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The Current Outlook

FROM THE ROSICRUCIAN VIEWPOINT

What Price Peace?

By KITTIE S. COWEN



OUR world today is exactly what humanity en masse has made it—no better and no worse, each successive generation taking over that which former generations have created. At first blush this statement may seem a bit far-fetched to the average individual who has never heard of, or else has not accepted, the theory of rebirth as an ever recurring fact in nature. However, whether individuals accept rebirth or not, the testimony of many people who have proved it to be a fact will in time establish it as a positive reality, and its absolute justice for all correlates it unequivocally to the divine omniscience of God. Without rebirth and the added opportunities it affords to each created thing there could be but little progressed growth, and soon all progress would cease to manifest.

As each generation has passed on to its posterity the combined results of its own activities—good or bad, so we of the present age are preparing conditions for those who are to follow us on the evolutionary path from clod to God. And what sort of a heritage is it that we are passing on? Wars and rumors of more conflicts yet to come with all of their devastating results, or will it be Peace with its innumerable attendant benefits?

As conditions exist in the world today there is little hope of lasting peace. This being the case it certainly does behoove us to look about and try to discover what hindrances to Peace must be removed.

Ignorance, that is, an undeveloped mind, is probably the primary cause of wars, ably abetted by selfishness. The mind is the link which connects the Spirit with its lower vehicles, dense, vital, and desire; and an undeveloped mind is not capable of carrying correct messages from the Spirit to the mind which transmits them to the brain, which organ controls man's lower vehicles.

The Spirit, which is the real man, is not dumb; it has a long period of evolution behind it; but the mind is a late acquisition, and its development depends on its use. It is rather appalling to know that in the United States alone, according to statistics given out by the Federal Bureau of Education, there are 10,000,000 adults who can neither read nor write, and this in a nation that is supposed to maintain free schools throughout its entire domain. Yet these same illiterates, twenty-one years of age or over, are permitted to take part in direct-

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ing the government of the country through the agency of the ballot box. Free ballot in itself is all right, but illiteracy among our voters is a deplorable thing and its removal certainly demands the attention of every adult individual capable of real thinking.

If the people in the world want *Peace* they have got to begin to *think Peace*; for thought power is a tremendous force either for good or evil, and thought can find expression only through the medium of the mind. Therefore it is most imperative that the mind be given every possible opportunity for development, and this can be most speedily and efficiently accomplished by means of our educational facilities.

Every human being born into the world today has an inherited right to all the education he or she is capable of receiving; and this can be made possible only by the people already capable of guiding the destiny of each particular nation. Not only should free schooling be provided everywhere, but free transportation also wherever it is needed, and the teachers placed in charge of our schools should be of



the highest standard, morally, mentally, and spiritually. The teacher's workshop is composed of human beings and the material he works with is the mentality of mankind. Teachers should be free from all thoughts of material necessities. All these should be

assured them when they enter the profession. No teacher can do his best work when his time is divided between training the susceptible minds of his charges and making a respectable living in the world.

It is a fact that our present day teachers are so shamefully underpaid that they have to resort to work outside the schoolroom in order to live respectably. For instance: It is reliably reported that a teacher in a New York Junior High School resorted to working as a bartender after school hours in order to acquire the extra money needed in order to live; and another supplements his teaching salary by spending his weekends doing carpentry work; and these are only two out of the many that could be cited.

The preparation for teaching is most important, for the teacher is a trainer whose function is to develop persistently and permanently, the inner powers of the child. And yet we oftentimes entrust the development of the minds of our children to untrained teachers who are really incapable of doing anything like efficient work.

Then there is the home life to be considered in this educational campaign for better citizenship. It is a deplorable fact that many of our homes have become mere lodging places, the sanctity of its sacred precinct being desecrated almost every day, a condition which is most serious. Parents who persistently indulge in alcoholic drinks, spend

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the most of their evenings in night clubs, at card parties, or dance halls, leaving their children to shift for themselves, unsupervised, evening after evening until the wee hours of the morning, are unfit to rear children.

School training can never take the place of the home in the importance of character building. The home is a divine institution, and he or she who defiles it is flinging defiance in the very face of God and cannot ultimately escape the painful results of such evil doing. The home life of every child should abound in love, wisdom, understanding, and the most careful guidance; and example is the most potent factor in influencing the future propensities of the child. Drinking, divorce, and immorality have no place in the home, and the three form a trio one or more of which is responsible for the wrecking of so many of these divinely instituted habitations.

Selfishness, too, both in the home and abroad must give place to an interest in the welfare of others which can easily be brought about by teaching humanity that what injures one inevitably injures all, and that which benefits one follows the same general law.



Banish alcohol, divorce, immorality, and selfishness and the battle for universal Peace is practically won; and a rehabilitated home life and a revolutionized public school system will do the rest. However, in order to accomplish all this it must be realized that a radical change in thought must be firmly established. For thought is the unseen power which rules the world; and as humanity improves the mind, man's thoughts will become so powerful that they will actually be seen and felt. Already this power has been recognized by many psychologists who are using it to further their own desires; and even the most ordinary individual, if he uses his powers of perception, can see this influence manifesting every day in the form of massed thought which is used by politicians, statesmen, orators, and many others in controlling the minds of the people; and the more powerful the thoughts of the thinkers the greater their effect.

If we would avoid wars we must learn to control our emotions as well as our thoughts, chief among which emotions are greed, hate, cruelty, envy, sensuality, vanity, and selfishness, all of which can be transmuted by means of early home training, constructive school education, radio programs, moving pictures, magazine and newspaper articles, lectures, the ballot box, and personal example. A general cleaning process must take place which can and must be done, for it is God's plan that evolution go forward. The great Christ sounded the keynote of Peace when He said to His people: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things (including Peace) shall be added unto you."

THE MYSTIC LIGHT

The Bond of Perfectness

By GLADYS RIVINGTON

"Above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness."—Colossians 3:14



WHAT is the greatest need of humanity at the present time? Ask this question of twenty people and likely there will be twenty different answers: Peace, unity, disarmament, control of atomic power, economic security, world law, social justice, and so on, according to the personal viewpoint. All these things are necessary, and many more, if there is to be established a new era of peace and cooperation to take the place of the old way of "grab and get by fair means or foul" which has generated wars and brought the human race to the brink of destruction. However, there is one need that takes precedence over all these and without which none of the other goals can be reached. That one thing is the realization by man of the basic spiritual nature of his own being.

A strange thing is happening before our eyes. Man has reached a point in intellectual development beyond which he cannot go with safety under the guidance of intellect alone. With the intellect men have devised the means of their own destruction, and now stand aghast before the realization that what the intellect has wrought it cannot control. The scientists are feverishly warning the people that unless a new way of life and a new wisdom can be exercised,

the much boasted achievements of this era will become monsters to destroy their creators.

The statesmen are working desperately towards the establishment of a true peace. They are working in both hope and fear—in hope because they feel the surge of the overwhelming desire and hunger of mankind as a whole for peace, and in fear because they have not yet found a bond that will hold them secure amid all the stresses and strains of the new and often frightening conditions in which we live today. History has shown the futility of depending upon treaties and international agreements alone. Even a World Government would be a failure without the right cement to hold it together. The leaders are in a dilemma to find a foundation upon which to build, a basic bond that all nations will recognize and respect. There is such a bond within man's reach, called by St. Paul "the bond of perfectness." It is Love, Compassion, and Wisdom. These are the Christ principles of the spiritual realm known in the Rosicrucian Philosophy as the World of Life Spirit. They are not properties of the mind, but spiritual principles beyond and above the scope of the intellect. Hence the need for a spiritual awakening if the coming

years are to see the fulfillment of hopes for friendliness and peace among the nations of the earth.

"The World of Life Spirit is the first *universal* World . . . It is the World in which differentiation ceases and unity begins to be realized."—*The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*.

What is man? Briefly, he is body, soul, and spirit; or, a physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual being. Of these aspects all but the last are separative. The physical form sets man apart from man; in the emotional realm individual desires clash and selfishness brings strife; ideas and thoughts divide as often as they unite. The unifying influence that man seeks abides in his spiritual nature. It is from the World of Life Spirit that the inspiration must come. The power to solve present problems must be generated by the application of the Christ principles of Love and Compassion. Let it be understood here and now that the World of Life Spirit is not a long way off, either in time or space. Each human being has within himself a germ of the Life Spirit principle, hence is capable of responding to its vibrations. This realm is sometimes spoken of as the inter-planetary World, because it not only inter-penetrates the individual planets, but also permeates inter-planetary space, thus forming a bond between them. Man is often compared to a planet; while his outer vehicles separate him from other individual human beings, the Life Spirit principle within unites him to his fellow men, even as it unites the planets.

The present is a time of doubt and uncertainty. We speak of peace and unity and go on piling up armaments. Nations seeking political unity are torn by civil strife. In other cases, a life of marvelous abundance and prosperity for all seems almost within reach, but clashes between group and group in

society bar the way, even though physically these things are quite possible. In short, the cry is for unity, but actions more often manifest division.

"At one whisper of these high powers, we awake from ineffectual struggles with this nightmare."

—Emerson.

Through all the powerful forces working in the world today, through all the striving and confusion, can we not trace the influence of the Unseen Guardians of humanity stirring up the feeling of a great need? Can we not see the finger pointing in the direction man must walk? All roads are barred but the one which leads to spiritual unfoldment.



Some are expecting great leaders to appear to show the way to the promised land. They look for a new Teacher to give the needed spiritual impulse. Leaders and teachers there must be and always have been when the time required. However, they must have a medium in and through which to work, and man who has fallen into a pit of his own making must help get himself out.

Here is where individual responsibility comes in.

"Help us this and every day
To live more nearly as we pray."

Those who already have some knowledge of these matters have a particular responsibility, namely, to make their lives accord as closely as possible with their beliefs and professions. It is not an intellectual knowledge that counts most now, but an honest effort to practice what is preached. In the past perhaps some excuse could be found for laxity, but not now. At this crisis in evolution, those who fail to rise to the greatest heights of which they are capable, especially in Love, Compassion, and Wisdom, are failing in their duty and responsibility to the whole race.

The words of Christ, "He that gathereth not with Me, scattereth," have a particular application at this time. Who that has any understanding can be indifferent while the world waits in agony for the message of spiritual love and unity? How can one help in the world need if he cannot bring love and understanding to bear upon the problems in his own life? There seems perhaps little that any one person can do, but if all the individual differences were solved there would be no world problem. Let each one remember that by just the amount that he can manifest of Love and Compassion the sum total available for the world need is increased, and this force will grow and gather strength until there is formed that "bond of perfectness" which will enable men to progress and live in peace. Man has very far to go yet before he attains perfection, but who knows but that there is almost within sight an Age of Gold? The very planet needs such an interlude to recover some measure of harmony and equilibrium after the centuries of hate and destruction which culminated recently in the last terrible world war. With sufficient of the spiritual bond, nations as well as

individuals will have an opportunity to develop each along his own line and according to individual needs, without conflict and without infringing on the rights of others. Is this too much to hope for?

"Who lives the life shall know
of the doctrine."

The present crisis brings to all who are awake to its significance the opportunity for great advancement and achievement. If we deliberately raise our eyes above the mists of the illusion of separation caused by the outer wrappings and forms in which the spirit is shrouded, and turn in thought to the universal principle within, we make a path over the bridge of mind whereby that spiritual realm can become a reality to us. The outer differences will then fall into proper perspective. An honest attempt to form a mental concept of the spiritual bond, the Life Spirit, as an essence in which all individuals live and move and have their being, will help make it constantly clearer how the seeming separation is dwarfed and overshadowed by the oneness of all. It will then be easier to live as we ought to live.

There was an aviator in the last war who, soaring high in his plane in the great, free expanse of the blue, above the mists and forms of earth, came very close to the heart of being. He embodied his experience in a poem which he concluded with the words: "I have . . . put out my hand and touched the face of God." To those who *live* as spirit, in the light of the "oneness," there may come some time a flash of what is called Cosmic Consciousness. In the past many have escaped for a brief moment from the illusions of separateness which hem in the spirit and caught a glimpse of the spiritual worlds. Such an experience is really indescribable, but will illumine the life for all time. It is the realization of the God within and changes belief to certain knowledge.

Reunion

By ALTHA POLLARD



HE boy saw the woman coming toward him. He looked back quickly and tried to penetrate the mist for a familiar scene. The woman came closer. Her voice floated and wrapped him in the gentleness of its tone, "Come, dear."

Again he looked back, searching for the place he had fallen. The mist was heavier now. It swirled around his feet. He would have stumbled but the woman reached out and touched his hand. She curled her fingers protectingly around his. He walked beside her silently, conscious and embarrassed because of his dirty hand so big and clumsy.

The fear that had been with him back on the path where he had fallen disappeared. He was content to let the woman lead him and let his mind wander back to the cause of his fall.

It had been the hawk. He watched it circle with the sun shining on the white underneath part of its wings. The hawk had banked like a huge plane and then landed on top of the tall burned snag jutting out of the shrubbery like a stately ebony statue. The boy had cupped his hands shade fashion over his eyes and then stepped back to get a better view. His foot caught in the tangled undergrowth. He fell, clutching wildly at shrubs that grew on the side of the cliff. They gave way under his weight. The dirt from their roots showered down on him.

The boy sobbed and called to his

mother, even as he grabbed desperately for a handhold. Pictures as he remembered her, flashed through his brain. Her smile, her gentle voice, and the soft warmth of her body as she cuddled him after a tumble. Had she been living, she would have cautioned him of the path on the cliff. Perhaps she would have forbidden him to go at all.

On the boy's eighth birthday, he had wanted to go there. His mother had scooped him up in her arms. Her laughter had been protective when her blue eyes twinkled into his. "See, such a small lad you are. When I can no longer lift you like this— (she had swung him in a high arc and back again) you shall explore the cliff." Then she set him down and handed him the cake bowl to lick while she frosted the cake and placed bright red candles on it.

His mother had not been with him on his next birthday. For what had seemed to him an endless time, she lay quiet and wan under the patch quilt coverlet. In the spring, forget-me-nots grew on the mound between two white crosses, and he was extremely lonely and unhappy.

The boy hadn't gone to the cliff until his tenth birthday. Now he was twelve. He stumbled again. The woman's fingers tightened reassuringly. "You know," he confided happily, "you remind me of my mother."

The woman looked at the boy and smiled into his eyes, "I am your mother, dear."



East vs. West

By ARTHUR LARSON



HERE is an increasing interest in mysticism and occultism these days, and there is much discussion as to the relative merits of Eastern and Western methods of approach. The arguments pro and con are often very confusing, but there are certain basic differences which it would benefit every aspirant to know.

The aspirant's first contact with esoteric teachings is often with one of the Eastern schools of mysticism, for their teachers and literature are now widely scattered throughout the world. In fact, many students know of no other source of occult information, but each of the great world religions has an inner or esoteric teaching as well as the outer or exoteric teaching. These inner schools have been provided for the instruction of those who no longer find satisfaction in the doctrine of the outer teaching. The injunction, "Seek and ye shall find," is as true today as in the days of old, and may be applied specifically to the existence of these Mystery Schools.

Each religion has its place, for all are God-sent. Each race receives the religion best suited to the needs of the Egos evolving through it. Races vary in development and the teachings given to each are varied just as the lessons in school are graded to suit the development of the pupil.

The evolutionary status of a race is determined by its industries and by the tools it employs. Two of the Ego's most important working tools are will and consciousness. These are the working tools of the Temple-builder. They are the incoming and outgoing powers of the Spirit, for man must be a giver as well as a receiver to balance his account with nature. Conscious-

ness is the *receiver* and will is the *giver*. Our evolutionary progress depends upon the use we make of these implements.

We seek, then, constantly to improve these faculties, to increase our consciousness and to grow stronger in will. But we must receive before we can give. Therefore we find that young Egos, like young children, are more interested in the receiving department of life. They feel their lack of strength, their inability to create for themselves, so their attitude is figuratively expressed by the outstretched hand. This attitude is evidenced in their religions where petitions rather than service are stressed. This is again reflected in their esoteric schools where the attention is chiefly directed to an extension of consciousness, which is again an activity of the "receiving department."

This is a perfectly natural state of affairs and no criticism is intended. Only advanced Egos feel any incentive to engage in constructive works. Egos who have had many rebirths under varying conditions and have thereby built will and initiative to a high degree feel compelled to express these positive forces through works. For them the passive, contemplative life has no appeal, for their higher energies demand expression.

The industrial civilizations of the West are the result of great numbers of advanced Egos taking rebirth in western race bodies where opportunities for expressing their creative energies are more favorable. All races are destined to enter industrial eras in the course of their progress, for races progress through three stage of development. The first stage is best described as a pastoral state. This is followed by

an industrial or productive era, and the third stage is an artistic period wherein the highly evolved creative faculties are given full expression.

In each stage of our evolutionary journey the emphasis is on one of the three great divisions of learning: Religion, Science, and Art. This same outline of knowledge was made in the ancient Mystery Temples where the Masters taught the worship of the Good, the True, and the Beautiful. The evolutionary status of any race or nation then is readily determined by the occupation of the masses, and since the national religion is comparable to the general cultural level of a race, it is a vain gesture when westerners seek light from religions given to races which are still in the pastoral stage of evolution.



Because of the great interest in philosophical and metaphysical studies in the East many people have concluded that the East is far more advanced in spiritual matters than the West. This, however, is only an apparent condition, for at the present time Western races are going through an intensive period of training in creative and constructive works, and purely spiritual studies are not being stressed.

An exposition of the laws of Rebirth and Karma was purposely withheld from the Christian religion as it was given to us on entering the industrial era. Largely because of that have we applied ourselves to the technical and scientific problems of this industrial age with a singleness of purpose that has developed our creative faculties

far in advance of any nation on earth. The East, too, is destined to enter an intensive industrial era in the near future. During this period spiritual matters will not seem so important. More attention will be given to useful works and less to personal salvation and union with God, for as man advances he comes to realize that God's Plan is a perfect plan and that we need have no worry concerning our ultimate destiny.

The Eastern mystic suggests that we do not devote enough time to religious or spiritual exercises. It is true that in the West we prefer *constructive works*. Actually we consider it a healthy state of mind when one can go about his daily work without undue concern regarding his personal salvation. It argues an inner faith in God's Plan for us and indicates a subconscious realization that "God's in His heaven, and all's right with the world." But the Egos expressing through Eastern race bodies are young in the school of life, and are comparable to the child whose first days at school are spent yearning for home and parents.

Thus Eastern mysticism teaches that union with God here and now should be a most blissful state, but points out that the child is not sent to school for entertainment. Nor did our spiritual guardians start us on our "Journey through the Wilderness" for recreational purposes. Here in the World's work shop there is much work to be done and many lessons to be learned—lessons in will culture and initiative that are better learned through works than through the passive arts of contemplation and meditation. Furthermore, through works we beautify the earth and increase its yield at harvest time.

The Egos now reincarnating through Western race bodies are the most advanced on our earth. They correspond to the older student at school who has plunged into his school work without

further concern of home and parents, firm in the faith that if he does his school work well he will be doing himself the most good, as well as carrying out the wishes of his parents.

Therefore we cannot recommend Eastern methods for the more advanced Western races. This would be retrogression and in that we are not interested. It is true, however, that the efforts of the Eastern mystic for illumination are oftentimes successful, for no effort is ever lost. Through long continued concentration and meditation some of these have had their heavenly visions. Also much abstract knowledge has been gained through meditation.

The accounts of these experiments in extended consciousness found in eastern mystical literature often make a favorable impression on the western inquirer. The Western mystic, too, practices meditation but not as a full time occupation. He has added *service* to the passive, religious rites of the East. He enters the silence to study the Supreme Architect's Plan of Creation and thereby learns to work in harmony with the Creative Hierarchies who guide our evolution.

The essential difference in the bodies of the people of the East and those of the West should also be given consideration, for this accounts for the fact that Eastern methods of development may prove disastrous to Western people. Max Heindel has pointed out that: "The evolution of Spirit and the evolution of matter go hand in hand. The Spirit evolves by dwelling in vehicles of dense matter and by working with the material found in the world. Thus, the Spirit progresses, and matter is also being refined because the Spirit works with it. The more advanced Spirits naturally draw to themselves finer matter than those behind them upon the path of evolution, and the atoms in the bodies of a highly evolved race are more sensitive than those of the earlier peoples.

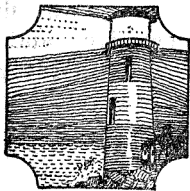
"Therefore, the atoms of cultured people in the West respond to vibratory waves not yet contacted by those who dwell in Eastern bodies. Breathing exercises are used to awaken the sleeping atoms of the Eastern aspirant, and a vigorous course of this treatment is necessary to raise his vibratory pitch. The American Indian or Bushman might take these exercises with impunity for years, but it is an entirely different matter when a person with a highly sensitized Western body attempts such treatment. The atoms of his or her body have already been sensitized by the ordinary evolution; and when the person receives the added impetus of breathing exercises, the atoms simply run riot, and it is extremely difficult to bring them into proper repose again."

The Western Mystery School of the Rosicrucians was planned to answer the needs of the technical and scientific minds of the Western nations. It gives perfectly logical answers to any question that the mind can formulate. Investigation will readily show that the Western esoteric doctrine is as far in advance of the Eastern esoteric doctrine as the general cultural level of the West is above that of the poverty stricken masses of the East.

We therefore earnestly recommend to Western students who feel that they must have more light than is given in their orthodox churches that they investigate the esoteric side of Christianity. The Christian esoteric doctrine is well presented by the Rosicrucian teachings. *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* is the chief text book and it was written for the purpose of giving a clear picture of the cosmic scheme of evolution to the western mind, which must have a logical explanation for all things. The most technical and scientific types of mind agree on the logic of the Plan of Creation as given in the *Cosmo-Conception*. The purpose of the book, however, is not intellectual

training, but rather to still the mind by answering all its questions. When the mind is still the heart is then free to give its message, for it is through the heart or intuitional faculties that man receives his highest spiritual inspirations.

The Western Mystery School teaches that we are all gods-in-the-making, and that we have a very definite work to do here on the physical plane. We are in fact co-workers with God. There is much work to be done here and we are as necessary to God as God is to us. Our particular work here is to fructify the earth, to make two blades of grass grow where before there was one. Whenever we manipulate the materials of the mineral kingdom, as in agriculture, manufacturing, building, transportation, and so forth, we leaven the mass by breaking down crystallization. Matter is crystallized Spirit and must all be redeemed before the Cosmic Day may end. Thus through work we help to spirit-



ualize the earth, to reclaim the imprisoned Spirit and speed the Day of Liberation. Also, it is through Works that we really grow, for as the law of life is growth, so the law of growth is effort.

God expresses as Will, Wisdom, and Activity. As gods-in-the-making we, too, must develop these attributes, and as the first aspect of the Divine Trinity is Will, so our first step is to grow strong in Will. This we strive for through creative and constructive action. Not through resignation, but through action. Resignation is a relaxation of initiative, a purely passive or negative attitude. The practice of accepting everything that happens to one as the will of God is simply an escape mechanism and a decided bar to

growth and progress. It definitely leads towards indolence with its resultant poverty and disease. This is perfectly illustrated in sections of the East where resignation is practiced as the highest good.

It is true that many highly illumined spiritual teachers are found in the East but that is because the need there is greatest. Humanity has always had its spiritual guardians who guide our progress from the inner planes and send help when and where it is most needed. As we progress, however, we are left more and more to our own resources so that by necessity we learn to work, to create, and construct, and thus we develop Will and Wisdom through Action.

The keynote of the Western Wisdom School is *self-reliance*. The student is not led by the hand but is urged to stand on his own feet at all times, and though he may err in judgment or action he is taught that the only failure is in ceasing to try. Where observation fails to show the right procedure the student learns by experience. Free will is stressed throughout and obligations taken or vows made are to the Higher Self and not to a teacher or master. The aspirant is reminded that we are all co-workers with God and that our purpose here is twofold, namely, "tilling the Vineyard" and growing Godward. As long as one is about the Father's business—which is reclaiming the earth—one need not be too much concerned regarding personal growth or salvation, for these are the natural results of a life of useful works.

Herein lies the fundamental difference between the Eastern and Western philosophical concepts of the purpose of life on the physical plane. The Eastern mystic teaches that the purpose of life is growth, to extend one's consciousness to the very throne of Grace, and thus emancipate oneself from physical existence in the shortest possible time. The Western mystic, too, teaches that

we are here to grow, not only in consciousness but in will. But he adds a most important reason for our physical existence when he states that we are here to "till the Vineyard," actually to help God in the reclamation of the physical earth. If our growth or education were the only consideration, physical existence would have been unnecessary, for other life waves similar to the human kingdom are successfully working out their evolution on the spiritual planes without the benefit of physical vehicles.

Thus the Western Mystery Teachings give us a much clearer picture of our true relationship to God, namely, that we are co-workers with God and destined some day to become creators in our own rights. God has far greater need of strong, self-reliant workers than for those who seek only for an extension of consciousness that they may bask in God's Light and there eternally sing His praises. Reason alone should tell us that God needs willing hands far more than praise.

This view does not take God away from us but rather establishes a greater intimacy, as well as an increase in our

self-respect. Also, we cease to worry concerning our eternal salvation, for God's plan is a perfect plan and does not admit of any failures. Salvation—a safe return—is assured for all. Our only concern should be that we keep up with our class or group, for stragglers often experience a keen sense of loss. However, acute longings for old friends who have forged ahead and vain regrets for time wasted usually bring home the lesson that it pays at all times to put one's best foot foremost.

Thus, in the end all God's children return to the fold with the fruits of their labors, to the greater glory of God and His Kingdom. But the end is not yet. In fact there is no end, no stopping place. Resting places, yes, but the Spirit of man goes onward and upward forever. Even the gods are evolving and of our ultimate destiny and the purpose of evolution we can at present have no comprehension. As we mature, however, we find joy and peace in creative and constructive works. To awakened Egos, peace is not a passive state. For them, peace is *harmonious activity*.

A Prophecy

By PATRIC KILRAINE

Love and Beauty then shall reign
Avarice and Greed will go,
White skin, Red skin, Yellow, Black,
Future Ages shall not know!

Living air and oceans wide
Shall see global millions meet,
Races will in mighty tide
Melt and mingle on One Street!

Christians, Buddhists, Moslems, Jews,
Shall not oceans stay apart,
Future years will see them fuse
In One Creed—one World Heart!

The Relation of Words to Soul Growth

By VERONICA JOHANSEN

*Words, however, are things; and the man who accords
To his language the license to outrage his soul
Is controlled by the words he disdains to control.*

—Lord Lytton

THE knowledge that the conscious soul is the quintessence of right actions of the physical life, and that the dense body is the vehicle correlated to the Divine Spirit, gives us a clear picture of how the Ego's work in the physical world is to be valued. Therefore, no part of the study and the application of right action, with its accompanying words, should be overlooked. We should hold up the Mirror of Truth daily to see in what way we can discern and use our opportunities in this direction.

We hear much of the utter futility of life, and there are many, who repeatedly express themselves as disgusted with life. We should first define our life and decide just how we are going to live it, for it will truly be what we make it. By deciding upon certain objectives to be accomplished and directing our efforts toward their accomplishment we can put new joy and power into every part of our daily life.

If we have been led to understand the way of attainment, the path of initiation, and are striving to further ourselves along this way, then our question about life will not concern ourselves only, but will broaden out and include all humanity. We will know our only failure is ceasing to try. Our chief sins are selfishness, spiritual vanity, and sensuality, because these are the parents of all the other mistakes and are obstacles to proper action and words. Overcoming these qualities of the lower nature, or transmuting them into

higher qualities, provides us with constant opportunities for soul growth through right words and actions.

In this we realize that God in His four kingdoms, mineral, animal, plant, and man, is everywhere around us and our needs are supplied because of this fact. Thus we can devote the time we have to spare from our work (which is necessary) to returning to the lower kingdoms some of the good we have received. When we give them an opportunity to find expression and growth, we assist them upward and onward. The mineral is to be shaped into various objects; the plants when used in decoration are encouraged to develop into higher forms; and the animal from his association with man learns much that he will bring forth in the next day of manifestation.

The development of etheric sight and tonal vision gives a clear picture of how the inner thought life is out-pictured in the physical world, creating around us either a veritable flower garden of inspiration and strength, or an ugly wilderness which depresses and irritates. We have heard of people whose homes always felt homelike to anyone entering. A warm, happy atmosphere prevailed, and the objects of furniture and decoration were constructive in nature and color. In other environments the opposite could be reported.

Many people are ignorant of the effects of objects used in decoration, as well as of the words spoken in their homes, but occult students give care

and attention to these things. They are making earnest efforts to solve the riddle of their own being, and their efforts can be seen in their lives. They have realized that there are certain paths which lead to attainment, and they endeavor to follow them. They have found all knowledge is theirs through the Spirit's having access to the store house of all conscious knowledge, and by the use of the conscious mind, they can extract any knowledge stored therein.

These have ceased striving for themselves and are now the pioneers in the work that the Elder Brothers have started in elevating as many of this life wave as will receive the teachings. The pioneers are aware through etheric sight, tonal vision, and the laws of vibration of the undesirable results of words spoken without proper thought.

Knowing that the times of "I believe" are rapidly passing, and the approaching times of "I know" are at hand, they are seeking the way to bring more harmony into the world through such new sciences as psychology, psychiatry, nutrition, mental hygiene, and—the greatest of all—the Science of Love.

As Rosicrucian students we study the relation of man to God, and by reading the first Chapter of John, we learn of the three aspects of God—the Architect of our universe. These are Power, The Word, and Motion. We, as sparks of the Divine Flame, possess these same attributes, and as we develop them through right living, and use them properly in serving humanity, we become greater forces for good in the world.

We also hear much of the Jupiter Period Consciousness, and long for the time when the use of this form of expression will be ours. We can see this in action in a subjective sense when we speak, for if we are looking at others, we may see pictured in their faces the effect of our words. If we have through our love and compassion spoken words

that heal and help, we will see a sense of peace and a look of understanding, even of gratitude shining forth, or perhaps the picture of one saying within, "I will try a little longer." It may have been the one uplifting thought needed to pull this friend through a perilous place.

God has power. So have we, and we can use it selfishly, or to further God's kingdom. We may become **through the** right use of Power, Invisible Helpers, with no limitation upon the service we may render. In both our waking and sleeping hours, we may set in motion events that will have a far-reaching effect for good.

If anyone would follow the Christ within, he must deny the demands of self. He must take up the Cross and follow the Path. It was significant of Christ Jesus that He carried His own cross, and only to others in whom compassion was born by the sight of His suffering did He give it up. In spite



of the great task He set Himself, He was ever mindful of the needs of others.

Praise and thanks are words of power and expansiveness, leading us to contact with the Divine Source. Through words of this nature used in our homes, we aid the forces resident in our surroundings to express as harmony and peace. This radiates throughout the whole house and joining with other forces of like nature makes a beautiful and useful contribution to our neighborhood.

The same law works when words of lower type vibrations are used. In a short while the whole vibratory atmosphere is destructive, elementals of a very gruesome appearance are attracted, and fear walks the streets of such a community.

This is particularly harmful to those Egos who are under fourteen years of age. It is this class for whom so much concern is felt by those working with the postwar world, for they are being subjected to tremendous new influences which will affect them for good or ill. Surrounding these children with thoughts of high vibratory power is work which those who are trying to apply the Cosmic Law of Love to daily contacts find of great benefit.

It has been truly said that many Egos are retarded by the way in which they are handled by their nurses, parents, and teachers. Actually, the foundation for a useful life is laid in the pre-natal period, and so on into birth and childhood.

We should realize that the mere *tone* of our words has an effect upon primitive people, children, and animals, and that we should therefore cultivate the soft, well-modulated voice. Even the adult can be injured through harsh words, due to the rush of a substance into the blood from the adrenals caused by anger. If repeated often enough they may cause a rash or a persecution complex. Harsh words spoken in a loud, demanding voice often build into a child such a dislike for the right food, that unconsciously the Ego leans away from these substances and eats what was never offered to him when a child.

How much better it would be if the atmosphere of peace and quiet were provided for children and the voice kept natural and kind in dealing with them. Then they would more likely develop a deep love for Truth and Beauty and would be able to follow the occult law of seeing good in everything. Later they in turn would speak to their

brother man in a manner conducive to better understanding.

When we are assisting one newly awakened to occult studies, great care must be taken that our words do not leave him bewildered—that we do not continue the discussion until a sense of fatigue is present. The Ego remembers all contacts made in the physical world, and if there are any unpleasant memories from its contact, the nature of the Ego is to run away from the person or place. Even if we are aware of the great benefit to be brought into another's life, we still must speak with the utmost care and with great clarity in order to impart the right amount of knowledge and to promote right action so as to aid him in building the soul. Words that generate fear are to be avoided. Hope, optimism, and faith can never be stressed too much, for everyone attracts into his life those things which harmonize with his habitual way of thinking.

Let this deep truth penetrate—any words spoken, no matter if there does seem to be justification for same, cannot be recalled. They are, once spoken, a part of the universal expression and either help to build a greater and more useful world or tear down some person or place. The wise Confucius indicated this when he taught, "A blemish may be removed from a diamond by careful polishing, but evil words once spoken cannot be effaced."

We need to be constantly reminded that our conscious soul is the quintessence of right action in the physical world. It is the part of our existence where we can use all of the power of Divine Spirit we should consciously use. Action and words! The law of vibration and the law of love! The creative principle of Love tends to draw the right action and the law of vibration will help to build. Words of positiveness, beauty, and usefulness are in time bound to add greatly to one's soul

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Feed My Sheep

By SOPHIA B. MCINTYRE

PART II



MISS MARTY sat in silence until Edy had exhausted her urge to cry. Then she said, "School is a month away yet. Do you have to go, Edy?"

"No. I'm sixteen—exempt. But all the others have to go. Benny and Jerry can work after school."

"How's Jerry's foot?"

"Awfully sore!" Edy rose hastily. "I forgot about him. I have to see if I can read to him or something to get him to sleep. Thanks for letting me talk to you, Miss Marty. I couldn't go to Dad. He's about sick with worry himself!"

"Wait a minute," said Miss Marty, as she fished around in her handbag and drew out a small bottle and a flash light. Carefully she read the label on the bottle, then handed it to Edy. "Give Jerry one of these tablets right away, then one more if you hear him thrashing around unable to sleep later." She rose and slipped her hand through Edy's arm. "I'll walk a way with you. These country roads are so dark and lonely!"

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Miss Marty's dark eyes behind her glasses were sadly troubled as she neared her own door. But they lighted and her lips smiled as she saw Pixey on the front porch watching for her. "You're a nice protector to have," she scolded him. "Ran off and left me when there was nothing to run from. I suppose I'll have to forgive you this time," she answered his pleading look. Unlocking the door, she gathered Pixey into her arms and carried him up to her room.

At dark the following evening, Pixey was beside Miss Marty when she quietly tried fitting one key after another into the lock on the rear door of the deserted house. But he fled with a dismal howl when the door opened and his mistress entered.

Softly she closed the door, turned on a small flash light, and moved through a dusty kitchen with its rusting stove, into a dining room with its table set as if for dinner, and on toward the living room from which came an occasional creaking sound.

Because of its nearness to the county road, Miss Marty threw a beam of light around the room to get her bearings, then turned off the light. As she moved to a window opposite the brightly lighted market, her trained clairvoyant ears heard an authoritative voice exclaim, "Who are you? What are you doing here?"

"I'm just a neighbor who's run in for a social call," she replied.

"Oh, you're the one with the big cat that was sitting on my favorite bench last night. Cat got scared of me and skedaddled! Ha, Ha, Ha!"

Miss Marty softly opened the window, listened for a moment for possible passers along the road, then slowly opened the creaking shutters while she said. "Oh, Pixey'll get used to you after a while and come in. You'll like him. He's a very wise cat!"

"He can see me?" inquired the voice.

"Yes. Cats are psychic. They see and often show fondness for those who have left their physical bodies," replied Miss Marty.

The bright lights in the village market shining across the fields, dispelled the deep darkness of the room. Miss Marty turned to see an elderly

woman whose thick gray form swayed back and forth in a light cane rocker. Her heavy hair was snow white; her large eyes steel blue; her dark lips taut and grim. Lines of hate had cut more deeply into this woman's dark gray appearing face than into any other countenance that Miss Marty had ever seen, and she sighed deeply as she wondered what she could possibly do for such an evidently deeply encased earth-bound Spirit.

Then her waking thought of the morning, "Feed my sheep," recurred to her, and thinking, "I'll try, Father, if you'll only show me the way," she sank onto a chair.

"You can see me?" snapped the woman.

"Yes. Very plainly. You are so visible it's a wonder to me that no one else around here has been able to see you."

"They see this chair going, and does it scare them stiff. Ha, ha, ha! You hear me, too. How'd you work that?"

"For years I've lived the life, studied, and worked toward this end. We get what we deserve in this life."

"That's a lie!" Such a wave of rage swept the woman's features, that they were a terrifying sight to Miss Marty. "You heard about me?"

"A little."

"All lies of my stepchildren! I married their father because I loved him—wanted to help him when he was left with five little children on his hands. This is my house. I brought them all here and mothered them. Did I deserve nothing but hate in return for that?"

Then followed a tale of such ill-treatment of the woman by her stepchildren and of her hatred for them that it nauseated Miss Marty to hear it. The tale ended, "They thought they'd get this property when I was gone, and cursed me when they learned they'd never be permitted to put a foot

inside the door. I took care of that all right!"

Miss Marty hoped that rehearsal of her experiences had freed the woman of some of the terrific emotion that had raged in her breast for years. And now as lights being turned off in the market across the fields indicated that it was near midnight, she decided to prepare the way for future visits. "You love your home don't you?" she asked.

"Happiest days of my life were spent here till I married Jonas Taylor!"

"It's a nice place, but dreadfully dusty. I've retired and have little to do now. Would you like to have me drop in occasionally and clean up for you while we visit?"

"Yes, if you want to. I've been a good housekeeper, and I've hated the dust and dirt here. But hate doesn't clean houses."

"Nor purify hearts and bodies either, Mrs. Taylor." Miss Marty waited a moment for her words to sink into the woman's consciousness. "I'll get the girl over in the tents to help me, and we'll clean the whole house for you."

She rose, crossed the room, closed shutters and windows, noted that Mrs. Taylor's eyes had a puzzled expression, and softly said, "Good night," as she left the room.

It was slightly after noon the following day when Miss Marty was ushered into the office of a lawyer in the nearby city. She sank into a chair beside his desk and indicated her errand by asking, "Have you any objections to giving me the information about Mrs. Taylor's estate that I asked you for over the 'phone this morning?"

"Not the slightest, Miss Falkner," replied the lawyer. "Mrs. Taylor made me sole executor of her will, and I have followed her instructions to the minutest detail. She ordered that the house was never to be sold nor rented, and she left enough money to pay taxes on the property for so many years that the

house will probably fall to ruin before that fund is exhausted. After that the property can be confiscated and sold by the county, as it is beyond any city limit at present."

"Mrs. Taylor's orders don't state that no one shall *live* in the house, do they?" inquired Miss Marty.

The lawyer threw his head back and laughed heartily. "What a legal point to raise! What is back of your question, Miss Falkner?"

An hour later Miss Marty was smiling as she climbed onto the bus that would take her home, and the smile was still beautifying her sweet face, when at twilight Edy joined her and Pixey on the bench in Mrs. Taylor's rear garden.

"Want a job, Edy?" she startled the girl by asking.

"I'd love one, Miss Marty, but I can't leave the children!"

"How's Jerry's foot?"

"Pretty sore. But he's being real patient, and keeps the children amused for me while he's forced to keep to Mom's chair."

"Good! You could be free afternoons?"

"Yes, I suppose so," replied the girl, looking at Miss Marty questioningly.

"How about helping me clean up that deserted house?"

"Oh, Miss Marty, would you go in there? It's haunted! I've peeked in the windows and seen an empty chair rocking all by itself!"

"That chair's not empty, Edy! When it rocks, Mrs. Taylor herself is in it!"

"You believe in things like that? Mom did, too, and used to tell us lots about them."

"Did she ever tell you about earthbound people, and what made them so?" asked Miss Marty.

"Yes, she did! She said that with their thoughts they've built walls about themselves so thick they can't get away from the earth."

"Well, that's what's happened to Mrs. Taylor, Edy. She's built up such a thick gray wall about herself by hatred for her stepchildren that she's earthbound, and I want you to help me set her free."

"You went to visit her?" exclaimed Edy.

"Yes, and from the way she talked I believe she has not the faintest idea that her condition isn't normal. I believe, too, that unless she can have her thoughts diverted from her hatred, it may be years before she can break away from that gray shell and go on with her evolution. That shell is now so thick that it is really heavy enough to rock that light chair when she sits in it."

"But what can you do about it, Miss Marty?"

"I told her we'd come in to clean the house for her, and she seemed to like the idea. I thought while we worked we could talk about things that would prove enlightening to Mrs. Taylor and help her to forget her hatred, so that the shell about her will begin to dissipate, and she'll be earthbound no longer. Would you be afraid if you knew she was in the room with us, even if you couldn't see her?"

"No, not if you were there," replied Edy. "You can see her?"

"Yes. The wall about her is such a dark gray it's a wonder to me that others haven't seen it. I brought a book of stories for Jerry to read to the little ones, and you can come over here any time after lunch tomorrow that you're free. I'll leave the back door unlocked. Few pass along this road in daylight, so you're not likely to be seen. I'll be watching for you, and we'll talk as if we're alone in the house. If you hear me answering questions you haven't heard, pay no attention. Mrs. Taylor is likely to have asked them."

Miss Marty rose, and followed by Pixey—perfectly contented throughout the evening—escorted Edy home.

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MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

Taken from His Writings


The Web of Destiny



(SEVENTH INSTALLMENT)

"The Dweller on the Threshold"

(Continued)

 It is dangerous to trust absolutely to people in this world and admit them to our full confidence; we know this by experience and act accordingly. We ought, naturally, to be much more careful when the question comes to matters of the soul, and not trust that most important of all matters, our spiritual welfare, in the hands of some one we cannot at least see and judge accordingly. There are many Spirits, of course, who have not the wits to do anything very evil with their victims, and who just lead them around by the nose for years and years without any particularly harmful results. But *self-reliance* is the most essential virtue to be cultivated by us at this stage of our evolution. The mystic maxim, "If thou art Christ, help thyself," is always sounded in the ears of those who endeavor to tread the true path. Hence we ought to guide ourselves without fear or favor from any Spirit.

It is amazing when one searches the Memory of Nature of the past to find how prevalent this interlocking condition of the desire and vital bodies was in former centuries and millen-

niums. We realize, of course, in a sort of an abstract way, that the farther we go back into the history of men the more savage we find them, but that in our own historical times this savagery should have been so common and so brutal and that might was the measure of right absolutely and beyond dispute, was quite a shock to the writer. It has been taught that selfishness and desire were purposely fostered under the regime of Jehovah to give incentive to action. This in the course of time had so hardened the desire body that when the advent of Christ took place, there was almost no heaven life among the people then living; but the writer, personally, never realized what this fact implied until the recent investigations of "The Web of Destiny" were commenced.

Nor were these ancient people content to do all the evil they could in life and then get away, but they must even have their war horses killed, their weapons laid down in their coffins, and everything else possible done to keep them here. The ether in those things which had belonged to them during life had an attraction for them, and was a means further to keep them within the earth's sphere. It enabled them to haunt their castles for years and years, and of course it was not only the rich or the warrior class but also others. In cases of blood feuds where people were slain, the ghosts incited their relatives

to avenge them by remaining about and helping them to carry out the bloody deeds. Thus they perpetuated evil and kept the world in a turmoil of blood and strife; nor is this condition entirely broken in what we call modern days. Whenever a person dies who has fostered malice and hatred in his heart, these interlock the desire and vital bodies and make him a more serious menace to the community than anyone can imagine who has not investigated this subject. Therefore, if for no other reason, capital punishment should be abolished so that we may not let loose upon the community such dangerous characters to incite the morally weak to follow in their footsteps.

*The Sin Body—Possession by Self-made
Demons—Elementals*

Earthbound spirits, such as previously mentioned, gravitate to the lower regions of the Desire World which interpenetrate the ether, and are in constant and close touch with these people on earth most favorably situated for aiding them in their evil designs. They usually stay in this earthbound condition for fifty, sixty, or seventy-five years, but extreme cases have been found in which such people so remain for centuries.

So far as the writer has been able to discover up to the present time, there seems to be no limit to what they may do or how soon they will let go. But all the while they are piling up for themselves an awful load of sin, nor can they escape suffering therefor. The vital body reflects and etches deeply into the desire body a record of their misdeeds, and when at last they do let go and enter the purgatorial existence, they meet the retribution which they well deserve. This suffering is naturally lengthy in proportion to the time they have continued their nefarious practices after the death of the dense

body—another proof that “Though the mills of God grind slowly, they grind exceeding small.”

When the Spirit has left the *sin body*, as we will call this vehicle, in contrast to the soul body, to ascend to the Second Heaven, it does not disintegrate as quickly as the ordinary shell left behind by normal people, for the consciousness in it is enhanced by its dual composition. That is to say, being composed of both a vital and desire body, it has an individual or a personal consciousness that is very remarkable. It cannot reason, but there is a low cunning present which makes it seem as though it were actually endowed with a spiritual presence, an Ego, and this enables it to live a separate life for many centuries. The departed Spirit meanwhile enters the Second Heaven, but having done no work on earth to desire or merit a prolonged stay there or in the Third Heaven, it only stays there sufficiently long to create a new environment for itself, and it is then reborn much earlier than usual—to satisfy the cravings for material things which draw it so strongly.

When the Spirit returns to earth, this sin body is naturally attracted towards it, and usually stays with it all its life as a demon. Investigations have proved that this class of soulless creatures were very prevalent during Biblical times, and it was to them that our Savior referred as devils, they being the cause of various obsessions and bodily ills such as are recorded in the Bible. The Greek word “*daimon*” describes them accurately. Even today a large proportion of southern Europe and the Orient is thus harassed, the affliction being specially aggravated in Sicily, Corsica, and Sardinia. Whole tribes in Africa, where the Voodoo magic prevails, have with them these gruesome spectres; the Indians of America and Negroes in the South are also subject to them.

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Studies in the Cosmo-Conception

This department is devoted to a study of the Rosicrucian Philosophy by the Socratic Method, the material being taken from The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception.

Epigenesis and Improvements in Form

Q. What is Epigenesis?

A. The Form was built by Evolution; the Spirit built and entered it by Involution; but the means for devising improvements is Epigenesis.

Q. What is a common fallacy concerning evolution?

A. There is a strong tendency to regard all that is, as the result of something that has been; all improvements on previously existing forms, as being present in all forms as latencies; to regard Evolution as simply the unfolding of germinal improvements.

Q. What is wrong with such reasoning?

A. Such a conception excludes Epigenesis from the scheme of things. It allows no possibility for the building of anything *new*, no scope for originality.

Q. What is the occultist's belief?

A. The occultist believes the purpose of evolution to be the development of man from a static to a dynamic God—a Creator. If man's development consists solely in learning to build better and better Forms, according to models already existing in his Creator's mind, he can become, at best, only a good *imitator*—never a *creator*.

Q. Is the old form entirely discarded for the new creation?

A. So long as certain features of the old Form meet the requirements of progression they are retained, but at each rebirth the evolving Life adds such original improvements as are necessary for its further expression.

Q. What was the beginning of Form?

A. Starting with the simplest organisms, the Life which is now man built the Form to suit its necessities. In due time, as the entity progressed,

it became evident that new improvements must be added which conflicted with the lines previously followed.

Q. What was then necessary?

A. A new start must be given it in a new species, where it could retrieve any previous mistakes which experience taught would preclude further development if the old lines were adhered to, and thus the evolving life would be enabled to progress further in a new species.

Q. How often did such changes occur?

A. As often as necessary to the progress of evolving life, and the improvement is still going on.

Q. How does this apply to man's present body?

A. Man, who is in the vanguard of progress, has built his bodies, from the similitude of the amoeba up to the human form of the savage, and from that up through the various grades until the most advanced races are now using the best and most highly organized bodies on earth.

Q. Do we also work on our bodies between lives?

A. Between deaths and rebirths we are constantly building bodies in which to function during our lives, and a far greater degree of efficiency than the present will yet be reached.

Q. Can man make mistakes in building on the higher planes?

A. Yes, and if we make mistakes in building between lives, they become evident when we are using the body in Earth life, and it is well for us if we are able to perceive and realize our mistakes, that we may avoid making them afresh life after life.

(Reference: *Cosmo*, pages 337-340)

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

An Angel Delivers Peter



Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.

And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were

the days of unleavened bread).

And when he had approached him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him: intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garments about thee, and follow me.

And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through the street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

—*The Acts*, 12:1-10.

Many of the early Christians gave their lives that the teachings of Christ Jesus, imbued with the leaven of Love, might become the imperishable heritage of humanity. James, the brother of John, was one of these martyrs, sacrificed in the clash between the old regime of law and selfishness and the new order of love and brotherhood.

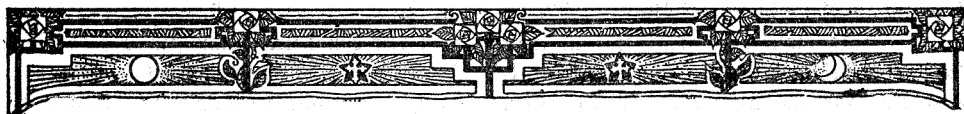
Among the comforting rewards that

came in those trying days and that still come to the followers of the Cross is that of aid from the angels. The loving ministry of these shining ones brought solace and comfort to many, and upon numerous occasions they accomplished a physical release or otherwise gave assistance that relieved a serious situation. They are motivated entirely by love, and are therefore ever ready to serve wherever they can.

A powerful factor in attracting the aid of angelic ministers is prayer. We note here that "prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." The prayer of people united and dedicated to a single purpose can accomplish seeming miracles. A communication with God is established and Divine Life and Light flow into and illumine those who pray properly.

True prayer, born in praise and adoration, lifts the higher self to the very throne of God and brings down a spiritual outpouring. This outpouring may set new forces to work in the life, or so redirect old forces that situations are changed in a seemingly miraculous manner. This is the basis of overcoming evil with good. It is a conscious cooperation with and use of the spiritual forces all about us. It is a magic key that opens the way for loving ministrations from the angelic hosts.

This experience by Peter may also be interpreted in the light of esotericism to indicate the powers that come to the spiritual aspirant as he reaches certain stages on the Path. He evolves the soul body and learns to function in it. Love and faith enable him to transcend physical law and control the lower nature. The soldiers and the door to the prison may be thought of as phases of the lower nature which are overcome as the powers of the Spirit are developed.




Astrology Department

Marriage in the Light of Astrology

By N. R. MARTIN

But happy they! the happiest of their kind!
Whom gentle stars unite, and in one fate
Their hearts, their fortunes, and their beings blend!
—Thomson.

 THE science of astrology, dealing as it does with the innermost complexities of the human being; provides the soundest basic means in existence for obtaining information of thorough dependability in analyzing and solving the many problems of life. The natal horoscope indicates to the competent astrologer the innate characteristics of the individual, his points of physical strength and weakness, his mental caliber and bent, his vocational talents, and his destiny brought over from past lives. Furthermore, by comparing a person's horoscope with those of others, it may be determined which of his associates are likely to be harmonious and which are likely to be inharmonious. Obviously, there are many advantages to being one's own astrologer.

The psychologists and psychiatrists of today have made a commendable beginning toward helping people free themselves from mental complexes and fixations interfering with the expression of the higher self, but their understanding, based largely upon a superficial knowledge, is necessarily all too limited. The value of right thinking in directing our lives is becoming more

and more widely accepted, and certainly it cannot be emphasized too much that we must learn to think constructively. However, for a thorough understanding of the human being and his purpose upon earth the wise person turns to the study of spiritual astrology in connection with the laws of rebirth and cause and effect.

Particularly in the marriage relation may astrology be of vital import, for this relation, being the basis of home and civilization, needs more than any other to be established upon a foundation of mutual compatibility. Whether one is contemplating marriage, or is already faced by some of the perplexing problems which all too often exist in the marriage state, he or she may safely turn to the stellar script for safe and sane advice. Here may be found, not only the reason for the existing problem, but an indicated line of conduct which will alleviate the difficulty and bring about more satisfactory future conditions.

It is well, first of all, to understand the purpose of the institution of marriage as explained by the circumstances in which it originated. This is concisely given by Max Heindel in *The*

Message of the Stars as follows: "There was a time when man-in-the-making was male-female and able to beget children without the assistance of another, but when one pole of the creative force was directed upward to build the brain and larynx, mankind ceased to be bisexual and thenceforth each male and female has to seek its complement to accomplish the begetting of children. Therefore, marriage was instituted by the angels as a sacrament, and the sacred rite of generation was performed under their supervision in great temples at certain times of the year when the interplanetary lines of force were propitious for propagation. The rest of the time all lived together in the paradisiacal bliss of chaste companionship. Therefore parturition was painless and sickness and sorrow were unknown.

"But when, under the guidance of the fallen angels, the Lucifer Spirits, mankind commenced to exercise the creative function for pleasure regardless of the stellar ray, death entered and the woman began to bring forth her children in sorrow and suffering. For though a minister may *legally* marry people, he, being ignorant of the stellar script, cannot see if the basic harmony necessary to mate two souls truly is present.

"Therefore, most marriages fail to bring the happiness and satisfaction of soul which mark the companionship of true mates. Besides, there is the pain of parturition incidental to mis-mating and the increased suffering of the Ego which is building its body under inharmonious prenatal conditions. Surely, a heavy toll to pay for ignorance of the stellar science!

"But this matter is so important at

our present stage of evolution, it has such far-reaching consequences for both the individual and society, that it is really criminal to leave to chance the choice of a mate. Fortunately, we are nearing the Aquarian Age, and there is no doubt that people will then study the stellar script. Perhaps they will then institute matrimonial bureaus maintained by the church or state, with a view to guiding the growing generation in the right direction. If children whose nativities are harmonious could visit at each other's homes and become playmates the attachment would undoubtedly ripen into love with the years.

Then marriage would not end the romance as it unfortunately does in the majority of unions consummated at the present time, but it would intensify love and happiness year by year. The bond of affection would grow stronger and aid the soul growth of those under its magic spell as no other relation can."

In considering this matter, however, we should not lose sight of

RELATIONSHIPS

The relations of the individual with people in each department of his life are definitely indicated in the horoscope by the sign, the house, and planets governing that particular phase of life. The sign on the 7th house, its ruler, and planets placed therein, indicate the nature of the partnership relations to which the person is entitled through efforts in past lives and which he needs for soul growth in the present life.

the fact that at the present time we are subject to the ties of destiny to such an extent that the major events of our lives are largely predetermined. This accounts for the fact that it rarely does any good to advise a prospective bride and groom not to marry, for if the karmic tie is strong, the two will go ahead and marry anyway. Nor should this be otherwise, for if there is karma to be worked out between two individuals in any relation, then it is far better to try to do one's duty. What this duty is may be ascertained by a comparison of the horoscopes of the persons involved.

Max Heindel further pointed out that: "Sometimes the question is asked if unhappy marriages could be pre-

vented by astrology, and would not greater happiness result if people were mated by astrology? To this question we may answer 'yes' and 'no.' If the horoscopes of intending marriage partners were cast by a competent astrologer, unhappy marriages would certainly be prevented and happy unions result if the parties involved could be induced to abide by his decision, but it is the writer's belief that marriage is among the ripe fate which we must meet in life. He has found that in cases where he advised marriage the consulting parties were always eager to rush off and be made happy right away by the legal ceremony, but where serious temperamental differences were observed which showed that the marriage must bring misery to both, his verdict has been accepted only in one case. . . . The call of the mate selected in former lives seems to overrule all for good or ill. *It is the tie that binds*, and each Ego must loose the knot ere it is free to seek other companionships. . . . These uncongenial relationships are intended among other things to teach us self-control, and forbearance. If you cannot be happy, you can at least try to be as happy as you can."

In the comparison of charts of prospective marriage partners, there are three principal aspects to be taken into consideration, since man is Spirit, soul, and body. There should be harmony on the spiritual, moral, and physical planes, as signified by Sun and Moon, Mars and Venus, and the two Ascendants. When the Sun in one person's chart is in conjunction with the Moon in the other person's chart, there is spiritual attraction and harmony; or if the luminaries are sextile or trine one another from the two charts, there is spiritual harmony, though perhaps in less degree.

On the moral plane the relationship is governed by Mars and Venus. If these two are in conjunction, or favorably aspected between the two charts,

there will be sexual attraction and harmony. Should there be a square or opposition, there will be attraction but not harmony.

The physical harmony is judged by the comparison of the rising signs of the two persons involved, due to the fact that the rising sign determines the pitch of the etheric vibration of the vital body, which interpenetrates the dense physical body. Each of the twelve signs of the zodiac has its own sound, and agrees with others of a harmonious pitch, just as each of the twelve notes in the chromatic scale blends or clashes with other notes. Thus people with harmonious rising signs are capable of helping and healing each other, while those having inharmonious signs have difficulty in helping each other. The three fiery signs agree with each other, as do the airy, earthy, and watery signs. Fire combines with fire and air, but not with water or earth. Air com-

Horoscopes for Subscribers' Children

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NOTE: We neither set up nor read horoscopes anywhere EXCEPT in this Magazine.

bines with air and fire, earth with earth and water, water with water and earth.

The ideal marriage requires the blending of the two charts in all these particulars, but there are comparatively few people who have earned the right to a perfect marriage. The stage of evolution of the individuals involved will determine how well they will be able to handle inharmonies indicated in any department. The more highly evolved the individuals are, the more easily they can adjust themselves to inharmonies and rule their stars.

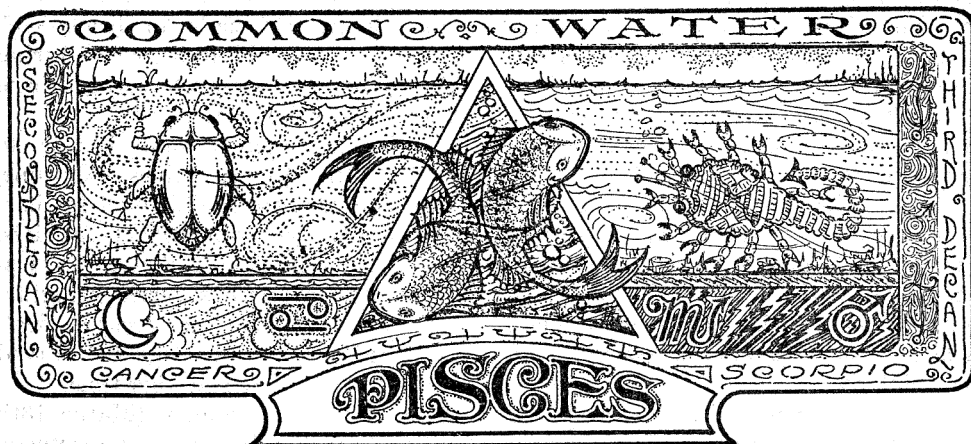
In comparing the charts, it is also well to consider the Sun signs of the prospective marriage partners. Here the same law operates as that which governs the physical harmony, but there often seems to be an especially strong attraction between two people having opposite Sun signs. Thus, Aries and its opposite, Libra, are complementary, and attract by virtue of being fire and air. In like manner do Taurus and Scorpio natives attract each other—earth and water; Gemini and Sagittarius, air and fire; Cancer and Capricorn, water and earth; Leo and Aquarius, fire and air; Virgo and Pisces, earth and water.

Another consideration to be made is that of the planets of one in the seventh house of the other. The benefics (Sun, Jupiter, Venus, and Mercury) in one person's chart placed in the 7th house of another indicates that the first would confer benefit, while the second would receive benefit in the marriage relation. The malefics (Mars, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune) are likely to have a detrimental effect. The nature of these configurations indicate the nature of the karma to be worked out between the two individuals. It is also well to consider the twelfth house, the house of destiny, or ripe fate. If either of the luminaries in one person's chart is placed in the 12th house of the other, it is quite probable that there has been an association between the two in previous lives.

In a woman's chart the position and aspects to the Sun indicate the type of husband, while in a man's chart the Moon is the significator of the mate. A favorable aspect between the Sun and Moon in the natal chart of either is indicative of harmony in marriage. If the Sun, Moon, Venus, or Jupiter are placed in the 7th and well aspected there is sure to be partnership felicity, for the 7th house of any natal chart indicates the type of partnership relationship the individual has worked out for himself or herself during past lives.

A final consideration is in regard to the time of marriage. A time should be selected when the Moon is in a favorable aspect to Venus, during the time of a favorable progression of the Sun or Moon to Venus or to a 7th house planet or the ruler of the 7th house. The arrangement of the planets in the houses and signs of a horoscope set up for the time of marriage will indicate much in regard to the nature and success of the marriage. However, this horoscope will not of course supersede the basic effect of the 7th house configurations of the natal charts of the individuals being considered.

The last two decades have brought a phenomenal growth in the interest of the public in astrology, and future years will bring a continued growth. The part the stellar science will play in conditions of the future is aptly stated by Max Heindel: "Astrology will reveal the temper and tendencies of each human being; it will enable two people to blend their characters in such a manner that a love life may be lived, and it will indicate the periods when interplanetary lines of force are most nearly conducive to painless parturition. Thus it will enable us to draw from the bosom of nature children of love, capable of living long lives in good health. Finally the day will come when these bodies will have been made so perfect in their ethereal purity that they may last throughout the coming Age, and thus make marriage superfluous."



The Children of Pisces, 1947

Birthdays: February 19 to March 21



HOSE who come into birth during this period come under the influence of the changeable, imaginary sign Pisces. These children are very impressionable and are ruled mainly by their emotions. They are very sensitive and susceptible to the mental atmosphere in their environment, and consequently are easily influenced. Kindness and sympathy are their outstanding virtues. They wish to serve and help wherever they find an opportunity, and may consequently be taken advantage of at times.

The Pisceans are usually peace loving and make every effort to avoid dissension. Partly because of this, and partly because they dislike exertion, they hesitate to stand up for their rights. There is an inner understanding that proves to them that many of the things people concern themselves with are really of no importance. They often have an innate feeling that people and fate are against them, seeming to be compelled to remain in the background in everything and taking advantage of every opportunity to play the martyr.

The dual nature of the sign shows what we might expect, namely, that failure to reach the higher sympathies produces emotional derelicts attracting the negative forces and opens the way to melancholia and hopeless despondency. There is a fruitless and wasted emotion, or a positive, active sympathy, the ideal of which is conveyed in the words, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." The latter type is usually associated with hospitals and philanthropic institutions.

Natives of this sign are inclined to form habits, with a tendency to overeat. Very often this proves to be true of drink also, usually due to the fact that they are not able mentally to cope with the strong emotional nature. If permitted to form objectionable habits it is difficult for them to overcome them because of the lack of will power. One of the most important lessons to teach these children, is self-reliance.

At the entrance of the Sun into Pisces on the 19th Mercury makes the square to Uranus. Since Mercury turns retrograde on the 27th, this aspect will carry through to March 18th, which will give the children born during this period a high strung nervous tempera-

ment. They are apt to be radicals with extreme ideas for tearing down the social structure without a reasonable idea to build up something better. This may often force them to make sudden changes to escape the consequences of erratic conduct.

From February 19th to March 3rd Venus sextiles Mercury, which gives a cheerful and good-natured disposition, and since Venus is in the sign Capricorn, it makes the native more practical and more capable of assuming responsibilities.

From February 19th to March 8th Mars squares Jupiter, which adds to the tendency toward objectionable habits as mentioned above, bringing loss and trouble through indulgence of the lower nature. A love of drink and rich food will also affect the health, causing blood and liver complaints.

The sextile of Venus to Jupiter from February 25th to March 8th brings some protection, for it favors success and social prestige. While it will not eliminate the extravagance of Mars square Jupiter it will help to provide some of the desired luxuries.

From March 1st to March 12th Venus opposes Saturn, and those born during that time will have difficulty through their relations with the opposite sex. This aspect causes jealousy and suspicion, perverted desires, and selfishness.

Mercury makes the conjunction to the Sun from March 5th to March 12th. Mercury is retrograde and from the 7th to the 10th is combust, his good qualities being burned up, as it were. From the 10th to the 12th Mercury passes this orb and goes before the Sun, which gives a much keener mentality.

From February 28th to March 17th the Sun squares Uranus, causing further disturbance with high strung nerves, uncontrolled emotions, and a lack of co-ordination. This is an altogether difficult configuration to handle, made more difficult by the other ad-

verse influences at this time. Every effort should be made to teach self-control to the children born during this period, and to protect them from excitement or inharmony.

Beginning March 8th and lasting to March 19th Venus trines Neptune, which can be used as a channel for harmonizing the afore-mentioned conflicts. This aspect very often makes an inspirational musician with a fertile imagination. Music will be the greatest healing instrument possible for the frayed nerves of those born at this time.

Mars conjunct Mercury (March 13th to March 21st) gives mental alertness, enthusiasm and dexterity. This conjunction takes place in the sign Pisces, which brings in the Neptunian influence of imagination and it may often be expressed in the tales of these children. They usually do not realize that their statements are largely fiction.

Between March 10th and March 21st the Sun trines Jupiter, which is one of the best configurations to be had; for the child born while this influence is active will be protected to a great extent from other adverse effects. First of all, it gives a natural inborn faith, which in itself will carry one through almost any situation. It gives a feeling of assurance, a happy cheerful disposition, and an abundance of vitality which helps one to recover from any illness very rapidly. There is also good judgment and truthworthiness along with ability as an executive or government employee.

From March 15th to March 21st Venus trines Uranus. At the beginning of this aspect Venus in Aquarius is still aspecting Neptune, carrying this influence through to a grand trine, further supporting the already favorable musical talents, for this aspect gives a love of art, music, and poetry. The intuitive perception is developed, supporting an alert, inspirational mentality which attracts many friends who will be of great benefit.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE ADVICE

This page is a free service for readers. Since advice is based on the horoscope, we can give a reading ONLY if supplied with the following information: full name, sex,

place of birth, year, day of month, hour. No readings given except in this Magazine and ONLY FOR PERSONS 14 to 40 YEARS OF AGE.—Editor.

Technician. Auditor

ARTHUR A.—Born December 26, 1923, 4:00 P.M. Lat. 42 N. Long. 94 W. The planet Uranus is the controlling factor for vocation in this chart, with Aquarius on the Midheaven and Uranus placed in the 10th house. Uranus trines Mars, giving strong interest and originality along mechanical lines, especially in aviation, electricity, or in unusual directions where science and inventions reach out into new fields. The Sun and Mercury in Capricorn add to the ability in scientific matters and research work. The Sun sextile Saturn in Scorpio gives depth and thoroughness and the executive ability to carry out this work. The Part of Fortune and Jupiter in Sagittarius give a tendency to deal with large issues, especially in scientific investigation. Other possible vocations which would prove successful are research work in a laboratory, radio announcing, or auditing.

Civil Engineer. Salesman

JOHN C. L.—Born June 11, 1930, 5:32 P.M. Lat. 45 N. Long. 93 W. Virgo on the Midheaven, and the Sun, Jupiter, and Part of Fortune in the other mercurial sign, Gemini, give evidence of versatility, and Scorpio on the Ascendant, with Mars and Mercury in Taurus, (both fixed signs) give the steadfastness to carry out the chosen work. Ability as a civil engineer, architect, or mechanical draughtsman is strongly indicated by the aptitude for detail. (Virgo Midheaven, Mars in Taurus trine Saturn in Capricorn).

The planets in Gemini and the 7th house, and the sextile of Mercury to Venus make a good salesman. These configurations give ability as a social organizer, reporter, or accountant.

Dietitian. Librarian

ALMA E. M.—Born December 20, 1902, 12:03 A.M. Lat. 42 N. Long. 83 W. In this chart the Moon rules the Midheaven and is placed in the scientific sign Virgo. This sign governs health, and the Moon and the sign Cancer rule food. This combination shows excellent qualifications as a dietitian, and working in or managing a Health Food Store. Libra ruling the Ascendant and Venus, its ruler, trine the Moon, favor work in art or stationery stores. Four planets in the 4th house, and Mercury and Venus trine the Moon, point toward ability as a librarian. The hospitality of Libra and the efficiency of Virgo indicate ability as a hostess or apartment house manager.

Book Dealer. Investigator

INA L. D.—Born December 2, 1905 2:20 A.M. Lat. 39 N. Long. 90 W. This chart has Cancer ruling the Midheaven. The Moon is in conjunction to Saturn, which rules the 4th house, and both sextile the Part of Fortune. Mars, ruler of the 2nd (money earned) and 7th (partnerships), is placed in the 4th house sextile the Sun in the 2nd. These configurations strongly favor the real estate business. The selling of books and managing of book stores are also favored. The Moon in Aquarius gives interest in educational and scientific work. Mercury, Uranus, and the Part of Fortune in 3rd, give ability in intellectual pursuits. Mercury in Capricorn sextile Saturn gives ability as a detective or an investigator. Mercury rules the 9th and 12th houses, indicating this faculty could be used to advantage as an investigator in public welfare work or charitable institutions.

Monthly News Interpreted

Celestial Music

Music is not confined to man-made instruments. There is music everywhere in nature for those who can lend an ear. There is sonata in the graciousness of the charming host. There is sparkling tonic in a cheery "good morning." There is rhythm and meter in every human thought and action.

Rays of sunshine tatoo a spark of life wherever they touch and a majestic cadence of beauty and bounty develops upon earth. How delicious and sweet the heavenly melody in the heart of true lovers! The flight of a wild bird. The babbling brook. The cows contentedly grazing in the luscious green meadow. Smoke belching from factory chimneys. The hustle and bustle of the great metropolis. Ocean whitecaps spanning the rocky shore.

All things are making music in the great symphony we call the universe. All creation is the harp of God pulsing with melody!—John F. Needham, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, in *The New Age Magazine*, December, 1946.

The material being printed in *The New Age Magazine* certainly shows how rapidly its writers are advancing in the discovery of truth and are not afraid to make their finding known to the world as the above reprint evidences. The great Pythagoras, philosopher, scholar, teacher, and traveler was probably the first person to make known to mankind that each of the heavenly bodies emit musical tones which he described as "The Music of the Spheres." The truly advanced occult scientist knows that Pythagoras was not romancing when he made that startling statement, for through his own experience he has come to know that the twelve signs of the zodiac and the seven planets form the sounding board and strings of "Apollo's seven stringed lyre." He knows that were a single discord to mar the celestial harmony from that grand Instrument there would be "a wreck of matter and a crash of worlds!"

The true musician knows that every city, every lake, and every forest has

its own peculiar tone. The babbling brook and the summer breeze which stirs the green leaves on the trees, all speak this universal language of the great Creator of all things. Such a musician hears the grand, majestic tones in the mountain torrents and in the storms on the broad unresting seas. Goethe, whose ears were attuned to nature's voice, represents the Archangel Raphael as saying: "The sun intones his ancient song, 'Mid rival chant of brother-spheres.'" Mendelssohn, too, tuned in on the sounds of nature and wrote his inspired *Spring Song* which will live on down through the ages.

Celestial music is a fact, and not a mere figment of fancy. Its true home is in the Heaven World where tone not only pervades all things but builds them as well; and upon it they depend for their continued existence. Its echoes reaching man on the physical plane are the most potent influence in swaying the motives of humanity that is known to all mankind.

Plaque for Acting

With more batteries of powerful arc and searchlights than ever before used, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios will turn night into day for the world premiere of "The Yearling" Wednesday night at the Carthay Circle Theatre. . . .

Acting by Claude Jarman, Jr., is so outstanding that it brought him a silver plaque from the California Parents and Teachers, the first of its kind ever awarded a child actor by the parents and teachers group.

The trophy was presented to young Jarman, a Nashville, Tenn., boy who had never before faced the cameras, by Mrs. Ruth B. Hedges, state motion picture chairman, who declared:

"Claude was flawless in a role that would have taxed the most seasoned actor."—*Los Angeles Examiner*.

Another of the New Age youngsters has called the attention of the public to himself through the medium of his unusual ability. This time it is Claude

Jarman, Jr., and his vehicle of expression is the moving picture. Claude Jarman was found in Nashville, Tennessee, grammar school, after previous interviews with 19,863 other boys. He takes the part of an eleven year old farm boy supposed to be living on his father's farm in the scrub country of north central Florida. There is an excellent cast of characters in the picture, but young Jarman's acting is second to none.

The motion picture is a New Age product that is intended to teach mankind to think in pictures and children like Claude Jarman are in the vanguard in this development. The thoughts of today have a tremendous evolution before them; they are destined to become as real, clear, and tangible as are any of the objects of the outside world which we now perceive through the physical senses.

Most truly did the learned Shakespeare say: "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, Than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

Nearing Eleven on Wings

Miss Betsy Davis, the famous and beautiful aviatrix, is a reasonable young lady. Although she has been flying a plane for quite some time now, she is not resentful of the laws which prohibit her from flying all by herself.

"I could do it all right," she explains, very seriously, "but you see I'm still a little young."

One of the youngest fliers in the world, her full name is Elizabeth Anne Davis, and she is in the fifth grade at Portsmouth, N. H. Her flying was no accident—it came about as the result of a long campaign in which she kept pestering her father, manager of the Skyhaven airport in near-by Laconia.

So one day he picked her up after school and took her to the airport. Airports are frequently noisy places, and this day it was ten times as noisy. Nobody heard anything but Betsy. She pranced across the runway, announcing the next flight at a shout:

"I'm going to fly the plane!" she cried. "I'm really going to fly." She did, too. . . .

Betsy brought the ship down, leveled off, and kept calm. It was a perfect landing. . . . Her father, though fully in ac-

cord with the age regulations, agrees with her that she could pass all the other tests. He ought to know. Philip B. Davis has been flying a long time, and was formerly commander of the Civil Air Patrol's Laconia squadron.

Bennett says he could solo a couple of his students now, if the law permitted.—*The American Weekly*, July 28, 1946.

Our New Age youngsters certainly are diversified in their precocious development. Ross Hayes mentioned in a previous magazine is an expert agriculturist. Marion Millett is a promoter of higher education, and Betsy Davis, eleven years old, is already a qualified aviatrix, and there are quite a number of other children who are only waiting to reach the age limit (16 years) to apply for a pilot's license.

The New Age which we are rapidly approaching is bringing with it an irresistible intellectual impulse which will be instilled in our daily life. Science is already making tremendous strides, inventions have astonished the world, and now mankind has practically conquered the air, all of which is only the beginning of this scientific, intellectual New Age influence which will evidence itself more and more as time goes on; and with these rapidly advancing changes we must realize that a superior set of children are beginning to make their appearance in the world. These children are the progenitors of a different race than our own; and the esthetic standards they have, and will have, are so far above those of their elders that at times they will be considerable of a shock.

The signs of the New Age are all around about us but the average adult is so busy trying to hang on to old familiar conditions that he fails either to see or recognize them. Mankind has reached a time in his evolution when old things are passing away, to be replaced with things which are improved and therefore much better. Progression is a law in nature and all who wish to improve on the past must catch the vision and move forward.

READERS' QUESTIONS

Euthanasia

Question:

A few weeks ago I read in a current magazine that more than 1700 New York doctors had joined in sponsoring a euthanasia bill. What is your opinion of such a movement? Have we the right to legalize murder?

Answer:

No, we certainly have not the right to legalize murder—or suicide. Such a practice is entirely unethical, and the prospect of such a law should urge us to renewed endeavor in disseminating occult truths.

A similar question was asked during Max Heindel's life time, and as he covered the subject so thoroughly, we are giving his answer verbatim:

"At first blush and from the standpoint of people not versed in the teaching of occultism such a measure would seem to have considerable claim to commendation. Most people on seeing an animal suffering agonies and beyond hope of recovery would feel prompted by humane instincts to put it out of its misery, and the questions, "Why should we not do as much for our fellow men and women? Why should we keep them alive in excruciating suffering maybe for months or years when we know that they have no chance of regaining their health and that they are looking and longing for death to put them out of pain?" seem from the common point of view to call for acquiescence. However, when we have a knowledge of the law of consequence and are sure that what we sow we reap, if not in this life then in some future existence, the matter appears in a different light.

"We cannot escape our just dues. The suffering that comes to us is needed to teach us a lesson or mellow our character. The only way to shorten such suffering is by an endeavor to understand why we are in the condition that brings us pain. If it is a cancer of the stomach, then how have we abused that organ? By overindulgence of food of a nature not suited to our system? Is it the heart? How many times have we lost our tempers and raged like mad, putting a tremendous strain on this part of the body? Or are the other organs of our system weak and debilitated? We may be sure that in some way, either in this life or a previous one, we have abused our body in such a manner as to cause these ailments. Otherwise we would not be suffering, and the sooner we take the lesson to heart and commence to live a better life more in harmony with the laws of nature we have broken, the sooner our suffering will cease.

"It is always in our grasp to alter conditions, though of course we cannot remedy in a day what it has taken years or lives to break down, but certainly there is no other way in which a permanent cure can be effected. Even if now, by the enactment of such a law as contemplated, the suffering is shortened, we may be sure that when the person so released from his body is reborn his new vehicle will have the tendency to develop the same disease from which he escaped in such an untoward manner. Besides, as has been thoroughly explained in *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, this physical body is fashioned in an invisible mold which is called the archetype, and so long as that archetype persists our physical body remains alive. When death oc-

curs from natural causes, or even in so-called accidents, (which are not accidents at all but events used to terminate a life according to the design of the invisible guardians of human affairs) the archetype is disrupted and the Spirit flees.

"A suicide, however, is different. In this case the archetype persists after death for a number of years until death should have occurred according to natural events, and being unable to draw to itself the physical atoms it imparts to the suicide during those years of his post-mortem existence a continuous aching feeling, something like a gnawing hunger, or a dull but exceedingly painful toothache. If the plan you mention becomes a law and people are allowed to obtain the services of others to commit suicide (for that is what it really amounts to), there is no doubt that they will suffer in their post-mortem existence in the same manner as the suicide who prescribed his own poison, or cut his own throat. It is a very dangerous plan and we trust no such practice will be sanctioned by law."

THE VALUE OF RITUAL

Question:

Why is it that the Protestant ministers have difficulty in holding their congregations, while the Catholics seem always to have a fair attendance?

Answer:

The answer to this question lies in the fact that the Protestant ministers, differing widely in their subject matter and in their method of presenting even the same subject matter, appeal largely to the desire body, while the Catholics, by a constant use of the same ritual, affect the vital body and make a permanent impression.

Not knowing the occult facts concerning the vital and desire bodies of man, the orthodox Protestant church pastors depend upon sensationalism and something "new" to affect their listeners. Effects secured in this manner

are short lived, for the emotional body is in a constant state of flux. The vital body, however, is the vehicle of habit and is permanently impressed by the constant repetition of the same sounds. Therefore, the Catholics, using the same chant in all their churches, bring a powerful force to bear upon the vital body. Particularly is this true when the subject is a child, for during the first seven years of life the positive pole of the vital body is growing, and at seven years we say that the vital body is "born," or completed. The early Catholics who instigated the practice of requiring prospective Catholic parents to agree to bring up their children in the Catholic church were well aware of the occult facts involved, and they consequently have held their people better than the Protestants.

When the Protestants evolve to the point where they can put aside their childish points of difference in creed and adopt a basic ritual for use in all their churches, then they will be able to impress and hold their congregations. In this, as in all other matters, there is strength in unity, and the proper kind of ritual would present no interference with the "quest for knowledge," which is of prime importance to the Sons of Cain. A faith based upon knowledge, rather than a blind faith, would thus be encouraged.

However, as Max Heindel has pointed out, "If we would change the tendency of the world to pursue pleasure and sense gratification to the exclusion of religion, we would do well to begin with the small children. If we gather them at the altar and teach them to love God's house and incorporate certain universal prayers and parts of the ritual in their forming vital bodies, cultivating in all who enter the ideal of reverence for a holy place, we shall by degrees build around the physical stone structure an invisible temple of Light and Life, such as described by Manson in *The Servant in the House*."

NUTRITION AND HEALTH

ROSICRUCIAN IDEALS—The Rosicrucian Teachings advocate a simple, harmless, and pure life. We believe that a vegetarian diet is most conducive to health and purity; that meat of all kinds, as well as alcoholic drinks, tobacco, and stimulants, is injurious to health and spirituality.

As Christians we believe it is our duty to refrain from sacrificing the lives of animals and birds for food, and so far as possible to refrain from use of their skins and feathers for wearing apparel. We consider vivisection diabolical and inhuman.

We believe in the healing power of faith and prayer, but we sometimes advise the use of material means to accelerate recovery and to clear the channel for the inflow of higher forces. Our motto is: *A sane mind, a soft heart, a sound body.*

The Miracle of the Blood

By JAMES WEYLAND

(CONCLUSION)



O every one of Christian faith "the cleansing blood of Jesus" is an important religious principle, though actually little understood in general. Occult philosophy explains that "During the regime of Jehovah the blood of humanity had become impregnated with egotism, which is the separative factor in this age. From this sin it must be cleansed before mankind can be united and enter into the Kingdom of Christ. This was a gigantic task, for humanity had become so impregnated with selfishness that scarcely anyone would do another a favor.

"If someone had stood for thousands of years upon a distant planet and looked clairvoyantly at our little earth, he would have seen a gradual change from bad to worse in the Desire World and World of Thought. It was getting more and more filled with murky vibrations, because man, in the days of his earliest childhood, was not able to control his impulses. He was controlled mostly by the mind and the desire body, and therefore after death he had to stay in purgatory almost all of the time between incarnations. There was almost no progress. The Second Heaven life, where he learns to do creative work, was almost barren." Obviously, it was essential that the Desire World

of the earth be cleansed, and that was the mission of Christ.

Clairvoyant vision further reveals that "when a person is taken violently out of his instrument there is something that clings to it, and that something is the sum of the impurities of the lower nature. We have the arterial blood and the venous blood. In the venous blood are the impurities that belong to the lower nature, but in the arterial blood we have the purity. The venous blood clings closely to the flesh, and therefore at the time that any person is killed, if the blood flows, there is a distinct cleansing. Whenever the Spirit is taken out of the body by accident, and the blood flows, man is cleaner and better."

Therefore, it was necessary that Jesus be killed, that the blood flow, "in order that by the violent death the last impurity which might still cling to the flesh should be left to decay; that the Christ Spirit pure and untainted with none of the impurities of the body it had used might be diffused over the world."

At the Crucifixion, when the Christ, a luminous Sun Spirit, flowed out through the wounds of Jesus, It became diffused all over the earth. That is why we hear there was a great darkness, because the spiritual light was so great that men were blinded and per-

ceived it as darkness. "Gradually it was absorbed into the earth, and took its place, permitting everything within its influence to return to its normal condition, so far as men could see. The vibrations set up cleansed, purified, and set in rhythmic order the vibrations in the higher world, and gave a spiritual impulse that could not otherwise have been given. That was the way it cleansed and 'took away the sin of the world' by restoring the rhythmic vibrations in a measure and thus enabling man to progress. That influence is still working and cleansing the world. It is the source of altruism and benevolence which are gradually taking the place of patriotism and selfishness, bringing universal brotherhood and fellowship into the world."

The effect of the Christ vibrations upon humanity may be found not only in the movements toward Brotherhood throughout the world, but also in the blood and auric conditions of man. "We see the blood as a number of little microscopic globules or discs, but blood is not of that nature when seen by the trained clairvoyant in the living human body. When the blood courses through the arteries, which are deep in the body, it is a gas, a hot *spiritual essence*. The heat is caused by the Ego that is within the blood. If the skin is punctured, and the blood exudes, it coagulates as steam, which is an invisible hot gas, condensed as soon as it comes out into the atmosphere. The blood in our veins is the vehicle through which, by means of the sympathetic nervous system, the subconscious mind carries on all the activities of the body that we are not aware of in the conscious mind."

In the partially condensed blood near the surface of the body "the Ego is learning to form mineral crystals. In the Jupiter Period we shall learn to invest them with a low form of vitality and set them out from ourselves as plantlike structures. In the Venus

Period we shall be able to infuse desire into them and make them like animals. Finally, we shall give them a mind and rule over them as Race Spirits."

It has been observed that "When we expose a piece of iron to the air, the oxygen contained in the latter element oxidizes the iron and in time disintegrates it. This process is commonly known as rusting. The blood comes in contact with the air every time it passes through the lungs, and as a needle is drawn to a magnet, so does the oxygen of the inspired air coalesce with the iron in the blood. A process of combustion takes place, which is similar to the rusting or oxidation we observed in the iron exposed to the air.

"The ether contained in the dense fibre of wood, after the latter has undergone combustion in a stove, passes outward through the iron in the form of semi-invisible heat waves vibrating at different velocities according to the degree of heat in a furnace. So the spiritual vibration generated by the combustion of oxygen and iron in our physical bodies passes outward and colors our invisible vehicles according to their vibratory pitch. Low vibrations are seen as red, the higher are yellow, and the highest blue.

"Experience has taught us that combustible material may be placed in a furnace and all conditions necessary to combustion may be present but that until the match is applied the materials remain unconsumed. Those who have studied the laws of combustion know also that forced draft carries with it a great quantity of oxygen which is necessary to obtain heat from fuel containing much mineral. The reason for this condition lies in the fact that minerals, being the lowest in the scale of evolution, vibrate at a correspondingly slower rate than the plant, animal, or man. It requires a maximum effort to raise their vibration to such a pitch that combustion may liberate their spiritual

essence, and oxygen is the accelerator in this process. Were the same amount of oxygen supplied to good vegetable fuel, which naturally vibrates at a much higher rate than mineral, the furnace would be in danger of destruction because of the intensity of the heat generated.

"A similar process takes place within the body, which is the temple of the Spirit. This is the flame which kindles



the inner fire and generates the spiritual product which passes outward from all warm-blooded creatures as heat radiates from a stove. (Cold-blooded creatures are so low in the scale of evolution that they have as yet no life within themselves but are worked upon by the Group Spirit from without entirely and it is the Group Spirit which generates the life-giving currents responsible for the animation in these creatures. These currents pass inward to sustain the nascent life until it shall be able to respond and begin to send currents outward from itself)."

In regard to the process of transmutation, particularly for those following the head path, it is well to realize that: "All knowledge in whatever direction used, must necessarily feed on life

which is primarily derived from the extracts of the vital body: that is to say, the sex force and the blood. All knowledge that is not thus fed and nurtured is as dead and as powerless as the philosophy Faust extracted from his books. No books are of themselves sufficient. Only in the measure that we take that knowledge into our lives and nourish it and live it is it of real value.

"But there is this great difference: that while the aspirant in the schools of the Sacred Science feeds his own soul on his own sex force and the lower passions in his own blood which he thus transmutes and cleanses, the adherents of the black school live as vampires on the sex force of others and the impure blood drawn from the veins of the victims."

To go still farther into the mysterious process of transmutation as carried on in the laboratory of the blood, we may note that: "The ethers are, so to speak, the fumes of our blood after oxidation. We assimilate the physical particles of the blood physically, but the etheric parts we assimilate etherically. This change is constantly taking place, and the vibrations of the dense body seed atom constitutes the keynote. Vampires feed on the fumes of the blood as they radiate from the body. These fumes are known as 'animal magnetism.' In slaughter houses loathsome elementals hover above the pools of blood, feasting upon their fumes.

"The finer fumes, representing our good deeds and experiences, hover about and form a cloudy, golden-colored aura with perhaps a tinge of deep blue close to the body. The blue and the golden part are in about the same proportions and in the same relation to each other as are the blue and yellow parts of a gas flame, which the whole thing resembles very much. The fire which burns in the spinal cord, the ventricles of the brain, and over the top of the head, forms a burning flame which has a most beautiful appearance. It is the LIGHT.

"As the blood courses through the heart, the ether is extracted and flows along the silver cord to the solar plexus, where the seed atom of the vital body is located. This seed atom seems to have the same effect upon the ether as a prism has upon the light, for the silver stream is refracted by it into the primary colors: red, yellow, and blue, though the proportion of these colors is not the same as in the outside flame that burns above the head. In people living the purely physical life red is overwhelmingly predominant, but as man advances, yellow becomes noticeable, and later blue. The red stream coalesces with the colorless solar ether stream which constantly rushes through the spleen, and is the agent which changes this colorless ether to a pale rose and gives the entire vital body its tinge of delicate peach-blossom hue.

"The yellow and blue rays are refracted into the hollow spinal cord, and are the source of the light there. As we grow spiritually the cumulative aggregation overflows and surrounds the head and later the whole body. It is then the *soma psuchicon* in which we may travel (on the invisible planes) when we have liberated it from the dense vehicle. It is the base metal changed by alchemy to spiritual gold, which is the *Philosopher's Stone*."

Thus we see that to understand the miracle of the formation and entire function of the blood of man it is essential that we consider his spiritual aspect as well as his physical being. By means of the influence of the Lucifer Spirits humanity has been diverted from its original path into the depths of materialism and selfishness. Through the power of the Christ all men must become regenerated, and this transmutation of the lower nature into the higher through the medium of the blood is the glorious task that lies before us. As we master this task we will come into the transcendent beauties of true Christian living.

[THE END]

THE RELATION OF WORDS TO SOUL GROWTH

(Continued from page 113)

growth, and to reach out and bless all in the environment. Thus the life-giving words continually spoken will help to build health, as they express the force of the Sun.

The work of the spiritual student is truly of great value. Although it is in the most simple form, it is sufficient to occupy all our spare moments. We are co-workers with Christ in preparing for the New Age and in uplifting our brothers throughout the Universe.

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Changing Dietary Standards

THAT one's attitude of mind has much to do with his state of health is no longer questioned, and it has also been amply demonstrated that a large percentage of man's illnesses is due to wrong eating habits. Actually, the two are closely related. Those who eat too much, eat too often, or insist on unbalanced meals, need changes in their mental attitudes. There are also people who have learned the wisdom of using will power in regulating the diet, and who find themselves unable to maintain health on the dishes which sufficed for their parents and grandparents. These latter are the pioneers, who are establishing new dietary standards.

All humanity will have to learn to eat differently as time passes, for there is a gradual change taking place in the physical body which demands a corresponding change in food. Evolution is slowly bringing about the etherealization of man's bodies, along with a refining of the mind. Consequently he has begun to give up meat eating, and is commencing to live on the fresh fruits and vegetables which are better suited to his present and future bodily needs.

Both meat and wine have served their purpose in man's evolution, but they are not for the future. Nor are the heavy, overcooked sweets and starches inherited from the past. Today the fresh fruits and vegetables are slowly

coming into their own as food and medicine. They contain the chemical elements needed by the human body, as well as an abundance of ether, and leave a minimum of poisonous residue in the body.

Occult philosophy teaches that the future man, being ethereal, will simply imbibe his food. That is a long time off yet, but in the meantime, those who wish to work with the trend of evolution are learning to eat more and more of the raw fruits, vegetables, and nuts, which are filled with ether.

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Visible Helpers are just as necessary as Invisible Helpers, and our friends and patients may share in a high privilege, as well as add much to the power of liberated healing force, by joining us in prayer for the sick. Our Healing Service is held every evening in the Healing Temple at 6:30, and in the Pro-Ecclesia at 4:45 P.M. when the Moon is in a cardinal sign on the following dates:

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Montreal, Canada, December 2, 1946
The Rosicrucian Fellowship
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Dear Friends:

My operation is over, and I was upheld so wonderfully that I went through without a trace of fear. Also, I have created a record for early rising in cases of this kind. I was allowed to get up and sit in a chair on my third day instead of the 14th day. Everyone looks on me as a sort of curiosity and comes to see if I have fallen apart yet!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the help. I'll try to pass it on.

Gratefully,
—L.E.

Wichita, Kansas, November 8, 1946
The Rosicrucian Fellowship
Oceanside, Calif.
Dear Friends:

I have just finished a day's hard work, and other than being tired, my eyes do not bother at all.

When I wrote you last week asking for help, I had absolute faith that my eyes would get better. I didn't doubt even to the extent of a moment's worry. My faith has been more than justified. May God keep you.

—B.C.J.

Ontario, Canada, October 22, 1946
The Rosicrucian Fellowship
Dear Friends:

I'm still improving, and still trying to conserve my energy. However, the wonderful part is that I am no longer afraid! Thank you!

—M.L.G.

May We Aid You to Solve Your Health Problem?

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Children's Department



Guidance for Skirrley

By PATSEY ELLIS



SPRING had come in the Garden. The happy little freesias, violets, cyclamen, and other early flowers danced in the morning sun, and the March breeze carried their delightful fragrances all over the canyon at the edge of the Garden. The acacia tree was clad in its "golden wedding garment" of fluffy yellow blossoms, and the flowering eucalyptus gave a touch of crimson beauty to the scene.

In the midst of all this loveliness the Group Spirit of the little gray squirrels that lived so happily in this part of the Garden brooded over his charges. This wondrously wise Being, one of many that guide the animals from the invisible world, realized it was spring and that he must see that none of the squirrels were lonely or unhappy at this glad season. His attention became directed to a lively young squirrel called Skirrley that lived in the big oak tree which grew down at the foot of the canyon.

Skirrley sat on a bough now sending out new green leaves and looked back at his little house in the hollowed out trunk of the tree.

"The place needs new curtains," he said, "and the windows washed, and the nuts cleared up off the floor." He sighed to himself, and added, "I just don't seem to be any good at cleaning, and it's so hard to get help.

A gust of rollicking March wind ruffled Skirrley's fur and he chattered peevishly. A band of leaves scattering before the wind laughed at him as they passed.

"I don't see why those leaves like to be blown about by the wind," Skirrley muttered under his breath. "The wind never helps with the house cleaning. It blows the dirt in instead of out." He flicked his tail and ran down the trunk of the tree onto the ground, and scampered along, chattering to himself. He came to a halt as a shy little voice came up from some twigs on the path.

"Hello, Skirrley," it said softly. "Isn't this the loveliest weather?"

"Oh, it's you, Timmy," said Skirrley to the little snail peeping up at him. "Of course it isn't lovely weather. It is too windy and my house needs cleaning and I can't get any help."

"Why don't you get a fairy to help you?" asked Timmy.

"It's hard to get one now because this is their busiest season," replied Skirrley.

"Well, that's too bad," said Timmy. "I wish I could help you, but since I can't I guess I'll be going home." He tucked his head inside his shell and lay very still. Skirrley looked at him a bit resentfully.

"Now, just look at that," he said.

"No house cleaning worries at all. He just tucks his head in his shell and then he's at home."

Turning quickly, he stopped suddenly, for a shining little creature with a basket of violet petals on one arm stood before him. "Good morning, Skirrley," it said cheerfully. "I hear that you're in need of help."

"Why—why—yes, I am, but I supposed you fairies would be too busy right now to help me," replied the little squirrel.

The friendly fairy answered rather thoughtfully, "We're never too busy to help someone who really needs help."

"Well, that's great," said Skirrley in a relieved manner. "I need someone to help me clean my house. You know how it is in the spring."

The fairy's eyes twinkled, and he smiled at the little squirrel brightly. "Why don't you get married, Skirrley?" he suggested.

Skirrley jumped clear across the path. "Why I never thought of such a thing," he answered. "What made you think of that?"

The fairy laughed outright. "Most wives are very good at house-cleaning," he said.

The little squirrel considered this thoughtfully. It did sound like a solution to his problem.

"But who would marry me?" he asked.

"I know the very one," replied the fairy. "She's a dear little thing and lives nearby here in the canyon. She's always shaking her pine needle rugs when I pass her home."

"But I don't even know her," said Skirrley.

"Well, come right along," invited the fairy, "and I'll introduce you."

Soon they came to a tree a little ways up the side of the canyon, and out on a limb a small gray squirrel was hanging out her rugs, some of pine needles and some of green moss. It was an en-

chanting sight to the admiring Shirrley.

"Good morning, Chatter," said the fairy. "I want you to meet Skirrley, a friend of mine."

Skirrley smiled his very best smile and bowed politely. "I'm most happy to meet you, Miss Chatter," he said. "Your home looks so bright and clean. I'd be ashamed for you to see mine."

"Oh, I love to keep house," replied Chatter. "It's fun to wash windows and sweep and dust and cook, but I do have a hard time finding nuts and gathering them in."

"Why, that's just what I like to do," replied Skirrley, "but they seem to get all over my place, shells and all."



The friendly fairy standing quietly by now broke in with his suggestion.

"Well, why don't you two get married?" he asked. "Skirrley could bring in the nuts and Chatter could take care of the house. It sounds ideal."

Little Miss Chatter put her paw before her face and looked bashfully down at the ground, but Skirrley spoke up boldly.

"Yes, why don't we?" he asked looking right at the other little squirrel. "I'll do my best to be a good provider."

Miss Chatter took her paw down and said shyly, "It does sound like a good idea."

"You two just go on talking," said the friendly fairy. "I'll be back in just a minute."

He dashed down the path and looked in among the leaves until he found Timmy fast asleep. "Wake up, Timmy," he said. "I want you to be best man at a wedding. Skirrley and Chatter are going to be married this morning."

Timmy slowly poked his head out of his shell. "I have never been a best man at a wedding," he said doubtfully. "Do you think I can?"

"Of course you can," answered the fairy. "You just listen to the words they say and then when they're married tell them how happy you hope they'll be. Come along," and the fairy popped Timmy into his basket of violet petals and started back along the path.

They found the two little squirrels happily discussing a brand new home in a large tree on the other side of the canyon, with plenty of nuts brought in by Skirrley and arranged on their proper shelves by his neat little wife. The friendly fairy decided to hurry up matters while everything was harmonious. He had been to a human's wedding, and he thought he knew just what to do. Looking Skirrley straight in the eye, he said, "Take Chatter's paw in yours, Skirrley." Skirrley obeyed without hesitation.

"Now Chatter," went on the fairy, "put your other paw over Skirrley's paw. Skirrley," he said solemnly, "do you promise to bring in all the nuts that Chatter wants you to?"

"Why, of course I do," answered Skirrley in surprise. "That's what I like to do. Besides," he went on happily, "I'd do anything for, Chatter."

The friendly fairy ignored Skirrley's last remarks and hurried on to say, "And do you, Chatter, promise to keep yours and Skirrley's house neat and clean every day of the year?"

"Oh, I'll love doing that," replied Chatter, who seemed to be enjoying immensely the unexpected romance that had come to her.

"I now pronounce you husband and wife," said the friendly fairy.

Before Timmy, looking up out of the fairy's basket, had time to tell the bride and groom how happy he hoped they would be there came a sudden burst of song from a nearby tree. The mocking birds had got wind of the wedding and now they were pouring forth their best silvery music for the occasion.

The friendly fairy smiled happily at the two little squirrels who were still holding hands and listening to the mocking birds, and said, "Come, and we'll escort you to your new home."

As they started down the path, all at once the place was filled with the little animals that lived in the Garden, each one trying to congratulate the bride and groom in his friendliest manner. There was Scuffy, the rabbit, and his children and grandchildren; Grubby, the gopher, looking nervously about; Chipper, the chipmunk, even more cheerful than usual; King, the orange-banded snake; and a little ways off was a doe and her shy little faun, looking on with wide-eyed interest. There were wrens, orioles, humming birds, and sparrows, and even some of the busy honey bees had come and were buzzing a joyous refrain above the wedding party. A charming picture they made, all happily expressing the Spirit of Spring as they moved down the path.

The rollicking March wind ruffled Skirrley's fur again, but this time the little squirrel did not mind, for his heart echoed the joy of the spring, and the little leaves dancing around seemed only friends because he was now in accord with their laughter.

The Group Spirit, looking on, smiled wisely to himself. "Everything's fine here in the Garden now," he mused. "No one is lonely or unhappy. It's a wonderful spring!"

MT. ECCLESIA NEWS



It has been a joyous task to do a bit of "stock taking" here at the Mount during the first month of the New Year and find that there are highly satisfying indications of a continued and renewed demand for the Fellowship teachings all over the world. Our sales record for books during the month of January is considerably larger than usual for this season of the year, and the demand for books on the Philosophy has been greater than that for the astrological books, it is pleasing to note. Orders from Portugal, Finland, Belgium, France, Poland, and the Netherlands are again being filled, and there has been a continuation of those from South America, Africa, Australia, the West Indies, the Philippines, and our next door neighbors, Canada and Mexico. Shortage of paper has limited us somewhat in the printing of free literature, but we hope to see that remedied in the near future.

Many appreciative letters, too, continue to come in from both old students and new. Some of these are so inspiring that we are prompted to share the following excerpts with our readers:

"I wish to thank your Organization for the good you have helped to come into my life, and the privilege it is to be one of your Probationers. It has been eleven years since I enrolled as a student of The Rosicrucian Fellowship, and it has been a daily inspiration to me. Your teachings are like a shining beacon that lights my pathway through this life and gives meaning to every event that transpires from day to day. As I look back over the path I have traveled, I seem to feel that I have been guided and helped to make decisions and do that which always turned out to be the right thing."

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"Recently the pastor of our church was suddenly called away, and for that

reason was unable to conduct his Bible Class. At his request I took over for him. At the end of the meeting, which was somewhat revealing, one of the ladies present asked that I read a book of hers. It turned out to be your *Cosmo-Conception*. I am now about half through with it and am devoting most of my free moments to it. It has aroused a keen interest in me concerning your organization and your teachings.

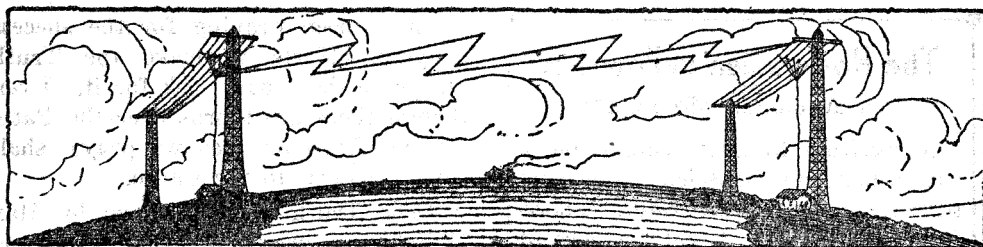
"Last night I stopped at the Public Library. There I found a copy of your magazine and *Questions and Answers*. Especially the latter clarified my thinking to the point where I am most anxious to receive as much further information as possible. Your work seems to be just what I have been looking for all my life."

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"Yesterday when your dear letter came I was so overjoyed that I spontaneously embraced the maid who brought it to me. You do not know what a letter from your spiritual atmosphere means to me (now 63 years old) here in the formerly beautiful Bayern of our impoverished Germany—now so spiritually and materially poor. Before the war I studied the *Cosmo* and finished many lessons with you. The dear book I had to burn because of Hitler, but I have it in my mind."

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"I am very grateful to you for my Probationer Book. It has answered many questions that had as yet remained unanswered. I had attended many churches, and even studied with a yogi, before reading the *Cosmo* and finding in it the satisfying answers to my many perplexing questions. It was a wandering in the wilderness for me until I studied the *Cosmo*. It gave me the keys to so much that I feel deeply in debt to the Rosicrucian School."



Center and Study Group Activities Of The Rosicrucian Fellowship

VANCOUVER, B. C., CANADA

Recent reports from the friends of this Center indicate that the regular weekly classes and Services have been continued during past months with very satisfactory attendance. An illustrated lecture on "The Halls of Learning" was given to a larger than usual audience, and other interesting lecture titles listed are "Can There Be Accident?", "In Search of Shangri La," "Why a Scientist Believes in God," and "Christmas Fires."

GERMANY

It is with much mutual joy that our contact with students and friends in Germany is now being gradually renewed. Requests are coming in for lessons and literature, and we are only too glad to comply to the fullest extent possible. However, we have been limited to some extent by the restriction on the amount of first class mail that may be sent at a time.

Letters received express much gratification that at last after years of silence spiritual food can again be received from Headquarters. One mother writes that she is especially anxious for literature so that she may bring up her children in the Rosicrucian teachings. This friend is one of many who have had a difficult time. She was moved to Bavaria where she now lives, bereft

of all her material possessions, in a government house. However, she bravely rejoices that she still has her three children and her faith in God. Needless to say, her knowledge of the Teachings has been a great comfort.

In the American zone (the only one with which we have contact) five members have received permission to reopen a central Rosicrucian Center. Thus the way seems to be opening up for a resumption of group study in that section.

Our prayers go out to these friends that they may be sustained with courage and strength as they continue to follow the Path. The power of the Christ Love emanating from the heart of each one holds us all in the bond of true fellowship.

BAMENDA, AFRICA

Recently we received the Christmas issue of *Paul*, a sixteen page, hand printed little magazine which has been put out since 1942 by P. A. Frago and friends to help spread the Teachings in Bamenda and vicinity. This labor of love by these distant friends is excellent testimony of their interest in the Teachings and desire to share them with others. The editor writes us an interesting letter concerning the Work there:

"From time to time my wife and I have received your correspondence, and

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AN AQUARIAN MOVEMENT

A spiritual Religion cannot blend with a materialistic Science any more than oil can mix with water. Therefore, because the Great Leaders of humanity saw the tendency toward ultra-materialism which is now rampant in the Western World, they took steps to counteract and transmute it at the auspicious time. They did not wish to kill budding Science as Science had earlier strangled Religion, for they saw the ultimate good which will result when an advanced Science has again become a co-worker with Religion.

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

The Rosicrucian Teachings are given to the world by means of *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* and other works of Max Heindel, Initiate and Seer, and authorized messenger of the Rosicrucian Order, and by Correspondence Courses in esoteric Philosophy, Scientific Astrology with spiritual interpretation and Bible Study which gives the occult or hidden meaning to many scriptural passages. *These lessons are not sold; it is contrary to Rosicrucian principles to give spiritual aid for a material consideration. Students' voluntary offerings largely support the expense of printing, postage, etc.*

A written request to be enrolled in any of the above mentioned classes is all that is necessary. THE ROSICRUCIAN FELLOWSHIP considers it a sacred privilege to promulgate these uplifting and inspiring Teachings.

THE ROSICRUCIAN FELLOWSHIP
Oceanside, California, U.S.A.

we have been praying for the success of your efforts to make the Truth known to those who seek for it. Even though there are thorns over the Path, we faithful souls (as we pray) shall continue loyal to the Cause.

"The Truth as laid down by Max Heindel is always preached to people whom we contact here, but as evolution seems to go at a snail's speed among our people, we try to meet them in their individual states, believing that the Lord of evolution knows best when to arouse their minds. At times we have public lectures and give group advice to whomsoever will. Pamphlets and letters are being sent out and the average man (natives and foreigners) always finds us to be helpful. We try to plant in the minds of all we contact the seeds which will enable them to do their parts in the responsibility of life.

"May the Lord bless them all, and as you may receive this near Christmas, we send our Seasons greetings, and pray for the roses to bloom upon your cross."

Lists of Dealers and Centers

We publish in alternate issues of this Magazine complete lists of dealers carrying The Rosicrucian Fellowship publications; also lists of the Study Groups and Chartered Centers of the Fellowship, both in the United States and abroad. These lists are omitted in the intervening issue in order to make the space available for our articles and notices. This applies to the present issue. Anyone wishing to obtain the name and address of any Dealer or the address of any Center or Study Group will find there in the February issue. They will also be printed in the April number.