able to create music at a very early age. This Ego was so far advanced musically before this incarnation that he was ready to compose almost from birth, without waiting for the usual musical training. He commenced his work of composing before the age of five years, writing divine music at a breath-taking speed despite sickness and poverty, until he died at the age of thirty-five years. Indeed, he composed even on his death bed, where he wrote his famous "Requiem," but dying before he had finished it. In his thirty years of composing he wrote 622 finished works, with an additional 132 unfinished at the time of his death. Among his greater compositions are 22 operas, 49 symphonies, 29 piano concerti, 13 violin concerti, 12 for various other instruments, 31 string quartettes, 9 quintettes, 7 trios and duets, 17 organ sonatas, 19 masses, and 47 other religious works. Is there need for more convincing proof of the theory of reincarnation than Mozart's genius? Indeed, it is only by the theory that he had prepared himself for this great creative work through many previous lives that one is able to understand how he was able to commence writing good music at the age of five years, when the average human being is still an infant, and that he could bring forth not only this great quantity, but also the very high quality that characterized his music for thirty years.

In a recent issue of a magazine devoted to Science News there appeared an article about the winners of certain science scholarships, in which it was revealed that one of the winners of top honors was a seventeen year old girl. This teen-age youngster assists her father (a professor of psychology) in some of his studies. She is a musician, having won a state music contest and one sponsored by the Julliard School of Music in New York. She is a violinist, and has been a member of a state symphony orchestra for five years. She is also an artist, having won a prize in a poster contest. Here we see a modern instance of the proof of the reincarnation of a genius, for her knowledge of music and art to the degree expressed was not acquired within the few years she has lived in the present incarnation. This Ego has certainly worked through many lives in these different lines of endeavor to acquire such an accumulation of talent and be able to express it well at so early an age in this incarnation.

The writer is acquainted with an internationally famous violinist who at the age of two years commenced his study of the violin, and at the age of five appeared as a boy prodigy, giving concerts throughout various European countries. Here again is a case of a child demonstrating talent before he was old enough to acquire it by study in this present life.

The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception says: "The force which provides the element of originality and gives scope to the creative ability which the evolving being is to cultivate that he may become

a God, that force is called Genius." The ultimate purpose of our existence on earth is to raise ourselves to the state of being creators, like unto God. When we shall reach that state depends on our efforts to develop the latent Divine spark which is in each and every one of All latent genius should be given spiritual and mental assistance and encouragement, and those who thus give are holding aloft the torch of creative enlightenment. It may take many lives to reach the state where the genius is able to interpret the Divine to such a degree that the world will be aware of his creative powers. But if he will persist, he will find the Divine Light unfolding and blossoming within himself until the potency of his genius will sweep all before it.

THE OUIJA BOARD

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ing sun. She raised her voice and arms to God, and breathed a fervent sincere prayer for deliverance. The effect was instantaneous. The pressure on her nerve-racked body lessened, and in another moment she was a free woman.

The above narrative shows the dangers connected with the ouija board, which are very real, as has been proved in hundreds of instances. In order to get results from it one has to make himself more or less negative psychically. This always involves the possible danger of psychic invasion and obsession by disembodied spirits, which as a rule are malicious and not at all what they seem to be. Many do not escape them as easily as the woman in this story. Scores of people have gotten themselves into a serious mental and psychic condition as a result of playing with the ouija board. This is a warning that one should have nothing to do with sc dangerous an instrument.



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stress upon actual service to our fellowmen, and very often the question is asked, "How can I serve my fellowmen? I do not seem to have the opportunity." It may therefore be well to point out that service does not necessarily mean a great and spectacular deed, such as getting in front of a runaway horse and carriage and saving the lives of the people in it, or going into a burning building to rescue those who would otherwise burn to death. Such opportunities do not come to every one, or every day; but all without any exception whatever have opportunity to serve, no matter what their environment is. The line of service that we shall indicate in this article is of even greater value than any one single act of saving someone from death, which must sooner or later be the portion of all, for surely it is of greater value to help people to live well than to help them merely to escape death.

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It is a deplorable fact that the great majority of us are selfish to a high degree. We seek the best there is in life with an almost entire disregard of our neighbor; and one of the ways this selfishness expresses itself most frequently is in maintaining an attitude of se'f-satisfaction. We are too prone to compare our efforts, our belongings, our faculties with those of others, and where it is manifest that they have more than we, that they are more accomplished, etc., there is a feeling of jealousy and envy that prompts us to speak slightingly of them or in some way to minimize their success or attainments, under the illusion that by this comparison we rise to their level, or above it. If, on the other hand, it is manifest that they have not as much as we, if it appears that their social standing is beneath our own, and it seems easy to establish their inferiority, we may adopt the supercilious attitude, we may speak patronizingly or condescendingly of them, thinking that by such comparison we raise ourselves greatly above our actual position.

If we hear someone speak evil of another, we are usually ready and prone to believe the very worst, because then by comparison we seem to be so much better, so much holier, and so far exalted above the culprit in the case. And where merit is so manifest that praise can not be withheld, we generally give it in a grudging manner, for we feel as if the praise given to others takes away from ourselves, or perhaps even exalts them above ourselves.

That is the general attitude of the world. However deplorable or lamentable it may be, it is a fact, and among

the great majority of mankind everybody seems concerned to keep everybody else back. This is one of the greatest items of man's inhumanity to man, which makes countless thousands mourn, and causes them to make other countless thousands mourn in return.

What greater service can anyone render to everyone else than that of adopting a systematic attitude of encouragement and commendation? There is nothing more true than the sentiment of the doggerel: "There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it scarcely behooves any of us to find fault with any of the rest of us." In the home, in the shop, in the office, everywhere, we meet day by day different people, every one of them amenable to encouragement. the sunshine is to the flower, so is an encouraging word to any person in the world. If someone has done well and we speak a word of appreciation, that word will help him or her to do even better the next time. If someone has done wrong or failed, a word of sympathy and confidence in his ultimate ability to achieve or retrieve will encourage him to try again and to win, just as surely as an attitude of discouragement will wither and make a wreck out of the life that might have been saved by a word of cheer. When someone comes along with a tale of evil about someone else, be very slow to believe, and be slower still to tell anyone Endeavor by every means of persuasion to stop the one who came to you with the tale from repeating it to others. No good can ever accrue to yourself or to anyone else from listening to and believing in such tales.

This line of service may seem to be very easy at first thought. But you must bear in mind that it will very often require a great deal of self-abnegation to carry on such work, because we are all so imbued with selfishness that it is next to impossible for most of us to put self away entirely, place ourselves in the position of others, and give to

them the encouragement and commendation for which we ourselves so earnestly long.

But if we persist in this attitude, and carry it out consistently with everyone in our environment, always making it a point to speak a word of encouragement wherever we can possibly find an opportunity, we shall presently find that people come to us not only with their sorrows, but also with their joys; thus we may gain some recompense. We shall feel then that we have had a large share in their attainment; and in all these successes of other people there will be a joy and a success that legitimately belong to ourselves, a success moreover that no one can take from us, something that will go with us beyond the grave as treasure in heaven. Let it not be forgotten that every single little act is engraved upon the seed atom in our hearts, that the feeling and emotion which accompanies that act will react upon us in the post-mortem existence, and that all the joy, all the pleasure, all the love that we pour out toward other people will react upon us in the first heaven and give us a sublime experience. This will develop in us a wonderful faculty of giving more and more joy to others, of being of greater and greater service. And let us remember that this is the only true greatness, the only greatness which is worth working for, the greatness that helps us to be of service.

Above everything, even more than encouraging others in their work, let us remember the part of the service outlined that deals with stopping tales. When anyone comes to us with a tale concerning someone else, no matter what we may think ourselves, no matter what may be the justification, repetition does not do any good, it does harm. As a snowball that rolls down a mountain accumulates more and more snow, grows larger and larger, so also the tale which is carried from one mouth to another becomes exaggerated, and much sorrow and suffering are caused by the tongue

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WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

"I Would Thou Wert Cold or Hot"

I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot.

So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Rev. 3:15-16.

The sincere occult student is required to

abstain from liquor, drugs, tobacco, and meat, and to practice control and conservation of the creative force. At once the lukewarm aspirant counters: "I am sure a few cigarettes, a drink now and then, or a little meat daily can't keep anyone out of heaven." But-they tend to do that. Getting into is a process accomplished heaven through a combination of daily practices, of which service and devotion form only a part. What we feed our desire bodies through indulgence of our physical appetites is an indispensable factor in spiritual attainment, and the retarding effect of tobacco, liquor, meat, and sensuality is as scientifically predictable as any formula in a test tube.

Our Spirit is at present confined in a set of vehicles whose acquisition was necessary for experience. These were purposely condensed so as literally to shut the Spirit out from heaven, its true home, that through the experience of consciously releasing itself from these vehicles it might grow from nescience to omniscience. Only in proportion as we accomplish such release do we enter by degrees into heaven again and its glories which we once knew.

Now, the scientific requirement is, through purification, to sublimate these vehicles and set our Spirit free. According to the density of our various vestments are we responsive or insensitive to the vibrations of our heavenly home. Therefore our aim must be to do those things which raise rather than lower the vibrations of our bodies; by the power of will to deny the cravings of our lower desires. Liquor, drugs, tobacco, meat, and the selfish use of the creative force stimulate and increase the coarser, unresponsive particles in our vehicles. Sensuality does not represent an incident of the moment only; it involves an alchemical process that floods the physical body with an increase of the two lower ethers of the vital body, thereby cementing the Spirit more solidly in its prison house of matter.

St. Paul warns us that "flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; neither can corruption inherit incorruption." The body of flesh cannot be disposed of, it must be spiritualized; the corrupt must become incorrupt by denying ourselves those things which corrupt it. Is this easy to do? Not at all. It requires persevering zeal in self-control; lukewarm dallying cannot accomplish it. Once we enlist as Soldiers of the Cross we undertake a peculiar responsibility whose rigid demands can never be understood by the mere spectator or the lukewarm. Only individual experience can disclose its mysterious treasures; only wholehearted loyalty to those demands can reveal unspeakable rewards concealed within that seemingly barren responsibility. Is not the New Year an excellent time to resolve and endeavor to deny at least one habit of the desire body; to free ourselves forever from that bond, and be blessed to that extent with the heavenly riches granted "to him who overcometh?"

A ROSICRUCIAN CATECHISM

A True Science

Q. Is there any relation between the Law of Consequence and the stars?

A. The Law of Consequence works in harmony with the stars, so that a man is born at the time when the position of the bodies in the solar system will give the conditions necessary to his experience and advancement in the school of life. That is why Astrology is an absolutely true science, though even the best astrologer may misinterpret it because, like all other human beings, he is fallible.

Q. Can man evade payments due as specified in his chart?

A. The stars show accurately the time in a man's life when the debt which the Lords of Destiny have selected for payment is due, and to evade it is beyond the power of man.

Q. Has this been proven by personal experience?

A. Yes, by the writer's experience in Los Angeles, California in 1906, who read the horoscope of a Mr. L., one of his pupils. The chart revealed that an accident would befall the native on the twenty-first of the following July, or the seventh day after, i.e., on the twenty-eighth, the latter date being regarded as the more dangerous.

Q. Is the nature of such an accident indicated so that specific precautions can be taken?

A. Yes; Mr. L. was warned against conveyances of any kind, and the place of the threatened injury was designated as the breast, shoulders, arms and lower part of the head. He was thoroughly convinced of the danger, and promised to remain at home on that day. Shortly after the date specified a mutual friend notified the writer that on the 28th day of July Mr. L. went to Sierra Madre on

an electric car which collided with a railroad train, and he sustained injuries of the exact description mentioned.

Q. Why did Mr. L., having entire faith in the prediction, disregard the advice?

A. The explanation came three months later, when he had sufficiently recovered to write. The letter said, "I thought the 28th was the 29th."

Q. Would this be considered "ripe" destiny?

A. There is no question in the writer's mind that this was a piece of "ripe" fate, impossible to escape, which was accurately foreshown by the stars.

Q. Why are the stars called "The Clock of Destiny"?

A. The twelve signs of the Zodiac correspond to the dial; the Sun and the planets to the hour hand, which indicates the year; and the Moon to the minute hand, indicating the month of the year when the different items in the score of ripe fate allotted to each life are due to work themselves out.

Q. What relation does man's free will have to such predictions?

A. It cannot be sufficiently emphasized that though there are some things that cannot be escaped, man has a certain amount of free will in modifying causes already set going. The great point to grasp is that our present actions determine future conditions.

Q. Has Rebirth and the Law of Consequence been taught publicly?

A. The real Esoteric Christianity has not yet been taught publicly, nor will it be so taught until humanity has passed the materialistic stage and becomes fitted to receive it.

(Reference: Cosmo, pages 161-165)

Astrology Department

Your Work as Affected by the Planets

By WESLEY D. JAMIESON

One's capabilities for any particular line of work are indicated in a general way in the horoscope of birth. Therefore to achieve the highest success it is advisable to examine the planetary influences shown in that chart. The following article gives some practical information in this connection.

ACH person has his or her own true vocation. One's talent is the call to work. There is one

direction for each of us in which all the world is open to us. We have faculties silently inviting us thither to profitable

exertion. By doing our work we make the needs felt which we can supply. Life would soon lose its savor if the salt of work were left out. Has it not been said that it is not enough to be good, we must be good for something? A lamp that does not give light or a clock that does not tell time is worse than They fail of

the purpose for which they were fashioned.

Physiological and mental functions are improved by work. Effort is indispensable to the optimum development of the individual. Abbe Dimnet considers indolence one of the chief deterrents to the higher life. For it is a travesty to pray daily, "Thy kingdom come" and then do nothing to help bring it to pass.

There is a curious weight of tradition supporting the idea of the incompetence of old age, and much of this rests upon the habit of judging men by their value This tradition rests, morein war. over, upon a body of experience formed

in ages when the conditions of life were such as to bring about enfeeblement at a relatively early time. Some anatomists say the brain begins to shrink at fifty, and some of them venture to assert that no original work can be done after that time. The facts are so against that assertion as to deprive it of value. What-

ever may be the truth as to the brain itself, a little knowledge of its product in the way of masterpieces will show that with persons of natural ability and sound body the doing power may well last for a score or more years past the half century.

Physical activity is given by a strong Mars or Aries influence, or Mars rising in a cardinal sign. Mars in a mutable sign inclines to diffusiveness of energy

THE ROSICRUCIAN DOCTRINE OF ASTROLOGY

Astrological influence as it affects human life comes not from the physical planets at all but from their indwelling Planetary Spirits. Thus it is in character, not Hence the Rosispiritual material. Hence the Rosi-crucians regard for une telling and commercialization of Astrology as a prostitution of this Divine Science.

and restlessness, and this is often the case with natives of Gemini and Sagittarius. When still bound by conventions and personal restrictions, the influence of Mars in Sagittarius can produce much self-righteousness, a danger that all who make attainments and fail to reach the true goal have to face. Mars trine or sextile Uranus will bestow great physical powers. Tennyson, who was unusually strong, had Mars in good aspect to Uranus. Mars in strong aspect to the natal Sun or Moon produces a worker.

Mental activity is bestowed by Gemini, Virgo, and Sagittarius, and if Mercury or the Moon be aspected by Mars or Uranus, this is greatly increased. Mars with Mercury always gives mental activity and the capacity for hard mental work unless in Pisces. If they are in adverse aspect or conjunction, there is some danger of overstrain or mental breakdown. The ruler of the Ascendant governs the brain and the nervous system.

Industrious people are usually blessed by Saturn, manifesting well directed activity and not being mere busybodies. A good proportion in the horoscope of the cardinal and mutable qualities, together with a well aspected Saturn, indicates an industrious person; but without Saturn there is often much noise and fuss without real results. Mars in affliction with Jupiter spells extravagance, not only of money but also of energy.

Virgo is notably an industrious sign, seeming to possess many of the saturnine virtues. Virgo is usually a healthy sign and capable of incessant and unremitting labor. Untiring industry, practical ability, clear vision, critical acumen usually bring a Virgoan to the front sooner or later, although it is oftener later, since the native of Virgo seems to start handicapped in some way. These Virgoans work best at the forge of life alone in studio, study, or workshop; it is a mistake to assign to them subordinate workers, clerks, etc.

for they will have little patience with them.

If you were hiring helpers you would want to eliminate if possible the drones —the indolent, lazy types. Astrology indicates them, indolence being denoted by weakness of Mars and the cardinal element (Aries, Cancer, Libra, and Capricorn). Also by many planets in common signs, and often by afflictions to Saturn, which may produce great sloth. The same may be said of a weak Venus. Taurus especially is often lazy due partly to being a heavy eater. Note that after your dog eats he sleeps. Similarly after a heavy meal a man or woman tends to drowse or sleep; they are not "on their toes" as it were.

Your ideal state is harmony, the balancing of all your forces, the conservation of all your energies, and the same state of unity within yourself as you find outside of or away from yourself. This is accomplished by the tranmutation of Mars, the reversing of our spheres, the turning of the symbol of Mars upside down, giving Venus or love for passion, self-restraint for impulse, patience for anger.

The red ray of Mars may be expressed in the three deadly sins: anger, lust and greed; anger through an uncontrolled Aries; lust through an uncontrolled Scorpio; and greed through an uncontrolled Capricorn influence. Our great financiers and millionaires are frequently fairly representative Mars-in-Capricorn men.

Those born with the Sun in Aries will find their greatest success where much activity is essential. Generally they succeed in the battle of life, often finding themselves in some leading role among their fellows.

Taureans should find success in the sphere of constructive work of an enduring type. There is generally a strong craving for security, and so there is great respect for possessions. Many bankers are found in this group; also singers, for Taurus, ruling the throat, gives singing roles.

Geminis often have two callings, either contemporaneously or alternately, and find success in the intellectual sphere. Let Gemini gather the facts and do the talking. But there is frequently constant change of plans and occupation, consequently waste of time and energy.

Cancer people find success in the sphere of teaching or preaching, or in appealing to the imagination and sympathies of their fellows. If you have a Cancer employee, praise him and find fault only in a very tactful way.

Leos are the "showy" type; they must shine in the eyes of their fellows, therefore the theatre, the midway at the beach, the comedian in the movies or on the radio may often be a Leo. They like kingly, queenly, and parental roles either on the stage or in real life.

Virgoans find success in some activity which gives opportunity for the exercise of keen discrimination and critical acumen; also through minute attention to apparently unimportant details. These people save the pieces, pay much attention to little things, never despising details. They are often found in literature, health work, sewing, microscopic work (such as measuring to hundredths of an inch the minute gadgets that enter into a watch or other instrument), detecting flaws that often escape others.

Librans desire beauty, balance, peace, and so their chosen work often reflects these qualities. They are often found in music or in some line which tends to beautify and complete human life. Many tire of their work and change it, but they are often brilliant folks in spite of this.

Scorpios concern themselves with work that is vitalizing or regenerating or dominating in some way. They use or abuse power. They are often reformers, evangelists; also surgeons, detectives, dramatists.

Sagittarians usually like work in which they find travel, exploration; also contact with other minds, and inquiry

into systems of philosophy, theology, or law. They crave wisdom and truth, but like to argue too much.

Capricornians are ambitious souls; they have an earnest desire to climb the ladder of life. Many of them dread the ill opinion of their fellows, and so they usually seek established positions in life, often as priest, ambassador, or teacher. They are usually serious thinkers, but are often thought to be snobs because they enjoy more solitude than other types.

Aquarians seek to enlarge the sympathies and the mental horizon of their fellows, and so we often find among them writers, poets, astrologers, teachers; also aviators, electricians, and engineers.

Pisceans find their greatest success in some field where self-sacrifice or renunciation is involved. Many Pisces women are the unmarried "aunts" who look after the children in families. They are inclined to like globe-trotting. They go in for travel, music, and mystic studies and pursuits, for Pisces is the mystic sign par excellence.

COMMENDATION

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of the gossip. Therefore we can render no greater service to the parties involved or the community than by endeavoring to get those who carry tales of evil to stop that habit. Homes have been wrecked, communities have been disrupted, men have gone to the gallows time and again, or to a life-long servitude in some institution, which is far worse, because of idle tales carried about. Therefore we can render as great a service by refusing to listen to gossip as by encouraging those who have failed in their ambition, or by commending those who have succeeded. Every day opportunities are knocking at our door. no matter where we are or what our station in life is.



The Children of Capricorn-1944-45

Birthdays: Dec. 22nd to Jan. 20th.

S the significator of the individuality in man, the Sun transiting through Capricorn

during the period between the above dates will impart many of the deepseated traits and characteristics of this sign to children then born. In many respects. including their frugality. aloofness, and love of high places, they resemble the mountain goat which symbolizes that part of the Zodiac. Most of them seem to enjoy exercising authority and participating in activities which confer prestige or prominence. Thoughtful, serious, and cautious almost to the point of timidity, they are generally very practical and realistic in their views, and instinctively capable of discerning in which direction lies their greatest advantage.

Desire for fame and other worldly considerations are often incentives which impel Capricorns to accept the heavy burdens and responsibilities that usually accompany executive positions in business, religious, or political organizations. While the forces of Capricorn can be wrongly diverted to political and business intrigue, it is well

to remember that many great statesmen, ecclesiastics, and world, benefactors have been among the children of this sign.

Capricorns usually have a well developed sense of social values, with a nature inured to frugality and hardship: having few personal wants; expert in timing events; untiring in action. All of this enables them to make the most of circumstances, situations, and the help of others in the climb to the top of their chosen field. Capricorn people are firm believers in even-handed justice, and usually seek by hard, conscientious work to merit whatever success they may achieve. An almost inordinate craving for system and order is common.

Saturn squares Neptune all this month, and both are in adverse aspect to the Sun during the last ten days of December and the first five or six in January. This indicates for the children born during this period the need of humility, uprightness, sound judgment, and rigid self-scrutiny as safeguards against unwise ambitions, and temptations arising from aims that may sometimes be thwarted. There may also be contradictory traits in these children

such as unjustified faith, cynicism, and suspiciousness. However, these configurations add to the capacity for hard work, and should not hinder eventual success. These children should be particularly suited to strenuous endeavor in overcoming difficult conditions.

Mars and Mercury are in conjunction most of this solar month, giving an aggressive, controversial and highly energetic mentality, together with courage and wit. The square they make to Jupiter will bring some religious and moral problems, and the need of moderation and the control of the personal will and desires. It has the possibility also of broadening the mental faculties and conferring both educational and worldly benefits, although the square usually has a restricting element within it.

Separating from its aspects to Neptune and Saturn, the sun trines Jupiter. This protective and beneficent aspect is an augur for more than average success for those born between the 10th and 20th of January, and it will enable them readily to absorb religious and moral training, and to profit from philosophical tendencies in coping with the problems of life.

Children born between the fifth and sixteenth of January have Venus trine Saturn, which indicates honor, esteem, thrift, and success in all departments of life. Social matters will prosper, and the affections will be deep and wisely controlled. Should life bring difficulties and heavy responsibilities, these children will show more than ordinary cheerfulness and endurance. This aspect will help in softening the harsh or violent influence of Mars opposed Saturn, active at about the same time. The latter inclines towards severity and rash and impulsive action. It indicates the need of tolerance and much self-control and patience when fate or people are not agreeable.

From the 6th through the 20th of

January Mars squares Neptune, which tends greatly to stimulate the imagination and also makes one oversensitive to psychic influences. Dabbling in any negative psychic practice should be strictly avoided. This aspect being a difficult one, level-headedness, purity of thought and action, and the avoidance of all drugs and intoxicants are highly essential.

Jesus was born with the sun in Capricorn, and the natives of that sign can surely do nothing wiser than seek to imitate Him in loving and serving their fellowmen.

WILL AND LOVE

Every one may know that to will and not to do, when there is opportunity, is in reality not to will; and that to love what is good and not to do it, when it is possible, is in reality not to love it. Will, which stops short of action, and love, which does not do the good that is loved, is a mere thought separate from will and love, which vanishes and comes to nothing.

-Swedenborg.

Your Child's Horoscope

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A READING

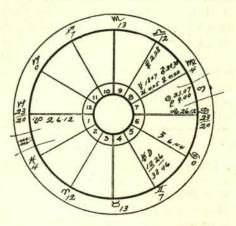
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Reading for a Subscriber's Child

HAROLD MICHAEL R.
Born August 13, 1944, 6:04 P.M.
Latitude 34 N. Longitude 118 W.



We note first that most of the planets are above the horizon, showing the spiritual advancement of this Ego and the path he will follow. Having one planet, Saturn, in the 6th house, and two, Moon and Uranus, in the 5th, Harold will be industrious, conscientious, and steadfast in his work. Saturn is sextile to Venus and Jupiter, which are in conjunction in Virgo, the sign of service and health, showing much interest in these departments of life.

Five planets in the 8th house show that he has deep occult latent knowledge carried over from the past. Four planets in Virgo indicate a marked interest in diet, and these being in the 8th house show the possibility of becoming a physician specializing in dietary means of attaining health.

The Moon in the sign of Gemini, and in the 5th house will give talent along literary lines and for teaching. Music will be another outlet for his talent. The Moon is sextile to the Sun showing harmony between the individuality and the personality. Harold's activities will tend to be on a large scale. In everything he does he will strive to go all the way to the top.

The Moon squares Mars and Neptune. This means that he will always be seeking the inner meaning of life, but with a great love for humanity, the Moon representing the masses. With this square it will be most necessary for him to use logic and reason in his investigation of occult subjects.

Uranus in Gemini in the 5th house, sextile to Pluto the newly discovered planet, means that he will have new and original ideas. Coupled with this is the before mentioned sextile of Saturn in Cancer to Venus and Jupiter in Virgo, which will lift him in this incarnation to a much higher point in his evolution and give him scope for his unusual Uranian ideas. These will bring both good and bad reactions, and therefore must be watched with discrimination.

With a square from Saturn to Neptune it is advisable to teach this lad early in life the true relation of persons, possessions, and spiritual values for he will have a tendency for show and pomp instead of living up to the higher side of his chart shown by the sextile of Saturn to Venus and Jupiter and the lovely sextile of the Sun to the Moon. He will have a golden opportunity to unlock the door to wide vistas in life, not only for himself but also for others. Having Venus and Jupiter in Virgo, an earth sign, he will be one of the real workers of the world, and will produce many new ideas and plans. He will be fearless in carrying out his plans, and others will follow his lead.

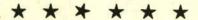
Neptune in Libra will give Harold a keen appreciation of sound and color, and a fineness of perception; and his higher nature will respond to the intuitional side of his mind.

This chart is well balanced, and full of evolutionary lessons and experiences. With Saturn as the ruler of the Ascendant he will need to exercise much care to develop a strong body for the carrying out of his destiny.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE ADVICE

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place of birth; year, day of month, and hour; full name. No readings given except in this Magazine and ONLY FOR PERSONS 16 to 45 YEARS OF AGE.—EDITOR.



Chemistry. Dietitian

LILI, L. I.—Born October 27, 1921, 7:30 A.M. Lat. 40 N. Long. 74 W. Sun as ruler of the Midheaven and placed in the 12th house in Scorpio, conjunct Mercury and trine Uranus, indicates success in some branch of science. Lili is intuitive, inventive, and should have a liking for mysticism and the occult, also astrology, with a capacity for delving into nature's secrets in such subjects as chemistry. The Sun in the 12th house favors work in hospitals or institutions, also laboratory research. The Moon in conjunction with Mars in Virgo should give ability as a dietitian, particularly in connection with the sick; it also favors food research involving the science of chemistry.

Music. Commercial Artist

LINDSAY, R. C.—Born May 12, 1930, 3:00 P.M. Lat. 44 N. Long. 79 W. Venus, ruler of this chart, with Libra on the Ascendant gives an ability for art and music. Venus conjunction Jupiter in Gemini indicates profit from travel. This configuration usually gives money gained from more than one pursuit. Lindsay also has ability for successful writing. Venus sextile to Uranus might divert this to poetry. The Sun in Taurus, a Venus sign, indicates that the Venusian talent could be developed as a composer, in orchestral music, or as a commercial artist. The above planetary positions and aspects show a keen appreciation of beauty, form, color, sound, and touch. Foreign travel is also indicated. Advertising, journalism, or some mail order business could be profitable.

Health Foods. Agriculture

ADAM, S. H.—Born August 6, 1901, 6:00 A.M. Lat. 40 N. Long. 76 W. Taurus is on the Midheaven and its ruler Venus is in Virgo. This should give an interest in scientific agriculture or floriculture. Also in chemistry, hygiene, or the manufacture of foods. Dealing in health foods, running a health food store, would be another possibility. The Moon in Taurus sextile to Neptune in Cancer gives a love of nature and natural science. The Sun trine to Uranus gives scientific ability. Jupiter in Capricorn trine to Venus shows success in some public capacity or in a governmental career.

Technician. Research

ARTHUR, J. W.—Born April 14, 1926. 10:11 P.M. Lat. 52 N. Long. 0. With Virgo ruling the Midheaven and with Mercury and the Sun in the sign of Aries, Arthur is capable of doing pioneer work in some line of mechanics. He would be especially successful in construction of homes. Also in any of the scientific pursuits such as engineering, architecture, or surveying. Mercury in conjunction with Uranus, and Mars in conjunction with Jupiter in Aquarius show original and progressive ideas that could be applied to these pursuits. The Sun is trine to Neptune in Leo, which favors the development of insight for research work.

Monthly News Interpreted

Vitamins-the Elixir of Life

Among the 1500 products usually associated with the neighborhood drugs ore are many which the War Department considers as essential to defense as bombs and Of these, the No. 1 essential is a white crystalline powder, yeasty to the smell and salty to the taste—vitamin B₁, or thiamin. Lacking a certain minimum of this powder or its equivalent in natural foods, no soldier or defense worker, let alone a civilian, can function at top ef-Deprive a man of it altogether

and he sickens, soon dies.

Latterly, thiamin has come to be known as the morale vitamin. Two Mayo Clinic doctors showed why. From women hospital employees they recruited eleven prime specimens of youth, vigor and efficiency and placed them on a diet low in B1. It consisted of white bread, corn flakes, polished rice, skimmed milk, white sugar, beef, cheese, egg white, butter, vegetable fat gelatin, canned fruits and vegetables, and coffee—a diet only slightly more restricted than many an average citizen's. three months one volunteer had deteriorated physically and nervously so fast that she had to be taken off the diet and pumped full of synthetic B₁. Of the remaining ten, the doctors reported:

"They were depressed, irritable, quarrel-some and fearful. They became inefficient in their work, were inattentive to details of their tasks, confused in thought, uncertain in memory and lacked manual dexterity. These abnormalities progressed to a degree that disabled six subjects in the performance of work to which they had been long

accustomed."

Harriet Elliott, OPAC consumer viser, estimated last year that 45,000,000 Americans-and not necessarily the ill-fed "one-third of a nation" either—were living way below the vitamin safe y level, principally from lack of B₁. Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey added that one third of all draftees rejected had deficiency ailments.

No vitamin poses a problem as com-plicated as B₁, because most of the others are easily obtained in foods. A four-ounce glass of orange juice and an ounce of spinach, for example, provide 1500 units of vitamin C, all an adult needs in a day. Add two ounces of Cheddar cheese and a glass of milk, and he gets his 5000 units of vitamin A. But though B₁ is present in many foods, in no one food is it present in large amounts.

The national B, deficiency has been intensified by a fivefold increase in whitesugar consumption. White sugar is pure carbohydrate, devoid of both vitamins and The more carbohydrates we minerals. consume the more thiamin we need to spark the fire which will burn it away.

The easy, if savorless, way to get a daily B1 allowance of about two milligrams-as recommended by the National Nutrition Conference—is to swallow it in concentrated tablet form. Nutrition enthusiasts insist such an allowance also can be obtained from the diet which includes the following foods or their equivalents:

8 Ounces suitable protein 4 Ounces Lima Beans

2 Ounces Cheese

8 Ounces Orange Juice

6 Slices Whole-Wheat Bread

1 Medium-Size Potato

Cup Oatmeal 1 Glass Milk

But the very poor cannot afford either the tablets or the protective foods, and for them the best bet is larger helpings of the cheap whole-grain cereals, like oatmeal. Curiously, the Southern backwoods Negro, whose staples include thiamin-rich home-made cornmeal et cetera, is on the average healthier than his cousin up Nor h. The nutritionists stress the principle of wholes -whole wheat, whole grain. Whenever it is violated by discarding brans and germs, trouble follows .- The Saturday Evening Post.

The great amount of attention and enthusiasm being devoted to the subject of vitamins at the present time by doctors and laymen alike shows that this is a most important subject and one which vitally affec's the welfare of mankind. Science has accomplished wonders in the past few years in the discovery of vitamins and in observing their beneficent effects upon the human body, together with their reflex effect upon the mind and emotions.

The above clipping indicates that the vitamin B1, or thiamin, is one of the most important of all the vitamins, and perhaps the most important single one of the lot. As stated in the article, if a man is deprived of it altogether he soon sickens and dies. Those who get insufficient quantities of it become depressed, irritable, quarrelsome, fearful, and inefficient. It is said by physicians that one of the chief functions of vitamin B1 is to make possible the efficient digestion of carbohydrates and starches, which are the fuel for the human body to keep it going, producing both heat and energy.

As stated, it is well if possible to supplement the diet with B1 or B-complex tablets. In the absence of these, however, an increased intake of the whole grain cereals like oatmeal, cornmeal, whole wheat, etc., is highly advisable. In these tense times we need all the energy and vitality we can get, and obtaining the necessary vitamins from one source or another should not be neglected.

The Japs Are Using Magic

Tokyo radio last night revealed what appeared to be a "secret weapon" for use against the U.S. Fleet:

"All the Japanese have to do in future operations is to project their indomitable spirits at the enemy and they will suffer internal fear that will defeat them before they get into the fight," Tokyo said in a broadcast heard by United Press, San Francisco.

"The Occidental mind," Tokyo added, "of course will not understand this great

Oriental power."

"Oriental fear tactics may well defeat the United S ates," Tokyo said Wednesday night in a broadcast heard here.

Reporting that Lt. Gen. Yasuaji Tomonaga described Japan's most powerful military weapon as "something beyond the control of the a tack commanders themselves." The moral defeat of the enemy will be brought by the Japanese secret tactics "of projecting dauntless spirits at the enemy before battle to destroy in enemy warriors the entire will to fight."

Later the Tokyo radio announced the general staff of the Japanese army has established a bureau to "study the secret of certain victory." The bureau will be headed by Gen. Yoshijiro Umezu, chief of staff, with Gen. Hikosaburo Hata second

in command .- Los Angeles Times.

The above recent clippings indicate that the Japs are using mental weapons in this war as well as physical ones. In other words, they are using thought power against the allies with the de-

liberate intent of creating fear in their minds, paralyzing their will to fight, and making them easier to overcome. The Japs refer to this as their "secret weapon" and also as "Oriental fear tactics."

This information was given in the course of two broadcasts from Tokyo wherein it was stated that the Japs intended to bring about the moral defeat of the allies by this secret weapon. They also refer to this method as "projecting dauntless spirits at the enemy before battle to destroy the will to fight." They regard this, said the broadcaster, as "the secret of certain victory."

This is magic with a vengeance, and moreover it is black magic. Black magic is defined as the conscious use of spiritual or mental power to injure another person or persons. The Japs' "secret weapon" definitely comes within this classification. Primitive peoples have always used more or less magic, and usually some black magic, because being at a lower stage of evolution, they are more or less negatively psychic, and therefore come into contact with evil entities on the invisible planes who coach them in the use of black magic.

The penalty of black magic is very severe, as stated in the Rosicrucian teachings, namely, the loss of the soul. There is less responsibility in the case of unevolved people who do not know the seriousness of what they are doing, although the penalty would still be severe. The Japanese are comparatively unevolved, being the reincarnated seventh race people of ancient Atlantis. and largely Mongolian in type.

We do not think this secret weapon of the Japs is going to be very effective against American soldiers and sailors because the evolutionary development of the American is of a somewhat highly positive type, and therefore far less susceptible to mental attack than in the case of Orientals. It has the capacity, however, of doing some damage, and therefore should not be held too lightly.

READERS' QUESTIONS

Building for the Future

Question:

If a person is afflicted in one life with a faulty or diseased organ, when he returns to earth in a later incarnation is he likely to have the same affliction?

Answer:

Since the beginning of the first revolution of the Saturn Period or first Day of Manifestation so far as our own evolution is concerned, the Spirit, which is the real man, has been learning to build bodies. At the present time, the second half of the fourth revolution of the Earth Period, the physical body is only about fifty per cent efficient.

If we wish to get some idea of what this vehicle will be like in its perfected state, it would be well to look into the past and see what has already been accomplished along certain lines, knowing that greater and more rapid progress will be made in the future owing to the added power which the Spirit has developed. For instance: At one time in the far-off past, feeling was a localized sense just as hearing, seeing, smelling, and tasting are today. The organ of feeling was what is today called the pineal gland, a part of which at that time protruded from the back and upper part of the head. Today we know that this particular sense is distributed all over the physical body.

What is true relative to the extension of feeling will also manifest in each of the other senses, and in the course of time they will all cease to be localized, and the entire body will not

only feel, but it will smell, taste, hear, and see. Still later another great change will take place: the senses of sight and hearing will merge into one as will taste and smell; and these four senses united into two, will merge into the more intimate sense of feeling and all will become united into what may be called knowing, which is really above all sense perception yet manifests in them all.

The lessons learned in perfecting the body are worked out in successive lives of the Spirit. First it learns to build a body, then lives in it, and in this way discovers its imperfections. stance, the muscular system may be perfect, but the heart or lungs or spleen, each or all, may be found to be faulty or diseased. If the Spirit takes note of these imperfections, it will, when it builds its next archetype in the Archetypal Region of Concrete Thought, remedy them wherever they exist. the pain has been great enough to cause it to focus its attention on these particular organs, it will endeavor to build better ones, so that it may escape the suffering which it was forced to endure in a previous life, and so instead of perpetuating its faulty organs it will endeavor to improve them. Therefore it is quite safe to say that a diseased organ in one life will be a sound one in the next life or a succeeding one, for it is in this way that the Spirit is gradually learning by past mistakes to build better and more nearly perfect bodies.

The same law holds good in relation to the exterior of the body. For instance, the Spirit, if it so permits, may live several lives with what really amounts to a disfigured face, head, or body, with limbs out of true proportion, nose grotesque in shape, ears unduly extended out into space, et cetera. But by becoming aware of the inharmony in its exterior proportions it may remedy these defects when it builds its next or some succeeding archetype in the Region of Concrete Thought.

Beauty, wisdom, strength and perfection are all divine attributes which each Spirit in time will develop, and it is by living life after life in bodies expressing these opposite qualities that each imperfection, be it external or internal, is discovered and later remedied. All imperfections that the Spirit consciously discovers, be they of body or mind, can be remedied by changing the archetype in the Region of Concrete Thought.

INITIATION A CONSCIOUS PROCESS

Question:

A student anxious to know more about the process called Initiation asks: "Is it possible to be Initiated on another plane without going through a like initiation on the physical plane; if so should the memory of the Initiation on first waking be an indication that one has really taken place, or would it be only a dream?"

Answer:

When the physical life lived by any person has fitted him or her for Initiation the Teacher always appears to him while he is wide awake in full physical consciousness. The individual is told that he has evolved a vehicle necessary to function in the invisible world and is then offered the help to make the first or initial transition safely, an offer which he may refuse if he so desires, and note this carefully: none of the White Brothers would urge him against his will, should he decide not to go on.

Certain physical preparations are necessary before Initiation can take place. Throughout the entire process, from the time the individual leaves his physical body until he returns and re-

enters it, he remains in full waking consciousness, and has an uninterrupted memory of all that takes place. Therefore it is quite impossible for anyone who has actually gone through the process of Initiation in the Rosicrucian School to be in doubt of what has actually taken place, or to think it may have been a dream.

PROGRESS DEPENDS ON FREEDOM Question:

What is the reason so many occult students want to gain conscious freedom from the physical body? Isn't there plenty of work to do while functioning in the body without trying to get out just to find more work to do?

Answer:

At the present time the greater part of humanity are confined in their physical body during their waking hours for the reason that certain lessons can be learned there which can best be mastered only by practically shutting out every other place and condition from their consciousness. There comes a time, however, in the life of each individual when he has grown sufficiently in knowledge to make it necessary for him to have a wider scope for his activities. The body then becomes a fetter which it is expedient to leave at times in order that he may gain more knowledge under less hampering conditions. When this situation arises in the life of an individual, such a one is then taught by the Elder Brothers how to extricate himself from the physical body at will in order that he may travel afar in his quest for added learning, all of which is only a means to an end, namely, to help others to progress. Therefore those that are capable of leaving the body at will are known as Invisible Helpers, whose work is to help both the living and the so-called dead wherever their assistance is needed and their ability adequate.

NUTRITION AND HEALTH

Nervousness--a Luxury of Civilization

By LEON PATRICK, D.O., M.D.

Nervousness is very prevalent in this high-powered war age in which we are living. The vibrations from the astral plane impinge upon our finer vehicles, often creating disharmony which is reflected in nervousness and neurotic conditions. The article below treats this subject in an able manner, showing particularly the basic methods necessary for overcoming nervousness.

(IN TWO PARTS—PART ONE)



OME individuals are born nervous; some achieve nervousness; some few have it thrust upon

them! Broadly considered, all neurasthenics are temperamentally in the first class, but the vast majority are physically in the second. Neurasthenia is a vivid illustration of that everdecreasing class of ills to which flesh is heir, in which it is the patient who is responsible for the disorder. There are, of course. external influences which tend to invite and excite or depress an instable nervous system; but to cure the victim of nervousness it is not enough to remove these external causes; we must remodel, rebuild, and nourish the patient's body according to biologic principles.

Perhaps this sounds rather discouraging for a beginning; but like the proverbial cloud it has a silver lining—or at least a silver-plated one. The redeeming feature is this: nervousness is not a disease, per se; it is merely a symptom arising from the same constitutional derangement that causes head-

ache, indigestion, constipation, insomnia, etc., and is therefore amenable to the same treatment that is necessary to eradicate these particular conditions.

"NEURASTHENIA" IN THE DISCARD

The word neurasthenia is a "high-brow" term of quite modern vintage, which being interpreted literally means "nerve weakness." Although originally regarded as a distinct type of disease, neurasthenia is now known and recognized simply as one of many symptoms characterizing a constitutional derangement. Having no legitimate claim to distinction as the name of any disease, the term neurasthenia is rapidly disappearing from standard medical literature and in its place we find the good, old-fashioned word nervousness.

There are, however, certain good people who "enjoy poor health," who wear their ailments with an air of distinction in much the same manner as our aristocratic ances'ors are said to have flaunted their gout. Such individuals will insist upon choosing their diseases according to the romantic atmosphere implied by their names.

This undoubtedly accounts for the popularity of "neurasthenia"—a name which is nothing if not sonorous. But this article is written for men and women who need every ounce of nerve power that they can command. It is written for people whose nerve force in some way has become depleted; who are thus rendered more irritable and easily fatigued; who, in a measure, have lost their grip on life—an all too prevalent condition which everybody knows and speaks of as nervousness.

WHAT IS NERVOUSNESS?

Nervousness is by no means limited, as some seem to think, to the rich and the well-to-do. Our clinics are thronged with defense workers, factory hands, nurses, and shop girls, to say nothing of such sedentary workers as stenographers, accountants, ministers, teachers, etc., all suffering from nervousness. The condition is common to all classes of society, and should be looked upon as consisting of three factors. First: an unstable or inherently weak nervous system, which by nature is abnormally sensitive. A person so afflicted is said to have a "nervous temperament," and is thereby predisposed to nervous disorders; but a nervous temperament at its worst is only a tendency-other causes must be actively present in order to establish actual nervousness. In fact, it would be just as reasonable to expect that the automobile you are driving will be wrecked as to assume that because of your nervous temperament you are predestined to suffer nervousness: care will avoid both. Second: All those peccadillos of everyday life which, though they do not rise to the dignity of active causes, are sappers of vital energy; among these might be mentioned overeating, eating too fast, keeping late hours, mental stress, the use of stimulants, sexual excess, and all other dietetic and hygienic errors that subtract in any degree from our total sum of nerve energy.

Through the combined operation of these two factors physical health is sooner or later supplanted by a systemic condition (enervation) that is decidedly favorable to nervousness; yet the real disorder does not and cannot manifest until after the third and most potent factor has got in its disorganizing work. This third factor is toxemiaa perverted condition in which the blood stream becomes the carrier of wanton poisons. Most of these poisons are produced by the fermentation and putrefaction of undigested food stuffs within the gastrointestinal tract; some arise from imperfect metabolism (chemical change) throughout the various cells of the body; others are the immediate result of inefficient elimination of waste materials, due to insufficient or defective action of any one or all of the four emunctories (skin, lungs, kidneys, bowels), whose individual and collective duty it is to rid the body of all waste But regardless of their products. source it is the direct effect of these poisons on the supersensitive nerve centers which causes nervousness with its various symptoms and phenomena.

NOT HEREDITARY

Nervousness is not hereditary, but an unfortunately large number of people are born with a predisposition to nervousness and kindred ills. This predisposition is, of course, not curable. It is a personal characteristic as definite and ineradicable as the color of the hair or eyes; but even though the predisposition cannot be removed, its outward manifestations may be indefinitely postponed altogether prevented. How? simply conforming to the great biologic laws which have control over the functions of mind and body, just as the law of gravity controls the movements of the planets. The person born with a predisposition to nervousness must conform to the same sort of regime as one who is actually suffering from nervousness. He must "cease to do evil and learn to do well": he must cease to dissipate nerve energy, and by every means in his power cultivate health.

SELDOM DUE TO OVERWORK

Nervousness is quite generally attributed to overwork; but I am here to remind you that work is physiologic. We can rust out a great deal quicker than we can wear out. Strenuous physical work brings lassitude, fatigue, and depression of spirits, but rarely, if ever, is it the cause of nervousness. People suffer "nervous breakdowns" while engaged at hard work merely because they are lacking in general health of body; wrong living habits have so far depleted both their muscular and nerve force that they cannot bear up under even a normal amount of work.

It is, therefore, quite evident that the real trouble lies, not in the work the individual attempts to do, but in the debilitated condition of the system. And it is likewise equally clear that getting away from the office, the factory, the telephone, automobiles, street cars, and all the other incidents of modern industrial life will not in or of itself cure the victim of nervousness.

One must go to the root of the trouble, and so correct his habits of everyday living and so overcome any inherited tendency to nervousness that he will naturally grow health, thereby establishing the highest degree of bodily efficiency, which means a surplus of energy over and above the demands of the day's duties.

THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

For all practical purposes the nervous system may be described as that particular anatomical tissue designed and set apart by Nature as a special apparatus for the transmission of vital energy, or what is more commonly termed, nerve impulses. Strictly speaking we have only one system of nerves, but for the convenience of study it has been divided into (a) the cerebrospinal or vol-

untary nervous system and (b) the sympathetic or involuntary nervous system.

The cerebrospinal system, consisting of the brain and spinal cord, with the five special senses and their respective nerves, is specifically concerned with the body's sensations, muscular movements, and voluntary acts. By its nerve filaments and branches, which ramify in all directions like a lot of telegraph wires, the most distant parts of the body are brought into direct communication first with the spinal cord and then, if need be, with the brain itself, where certain messages (impulses) are received and interpreted by our consciousness, and others sent down through the appropriate nerves, constituting the great cables (so to speak) of the spinal cord, to be switched off at the proper levels to their respective destinations.

The sympathetic nervous system which in the form of a slender, double-knotted chain of nerve tissue runs down the whole length of the interior of the body just in front of the ribs and on each side of the vertebral column, controls our whole "innards," and is literally "the works" of the body machine.

(To be concluded)

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 posible 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.



* HEALING *

Founded on the Admonition of the Christ to Heal the Sick

GLEANINGS ON HEALING FROM THE WORKS OF MAX HEINDEL

Until the Christ illumines us from within we do not comprehend, neither do we follow, the laws of nature, and consequently we contract disease by our ignorant contravention of these laws.

Selfishness is the prize cause of most disease; selfishness is the supreme besetting sin of ignorance.

A "cure" is a physical process. Healing is radically different; there the sufferer is always required to cooperate both spiritually and physically with the healer.

Let us understand that the whole Universe is pervaded with the power of the Father, always available to cure all ills of whatever nature; that is the great certainty.

Faith without works is dead, and in every case where Christ healed anyone this person had to do something, he had to cooperate actively with the Great Healer before his cure could be accomplished.

Whatever good there is in any system of healing, the effects upon a certain person will be beneficial or the reverse in exact proportion to his faith in its healing power.

At Mt. Ecclesia every evening at 6:30 a healing service is held in the Healing Temple pictured above. Also on the healing dates given below, when the Moon is in a cardinal sign, healing services are held in the Pro-Ecclesia. You may join in these services, and thus make of yourself a living channel for the Divine Healing Power that comes direct from the Father. Relax, close your eyes, and make a mental picture of the pure white Rose in the center of the Rosicrucian Emblem on the west wall of our Temple, and concentrate on Divine Love and Healing.

December 2— 9—16—23—29 January 5—12—19—25 February 1— 9—15—21—28

We append some letters from people who have been helped.

Minnesota, October, 1944.

Healing Dept.
My Dear Friends:

I am improving beyond expectation. My hips are starting to loosen. And with God's will I shall walk and be free once again after 25 years of being unable to help myself. I thank God. And may His love and blessings rest on you all.

—S.J.

Missouri, September, 1944.

Healing Dept. Dear Friends:

Thanks to God and the Invisible Helpers, our mother seems to be on the road to recovery. She was up today and walked around the room. She has not had one bit of pain since August 25th, immediately

after I wrote you the second letter. You received it on the 30th but the day I wrote you all pain left and has not returned. This in itself is astounding as she had not been free from at least the arthric pain in one knee. The doctor, who is an osteopath, has not had to give her one treatment to relieve the pain. Her back has not hurt either, and she is getting better each day.

We thank you over and over again for the miraculous help that has been given her. It is nothing short of a miracle that she has not had any suffering since that Sunday, August 25th. Again, we thank you for your beautiful letters and your help.

Yours sincerely, H. E.

(The "mother" referred to above, 80 years old, fell and crushed vertebrae. She was so low her family did not expect her to live. ED.)

California, May 1944.

Rosicrucian Fellowship Healing Department.

Dear Friends:

I thank you, dear Friends from the bottom of my heart for your support. This illness is a long and tiresome one, and were it not for my contact with you, for your wonderful philosophy, and for your positive spiritual aid, I should have given up long ago in despair. You constantly renew my courage and keep me fighting.

May the blessings of our Heavenly Father be present with you always.

-G.E.M.

Do You Want to Regain Your Health?

HEALING THE SICK is one of the departmen's in which the Rosicrucians specialize through their system of healing by the ministrations of the Invisible Helpers. The Helpers work on the etheric body of the patient, principally at night while he is out of the body in sleep. We shall be very glad to give anyone who is sick the benefit of the assistance which we can render along this line. The patient establishes connection with the Invisible Helpers by writing a weekly letter to Headquarters. He is also given supplementary advice on diet, exercise, etc. This department is supported by free-will offerings. If you are sick, and if you are interested, address,

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CYNIC SOLVES MYSTERY

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lurks the potential mystic. He who molds the clay, chips the marble, or shapes a tale. He who soars the heights and brings to earth a strain of music, divines the soul of some other creator snatched away from earth by an untimely death. Longing intensely to touch the rim of Godhead through creating, the effort never dies with one death but is handed down and down until completion."

This composition of Jimmy's is his best, and I feel sure it was he who helped me to complete the strain.

Never be unhappy about me again, mother. I am happy and at peace.

Yours with love and humility,

Lenore.

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Children's Department

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The Fairy of the Canyon

By ALICE CHALMERS



HAT are those little sparkling things in the air?" she asked. "Are they fairies,

Her friend replied, "Some people call them sunshine fairies, and of course there is life in each little seed of light; but I believe scientists would call them You will always see them photons. thickly where the light is dancing brightest, and they seem always to hang in the air, they do not fall to the earth. They are part of the activity of what we call the Light Ether-it is the Light Ether which is beating like bird wings, as you see. Look closely and you will see that it is full of color, like a rainbow. There, do you see?"

Marigold saw. "Is it sunlight that makes that beating?" she asked.

"Yes, it is sunlight which sets the ether into motion as you see. The day-time is the best time to study the Light Ether, but at night too you can see it when you come from a dark room into a lighted one, or if you turn on the electric light—for a moment, then, your eyes will see this beating in the air.

"Now," he continued, "I want you to look right at the air and see if you can see something that looks like rain."

"But it is rain!" Marigold cried. She held out her hand, then said, mystified. "But I can't feel any wetness!"



The stranger replied, "No, it is not ordinary rain. Blind people sometimes feel this rain which you are seeing. Do you know about Helen Keller, the woman who was blind, deaf and dumb? She learned to talk, you know, but of course she remained deaf and blind. And because her optic nerve-that's the nerve in the eye, little one-because her optic nerve was injured so badly by her early sickness, she could not see the ethers any more than she could see the physical world about her; for these ethers are physical matter too. But she could feel the ethers. Yes, she wrote about it, and this is what she said: "Our common air is full of invisible rains." Isn't that beautiful? But you can see this rain; yes, and I believe you, like Helen Keller, can feel it too. Be very quiet and think only of the magnetic rain as it touches your hand. Do you feel it?"

After a moment or two Marigold said yes, she felt it, and it was not wet, it was sort of prickly.

"That is because it is an electrical rain," he explained. "It is a rain of electricity, a magnetic rain. It falls to earth from high spaces and from the sun. It goes right through everything solid, including our bodies. Our bodies are like dynamos; they draw in this invisible rain, and it runs through our

nerves just as electricity runs from the dynamo along the wires which conduct it into our houses. If you look carefully, you can see it. Look at me, especially around the edge of the body."

Sure-enough, Marigold found that her friend was surrounded by a fringe of lines, which looked just like the magnetic rain falling from the sky, only with this difference that they were raining out from the body, instead of down from the sky. And as they rained out, they carried with them a lot of little shapes and figures, and lots of sparks, especially around the head. Watching

this, she saw that her friend was enclosed in a rosy light along with the magnetic fringe, and she asked, "What is that rosy light around you?"

"That is the fire of life," he said. "Sometimes we call it the Life Ether. Look at the plants and trees and you will see it too, but in them it is not so rosy because it is a cold fire. But it is a fire just the same. Do you see what I am speaking of?"

Marigold said yes, she saw it, but she would call it pinkish-orange, or perhaps orange-pink. But around the man it had

the hue of a new-blown peach blossom, a rich deep pink, almost rose, with perhaps a faint coloring of violet.

A sudden fountain of sparks at Marigold's ear recalled her attention to the fairy perched on her shoulder, who chose this means of reminding her of its existence. But when Marigold turned her face, the fairy disappeared into her ball, which then flew over the bridge into the branches of a tiny aspen tree growing just on the other side.

Marigold pranced in her excitement. "Is that where she lives?" she cried, and darted across the bridge to stand

beside the little tree, which was only a trifle taller than she was. When she stopped there, breathless, it was to discover that her friend was there too. "This," she said to him, "is my very own tree. I adopted it when it was a baby. See," and she removed a pile of stones heaped nearby, taking out from under them a toy pail and shovel, "I water the little tree every time we come down to the canyon"; and running to the brook she got water and came back and watered the tree forthwith. As she took one trip after another to the brook and back again, the little

tree began to glow more brightly than before, and sparks flashed among its branches. When she paused at last, she saw the fairy in the midst of the tree, trembling with energy, long lines going out from her to the farthermost tips of twigs, while at the same time a stream of light ascended toward her from the roots, carrying the sap of the tree with

"What makes her look different now that she is in the tree?" Marigold asked.

Indeed, the fairy seemed no longer a dis-

tinct person, but was merged wholly into the tree, and only her face was at all clearly to be seen. Her lower parts went down into the trunk of the tree in streams of light, her hair and arms also went up and out from her in streams of light, but from her heart there seemed to be really a pulsation, just as if the tree had a real heart pumping away. The "heart" was a globe of light in the little tree, just about where the branches separated from the trunk.

"The little fairy followed you home from the canyon," said the stranger, and was thinking then only of being



like you; for then the tree was resting. Now you see her at work again, for the tree has water, and there is work to be done. Never forget that every plant has a fairy guardian, which is its soul, and you will have good companionship always."

"Is there a fairy for every, every

single tree?"

"Yes, but we call tree fairies dryads—that's an old Greek word for them," he replied. "Look among the aspen trees yonder and you will see."

Yes, Marigold saw there were tall fairies in the trees, fairies of the same type as her own little adopted fairy; their feet too faded away into light toward the roots, and their hair faded upward into light streaming toward the sky. Their eyes were large and beautiful, their robes were long and green. Marigold could not see any wings, but she thought perhaps the light streaming out through the branches was wings. A glow of pink-orange went through each tree and shone around it like a halo.

"Do the big dryads ever leave their

trees?" she asked thoughtfully.

"Fairies leave their plants only when the plant is asleep," was the reply, "for they have work to do when it is awake. But when the plant is resting, then the fairy may fly away for awhile. But you will discover, if you look carefully for it, that the fairy is still connected with its plant by a very fine line of light, usually invisible; and that draws it back to the plant when work is to be done."

A gust of wind passed through the aspen grove, setting the leaves a-quiver, and suddenly Marigold heard distinctly a voice crying, "Save us! Save us!"

She gasped, "What was that?"

Her friend said, "It is the voice of the dryads which you hear. Evidently they feel that some danger threatens them, but there is nothing whatever for you to do."

Even as he spoke a puff of smoke rolled over the north hill, where it had been quite still for some time, as if the unseen picnickers had gone on their way. Then a tongue of flame went up suddenly in the top of a pine tree, barely visible above the top of the hill.

The stranger took Marigold by the hand. "Do not be afraid," he said, "but we will run to your mother as fast as we can run, and you must get away from the canyon at once. There is nothing here that you can do. Quickly!"

"But my little tree!" Marigold wailed, "Oh, my fairy, my tree!"

He repeated, "You can do nothing. Quickly, run!"

"But they'll die, they'll die!"

"No, the tree will die, but the fairy will live again in another tree—perhaps a tree in your very own yard. Run now!"

Never had Marigold run so fast. Her mother looked up with a strong sense of danger at the sound of her running feet, and Marigold shrieked as she ran, "Fire, Mother, fire! Look, in the North Canyon!"

Mother needed no warning; she saw at a glance the column of smoke (which had been shut off from view by branches a moment before) on the other side of the hill, and taking no time to rescue lunch or baskets, hastened with Marigold to the car and made what speed she could out of the canyon.

Behind them clouds of smoke rose into the sky, and by the time they had reached the head of the canyon road, the South Canyon was a bowl of flame, speeded by a brisk wind which unfortunately had come up. Marigold would almost have sworn that she heard cries of distress and strange howls as flame leaped from tree to tree. She looked back and saw great fiery fairies in the blaze, some of them higher than the trees, fierce and strong, the lower parts of their bodies merging into the leaping flames, which flung themselves forward like great dragons rushing around in the canvon.

With lips pressed tight together her mother watched the road, scarcely g'ancing to right or left, intent on reaching safety. Trucks now began to roll by laden with fire-fighting tools and men, and Marigold heard her unseen friend's voice in her ear: "They will trap the fire in the canyon. You are safe."

When at last they drove into the peaceful green spot behind the big rock, Marigold's mother was limp, and laid her head on the steering wheel to recover before getting out of the car—but Marigold? Well, Marigold was another matter altogether. To her mother's astonishment she leaped out of the car as full of energy as a ball, and began to prance about on her toes with every sign of joy.

Then she saw her mother's face—she insists that her mother's mouth was hanging open and that a fly almost got into it—and she realized that some explanation was due.

"It's my fairy," she said; "I just saw my fairy. It's the fairy that lived in my adopted tree down in the canyon, and I thought she might be dead, but she isn't dead, she is right here now

and will live in my yard!"

A kind voice spoke into her ear, although the speaker was now invisible even to her, "Yes, she will be reborn in a little aspen tree here in your own yard. Watch for her. She will soon have to go to the Fairy Heaven until the new tree is ready, but you will have patience, knowing that you will see her again."

"Darling," said her mother, "I do declare, but you act sometimes as if you were listening to somebody! It's really too wierd. Run along and play, anyhow; I am a wreck even if you are not," and she left the car where it was and walked tiredly into the house, saying as she went, "My goodness, what a child!"

And Marigold danced on her toes to the rhythm of the wind in the pine trees, while her fairy sent out jets of sparks and became so very happy that at last she went head first into her pink ball, and then soared away and away, into the bliss of the Fairy Heaven.

» » When Love Is Mine « «

By IRENE STANLEY

When love is mine what greater revelation Can I desire, or seek what surer sign? Where shall I look for further inspiration, When love is mine?

Love gave this canopy of stars, to shine; Gave sun and moon for earth's illumination; Gave inner light, unquenchable, divine!

Love gave this temple for my habitation, And keeps it whole, with substance superfine! Can I give less than hourly consecration, When love is mine?

MT. ECCLESIA NEWS

for Mt. Ecclesia—Founder's Day, commemorating the establishment of Headquarters of the Rosicrucian Fellowship at Mt. Ecclesia. It was a beautiful sunny day, and as Dr. Leon Patrick read the original address given in 1911 (printed in Teachings of an Initiate), these words of Max Heindel, servant and friend of humanity, revivified the solemnity of that early

occasion:

"As we are today gathered upon this spot to break ground for the Headquarters of a Christian Association, we may rest assured that as surely as gravity draws a stone toward the center of the earth, the fervor of our united aspirations will provoke attention from the Founder of our faith, who will thus be with us. As certainly as forks of identical pitch vibrate in sympathy, so must the august Head of the Rosicrucian Order (Christian Rose-Cross) lend his presence upon this occasion when the home of the Rosicrucian Fellowship is being started. The Elder Brother who has been the inspiration of this movement is present and visible to some among us at least."

In remarking upon the number in attendance at that original ceremony, viz. 12, the perfect number, made up of nine members of the Fellowship and three invisible Leaders, Max Heindel said: "As we cannot believe in chance, the attendance must have been regulated in accordance with the design of our invisible Leaders, and may be taken as an expression of the spiritual power behind this movement."—It is now 33 years since that day, and this year there were 33 persons present at the Rose Cross; 3x3 equals 9, the number of humanity.

After the address, people filed two by two to the Max Heindel Grove (a parklike area between the Sanitarium and Rose Cross Lodge), where picnic tables were in readiness. Names of famous people were pinned on the backs of guests, who were to guess their identity by the hints given them. Mrs. Heindel, seated at the head of one of the tables, represented Madame Chiang Kai Chek, and said she felt honored by the selection. Some of the old-time workers received "honorable mention" by being seated at a special table. All residents of Mt. Ecclesia, including patients at the Sanitarium, were our guests in fellowship. Games followed, a navy man and a marine each winning a prize.

At 7:30 about 60 guests assembled in the dining hall for a short program of orchestral music, directed by Mr. George, with Mrs. McManus at the piano. Our Fellowship baritone, Mr. Edward McManus, sang "Trail End," composed by his brother Joseph. Before the supper and entertainment which followed, everyone joined heartily in singing the improvised song of fellowship:

FELLOWSHIP SONG (Tune of "Swanee River")

We are all Rosicrucian students, Striving to be More loving; worthy men and women

To serve humanity.

CHORUS

'Round the world we're joined to-

In sweet fellowship;

God grant that we may brave all weather:

God bless our Fellowship!

II

Instead of ignorance and sorrow Keeping men blind,

We're working for a bright Tomorrow, Enlightening all mankind! (Chorus)

May we sing this often, and mean it fervently!

One of our talented (and modest) (Continued on page 48)



Center and Study Group Activities

Of The Rosicrucian Fellowship

"... Much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken. . . . that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

For our God is a consuming fire. Let brotherly love continue."

(Hebrews 12:25-29; 13:1)

. . .

One evening recently a resident worker at Mt. Ecclesia, sick at heart because of the un-love-ly conditions of the world at large, opened the Bible at random and pointed to a verse. above quotation seemed, in his moment of spiritual need, a direct acknowledgment and consolation from the Father. A promise that once more is not only the earth to be shaken but the heavens also, so that the insecure, the false, the evil, may be done away while the permanent things of the spirit-the good, the true, the beautiful-may remain. So let us take heart, dear friends, and as we celebrate in our hearts that holiest of all holy events of the year, the birth of our Lord, let us lay at His feet our gift of renewed and complete consecration to His work throughout the New Year.

LONDON, ENGLAND

For our friends across the sea, Secretary Eric Sparks writes, in part: "The philosophy lectures have been given mainly by Mr. and Mrs. Norton, and the astrology has been ably handled by Mr. Holmes. We have had one or two other talks by members, but they are unfortunately in the minority. One special feature was the advertising in our tubes of an astrology course of twelve lectures. This was well attended at the commencement by a number of new people but they dropped off after one or two lectures. Of course the likelihood of bombing deterred many, I am sure. And there were also those who expected we would give them a reading of their chart. We have already set aside a sum for advertising the philosophy talks, but it has been deemed wiser to leave these for a while until the risk of bombing has abated, which we hope will be the case at a not very distant date, perhaps.

"The regular attendance of about 12 people has kept our Centre going through these anxious times. It is quite understandable that many do not like to come along in the evenings because

they wish to be with their families at night in case an incident should happen to their homes. Apart from our activities at the Centre itself we keep in touch with quite a good many students in other parts of the country.

"Although we cannot record much growth in numbers, we are gaining in strength, I feel sure, and when the stress of war is past we shall hope to divert our renewed energy to 'preaching the gospel.'... All members join with me in sending greetings, and hope that soon all restrictions on our activities may dissolve away."

LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND

Mr. Louie Whittle, correspondent for this Center, makes this cheerful report: "We are very pleased to be able to report a larger attendance of recent months; it is encouraging to those who have faithfully attended since the beginning and under trying circumstances. It seems our efforts are not in vain. Our new friends seem an earnest and sincere type and have promised to attend as regularly as their circumstances permit. President O. Whittle has commenced evening classes in the Junior Course of Astrology for their benefit, and introduces the Philosophy as he goes along. Some application blanks have been distributed around, and we earnestly advise them to affiliate with Headquarters; they will eventually, I feel sure, take advantage of the opportunity offered them.

"We thank all at Headquarters for help and kindly advice given to us from time to time; we know you have helped and are helping us through this difficult period."

HAVANA, CUBA

From our friends at the Havana Center comes this message: "Perhaps you have been informed by the local press in connection with the cyclone which passed over Havana City on the 18th

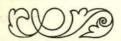
inst, [October] which lasted eight hours.

"We are pleased to report that all the Rosicrucian students pertaining to our Center in this city have done their part trying to help those affected. As a matter of fact, we may say that our Center at Havana is located underground, that is in a floor below the one being at the street level. Mrs. Maria Villazon, the wife of Mr. Felix A. Suarez, one of our oldest members, worked very hard to keep the house where the Center is located, free of water which filtered from the walls and the floor.

"All of us may feel happy to be so fortunate, as a big part of the city, especially the weak buildings, was destroyed. We shall be glad if you publish in the Rosicrucian Magazine anything about this matter, in order that all our friends can be aware that our Center did not suffer with the mentioned cyclone.

"We shall continue our efforts in disseminating the Rosicrucian teachings, the best we can.—Anuncia Diaz, Secretary."

We appeal to each and every student of the Rosicrucian Fellowship to join with us at Headquarters in continued and earnest prayer for our friends in both our English and Cuban Centers, who persist so faithfully in holding aloft the True Light despite calamities and incalculable hardships. May the Lord cause His face to shine upon thee, dear friends, and give thee Peace!



"A more glorious victory cannot be gained over another man than this, that when the injury began on his part, the kindness should begin on ours."

-Tillotson.

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MT. ECCLESIA NEWS

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workers at Headquarters is Earl J.
Simpson—inventor, electrician, radio
technician, telegrapher, pressman, bookbinder, musician, artist, and astronomer. For over eighteen years he has
served the Fellowship faithfully, using
his varied talents for the benefit of
others, his many favors being greatly
appreciated by workers and visitors.

One bright moonlight night Earl provided novel entertainment and instruction for workers. Mounted and ready for use before his cottage were three telescopes which he personally had constructed, with 4, 6, and 12 inch handground lenses. As we scanned the heavens, the sickle-like new moon appeared to be made of white plaster of Paris: craters and other declivities caused the edge to appear like delicate lace. It is a boon to Astrology students at Mt. Ecclesia to be able to study the heavens visually as well as through books. Earl is always willing to demonstrate his telescopes for anyone who may be interested.

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