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Today's Citizen

THE INTELLIGENT CITIZEN of today is—

emerging from narrow, national concepts,
realizing the unity that exists among all mankind,
developing a more universal perspective,
thinking in terms of the welfare of all nations,
becoming more aware of the needs of all people,
adapting himself to the eternal principle of progress,
seeing the necessity for a world government,
perceiving the need for stressing high moral principles in
education,
working to improve and universalize our educational systems,
endeavoring to think constructively and develop self-control,
using prayer to help solve his problems,
becoming more considerate of our younger brothers, the
animals,
striving to unfold his inherent spiritual powers by means of
love and service to others.

The intelligent citizen of today is sensing a mighty stirring throughout the world. The increasing intensity of the Christ Power is breaking up the crystallizations of ignorance, creed, and race, making possible a new order based upon Universal Brotherhood. An awareness and an understanding of what is taking place are of tremendous value in aligning oneself with the forward moving current. Thus may one share in the glorious task of bringing into actuality the New Age based upon the Christ concepts. As Max Heindel pointed out: "The influence of the Christ (as the indwelling, planetary Spirit of the Earth) is 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. . . . It is our privilege to help usher in that glorious age."

The Current Outlook

FROM THE ROSICRUCIAN VIEWPOINT

Avoiding Present World Disasters

By KITTIE S. COWEN

*"Look! the clay dries into iron.
But the potter molds the clay;
Destiny today is master—
Man was master yesterday."*



RARELY a day passes that we do not either hear over the radio, or else read in the newspapers accounts of earthquakes, famines, extinct volcanoes newly erupting, devastating wind-storms sweeping over various sections of the country, out-of-season freezes, explosions, famines, and floods, etc. When we search for the reason for such frequent occurrences at this particular time, our queries are usually met with the answer: "Oh, just after war conditions," without the least reason for this convenient attempt at clarification, which in reality is no explanation at all.

It is quite true that such disturbing conditions do occur after all great wars, but why are they more prevalent then than at any other particular time? Is there truly any actual cause for this, does anyone know the cause? If so, what is it, and why has it not been made known to the people so that an attempt at least might be made to avoid such terrible disasters?

Yes, there is an answer, and the most advanced of humanity have it. The answer is found in an understanding of the forces directing the activities of Nature's Laws. This knowledge has not been previously made known to the masses because they were not willing to accept it; but they have been given the remedy, although all too many of them have not been willing to try to prove it, because at times it requires considerable self-discipline.

In considering the cause of present world conditions each one of us must understand that being children of the Creator of our solar system the destiny of every individual is creatorship. And if we are to become creators we must first become self-conscious and individualized.

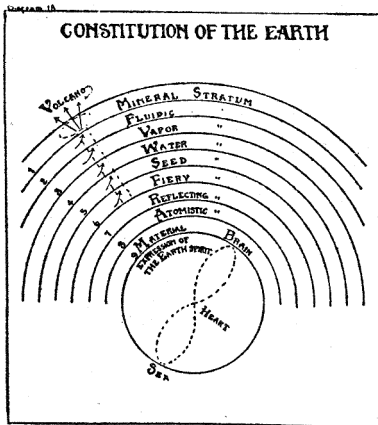
Self-consciousness has created in mankind a feeling of separateness, and in most of us this has developed into a form of selfishness which ranges, according to the individual, all the way from the I-consciousness to extreme disregard in all things for the feelings and rights of others. The principal ways in which this selfishness expresses itself are greed, deceit, fear, wastefulness, recklessness, unbelief in a higher Power, unleashed emotions, vindictiveness, envy, jealousy, lust, anger, and

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hate, all of which set up destructive vibrations that are disastrous in effect. And it is exceedingly interesting as well as appalling to note how at the present time these inimical vibrations, generated by mankind's extreme selfishness (the root of all our trouble) work and express themselves.

The Bible states that God made man and gave him dominion over the earth, and no one realizes the absolute truth of this statement more than does the occult scientist who has gained at least some slight knowledge of the interior of this globe on which we live, a knowledge which has only lately been made known to the masses. The occult student knows that the earth is not composed of a solid homogeneous substance, but that, on the contrary, it is formed of nine distinct layers or strata of substance of different thickness, all of which surround a central spiritual core which is an expression of the consciousness of the Earth

Spirit, the Christ. He knows that in the seventh or reflecting stratum are to be found certain forces which are known to mankind as the "Laws of Nature." Here they exist as moral or immoral forces according to earth conditions, for *at all* times they are an exact reflection of the moral or immoral status of mankind and are the general agents of much retributive justice, whether "good" or "evil." They are the cause of abundant crops, also of no market—a reaction to greed. Greed may acquire plenty,



but when that which one possesses cannot be turned into profit it becomes a veritable curse to the greedy one who coveted and acquired it.

The reaction to deceit works out through these nature forces in such occurrences as large heads of wheat containing puffy, diseased grains inside each separate sheath or covering. Fear develops a restricting effect upon these forces, resulting in scanty crops and shrinkage everywhere. To wastefulness they react with famine; to recklessness with windstorms. "Sow the wind and reap the whirlwind." To unbelief in a higher Power their reaction is crystallization of the earth; hate induces destructive out-of-season freezes; unleashed emotions incite them to cause floods and inundations; vindictiveness results in their producing an interlocking of the desire and vital bodies of the earth; envy and jealousy induce earthquakes—the splitting of the earth into divisions; lust stirs these forces into sulphurous reaction, and anger impels them to indulge in volcanic outbursts.

Knowing the causes which result in all this reactionary destructive-

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ness, then what is the remedy? It has been stated that these nature forces are an exact reflection of the moral or immoral status of mankind. If the immorality of the human race has caused and does cause these forces to create such havoc upon and in the earth, then man's moral actions would and do incite in them beneficent reactions.

When man overcomes selfishness, ceases to indulge in greed, and begins to practice charity, he will always find an outlet for his products. When he no longer practices deceit, and radiates sympathy for all, Mother Nature will no longer deceive him. When he replaces fear with courage, she will reward him with bursting granaries—and an adequate market. When wastefulness is replaced by frugality, famines will become unknown. When recklessness is superseded by care, the wind will be tempered to the shorn lamb. When belief in a higher Spiritual Power supersedes unbelief, crystallization will give way to adaptability. When vindictiveness—revenge—becomes transformed into forgiveness, the interlocking of the desire and vital bodies of the earth will be loosened, and spiritualization of both vehicles will be evidenced. When envy and jealousy give place to joy in another's happiness, the earth will cease to be torn apart by seismic disturbances. When lust becomes transmitted into chastity, sulphurous reactions will cease. When anger gives place to self-control, volcanic disturbances will become unknown. And when hate gives place to love, the whole earth and all that is thereon and therein will become glorified.

We all know conditions as they are in the world today. Now the question is, how do we go about applying the remedy? That is an individual matter; and when we say this, and then think of all the people there are in the world, the case at first thought may appear hopeless. But that conclusion is far from being correct. There is nothing hopeless at all in the present state of affairs unless *thinking* makes it so. And if *thinking* makes the remedying of conditions as they are today seem hopeless, then *thinking* can just as easily correct the present conditions; and that is the thing which must be done.

The thinkers of the world today can build up such a powerful thought force for righteous living and justice for all, that the very Powers of our solar system will rise up and come to our assistance, bringing with them a plan that is just, right, and workable.

Thought power is a creative force, and when it is directed by righteousness it will turn the minds of our people, the people of the world, into channels of right action. Let us cease to think in terms of national boundaries. The world is our country, and every man and woman in it is united, each to all, in the ties of one common brotherhood; and what is good for one is good for all. Therefore let us pray for light in this great world crisis and the Sun of Righteousness will surely shine through and illumine our hearts and minds. When once we align ourselves on God's side no evil power in all the world can prevail against us.

THE MYSTIC LIGHT

Choose Life

By GLADYS RIVINGTON

*I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing:
therefore choose life."*
—Deut. 30:19

HUMAN evolution on the earth is ordinarily a gradual and scarcely perceptible process. The path of progress winds slowly and surely up the mount of experience. However, there are times when the pace is quickened. For the individual this may come about when, in the cleansing fires of initiation, his evolutionary experience is welded into dynamic power. In the slower progress of the masses an increase in tempo takes place as one age or epoch gives way to the next, with its new lessons and problems. Such a transition period is now upon us. The Piscean Age is waning and the sun is bringing the first wave of spiritual force from the sign Aquarius. When the zodiacal influences focussed through the sun change with the precession of the vernal equinox, new spiritual impulses are brought to bear upon the earth to further life's development. As the level rays of the morning sun will reveal hitherto unnoticed features of a familiar landscape and mark off sharply the lines of hills and valleys, so the dawning light of a new age throws into relief the pathway of progress and discloses the heights that may be reached, and also the depths to which humanity may sink. At such times of clear vision the processes of evolution are plainly visible to the discerning eye.

In the torrents and whirlpools of ideas, words, and actions that char-

acterize life in these middle years of the twentieth century of the Christian era, the hindering habits of the past and the spiritual rays that will give strength for the future meet and mingle. People generally are confused, uncertain, hoping so much and seemingly able to realize so little, but those who can, must think clearly, and without fear face and appraise the situation in the light of the knowledge available.

One thought stands out, namely, that the sum total of our collective progress during the Piscean Age is the foundation upon which the Aquarian accomplishments will be built. We are beginning to see something of the *power* that will be ours in the coming days, and also to realize that such power can be used with safety only if science is rooted in compassion. The mind of Aquarius cannot be divorced from the heart of Pisces. The way leads on to a time such as Emerson foresaw, "When science is learned in love, and its powers are wielded by love." So now the foundations of compassion and love must be tested and strengthened, that they may be firm enough to bear the structure which is to be raised upon them. Today we can barely even dimly guess at the beauty and proportions of that structure, but we can bring to its foundation the fruits of experience in the Piscean Age, and whatever we have gained in the qualities of love and understanding.

It is well to bear in mind the following points concerning the immediate present:

1. This is a time of stock taking. The gains of the past age are being consolidated, and the evil purged. Therefore, hidden evil is exposed as never before, that it may be redeemed or cast out. The world is not worse than it was, but the light is shining into the hidden places, and they, too, must be cleansed.

2. It is a time when destiny, both individual and national, is being precipitated, so that as many of the debts of the past as is possible at this time may be wiped off the books, leaving the way open for the next experience.

3. It is a time when those (visible and invisible) who love darkness make a desperate effort to stave off the coming spiritual acceleration. They cannot succeed—the process of enlightenment must go forward—but they can cause individuals temporarily to lose **their way**. Doubt, confusion, hate, and fear are some of their weapons, and we do well to remember this when these emotions threaten us.

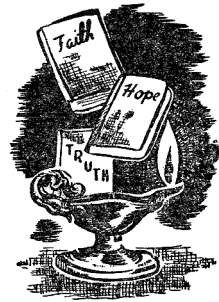
4. It is a time when those who have prepared themselves, no matter how humble and obscure they may be, can become channels for the mighty Aquarian impulses and help to usher in the new day.

5. It is a time for *positive* thought and action, which will leave no room for negative emotions. We must look constantly toward the light, shunning the darkness.

In the Book of Deuteronomy we find the story of another turning point in evolution, when the influence of Taurus was giving place to that of Aries, and Moses gave to the Israelites the Law of Jehovah. There he outlined the new way of life, with its promises and responsibilities, the blessings of acceptance and the penalties for rejection. There he set before them Life and Death, and enjoined them to "*Choose Life*." With dramatic suddenness and clarity a similar choice has been placed before the

whole world today. In the dawning light of the new era the human race has looked a little ahead along the path, has tasted some of the Aquarian power, and must now decide whether to use it in the ways of life or for destruction. The responsibility for its right use is tremendous, and no wonder there is a feeling of insufficiency. While it is well that we be humble, this must not degenerate into hopelessness. The problems of Aquarius can be solved by a spiritual approach, and the spiritual aid will come when the heart is opened to receive it.

"Freedom from Want"—"Freedom from Fear"—"One World"—these are Aquarian conceptions, passed along by the watchers in the dawn. They awakened in the heart of humanity a great



hope and a great longing—a longing for the new way of life, and a hope that now it could be realized. But how to implement these ideas is not yet plain, and when it became evident that the way was not to be easy, many grew faint hearted immediately and full of fear where hope was before. The fact is that man cannot have the abundance and peace of the new era on his own terms, nor can he, as the saying goes, lift himself by his bootstraps into the Aquarian Age. It comes with a flood of spiritual light and power that is in itself the answer to the problems which now loom so ominously before us. Let us look them in the face, fortified with faith and courage:

Atomic Energy: This is a force of nature, but it yields to the greater

force that created it, and the power behind creation is *love*. We said before that in the coming era science will be blended with love, and that blending will make possible the great accomplishments which lie ahead. Do you doubt this possibility? You cannot if you believe in a guiding hand behind evolution. The release of atomic energy is both a challenge and a promise—a challenge to man to forsake his pride of intellect and materialism, and a promise that he will find means to use the newly released energy in the right way. In the school of life no tasks are given which are beyond the capacity to perform. The solution to this particular problem is to match the extension of objective power with an increase of subjective strength, and to offset the greater knowledge of outer conditions with a deeper understanding of the things of the spirit:

Differences of Political and Economic Systems: In this time of transition all systems must be purified, and then as the Aquarian rays gather strength the good in each will be accentuated. Aquarius rules the house of friends in the horoscope and it is a friendly sign. Friendship is perhaps the least possessive of any relationship on earth. It tolerates differences of opinion and does not require conformity, but finds delight and profit in sharing ideas. Imbued with this comradeship nations can live together in peace, though their evolutionary needs create different environments.

Another War: When the Israelites under Moses journeyed from their bondage in Egypt to the land of promise, they were offered manna from heaven to eat in the wilderness. Some of them turned from this food and looked back with regret to the old flesh pots of Egypt. Now, as man stands at another crossroads, he again looks back and feels that the old way of striking out at his enemies is perhaps easier, and certainly far more familiar, than the new way of cooperation, and the dark ones whisper "Just one more war." The answer is not to go or even look back, but to move

onward into the light. As the new age draws nearer the surging of a positive onward rush of hope and achievement will wipe out this desire for the old ways.

The fears enumerated above, and many others, are of the past, but we face toward the future, the new day is dawning, and in its rosy light they will all flee away.

It is significant that in the past fifty years or so, much information formerly guarded by the Secret Brotherhoods has been given out openly. This knowledge was not released for personal advancement alone, but that those who received it might be prepared for the swift changes of this time, and being so fortified might strengthen the brethren. Against the background of the mighty workings of the forces of evolution, our personal lives take on an added importance. Each person is now either a positive influence for good and progress, or a drag and a hindrance in the onward march. The choice between life and death is an individual as well as a collective one. The scroll of the future is briefly unwound and the issues are plainly in view. Those who have caught the vision must hold it and work steadfastly for its fulfillment until it becomes a reality for all. The new era must come, but it is possible for those who could have the supreme happiness of helping to bring it in to prove faithless. They personally will be the losers, and others will be called to the great work. You remember when Jesus entered in triumph into Jerusalem the Pharisees objected to the shouts and singing of the multitude, and asked him to curb the uproar. Jesus answered, "If these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." It is like that now. If any fail who might help, the onrushing flood will find other channels; it cannot be stopped.

Whoever chooses life will walk in its ways of love, compassion, and understanding. He will not be alarmed by the prophets of doom who are always with us. We wait not in fear for those

things that are coming on the earth, but in faith and hope and certainty look for the outpouring from the Aquarian pitcher containing the Waters of Life.

Recently the One World Foundation sent Norman Corwin on a "One World Flight" around the globe, as an ambassador of goodwill and cooperation. He visited very many countries and talked with the people of their fears, hopes and ideas as to how the ideal of peace and "One World" could be realized. On his return to the United States he reported his findings in a series of radio broadcasts. At the end of the last program he quoted the words of a woman in New Zealand which indeed went to the heart of the matter and summed up the issues in a simple but potent suggestion. In effect she said: "Work hard every day for good will and the happiness of all the people near-

est you, and then increase your efforts as you reach farther and farther out to the circumference of the circle, that circumference to be the circle of the earth. Work hard and pray hard for that ideal." This is a program in which each one who chooses life can participate by working in his own sphere, large or small, to share what he has of faith, knowledge, and encouragement.

The choice between life and death has been clearly presented, and with faltering, stumbling steps humanity is groping its way toward the path of peace. What a glorious privilege to have even the tiniest part in helping to guide those steps! The way of life is onward and upward, and now that the nadir of material density on the Earth has been passed, with ever increasing strength the spirit of God in man is drawing him to his divine destiny.

Call Them Not to Thee

By S. B. McINTYRE



At a table in a small restaurant near Clay City Hospital, physicians one after the other tried to dispel the depression that for several days had clung to the youngest member of their group, because of the sudden passing of a patient.

"Brace up, Don!" exclaimed one. "You'll soon be ruined for work in your profession, if you keep on worrying yourself sick every time you lose a patient! You've got to get used to these experiences! Anyhow, it was time for that man to go, or he'd still be here!"

"That's true, Don! Accept it and cheer up!" ordered another. "Be satisfied that you did all possible to help the man while in your care!"

"I wish I could be satisfied of that!" Don sighed deeply. "But in these past few days, I've thought of a number of things I could have tried that might have helped him. Worst of it is, I can't

get thoughts of his helpless family out of my mind!"

"Helpless family! Shucks, Don!" the eldest of the group spoke testily. "I've known that family for years, and not one of them was ever helpless getting something she wanted. Death has done all of them a service—knocked the prop from under them and forced them to work instead of play the days away!"

"I've known that family, too, Don, and truer words were never spoken of them!" asserted the first speaker. "Anyhow, the days of men are few and full of trouble. We're like leaves on the trees—fall when our time comes and that's the end of us!"

"Sure of that? I wonder!" The dark-haired man next the speaker appeared doubtful.

Dr. Trent, a gaunt, gray-haired man at head of the table cleared his throat, and addressed the latest speaker. "The

greatest consolation to all of us, Fred, is the fact that whether or not we have been in error in our diagnosis and treatment of patients, when they're gone, they're gone, and that's the end of them. They can't come back and punish us for our errors, nor have further influence over us or our affairs."

A chorus of, "Thank heaven for that!" greeted this assertion.

"Huh! Listen to you wise guys rave of something you know nothing about!" came the deliberate voice of another member of the group. "Any of you ever hear that the real man is Spirit, and that he can be more powerful for good or evil when outside of his physical body, than he ever was inside of it?"

"My word! Listen to Angus!" ejaculated the blond, curly-haired jocular one among them. "He's been too gloomy for months to more than grunt when one bids him 'Good morning!' Now he's gone metaphysical on us! All right! Gussie! The floor is yours! Bring along your metaphysics! Let's see if you can prove there's a Spirit in man!"

The thin, somber-faced man at the foot of the table pushed aside his coffee cup, and turned harried dark eyes toward the smiling teaser, Loren.

"You claim that all there is to us humans is just our bodies—that our functions, too, are merely parts of our bodies?"

"Sure! What else would I claim? Our eyes see, ears hear, brain thinks, feet walk, and so forth—just functions of all bodies. Can't see those processes, of course, but we *know* they are attributes of the body. All our activities are caused by impulses telegraphed along nerves to brains that control our bodies—make them move according to our desires."

"Our bodies, their desires and impulses are all there is to us? You really believe that?" asked Gus.

"Sure! Very evident!" declared Loren.

"A body when dead still has eyes. Do they see? It has ears. Do they hear?

A brain. Does that activate the body? Feet, also. Do they walk?"

"Of course not! Because those organs as well as the body are dead—no life in them!"

"Ah! Life you say! Another attribute of the body?"

"Oh, no! That's outside the body. It wouldn't be dead if life were still in it!"

"In reality, then, our life may be an entity, or in an entity wholly distinct from our bodies?"

"Aw, that's metaphysical stuff that can't be proved!" Loren's blond face was distinctly flushed. "What are you driving at, anyhow?"

"Just this," went on Angus calmly. "In reality each of us is a spiritual being, who uses a physical body in which to manifest and gain experiences on this material plane. What you call attributes or functions of the physical body are in reality powers of the Spirit who uses that body, and when the body is what we call dead the owner has no further use for it. Leaves it, in fact, and carries on activities somewhere else, just as we leave a house we have no more use for and carry on our activities elsewhere. Furthermore—"

"Wait a minute, Angus!" ordered Fred. "That 'activities for good or ill!' You believe that a Spirit or an entity such as you speak of, can carry on evil activities when out of a physical body?"

"Why not? He's the same being, isn't he? Merely freed from a clogging chemical jacket. Death has no power over him except to strip the jacket off—changes the being himself in no way. Believe me, he's freer in the higher world to do as he pleases than he is here!"

"What were you going to say when I interrupted?" asked Fred, glancing at the incredulous but interested faces of the others.

"Furthermore," continued Angus, "I can prove that there is not an atom of truth in what Dr. Trent said about death being the end of us, and that the

socalled dead can't come back to punish us, nor to influence our affairs!"

All eyes, some of them definitely skeptical, were fixed on the speaker.

"Sure you can do that, Gus?" asked Loren.

"Positive! Name your date. I'll furnish proof!" replied Angus.

"How and where?"

"My own house! Take any three of you any time you say!"

"No hokum?"

"I wish to heaven there were! Three of you may go by yourselves in broad daylight to my house, inspect every inch of the whole property, stay there by yourselves till I come in the evening. You will get an eye and an ear full."

"What is there, Gus?" inquired Loren.

"My first wife, Matilda—supposed to be dead, but more full of life and venom now than I ever knew her to be when in the flesh. You, Loren, and Dr. Trent are such skeptics, I'd really like you two to go. For a third you'd better take some one familiar with electric wiring, so you may be sure there's no hokum about the lights. Make your plans soon, for I'm having the building razed."

"That mansion! You're crazy, Gus!" ejaculated Loren.

"Mansion or not, down it goes as soon as I can arrange for it!"

"I'd like to take you up on your offer, Angus!" declared Fred. "I'm familiar with electric wiring, and can satisfy the others on that score. Besides, I'm much interested in what you've been hinting at."

"Glad for you to be the third of the party, Fred. Shall we make it tomorrow? Saturday—half-day off, when we can get it. Take lunches, flash lights, and overnight bags along. Plenty of beds there."

Angus drew his tall, thin form away from the table, pulled a key ring from his pocket, snapped off a key, and handed it to Dr. Trent. "Go any time you please, Doc. Take the others with you. I'll be along around nine."

Dr. Trent grinned sheepishly as he accepted the key. "Sounds like a witch hunt to me, but I'll try anything once, Angus." He turned to the others. "I'll arrange to be there at three, and will leave the door unlocked for you."

Loren laughed lightly. "Hope the witches don't bite before we come to your rescue."

Fred's gray eyes were alight with anticipation, but Angus' face was grim as they all left the restaurant.

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Shortly after nine the following evening, Angus, his arms laden with packages, entered the brightly lighted, mansionlike house that for some years had been his home. He passed directly through the long hall that led to the kitchen, calling as he went, "Any one want to eat with me? I've had no dinner!" He was opening packages on a serving table when the others, carrying lunch boxes, joined him.

"My word, Angus, you've got a swell place here!" ejaculated Loren, as he entered. "Want to sell?"

"Ask me that at daylight, and I'll give you an answer. In the meantime let's eat and go to bed—get some sleep while we may. Two rooms across the hall from each other on the second floor have twin beds in them, freshly made up. We'll pair off—"

"You're not going to tell us what to expect?" interrupted Loren.

"I am not! You're not going to leave here in the morning, claiming that you suffered from imagination because of what I had told you! Now let's forget it! Loren, you're youngest! You help me get supper, huh?"

"Okey by me! I've yet to let curiosity ruin my appetite!"

Soon an aroma of coffee was filling the air, and the others by rehearsal of funny professional experiences while they dined, tried to win Angus from his deepening gloom.

At his insistence they finally left the cluttered kitchen table, and followed him up thickly carpeted stairs to beau-

tifully furnished bedrooms on the second floor. In the doorway of one, Angus paused, for a moment looked sorrowfully about, then crossed the floor, snapped on the night light between twin beds, and turned to the others. "How about this room for you and Loren, Dr. Trent, Fred, and I in the other? We'll leave the doors open so Loren can sit up all night, and watch for hokum if he wants to. I'll turn on our night light, then we'll all go and watch Loren turn off all lights in the house. He wouldn't trust any one else to do that. Switches on the wall at head of the stairs, Loren."

As they moved down the hall Loren mumbled, "You're so darned solemn, Gus, you make my flesh creep!"

"Hope you keep your flash light handy," was Angus' only reply.

Peering over the banisters, the others watched darkness engulf rooms off the hall below, as Loren pulled one tiny switch after another. When only the night lamps cast a faint blue glow over the hall in which they stood, they went to their respective rooms, and soon darkness and silence enveloped the house.

Afterward no one could tell how long he had slept, when Fred was awakened by Loren's enraged voice calling, "For heaven sake, Gus, turn off those lights! What are you waking a fellow up this time of night for?"

Fred saw light blazing in the room across the hall, reached to the other bed, and roughly shook the still sleeping Angus, who drowsily muttered, "Enjoy yourself, Matilda! Carry on your darnedest! It doesn't bother me any!" then sank again to slumber.

Loren was still complaining about the light, when Fred's pummeling again awakened Angus. He sat up, gazed confusedly about, heard Loren's angry voice, and calmly called, "Turn over and go to sleep, doctor! The light will go out when Matilda wants it to, and not a thing can I do about it!"

Instantly the house was in darkness, but muffled cries of "Gus! Stop your fooling! You're choking me!" caused

Angus to spring from his bed, snatch up a parcel from the floor beside it, and rush to Loren's side.

When Dr. Trent had turned on the night light, Angus could be seen pressing a bunch of garlic against the throat of Loren, who, pale and gasping, stared up at him.

"Sorry, Loren. I shouldn't have let you sleep in this bed. Matilda must have thought you were I, sleeping without my usual protector."

Light in both rooms and the hall suddenly blazed to full wattage. Angus, still besides Loren's bed, busily pushed a darning needle through bulbs of garlic and pulled them onto a string.

"If I'd asked you fellows to bring some of this stuff with you, you'd have hooted at me!" he ejaculated. "But if you'll wear a string of it around your neck, Loren, Matilda won't bother you any more. She can't stand garlic."

"Heavens, Gus, I thought I was a goner for sure. It felt as if an octopus' tentacle—cold and clammy—was trying to connect my windpipe with my spine!"

"We may as well dress. Once Matilda gets started, she makes an allnight job of it," Angus assured them.

They were partially clothed, when pandemonium appeared to have taken possession of the kitchen. The door had been left open, and the din coming after minutes of almost complete silence, was so terrifying that Loren and Dr. Trent caught up the remainder of their clothing and fled into their host's room.

"Matilda's amusing herself among the pots and pans, gentlemen," he told them. "Nothing harmful. We'll go down and watch her antics soon's we get our shoes on. But be sure to keep your garlic around your throats. Matilda can be overpoweringly affectionate. Your flashlights, too. Keep them handy! Can't depend on the house lights!"

They went to the kitchen, saw pot closets open, and a host of metal cooking utensils scattered over the floor. At Angus' suggestion they stood in the doorway and watched, as pot covers rose

three feet above the floor, and banged together like cymbals; saw others of them stand on edge, whirl in circles, and fall with terrific clatter; others banged on pots with deafening noise.

"Let's go to my study upstairs, and wait for daylight," Angus presently suggested. "That room has been sound-proofed, so it will be perfectly quiet and safe there."

"Sure it will be safe?" asked Dr. Trent. "I'm more than ready to leave this house right now!"

"Oh, you must see what people you think 'gone, and that's the end of them,' can do with lights! Otherwise, my study is insulated against presences other than our own."

Angus closed the kitchen door, and followed by the others, went to a small

room at the extreme front of the house on the second floor.

When they entered the room they saw bunches of garlic dangling from a cord stretched from wall to wall.


"Are you sure the garlic is sufficient insulation, Angus?" asked Dr. Trent.

"No. But that cross is." Angus pointed to a silver cross that gleamed brightly from its base on the desk centered in the room. "In the six months since that's been here, neither Matilda nor her gang has been in this study. And does that make her mad! I'm not afraid of her or her actions either when in this room, so I sleep here." He pointed to a couch beneath two windows. "That is, if the electricity is shut off at the main switch."

(To be continued)

"Seeing God"

By ARTHUR LARSON

TUDENTS of metaphysics in their search for a teacher often insist that the "teacher" must be one who has seen God. Needless to say, such a search must prove long and disappointing, for it is not given to the son of man literally to see God. At a future time, when man is more than man, he may stand erect before his Creator, perfectly free and unafraid. For the present, as we "journey through the wilderness," we are destined to live largely by faith, but we have—as a symbol of His Presence—the Divine Signature legibly inscribed across the entire geometrical design we call nature.

But man—as man—may never see God face to face. The fire and radiance of the Divine Countenance would even now consume us except for the intervening veils of matter. The spiritual planes, too, shelter us from the Awful Brilliance, for though they are far more refined than physical matter, they are, in

a sense, concrete substance, and they temper the gleam of the inmost Spirit Flame so that we may endure Its Light.

The common conception of the dominant qualities of Deity is that they are love and kindness. Such a picture is, of course, very incomplete since it fails altogether to consider the "Power" aspect of the Divine Trinity. In fact, from the higher vantage point of the spiritual realms it is this *Will* or *Power* aspect that becomes the most objective of the Divine Attributes. When we consider the tremendous energies necessary for the creation of a solar system we can readily understand why our solar Deity appears entirely clothed with Creative Fire, just as all higher concentrations of force must necessarily express as flame and light. As we raise our consciousness from plane to plane this Light that is God increases in brilliance, and at present the son of man can no more endure the direct light of

that Central Spiritual Sun than his body can endure the direct fire of the physical sun. Only when we have outgrown and cast off all of our lower vehicles and have ourselves become "living flames" can we withstand the radiance of the Holy Presence.

However, we may, here and now, awaken to a "realization" of God, even though we may not literally see Him, for God is "closer than hands and feet" and many have "realized" Him through holy aspirations and pure living. These holy ones are constantly aware of His Presence and see His handiwork in every department of nature. The degree of "realization" varies with the individual and is proportionate to the spiritual development of the devotee. Those who journey Godward are often driven to their knees in adoration by the sheer beauty that surrounds the Throne, long before they perceive even the hem of His garment. The splendor and majesty of the Divine Light is indescribable and those who have glimpsed only a reflection of the Sacred Flame often become convinced that they have beheld the Holy Presence. Nor could anyone convince them otherwise. Neither is it our desire to do so or in any way to lessen the effects of such tremendous spiritual experiences. But we should like to improve man's perspective relative to the Divine Stature, for man is too prone to regard himself as only slightly less important than Deity.

Man traces life from the mineral through the vegetable, animal, and human kingdoms. In his conceit he sees himself at "the top of creation," next to God. However, on the spiritual planes there are many grades of life and intelligence bridging the gap between man and God—great spiritual beings who have evolved far beyond the need for expression on a physical plane. Some of these "shining ones" seen on the spiritual planes impress us with their stainless beauty, their holy calm. Others—the "Lords of the Flame"—are entirely beyond description. Their radiant splen-

dor brightens vast areas in the spiritual regions and such is their purity that no one, whose soul is not spotlessly clean, can approach them. Their brilliancy instantly exposes any lingering impurities in the hearts of those who would behold them.

The true co-workers of God are His regents and ambassadors in the Spiritual Kingdoms. They radiate life and power to a degree beyond conception, and many who have seen one of these, though from a distance,—“as through a glass, darkly”—have erroneously reported that they saw God.

The existence of these higher beings should not surprise us, for Eternity is a long time—without beginning and without end. Therefore, there has been sufficient time to evolve intelligent beings of an order so high as to be entirely beyond the comprehension of man, and nowhere in the Cosmic Plan is there a void or gap. From the ultimate atom of cosmic root substance to the Supreme Architect there is uniform gradation of life and intelligence.

Thus, we find man a traveler on the Highway of Time, and there is no evidence that the evolutionary spiral we call Time has any terminal. We may, if we will, however, outdistance the masses who travel the spiral path of evolution. Those who have thus forged ahead have been termed masters, adepts, or elder brothers. The purity and simplicity of their lives indicate the direction we, too, must take if we would know the Beauty of Holiness. Ceremony and pageantry have no place in the lives of these holy ones, and all their religious doctrines and practices may be expressed in two words: "Be Kind." The contemplation of the Good, the True, and the Beautiful will also reveal the Beauty of Holiness and many have found the Light Beyond with no other guiding beacon.

We, too, may learn that "God is Light," and though we may see only a ray from His Shining Garment, we shall know the fulness of heart that cries, "My cup runneth over."

Silence!

By LIETA MESTON

*God's poet is silence! His song is unspoken,
And yet so profound, so loud, and so far,
It fills you, it thrills you with measures unbroken,
And so soft, and as fair, and as far as a star.*

—Joaquin Miller.

PERHAPS you have read that in the Pythagorean schools a period of silence was enjoined among the young men. They sought to silence all opinions, all half-truths, all thinking, in fact, in order to *know*. They assumed a center of spontaneous knowledge, or genius, above the mind. To learn obedience to this they took a vow of silence for certain extended times. Perhaps they had discerned previously to some degree that all really important experiences are spontaneous and can only steal into a mind that is emptied of anticipation and its own inferior pictures.

It would be most impractical in our Western world today to follow such a rigid course objectively. Yet it is definitely to our advantage to try to preserve a certain amount of exterior silence about us and in our close environment. Let us see, for instance, that our voice is low, that we do not make any unnecessary stir, that our footsteps are noiseless. Can we expect to hear the still small Voice in the midst of din and clatter? Could we follow Beethoven's fine Seventh Symphony in the uproar of an enfilade?

Emerson implored us to be silent "so we may hear the whisper of the gods." Heine wrote that it is the essential condition of happiness. Holmes called it the pride of reason. Longfellow declared "it is victorious!" Carlyle wrote: "Silence is the element in which great things fashion themselves together, that, at length, they may emerge, full-formed and majestic, into the daylight of life,

which they are henceforth to rule. . . . Well might the ancients make silence a god; for it is the element of all godhood, infinitude, or transcendental greatness—at once the source and the ocean wherein all such begins and ends. . . . He who cannot withal keep his mind to himself cannot practice any considerable thing whatsoever."

The crowd cannot bear silence. Did you ever notice that? But silence is the very atmosphere of heaven, and undue noise can make of any place a hell. If we see a restless worshiper in any church, at any shrine, can we believe him really devout? Noise is always an accompaniment of evil, though it be sometime suppressed. The very thunder of his conscience drives a murderer back to the scene of his silent stealthy crime.

We may be called cranks if we attempt to keep ourselves and our quarters calm and still. Yet this is a condition essential to intellectual creativeness which every educated household accepts with no comment. Our effort need not keep us apart from the world, however. But if it does, and we can find that center of spontaneous knowledge or genius above the mind, will it not be worthwhile? Shall we not then be better able to contribute something precious to our world? When we are tempted to take part in a conversation made of words with little meaning, to fraternize in acts of little worth, let us remember that "*silence is the mother of truth*," and if we would find the best that the world offers, we must remain within her arms and teaching.

Letters to My Missing Son

By GRACE WILLEY WAKEMAN

At the time I wrote these letters I had no idea of having them published. The writing of them brought my son very close to me in spirit, and, too, I wished to keep a record of the vivid dreams I had concerning him. However, during the summer of 1946, the Inner Voice kept telling me that God wanted me to have them published. Finally, I decided that no matter how much it hurt, I must be disobedient no longer.—THE AUTHOR.

(Fifth Installment)

November 23, 1943

Dearest Bill:

I'm so happy this morning because last night I dreamed of you in answer to prayer. It brought you so close to me. It made me realize that in Christ there is no separation. I felt very lonely for you, so I prayed that God might allow my Spirit to go to you in my sleep—or, I should say, while my body slept. And it seems to me that that is exactly what happened.

I was conscious of being in a dark tunnel or passageway of some kind, near the sea. I was standing near you, but I knew that I was not there in the flesh. You were standing up very straight and although you were thin, you seemed quite well. There were several people with you. I don't remember them distinctly. I think there were about three men, a middle-aged woman, and perhaps a young girl. The girl was only a vague impression, but the woman was clear. I could read her mind and her mother heart was yearning and straining toward you, with much the same ache as my own. She hated to see you go. I understood that she had mothered you for so long, you seemed like her own son. The others hated to part with you, too, because they had become very fond of you.

This consciousness made me proud

and happy to realize that these people loved you so much. I could read your thoughts, also. You were sorry to leave them, for you had become very fond of them. You felt that you had no way of showing them how much you appreciated their kindness to you. You and they knew how dangerous was the journey you were starting on. You carried a small black box or case. Presently you spoke. You tried to thank them for their kindness. You hated to say good-bye to them, but on the other hand you were glad, too, because you were starting on your long journey home. You had been waiting for months for just such a chance as this. It seemed to me at the time that you were going farther away from home in order to get home by a roundabout route. I did not actually see you leave, but I seemed to know that you were leaving by boat.

God bless you, dear, and go with you every step of the way, and may He bless and protect the dear people who have been befriending you.

Mother.

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November 30, 1943

Dear Bill:

Another birthday of yours is here and still I do not know where you are. What a long, long year it has been. I made a cake for you and iced it. Dad enjoyed it, but it rather stuck in my throat, because I knew what it represented. He didn't. It takes me back to so many, many happy birthdays in the past. How we always enjoyed our little celebrations, although often and often we had not much to celebrate with, outside of our own loving hearts. Darling, how we miss you. I went to church and prayed and prayed until I felt quite uplifted in spirit, but cold in body as the church

was not heated. Many, many happy returns, dear. We will make it up to you, darling, for all of these missing birthdays when you get home. Love,

Mother.

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December 4, 1943

Dearest Bill:

I felt you thinking about me today, just as plainly as if you had really spoken. I was washing dishes and letting my mind wander idly, when suddenly, it seemed I could hear you saying to yourself, "It will be Mother's birthday in a couple of days." Then I could feel you being lonely for me and sorry that you couldn't send me a birthday present. It was a nice feeling to contact your thoughts so clearly, although, I felt very sorry for you. Still, it gave me quite an uplift. Mother.

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December 22, 1943

Bill darling:

The closer it gets to Christmas, the more we miss you. Dad got a tree and put it up and we both decorated it this evening. It looks very pretty. We were both thinking of you, all the while we were fixing the lights and other decorations in place, I am sure. You always got so much pleasure out of Christmas. I wonder where you will spend this Christmas! Good night. Happy Christmas, dear.

Mother.

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February 7, 1944

Dearest Bill:

I had another dream about you. I dreamed I saw you in a low-down gambling den. You and another man sat playing cards, and you appeared to have won a large sum of money. All the other men in the room had left off playing and grouped about your table. Your face was thin and drawn and as white as death. You knew and I knew that you were gambling, not only with money, but with your life.

The owner of the den was the only other fair complexioned man there, and somehow his face seemed strangely familiar to me. I seemed to know that he was born to the English language. However, he had his eye to business only and he was thinking that if he let you, a stranger, come in there and clean up, and carry away practically all the money in the room, that he would lose a lot of customers. Therefore he was taunting you, making fun of you, and allowing the feeling of hatred and fury to increase in the hearts of the rough men about you, until I felt that they were only waiting for the end of the game to kill you.

I stood directly opposite and across the table from where the manager was sitting, and I never took my eyes off his face. Suddenly, he looked up straight into my face as if compelled to by some unseen force. His red face blanched, his eyes started, and then widened into a fixed stare. I knew that he saw me. I held him with my eyes, and putting all the power of heaven and hell into my look and words, I said slowly, "You stop ragging him. He's my son and don't you allow one hair of his head to be harmed."

For a few moments longer, I held him with my gaze. He cringed, so I knew that I had won. Then I moved over to the end of the table where you were raking in the rest of the money, and I said, "Don't you remember, Bill, you promised your Dad before you left that you wouldn't gamble?" But I knew all the time that you weren't gambling just for the fun of it. That was your job, I felt. You were getting the money for the underground and at the risk of your own life, as you very well knew.

I felt that the manager was the only one in the room who was allowed to see me, and quite likely he thought I was a ghost who would haunt him the rest of his life, if he let anything happen to you.

All my love, dear.

Mother.

April 23, 1944

Darling Bill:

I spent Thursday in the city, and at noon I went to one of the most popular eating places for lunch. There is a balcony floor set with tables. I chose a small one near the railing where I could look down upon the diners below. I was thinking about you, of course, longing to hear from you, as I always am, when suddenly I noticed, at one of the tables below me, a young man in Air Force uniform, who was the replica of you.

He had the same honey-colored hair, as smooth and shiny as silk, not a hair out of place, just as you always kept yours. The same keen, blue eyes. I saw them clearly, because he, feeling my eyes upon him, looked straight up at me. He had the same type of hands, long, tapering fingers, and I noticed he ate his peas and other vegetables with his fork held in his right hand, as you always did, in spite of the fact that your English Dad was forever trying to teach you to eat your vegetables with your knife and fork, as the English do. He had the same sharply defined profile and I noticed his rank was the same as yours.

I could hardly keep from thinking that it was you. But my common sense told me that it could not be. Even if you had lost your memory and did not know me, I reasoned that you could not possibly get back to Canada and get into the Air Force without being identified as you, by them. At least I don't think you could. I did so want to go to the boy and speak to him, but I was crying inside, and I was almost sure that as soon as I tried to speak, I should have cried openly. In a public place like that, it would have been very embarrassing for him as well as me. So I got up and left, before he did.

After I had walked several blocks, I had a terribly disappointed feeling. Then I realized that he had finished eating long before I did, but had made no move to leave. I had the feeling that he had expected me to speak to him and

that he wanted me to. Then, I thought about your second cousin, Billy, from the west coast. I hadn't seen him since he was five. You and he were as alike as two peas then. He hadn't given any sign that he recognized me, but he may have had some idea who I was. I turned back and tried to find him, but he had gone.

The whole affair upset me terribly. It brought the memory of you back to me with such vividness and made me want you so. I am rather ashamed to admit that for the past three days I have been crying all the time. That is, when Dad is not around. I have been behaving worse, much worse than I did when I first heard that you were missing, but then I was so sure that you were safe. Now, you seem to have grown more distant. I can't contact your thoughts as I could at first. During these past three days, more people called at our house than usual and I was indulging in a flood of tears at the time of each call. It embarrassed me very much to answer the door with tear-stained face and red, swollen eyes. But I excused myself by saying to myself that I couldn't help it and that no one would blame me anyway. However, this morning, I learned that I could help it.

I was washing the sink and mingling my tears with the wash water, when the still small voice spoke to me, saying, "One ought always to pray and not to faint." I stopped crying on the instant. I was heartily ashamed of myself. Here I was wasting precious time in fruitless tears when the world needed my prayers so desperately. Perhaps Bill needed my prayers right now. Was the inner voice trying to tell me that if I ceased my mourning and remained steadfast in prayer and firm in my faith you would be returned to me in safety?

That set me to thinking and I came to the conclusion that it is not God's will that any should mourn. The next step in the spiritual development of mankind, I believe, will be learning to take

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MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

Taken from His Writings

The Web of Destiny

(TWELFTH INSTALLMENT)

THE CAUSE OF DISEASE

Efforts of the Ego to Escape from the Body—Effect of Lasciviousness



HOUGH mental disabilities, when congenital, are generally traceable to abuse of the creative function in a past life, there is at least one notable exception to this rule, namely, cases such as mentioned in *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* and elsewhere in our literature, and described as follows: Where a Spirit, who has a particularly hard life before it, comes down to rebirth and feels upon entering the womb that the panorama of the coming life then shown marks an existence too hard for it to undergo, it sometimes tries to run away from the school of life. At that time the Recording Angels or their agents have already made the connection between the vital body and the sense centers of the brain in the forming foetus. Therefore the effort of the Spirit to escape from the mother's womb is frustrated, but the wrench that is given by the Ego deranges the connection between the etheric and physical sense centers, so that the vital body is not concentric with the physical, causing the etheric head to extend above the physical cranium. Thus it is impossible for the Spirit to use the dense vehicle. It is tied to the mindless body which it cannot use, and the embodiment is practically wasted.



We also find cases where a great shock later in life causes the Spirit to endeavor to run away with the invisible vehicles. As a result a similar wrench is given to the etheric sense centers in the brain, and the shock deranges the mental expression. Everybody has probably felt a similar sensation on receiving a fright; a surging as of something endeavoring to get out of the dense body. That is the desire and vital bodies, which are so swift in their motion that an express train is as a snail by comparison. They see and feel the danger and are frightened before the scare is transmitted to the inert and slow physical body in which they are anchored, and which prevents their escape under common signs, which are the weakest in the zodiac. However, as a ligament that has been stretched and torn may gradually regain comparative elasticity, so also, in these cases, it is easier to restore the mental faculties than in those cases where congenital insanity, brought over from past lives, has caused inadequate connection.

Hysteria, epilepsy, tuberculosis, and cancer were all found to result from the erratic propensities of a past life. It was noticed that though many of the subjects had been, in the past lives investigated, almost maniacal in the gratification of their lasciviousness, they were at the same time of a highly devotional and religious nature; and in such cases, it seems that the physical body generated in the present life was normally healthy

and their disability altogether mental. In other cases where the indulgence of the passionate nature was coupled with a vile character and a cruel disregard of others, epilepsy, together with rachitis, hysteria, and a deformed body, were the present result; also, frequently, cancer, especially of the liver or breast.

In this connection, however, we wish again to warn students not to draw hasty conclusions that these are hard and fast conditions. The number of investigations made, though very large and an arduous task for one researcher to handle, are too few to be really conclusive in matters involving millions of human beings. They are, however, in line with the teachings of the *Cosmo* given by the Elder Brothers regarding the effect of materialism in bringing rachitis and a softening of a part of the body that should be hard, and tuberculosis, which hardens tissues that should remain soft and pliable. Cancer is essentially similar in effect; and when we consider that the sign Cancer is ruled by the Moon, the planet of generation, and that the lunar sphere is under the sway of Jehovah, the God of generation, whose angels announce and preside over birth as instanced in the case of Isaac, Samuel, John the Baptist, and Jesus, we readily see that abuse of the generative functions can cause both cancer and lunacy in the most differentiated forms.

Therefore, with regard to physical abnormalities and deformities, the rule seems to be that as the physical indulgence of passion reacts on the mental state, so the abuse of the mental powers in one life leads to physical disability in later existences.

An occult maxim says that "A lie is both murder and suicide in the Desire World." The teachings of the Elder Brothers given in *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* explain that whenever an occurrence takes place, a certain thought form generated in the invisible world makes a record of the incident.

Every time the event is talked about or commented upon, a new thought form is created which coalesces with the original and strengthens it, provided they are both true to the same vibration. But if an untruth is told concerning what happens, then the vibrations of the original and those of the reproduction are not identical; they jar and jangle, tearing each other to pieces. If the good and true thought form is sufficiently strong, it will overcome and break down the thought forms based upon a lie, and the good will overcome the evil, but where the lies and malicious thoughts are the stronger, they may overcome the true thought form of the occurrence and **thus demolish it. Afterwards they will jar among themselves, and in turn will be annihilated.**

Thus a person who lives a clean life, endeavoring to obey the laws of God and striving earnestly for truth and righteousness, will create thought forms about him of a corresponding nature. His mind will run in grooves that harmonize with truth; and when the time comes in the Second Heaven to create the archetype for his coming life, he will readily, intuitively, by force of habit from the past life, align himself with the forces of right and truth. These lines, being built into his body, will create a harmony in the coming vehicles, and health will therefore be his normal portion in the coming life. Those who, on the other hand, have in the past life taken a distorted view of things, displayed a **disregard for truth, and exercised cunning**, extreme selfishness, and disregard for the welfare of others, are bound in the Second Heaven to see things in an oblique manner also, because that is their habitual line of thought. Therefore, the archetype built by them will embody lines of error and falsity; and, consequently, when the body is brought to birth, it will exhibit a weakness in various organs, if not in the whole bodily organization.

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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.

The Evolution of Religion

Q. What place does Christianity hold in evolution?

A. Christianity will be the Universal Religion of the future.

Q. What is evolving man's relation to his religion?

A. It is a notable fact that man and his religions have evolved side by side and in an equal degree. The earliest religion of any race is found to be as savage as the people governed by it and as they become more civilized their religion becomes more and more humane and in harmony with higher ideals.

Q. How do materialists interpret this?

A. From this fact materialists have drawn the inference that no religion has a higher origin than man himself; that, as man progressed, he civilized his God and fashioned Him after his own pattern.

Q. Is this a logical inference?

A. The reasoning is defective because it fails to take into account that man is *not* the body, but an *indwelling* Spirit, an Ego who uses the body with ever-increasing facility as evolution progresses.

Q. What facts support this claim?

A. There is no doubt that the law for the *body* is "The Survival of the Fittest." The law for the evolution of the Spirit demands sacrifice.

Q. How do these laws manifest?

A. As long as man believes that "Might is Right," the Form prospers and waxes strong, because all obstacles are swept out of the way regardless of others. If the body were all, that manner of life would be the only one possible for man.

Q. What consideration could he have for others?

A. He would be altogether incapable of any regard for others, absolutely insensible to any force *from without* that tended to make him act in any manner not conducive to his own momentary pleasure.

Q. What does this prove?

A. It is manifest, then, that whatever urges man toward a higher standard of conduct in his dealing with others must come *from within*, and from a source which is not identical with the body, otherwise it would not strive with the body and often prevail against its most obvious interests.

Q. How does this inner force compare with the body in strength?

A. It must be a stronger force than that of the body or it could not succeed in overcoming its desires and compelling it to make sacrifices for those who are physically weaker.

Q. Is there increasing evidence of this inner power?

A. That such a force exists surely no one will deny. Selfishness is slowly, but surely being routed by Altruism.

Q. Will this ultimately be fully achieved?

A. Nature is sure to accomplish her purposes. Though slow, her progress is orderly and certain. In the breast of every man this Altruism works as a leaven.

Q. What can we expect finally from this transforming process?

A. This force of Altruism is transforming the savage into the civilized man and will in time transform the latter into a God.

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Miracle of the Viper's Bite



And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.

And the barbarous people showed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on

the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him they changed their minds and said that he was a god.—*The Acts*, 28:1-6

After Paul left Traos (where he had assisted Eutychus and other aspirants), he journeyed southward to Miletus, hastening because he wished "if it were possible for him to be at Jerusalem the Day of Pentecost." Nearby was the city of Ephesus, where the Temple of Diana had become a focusing point for the forces of evil. Here Paul had spent much time and effort dispelling the destructive vibrations of idolatry, debauchery, and other vices, and establishing the Christian teachings, with the result that the city became one of the early strongholds of Christianity. Deep and sincere was the apostle's affection for the Ephesians. He sent for the church elders to come to him at Miletus, and there made them a moving farewell speech, warning them of probable future difficulties, but commending them to God "and to the word of His grace," as he indicated that they should see his face no more.

Reaching Jerusalem two days before

Pentecost, Paul began teaching in the Temple. Shortly thereafter he was seized by his enemies, who made the usual fanatical accusations against him. "As they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band," who took the apostle to the castle and kept him overnight. Being warned of a conspiracy to kill Paul, the captain sent him under guard to Felix, the highest Roman official in Caesarea. There he was kept (for two years) until he appealed to Caesar and was sent to Rome. During his journey to Rome a storm arose and lasted two weeks. The people on the ship despaired of their lives, but were comforted by the apostle, who assured them that he had been visited by an angel of the Lord and told that all would be saved.

Finally, the ship ran aground near the island of Melita, and it was here that the incident described in the first six verses of the 28th Chapter of *The Acts* occurred. It graphically describes the high spiritual attainment which the consecrated Paul had reached. Even the poison of venomous creatures was dispelled by his holy vibrations.

Love and service to others attract the two higher ethers, which compose the soul body, the vehicle attuned to the Life Spirit and thus the channel for the Christ Power. Living the consecrated life, as the blessed St. Paul had, etherializes the atoms of the body, and establishes within the aspirant radiations of such tremendous power that they dispel the vibrations of disease, fear, and vice, and establish health, harmony, and peace.

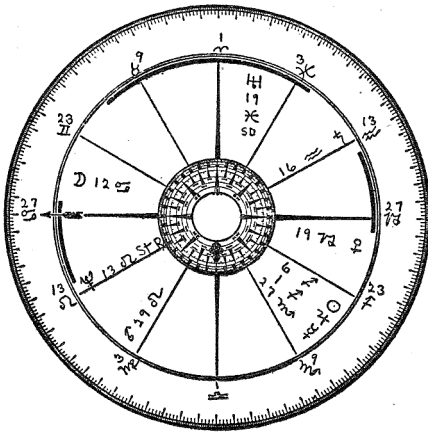
This accounts for many miracles which have been recorded of saints and initiates. Another outstanding example is the gentle St. Francis, to whom came the unfearing birds and animals.



Astrology Department

William Blake: Visionary Genius

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PART I



NEPTUNE is the planet of spirituality, and in its highest aspects represents the reunion of the finite with the Infinite. In William Blake's chart the astrologer notes Neptune in Leo trine the Sun and Jupiter in the aspirational sign Sagittarius. Also, we find that Uranus, the planet of altruism and intuition, is in Pisces in the ninth house, trine the Moon in the psychic sign Cancer and sextile Venus in Capricorn. Here we have a visionary, a dreamer of constructive dreams for transforming the world, an original, independent, and prophetic genius, possessing a very active imagination of a creative order, as well as the ability to see into the (to most people) invisible realms. His vision was not merely that of imagination and mental picturization,

but that of the sixth sense—the ability to see beings composed of ether and desire stuff. Withal, he was a kindly, warm hearted man.

Some people thought Blake mad when he said that he had touched the sky with his finger. They only advertised their ignorance of the source and mechanism of the arts. The orthodox have sometimes regarded the makers of new maps of the world as madmen or heretics, when they were actually practical men with a great vision—advanced Egos struggling to disclose great matters to an indifferent and wayward humanity. Having faculties not developed or understood by the rank and file, they have been labeled “queer” and “mad” even while pointing the way to a higher mode of life.

Many people are not conscious of the fact that they are being escorted on every hand through life by angels or spiritual agents, that a beneficent purpose lies in wait for them, that every moment as well as every object instructs. Theirs is the material world, and they are oblivious to the high joy and inspiration that come from a responsiveness to the vibrations of the higher planes.

The flowery garment of this world is for the spiritual person a medium of ineffable perception, a source of exalted joy, the veritable clothing of God. Such a state of things has always been found incredible by mere common sense. “The tree which moves some to tears of joy,” says Blake, who possessed in an emi-

nent degree this form of sacramental perception, "is in the Eyes of others only a green thing that stands in the Way."

Many censure artists for painting ugly things, but they are only striving to show us a beauty to which we are blind. They have marched ahead of us and attained that higher vision which Blake possessed, in which the visionary sees the whole visible universe transfigured because he had "put off the rotten rags of sense and memory," and put on Imagination uncorrupt.

"I know," says this extraordinary man, "that this world is a world of imagination and vision. I see everything I paint in this world, but everybody does not see alike. To the eye of the miser a guinea is far more beautiful than the sun and a bag worn with the use of money has more beautiful proportions than a vine filled with grapes. . . . Some see Nature all ridicule and deformity, and to these I shall not regulate my proportions, and some scarce see Nature at all. But to the eyes of the man of imagination, Nature is Imagination itself. As a man is, so he sees. As the eye is formed, such are its powers. You certainly mistake when you say that the visions of fancy are not to be found in this world. To me this world is all continued vision of fancy or imagination and I feel flattered when I am told so."

Another seer, Ralph Waldo Emerson, reminds us that nature is loved by what is best in us. He says the sunset is unlike anything that is underneath it: it wants men. He sees man fallen, but nature, he reminds us, is erect. If our own lives flowed with the right energy, we should shame the sunset or the flowing brook. We should out dazzle in beauty the fair flowers and become fully as splendid as the shining jewels of heaven, the stars. But alas, man is yet fallen. He is a beggar instead of a Prince.

With his Moon in Cancer trining Uranus in Pisces, his Sun and Jupiter in the 5th house trining Neptune, and

Mercury in the 5th squaring Mars in Leo, Blake was inclined to employ effective and even startling methods of teaching, calculated to strike the imagination of the onlooker or listener. Yet often the more inspired his utterances, the more passionately and dogmatically Christian they become.

"We behold
Where Death eternal is put off eternally.
O Lamb,
Assume the dark satanic body in the
Virgin's womb.
O Lamb divine, it cannot thee annoy.
O pitying One,
Thy pity is from the foundation of the
world, and thy Redemption
Begins already in eternity."

This is the doctrine of the Incarnation in a nutshell.

Of the following quotations from Blake's "Jerusalem," the first is only a poet's gloss on the Roman Catholic's cry, "O felix culpa"; the second is an epitome of Christian theology and ethics:

"If I were pure, never could I taste the
sweets
Of the forgiveness of sins. If I were
holy, I never could behold the tears
Of love, . . . O Mercy! O divine Hu-
manity!
O Forgiveness! O Pity and Compas-
sion! If I were pure
I should never
Have known thee."

"Would'st thou love one who never died
For thee or ever die for one who had not
died for thee?
And if God dieth not for man and giveth
not Himself
Eternally for man, Man could not exist,
for Man is love
As God is love. Every kindness to
another is a little death
In the divine Image, nor can Man exist
but by brotherhood."

The Christ Spirit is to be discovered not merely symbolically but in the ecstatic and abounding life of the world. For, in the rapturous vitality of the birds, in their graceful, proud flight; in the swelling of buds and the sacrificial beauty of the flowers; in the great and solemn rhythms of the sea—there is somewhat of Bethlehem in all these things, somewhat too of Calvary in their

self-giving, noble pains. It was this re-discovery of Nature's Christliness which Blake desired so fervently. To him it is not that each object is important because existing in the Body of God, so much as the truth that God, standing behind or back of all that is, is all-important. For, as Emerson says, "From within or from behind, a light shines through us upon things, and makes us aware that we are nothing, but the light is all."

Potentially, each man is All—"in every bosom a universe expands"—and the beginning of the way or Path is in himself, is an inner eye too long dis-used, in a capacity for vision and self-surrender and soul unfoldment.

"To see a World in a
Grain of Sand
And a Heaven in a
Wild Flower,
Hold Infinity in the
palm of your hand
And Eternity in an
hour."

Blake's "To see a world in a grain of sand"; Tennyson's "Flower in the crannies wall," Vaughan's "Each bush and oak doth know I AM," are reports of things seen in the spiritual consciousness. If we can see how the thing stands in God or in spiritual consciousness, we shall then know any particular thing, and everything, and every man.

"... In Your own bosom you bear your
Heaven
And Earth and all you behold; though
it appears Without it is Within,
In your imagination of which this
World of Mortality is but a
shadow."

Inherently, Blake believed, as well he might, every man is clairvoyant, and endowed with the faculties of imagination and intuition with which to cog-

nize the truths and beauties of the higher realms. To perceive more and more of heaven in everything is man's most important work here. As an artist, he must transcend earth things and reveal the glories that lie beyond. For Blake to do this was not difficult, for he had not only the purely imaginary faculty highly developed (Moon in Cancer trine Uranus in Pisces), but also the ability to see beings in the invisible realms (Neptune trine Sun and Jupiter). Both were drawn upon for his paintings as well as for his poetry.

Blake maintained that "If the door of perception were cleansed, everything would appear to man as it is, infinite." Yet this cannot occur, he tells us, until man ceases to dogtrot a dull round of

ASTROLOGY WORKS IN HARMONY WITH SPIRITUAL LAW

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

sense existence. Humanity must demonstrate a laudable imagination and freedom and courage, as against dull routine and timidity. In other words, man, the Spirit, must transcend the lower self and the things of the earth, unfolding the inherent spiritual faculties with which he as a child of God is endowed, and thus become more and more aware of the realities and wonders of

the superphysical realms. *Spirit triumphant* is the objective he holds up to mankind.

The birth of William Blake occurred in London, November 28, 1757. His father, James Blake, of whose family and origin nothing is known, was a hosier living at 28 Broad St., Golden Square. His mother's maiden name was never recorded. The family consisted of four sons and a daughter. William was the second son and the only one to achieve distinction. The third son, John, died young after a life of dissipation. (Blake's Mars in the third house,

brothers and sisters, square Mercury in Scorpio in the fifth). The youngest, Robert, who showed considerable ability as an artist, was greatly loved by William and tenderly nursed by him through an illness of which he died at twenty-five years. (Sun, ruling third, conjunct Jupiter and Square Mars in the third. Also, note the Moon and Ascendant in Cancer, the sympathetic, nursing sign).

Artistic leanings began to show early in the life of this genius. Note the ruler of the Ascendant, the imaginative Moon, in opposition to the artistic Venus, also Venus sextile Uranus in Pisces. The latter aspect gave him an unusual taste and genuine artistic ability. His ability to see into the invisible realms was also apparent at an early age, for it is recorded that his parents were faced with the problem of punishing him when he matter-of-factly spoke of having seen a tree full of angels and of having had an encounter with Ezekiel. Although his parents did not understand their unusual son, yet they fortunately were more tolerant than most parents of that day would have been toward his "eccentricities." Because the sensitive child was so horrified at seeing children whipped at school, his father refrained from forcing him to attend. Most of his education was therefore obtained at home by reading and the assistance of others members of the family. (Mercury, ruler of the third house, squaring Mars in the third).

Blake's father wisely decided to encourage William's artistic bent and sent him at the age of ten to Par's drawing school in the Strand. (The progressed Sun in the fifth, sextile to Saturn). He also gave him casts to draw from and allowed him to buy prints after the Old Masters. In 1771 (the progressed Sun semisextile Venus and square Uranus, and progressed Moon trine Saturn) he was apprenticed to Besire, the engraver, and served his time faithfully in learning the conventional (Saturn) style of engraving. He also made drawings of the

monuments in Westminster Abbey and these were engraved for Gough's "Sepulchral Monuments." His mind was greatly influenced by the surroundings in which he worked, and the Gothic style was to him the ideal, "the living form," forever after. "Angels Hovering over the Body of Jesus" is the title of a painting well illustrating this ideal. The artist also cultivated his mind in other ways, reading Burke, Bacon, and a translation of Winckelman, indicating an interest in political and social reform which later took on larger proportions.

Blake's creative fancy—note three planets, including the all-powerful Sun in Sagittarius, in his creative fifth house—found its outlet in those early years in poetry, some of which survives in the thin volume of "Practical Sketches," printed by his friends in 1783. These pieces were composed between his 12th and 20th years. They remained unknown and therefore had no influence on the poetry of that time. Nevertheless, they were the forerunners

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Your Child's Horoscope

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Each full year's subscription to this magazine, either new or a renewal, entitles the subscriber to a chance for a reading of a child's horoscope in this department. Character and vocational delineations are made for applicants of any age up to 14. The names are drawn by lot each month, but unless there is an unusually large number of applications you may have more than one opportunity for a drawing. Application for reading should be sent in when the subscription is made or renewed.


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The Children of Leo, 1947

Birthdays: July 23rd to August 23rd

 THE sign Leo, fixed and of the fiery triplicity, is ruled by the life-giving Sun and symbolized by the king of beasts, the lion. It is called the royal sign of the zodiac, and we therefore find those born under the positive side of its influence with a noble, ambitious, and aspiring nature. They make good leaders, and enjoy society and the limelight. No introverts, these! Being of an honorable character themselves, they scorn the underhanded.

The affections of the Leos are deep and lasting. They are strong and ardent in their likes and dislikes, true friends and loyal mates. There is a fondness for children and usually great pride in the accomplishments of the family.

Since Leo is a fixed sign, these natives have considerable will power, and therefore usually win their way to the top despite all handicaps and obstacles. Set in their opinions, they will usually stay by a cause and work for it with determination and enthusiasm.

If the Sun be afflicted in Leo, the native is apt to be blustering and domineering, an unfaithful, amorous husband or wife, a disloyal friend—one capable of any degree of meanness. The chief

fault of the Leo is a quick temper, but when shown to be in the wrong will usually apologize and make amends.

The Leos make fine executives, actors, teachers, publishers, captains of industry, etc. Singers and surgeons are also to be found among the Leos, their physical strength and stamina being of advantage in these professions. The heart is ruled by the Sun and Leo, and if the Sun is afflicted, there will be heart trouble of some kind.

The entrance of the Sun into Leo this year is marked by a sextile between the Sun and Neptune, an aspect which indicates spiritual work done in past lives. This influence lasts until August 10th, intensifying the spiritual vibrations in the auras of those born during this period, and giving a love for the occult, as well as musical ability. Beginning July 26th and lasting until August 15th the Sun conjuncts Saturn, which tends to lessen the vitality and bring delays and obstacles into the life. There is apt to be difficulty in connection with the marriage and employment, also, but these experiences can result in much soul growth if the native uses them as opportunities to cultivate unselfishness and consideration for others. From August 4th to August 23rd the Sun con-

juncts Venus, bringing out the artistic side of the nature and making the person fond of music, art, and poetry. The affections are strengthened and social intercourse made smooth. A square of the Sun to Jupiter lasts from August 3rd to August 21st, indicating a tendency toward false pride and a lack of self-restraint. Beginning August 10th and lasting the rest of the solar month, the Sun sextiles Uranus. This aspect makes the native intuitive, original, inventive, and independent in his manner of conduct and personal appearance. There is an interest in occult subjects, electricity, etc., and the ability to "bring through" new ideas and put them into practical application.

During the first four days of the solar month, July 23rd to July 27th, Venus is in conjunction with Mercury, indicating a cheerful, companionable nature with a desire for society. Music and poetry are favored. Beginning at the same time and lasting until July 29th, Venus trines Jupiter, which favors the accumulation of wealth and a happy marriage, along with social prestige and the respect of one's associates. The disposition is generous, jovial, and optimistic, and there is talent for music. A conjunction of Venus to Saturn begins August 7th and lasts until August 18th, giving a tendency toward jealousy and stinginess. From August 12th to the 23rd Venus squares Jupiter, indicating an amorous nature with lessons to be learned in love and marriage. The native is apt to be self-indulgent and subject to treachery. A sextile of Venus begins August 17th and lasts the rest of the solar month. This aspect makes one mentally alert, intuitive, and magnetic. It also favors art, music, and poetry, as well as love and marriage. From August 3rd to the 13th Venus sextiles Neptune, indicating ability as an inspirational musician, a fertile imagination, and a pure and chaste nature.

Another fortunate aspect beginning the solar month, and lasting until August 6th, is the trine of Mercury to Jupi-

ter. Children born under this aspect will have a cheerful, optimistic disposition, as well as a broad, versatile mind, capable of reasoning and forming correct judgments. Law, literature, and travel are favored. From August 14th to August 21st Mercury conjuncts Saturn, giving depth to the mind, the power of concentration, and reasoning ability. A square of Mercury to Jupiter begins August 18th and lasts the rest of the solar month. This aspect indicates a tendency to be vacillating and wavering, and to have trouble in travel and law. During August 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, Mercury sextiles Uranus, giving an original and independent mind. Egos born during this period, having Uranus sextile the Sun and Venus, also, are apt to be geniuses.

Lasting throughout the solar month is a sextile of Saturn to Neptune. This aspect favors worldly success, based upon the saturnine virtues of honor, self-reliance, determination, etc. To those able to respond, it also indicates the ability to study and practice the occult arts. Also lasting through the solar month is the square of Saturn to Jupiter, indicating a tendency toward indolence and dishonesty. Training in thrift and industry should begin early. From July 26th Saturn sextiles Mars, giving energy and determination. There is also executive ability and a remarkable power to accomplish, but a tendency to be hard and unfeeling.

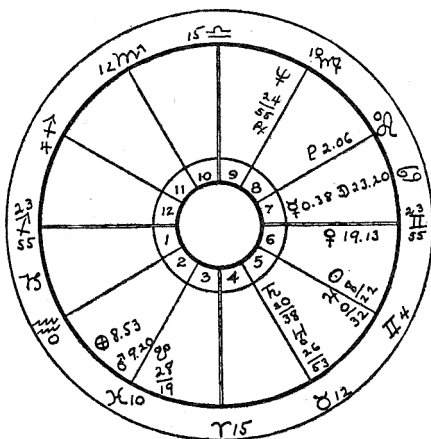
Beginning July 27th and lasting until August 16th, Mars is in conjunction with Uranus, tending toward an erratic disposition, apt to be violent at times. The native is prone to be stubborn and headstrong, unamenable to either entreaty or reason. From August 17th to August 23rd Mars squares Neptune, indicating overindulgence of the senses during past lives by those born during this time. These children have a tendency to be fanatical, and lawless. Wise training in the opposite traits during the early years will be of inestimable value to these natives.

Reading for a Subscriber's Child

ROBERT C. B.

Born May 29, 1941, 8:35 P.M.

Latitude 39 N. Longitude 122 W.



This chart shows a child of action. There will be no stagnation or dull moments in Robert's life. He will see to that. The cardinal and common signs rule the angles. Sagittarius is on the Ascendant, and Libra is on the Midheaven. This combination shows a law abiding individual with high ideals manifesting in benevolence and justice. The rulers of Sagittarius and Libra, Jupiter and Venus, are both placed in Gemini with the Sun, which gives a love for change and travel as well as for the mental pursuits. As a child this boy will be exploring continuously. He will love sports and games, especially games or pleasures connected with horses.

Conversation will never lag when Robert is present. He will be studious and an avid reader, yet inclined to touch only the surface, rather than to take the time to delve deeply into any subject. He will have a good memory so that he will be able to retain and make use of all he does learn. Mercury, the ruler of Gemini, has just entered Cancer and still carries most of the mental

Gemini influence. This planet trine Mars gives a most unusual, keen, and resourceful mentality. It also adds to the dexterity and versatility of the Gemini activities. Robert will be interested in, and probably be involved in, more than one occupation at a time—sports on one hand, reading everything available, and writing in between. With Venus in Gemini, he will be able to choose words with great facility and imbue them with a rhythm which may well be expressed in poetry. This position inclines to many love affairs and usually more than one marriage.

The Moon in Cancer tends to lend more feeling and expression through the emotional nature. Its sextile to Uranus and Neptune gives a vivid imagination, strong intuition, and great originality to his scientific mind, and indicates an interest in the occult arts as well as inventive ability.

One of the vital points which should be impressed upon this boy is to learn thoroughness rather than to start many things without completing any of them.

The conjunction of Saturn and Uranus and the square of the Sun to Mars tend to give a very quick temper and an inclination to misjudge at times and look at some things from a peculiar angle. However, the sextile of Saturn to the Moon helps greatly to stabilize the qualities of the mind, giving a measure of tact, patience, and persistence, which should be encouraged.

Since Robert expends a great deal of energy and his recuperative powers are perhaps below the average, he should be taught to conserve his strength and take the required amount of rest as the average person does. Otherwise he will never relax until completely exhausted. The Sun square Mars helps to increase the desire for action, and it also provides the needed vitality which will help considerably from a health standpoint.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE ADVICE

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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.

Chemist. Accountant

DONALD H.F.—Born March 12, 1931, 12 M. Lat. 41 N. Long. 74 W. Pisces has a strong influence for the vocation in this chart, as it rules the Midheaven, and the Sun and Mercury are both placed in this sign on the Midheaven. While Pisces usually favors occupations removed from the public, this position of the Sun will no doubt bring public recognition for professional achievement. Neptune, the ruler of Pisces, is placed in Virgo in the 3rd house, trine the Moon and sextile Jupiter. This shows success in chemistry, or as a pharmacist. Jupiter in the 12th favors laboratory work, or some position in a hospital or institution. Neptune in Virgo and Mercury in Pisces show ability as a dietician or in preparing health foods. The Pisces and Virgo influence gives success as an accountant, for Donald will be excellent in mathematics.

Interior Decorator. Librarian

CHALLENGE A. M.—Born June 7, 1922, 6:45 P.M. Lat. 34 N. Long. 118 W. Ruling the Midheaven is the combined influence of Virgo and Libra, and the rulers of both these signs, Mercury and Venus, are in Cancer, combining the artistic with the home interests. Neptune rules the 4th house and is making a sextile to Jupiter in Libra, blending a vivid imagination with artistic ability. These configurations indicate unusual talent for planning homes and decorating them tastefully and elegantly. Jupiter in the 10th house trine the Sun in Gemini gives aptitude as a librarian, and the influence of Mars in the sign Sagittarius, along with the Jupiter-Libra combination, indicates ability as a government worker or as a secretary in a law office.

Music Therapist. Florist

EMILE E. C.—Born April 28, 1926, 2:45 A.M. Lat. 38 N. Long. 122 W. The humanitarian and Jupiterian influence is strongly indicated in this chart. Sagittarius is on the Midheaven, and Pisces is on the Ascendant, with Venus conjunction Uranus in Pisces, and Jupiter in Aquarius in the 12th house. These configurations show great interest in reform work or public institutions for the welfare of humanity. Venus in Pisces and the Sun in Taurus give a great love of music, vocal or instrumental. This could be used to advantage in connection with some of the new methods of healing through music. These same configurations indicate success as a florist. Venus in Pisces on the Ascendant, together with the Moon in Scorpio and Mars in Aquarius, indicates ability as a veterinarian.

Dietician. Critic

DOROTHY J. S.—Born September 6, 1932, 10:00 A.M. Lat. 41 N. Long. 74 W. The Sun, which rules the Midheaven, is placed in Virgo in the 10th house in conjunction to Jupiter and Neptune. This gives a scientific mind with an interest in chemistry, hygiene, and diet. This girl would make a capable dietician. Mercury in the 10th house trine Uranus gives intuition, dexterity, and ability for detail and forethought, favoring work in a governmental office, or as a literary critic. Scorpio on the Ascendant adds to the caution and discrimination of Virgo and gives ability to sift truth from error, which shows success in office work connected with the secret service. Dorothy would also be quite successful in any office work which requires careful application, as well as organizing ability.

Monthly News Interpreted

New Drug Makes Children Behave

CHICAGO, July 13.—A drug that makes problem children behave better has been discovered by Dr. Charlotte F. Walker and Barbara B. Kirkpatrick of Duke University School of Medicine. The drug is diphenylhydantoin sodium and goes under the trade name of dilantin.

The drug is sold only on a doctor's prescription. It was developed about 10 years ago for treatment of epilepsy and has greatly aided some patients with that disease. Its new use for problem children was announced by the Duke researchers at the meeting of the American Psychiatric Association here.

An important advantage of the drug treatment is that the children can remain at home. Even without their being removed from a vicious environment or psychological situation, their bad behavior is said to be controlled or improved by the drugs.—*The Los Angeles Times*.

Each child is an individual Ego and brings with it at birth the sum of all its past endeavors. When it enters life's school it will have certain lessons to learn which if mastered will result in much development of its spiritual powers; and the parents and environment have a great deal to do in assisting the child to meet life's various problems. However, the problems themselves must be met and solved by the child in order that he may benefit by the knowledge thus gained.

For various reasons connected with the past lives of each child some children learn more rapidly than others and some are much more easily guided and directed. Some children according to the temperament which they have developed in past lives follow the more pleasant way and learn by observation what is best to do and what is not, while others are determined to get their lessons by means of personal experience, often going down to the very depth of evil doing. But be it noted that either

through observation or personal experience the lessons placed before each individual must somewhere, sometime be learned by him, and the taking of drugs simply puts off the time and may result in great injury.

It has been discovered by several doctors of note that a derangement of the thyroid and pituitary glands has been the cause of many crimes. That being the case certain vitamins found lacking in the food were given to patients which stimulated the action of the glands or else were omitted from the food according to the condition of the glands. Dr. Ralph Arthur Reynolds, a San Francisco physician, following a two months' first-hand study of the prisoners of San Quentin, California, in cooperation with Dr. Leo Stanley, resident prison physician, said that his study of the prisoners there convinced him of three facts: That every murderer, potential and actual, exhibits over-secretion of the thyroid gland; that a murderer exhibits under-secretion of the pituitary body, and that every social misfit displays malsecretion of some gland. The doctor mentioned one youthful slayer who for no apparent reason attacked other prisoners with anything he could lay hands on and as a consequence had spent a hundred and eighty days in the dungeon. The youth had an abnormal thyroid gland which the doctor reduced to normal and as a result the boy became entirely tractable.

Progressive doctors are depending more and more on natural foods to restore the physical body to normalcy, and less and less on drugs. There is always a cause for children becoming problems, and this cause is usually traceable either to physical derangement or environment; and the remedy is not found in dosing the child with dangerous drugs. Physical derangement calls for an ex-

amination by a competent person and the following out of the directions given which are closely concerned with food which is the natural sustenance of the body. If environment is responsible the parents should be required to remedy the condition. There is no creature on earth more helpless than the little child, and too much care cannot be given to its rearing, physically, morally, mentally, and spiritually, for nowhere is the responsibility greater nor the reward more glorious. The child—"A lovely being, scarcely form'd or molded, A rose with all its sweetest leaves yet folded."

Revitalization of Religion

In these days of stress it is encouraging to know that many of the world's prominent men recognize the fact that there is not enough emphasis on religion. Secretary of State Cordell Hull recently declared: "Humanity desperately needs today a moral and spiritual rebirth, a revitalization of religion. There is no sure way to this supreme goal save through adherence to the teaching of the Bible." Unfortunately, this rebirth will be experienced by only a comparatively few individuals.—*Signs of the Times.*

According to statistics approximately five sixths of the people in the world today believe in a God. This number is composed chiefly of Christians, Brahmans, Mohammedanists, and Buddhists; and all of these people seem to be united in the belief that God is good and **that His followers should emulate His example**; and herein we have a common premise which will aid mankind in massing their force in a united endeavor to overcome evil in all its various guises.

That which truly needs revitalizing is not creed and doctrines which tend to separate and tear apart. They in themselves are of but little value. It is the fundamental belief in a God who is the Creator of all things, including man, that the most of the people of the world are agreed on, and from this unity within God it is easy to understand the close relationship between all mankind

and that, therefore, that which is good for one is good for all; and this undertaking is that which needs revitalizing—meaning a realization of the brotherhood of man. In unity there is always strength, in separation weakness; and unity plus the inner realization of brotherhood must inevitably bring about conditions which are for the good of all. This brings us back to the power of massed thought. When the majority of the people in the world begin to think right the inevitable result will be beneficial to all mankind and progress will manifest throughout the entire world.

Laugh for Health

A good hearty laugh is a good Spring tonic. Smiling and laughing will always cause an upward pull of all the facial muscles, which exercises and strengthens them. The corners of the mouth go up and the muscular rings around the eyes will straighten out. Laughing will give you a happy attitude on life and keep you young.—*Nature's Path.*

Few people seem to realize the benefits to be derived from a good laugh. In the first place a laugh releases the nerve tension of the body; it also exercises the internal organs and empties the lungs of the inspired air. The smile which accompanies a laugh exercises the facial muscles and gives the face a pleasing expression. A smile is the Spirit's medium of expressing pleasure and is peculiar to the human species alone. A laugh might be considered an audible smile, and the two have much to do with attracting pleasing experiences to the individual and in that way make the happenings of life much more pleasurable; and furthermore, they help one to become a blessing to one's friends and associates by spreading sunshine and cheer.

"Joy is the mainspring in the whole
Of endless Nature's calm rotation.
Joy moves the dazzling wheels that
roll
In the great Time-piece of Creation."

READERS' QUESTIONS

Etheric Vision vs. Clairvoyance

Question:

Will you please explain the difference between etheric vision and clairvoyance, or do you consider them one and the same.

Answer:

No, we do not consider them one and the same.

Etheric sight is really a phase of physical sight, pertaining to the ethers which compose the higher part of the Physical World. It is brought about by sensitizing the optic nerve. One who has etheric vision can see objects and beings made of ether just as readily as most people can see the ordinary physical things about us. Among the etheric beings and objects are the gnomes (chemical ether), sylphs (life ether), undines (light ether), salamanders (reflecting ether), angels, and the vital bodies of plants, animal, and man. Some people have so lived in past lives that they are born with the optic nerve sensitized sufficiently to enable them to see etherically, but in most people the faculty is still latent. However, it is being gradually unfolded by all humanity and will be generally possessed in the Aquarian Age. The development of etheric sight may be hastened by spiritual living, close observation, concentration, etc.

Clairvoyance, or spiritual vision, is the ability to see objects and beings made of desire stuff, and results from the activation of the vortices in the desire body and the reawakening of the pituitary body and the pineal gland. There

are two kinds of clairvoyance: positive and negative. To understand how it is developed, we must first understand that man, the Ego or Spirit, possesses, not merely a physical body, but also a vital body (made of ether), a desire body (made of desire stuff), and a mind.

There are seven centers of perception in the desire body of man, but, as stated in *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, "In the majority of people they are mere eddies and are of no use as centers of perception. They may be awakened in all, however, but different methods produce different results.

"In the desire body of the properly trained voluntary clairvoyant, they turn in the same direction as the hands of a clock—clockwise, glowing with exceeding splendor, far surpassing the brilliant luminosity of the ordinary desire body. These centers furnish him with means for perception of things in the Desire World, and he sees and investigates as he will, while the person whose centers turn counter-clockwise is like a mirror, which reflects what passes before it. Such a person is incapable of reaching out for information."

It is also necessary to understand that "There was a time in the far, far past when the human body was a very much less complicated organism than it is today, before the cerebro-spinal nervous system had been evolved to give man voluntary control over his body. At that time the sympathetic or involuntary nervous system took care of the purely animals functions, much as it does today. Then man was a much more spiritual being than he is now, and his means of perception of the spiritual worlds were organs which are now temporarily in

disuse. We have a number of organs in our bodies in various stages of completion, some of which are atrophying because they have served their uses. . . .

"Another class of organs are simply in a state of dormancy, and among these are the *pituitary body* and the *pineal gland*. . . . In the far past these organs were connected with the sympathetic system and invested man with involuntary clairvoyance, and because of their connection with the cerebro-spinal system they will in the future enable mankind to effect a contact with the spiritual worlds at will.

"It is easier to roll a stone down hill than to roll it up hill; retrogression is more readily accomplished than progression, and when people seek for development in a negative condition they readily renew the *negative activity* of the pituitary body and the pineal gland, and become negative clairvoyants. But as any faculty which is exercised by means of the involuntary nervous system cannot be exercised by the power of the will, this faculty is, of course, sporadic in mediums. At times, when the power is on, they can contact the spiritual worlds in a limited way. At other times, when the power is off, they are unable to see.

"In the majority of people the greater part of the sex force which may legitimately be used through the creative organs is expended for sense gratification. Therefore, in such people there is very little of the ascending current. When the aspirant to the higher life begins to curb these excesses more and more, and to devote attention to spiritual thoughts and efforts, the trained clairvoyant can perceive the unused sex force commencing to ascend. It surges upward in stronger and stronger volume. . . . traversing the heart and larynx or the spinal cord and the larynx or both, and then passing directly between the pituitary body and the pineal gland toward the dark point at the root of the nose.

"When the candidate has lived a moral life devoted to spiritual thought

for a time sufficient to establish the current of spiritual force, and is found worthy and qualified to receive esoteric instruction, he is taught certain exercises, to set the pituitary body in vibration. This vibration causes the pituitary body to impinge upon and slightly deflect the nearest line of force. This, in turn, impinges upon the line next to it, and so the process continues until the force of the vibration has been spent.

"When by the increased vibration of the pituitary body, the lines of force have been deflected sufficiently to reach the pineal gland, the object has been accomplished, the gap between these two organs has been bridged. This is the bridge between the World of Sense and the World of Desire. From the time it is built, man becomes clairvoyant and able to direct his gaze where he will."

"One who has the faculty of clairvoyance at command has an enormous power; if misused it can work more harm than any earthly weapon. . . . The possessor of it would become a scourge to society unless he were also of such a mind that he would never use his faculty save for good. The powers behind evolution, the Elder Brothers of humanity, who have developed the spiritual powers and are capable of teaching them, take exceeding care that no one shall attain to this power until he has given proofs of unselfishness and has been bound by vows and restrictions. Therefore it may be said that no one should undertake exercises (to develop clairvoyance) unless prescribed by the proper teacher. . . . The aspirant ought rather to strive to do good and use the faculties he now possesses in the environment where he is, for that is the only proper stepping stone toward a higher power."

"To evolve voluntary clairvoyance is an arduous task, and this faculty, therefore, is possessed by few, while negative clairvoyance, unfortunately, has been developed by many who had no high ideals to prevent prostitution of their faculty for gold."

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.*

Health from the Seven Seas

By DR. A. J. HAWORTH

(CONCLUSION)



HE Moon is in the same sign or degree (or its opposite) at conception as the sign and degree that rises at birth, for the Moon is the most prominent influence in the fecundating principle, as well as being most important through life in governing the menses, menopause, and pathology connected with the sex organs of the woman. The Moon focuses the chemical forces and they gradually crystallize as they are deposited in the human form.

When the body has served its purpose on earth these chemicals are released in gaseous form as the body decays or is cremated, and returns to nature's reservoir for re-use, and we are told by alchemists that the minerals of the body of an individual which are returned to the earth are used over and over by the same person when he builds a new body. For the individual has his stamp on them, so to speak, and the law of affinity or attraction operates. Wondrous are the ways of nature in this marvelous cycle of life and death.

For your protection against inorganic minerals (raw, inert minerals of the earth) be sure that the label on a food product or an accessory food product reads "food iron," "food calcium," "food iodine," etc. People with easy morals have convinced millions that

minerals direct from the earth are necessary for health and do no harm as a medicine or to drug a pain into insensibility. This is possible because the effect is slow and creeps up over a period of time, just as a dropping of water on one's spinal column will drive the average person mad and to a terrible death in about two or three days.

Besides the earth and vegetable minerals, we now know considerable about the sea minerals, and among the recent disclosures we find that they contain the gamut of the 96 known minerals and at least 48 chemical elements. Chemical analysis, on an ash basis, of land foods average one per cent to two per cent total minerals, while the sea plants average 15 per cent to 40 per cent. This astounding discovery cannot be lightly ignored. Neither can the fact that on a quantitative basis as eaten sea vegetation has ten to twenty times more total organic food minerals than any plant grown on any soil, with the possible exception of virgin soil. Furthermore, most sea plants are proportionately rich in vitamin content.

The ravages of soil erosion, which has so weakened the physical vehicle of man, are forcing people to think, and the time is close at hand when sea plants will be the dominating factor in nutrition. Soon people will be discussing plants called *Fucus Giganteus*—a marine plant

with leaves four feet wide and eight hundred feet long. Polyshides, eringo, sea holly, bladder fucus, winged fucus, palmate fucus, etc., will all be classified as to food and medicinal values.

At man's present state of evolution the thyroid gland is responsible for a majority of his ailments, when it is overactive or underactive. The pituitary runs a close second. However, let us emphasize the thyroid in connection with organic sea plant iodine. The reason for the prominence of the thyroid is that it is ruled by Mercury, which also rules the mind. We are living in the Mars half of the Earth Period, but are fast approaching the Mercury half. Hence the Mercurial problems. Mars rules the left lobe of the main brain and is connected with the martial and material power of the right hand of man. Most people are right handed. Mercury rules the right half of the brain and crosses over to exert influence over the left hand and the heart.

The pituitary gland, ruled by Uranus, lord of Aquarius, comes to prominence as the Aquarian age approaches, giving rise to nerve and blood diseases, while the thyroid, which connects the pituitary and pineal glands in the head with the endocrines in the trunk, comes in for tissue deficiencies, causing especially throat and sex organ pathology, as well as arthritis, rheumatism, and heart ailments. A thousand horoscopes of people averaging forty-two years from all over the United States fail to reveal one chart with Mercury and Uranus unafflicted, and few with either planet unafflicted. These are the parents of the coming race.

Iodine has long been recognized as a most effective detoxicant, applied externally. In the organic form and associated with other organic elements it is also the master *internal* detoxicant. Pure inorganic iodine combined with sodium or potassium has for years been the standard drug treatment for apoplexy, cerebral hemorrhages, varicose veins, etc.

The fact that these iodine combina-

tions proved effective in laboratory tests and on external injuries has led doctors into believing it worked the same way in the human laboratory, but it cannot because the body is an *organism*—not an inert *inorganism*. Organic iodine in its natural form, and having nature's combination of associated minerals, is the answer to iodine deficiency, which has been shown to be so prominent in preventing toxication and disease.

A few years ago the United States Public Health Report (dated April, 1929) stated that if a child's system is lacking in organic iodine it cannot develop as a normal child should. A June report of the same year shows thirty million people in the United States dangerously short on iodine, and that probably sixty million more are in serious need of it. According to Dr. John Harvey Kellogg the thyroid gland, depending mostly on iodine for function, helps to destroy poisons in the body, especially those as a result of flesh consumption.

Specific thyroid pathology, such as the various types of goiter, are more numerous by far in the inland areas of the United States. They are practically unheard of in seaboard cities and many island populations. Cancer, a leading cause of death, bears practically the same relation to the thyroid as does goiter. The Italians, who use an abundance of iodine-rich garlic, have the lowest cancer death rate of any nationality on the earth.

United States Health Bulletin 192 prepared by direction of the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service states that if sea grasses were consumed here as they are in Japan simple goiter would soon be greatly diminished, and that the need was most urgent during pregnancy, and for children, particularly girls from eleven to sixteen years of age.

Of the 110 kinds of sea weeds growing in Hawaiian waters, 70 are used by some of the natives for food, and about 50 by most of the population. The Chinese and Japaneses on these islands also use

many of the species in their daily diet. Coffee, jellies, gelatin desserts, preserves, candies, etc., are made of them and consumed. The medicines used are practically all from sea plants.

Now comes the question, how is the top soil which runs down about seven feet going to be renewed? It is very simple. Three islands five miles off the Scottish coast are inhabited by about fifteen hundred Irish natives. There is no top soil here—just flat rock surface devoid of even shrubbery. The diet consists of fish and edible sea plants, such as carraghan, dilsk, and cumbough, supplemented by potatoes. The potatoes are grown by hollowing out areas in the rocky surface and packing in tons of of sea weeds. Just before planting, a layer of decomposed sea plants is thrown on to act as a top soil. From the sea plants they also make confections, salads, soups, etc. These islanders are exceedingly robust, wiry, healthy, and all have excellent teeth.

What better good could the United States Health and Department of Agriculture do for the health of the nation than to use surplus ships to bring in millions of tons of floating sea weeds and furnish the American farmer fertilizer that is really effective? The cost would be the transportation charges only. And there is nothing to stop individual farmers, especially those along or near the coast line from doing the same thing.

Some of the best iodine foods are agar agar, garlic, onions, pineapples, egg yolk, carrots, figs, dates, lemons, mushrooms, celery, beets, spinach, artichokes, and strawberries.

Without at least 10 milligrams of iron in the daily diet, and half again as much for pregnancy, nutritional anemia is apt to result. The best iron foods are grapes, spinach, raisins, figs, lettuce, lentils, egg yolk, turnip tops, and pumpkins.

The bony framework of the body is composed chiefly of calcium. The best calcium foods are cottage cheese, milk, walnuts, almonds, watercress, oatmeal,

spinach, peas, celery, figs, onions, egg yolk, lemons, limes, bran, molasses, turnip tops, mustard greens, and cornmeal.

Phosphorus in the earthy form is deadly poison but from food (it is found in large quantities in sea plants) it is vital to the brain and nervous system. There is very little in other parts of the body outside the brain and its direct ramifications. The Food and Drug Administration has established that 750 milligrams are needed daily and 1000 for pregnant women. The seeds of plants and nuts are rich in this mineral, as are the foods in the iron and iodine list, for these three minerals are naturally associated.

Sodium, potassium, magnesium, and chlorine are naturally occurring in the majority of foods, and no standard has been decided upon by the Government as to daily requirements. However, it is known that a lack of balance and quantity of these cause degenerative diseases, as well as a hyperacid condition, for phosphorus and sulphur foods are low in content of these four minerals.

It is a popular opinion that foods rich in calcium, iron, iodine, and phosphorus naturally give the body enough of the minerals, but this is not always true. Milk, for example, is rich in calcium but poor in iron; and many other foods rich in the main four minerals are poor in one or more of the natural associated ones, due to soil mineral deficiencies. Again the sea vegetation comes to the rescue, for omnipotent nature takes into the sea plant the various inert minerals, and operating from the roots to the green chlorophyll and the actinic rays of the sun, synthesizes, electronizes, and otherwise prepares them for man as well as for sea animals.

The good earth does the same of course if it has the material upon which to work.

Sodium dissolves calcium inside the body or outside. An experiment by the famous Prof. McCarrison in a city in India is very conclusive. The natives

were suffering from bladder stones and the Professor gave them plenty of milk in the diet and the stones disappeared. Cystine stones in the kidneys have been dissolved by sodium citrate. Sea vegetation is the richest source of food sodium. Goats milk has .079, cow's milk (raw) has .051, sheep's milk .03, and human milk, .01. There is no reason for disbelieving that copious amounts of food sodium will dissolve calcium deposits that harden the body, causing arthritis and other painful and otherwise incurable diseases.

Sulphur, in organic form, is recognized as a powerful blood purifier. An old custom of the middle West and other places was two tablespoons of sulphur and molasses daily during the first month of spring. This clears and prevents skin diseases of the common type. Many food chemists believe that a diet rich in phosphorus, especially nuts, is best balanced with sulphur. The cabbage family, egg yolk, tomatoes, cucumbers, and spinach are some of the best sources of sulphur.

Manganese, silicon, and fluorine are lesser mineral needs but sometimes a lack will bring serious results. Manganese is an essential red blood corpuscle constituent and is a gland stimulant. It is found in parsley, dandelions, mustard greens, blueberries, watercress, egg yolk, and endive. Sea plants contain more than any other food.

Silicon is necessary to proper growth of hair, nails, and teeth, and is found in cellulose (pulp or roughage) and in the outer coats of the vegetables and fruits. Peeling and milling processes destroy much of it, and there is a lack where the *whole* vegetable or fruit is replaced by the juices and the pulp discarded. Food sources—any fruit with skin, as well as unpeeled cucumbers and carrots, whole wheat products, nuts, and of course the most important sea plants.

Fluorine helps on the tooth enamel, the iris of the eye, and the human bony framework. It is a strong antiseptic. Food sources are sea vegetation, and

about the same list of foods as those listed for silicon and manganese.

Assuming that we give proper attention to the diet, many will remain more or less debilitated unless the absorption and elimination are taken care of. The Sun rules the vital body, the chemical ether of which has to do with absorption (the positive pole) and elimination (the negative pole). Few people have an unafflicted Sun but of course most have mitigating aspects, especially of Mars, to help the chemical ether work its cycle. However, there are few who could not help this process amazingly by taking four tablespoons of pure honey a day, or a quart and a half of acidophilus milk per day for at least two weeks.

The average person's intestine has far too many B. Coli and B. Welchii, destructive bacteria, as against the friendly B. Bifidus and the B. Acidophilus. Whichever pair outnumbers the other decides the intestinal health. If the feces is dark brown the destructive bacteria reign. When the feces is light-yellow a state of healthy intestine exists. Besides the above routine it is necessary to eliminate meat and acid-forming foods which sustain the damaging flora.

The leading medical astrologers and dietitians have agreed that the signs of the zodiac are associated with the minerals as follows: Aries—phosphorus and potassium; Taurus—sulphur and sodium; Gemini—Chlorine and potassium; Cancer—fluorine and calcium; Leo—magnesium and sodium; Virgo—sulphur and potassium; Libra—sodium and calcium; Scorpio—calcium and sulphur; Sagittarius—silicon and sodium; Capricorn—phosphorus and sodium; Aquarius—chlorine and sodium; Pisces—iron and sodium.

The vegetarian movement ought to fill with gladness the souls of all those who have at heart the realization of God's kingdom on earth. . . . The future is with the vegetarians.—*Tolstoy*.



The Three Factors in Healing

“THESE are the three great factors in healing: first the POWER, from our Father in heaven; next, the HEALER; and third, the OBEDIENT MIND of the patient upon which the power of the Father can act through the healer in such a way as to dispel all bodily ills.

—Max Heindel.

A tremendously soothing, harmonizing effect comes from simply realizing and repeating to oneself that “the whole universe is pervaded with the power of the Father, always available to cure all ills of whatever nature.” Truly, “in Him we live, and move, and have our being,” and the more conscious we become of the nearness of this ever-present, beneficent Power, the more apt are we to observe its effects in our lives.

“The healer is the focus, the vehicle through which the power is infused into the patient’s body. If he is a proper instrument, consecrated, harmonious, and truly in tune with the Infinite, there is no limit to the wonderful works of the Father which may be performed through him. . . . Disease is a manifestation of ignorance. . . . Therefore, the healer should be spiritual and endeavor to imbue his patient with high ideals so that he may eventually learn to conform to God’s laws which govern the universe, and thus attain permanent health in future lives as well as now.” The

blessed Christ is our peerless Wayshower in this work, and as we emulate Him, we become better channels for the healing force.

The patient must have “a properly receptive and obedient mind.” This means that he or she must have faith, according to the law enunciated by Christ Jesus when He said, “According to your faith be it unto you.” Doubts obstruct the healing force. The mind must welcome the healer and be ready to obey his instructions.

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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:

July	2—9—16—22—29
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Oceanside, California, U.S.A.

PATIENTS' LETTERS

Pennsylvania, May 7, 1947

The Rosicrucian Fellowship
Oceanside, California

Dear Friends:

My report to you is: a beautiful piece of work done! I contact your prayers very strongly, and I do wish you could see what you have accomplished. Always I'll be grateful to you and the beloved Helpers. God grant that even more strength and power be yours. With gracious love,

—D.G.

New Jersey, May 8, 1947

The Rosicrucian Fellowship

Dear Friends:

I am most happy to report that I am improving more and more every day. I feel so calm and much happier than I ever did before. Your wonderful teachings have been a blessing to me, for they have given me new hope and comfort. Words can't express my prayerful thanks to you and the Invisible Helpers. Faithfully yours,

—S.H.

England, May 2, 1947

The Rosicrucian Fellowship

Dear Friends:

I feel much better and more hopeful now. It is indeed gratifying to find kind people willing, as you have been, to help one in sickness, worry, and trouble.

May God bless you and the work you have undertaken.

—C.L.L.

New York, May 6, 1947

The Rosicrucian Fellowship

Dear Friends:

I am really getting better. Yesterday the doctor told me that my blood pressure has gone down some and I would not need to go to the clinic again for two weeks.

My husband is much better, too. He says he is really appreciating life. Thank you.

—W.M.

Are You Seeking Health?

If so, you may solicit the aid of the Invisible Helpers who, under the instruction of the Elder Brothers of the Rosicrucian Order, work on the body of the patient while he is asleep. Contact is made through application to the Healing Department, and maintained by a weekly report. Suggestions on diet, exercise, e'c. in harmony with the work of the Invisible Helpers are given to the patient. This Department is supported by free-will offerings. Address,

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Children's Department



Cornelia Finds the Air Spirits

By H. V. GOODELL AND E. A. GOODELL

(CONCLUSION)

“**W**HAT of it?” Fey shrugged her gossamer-covered shoulders lightly. “Make one yourself. You can do it. No two snowflakes ever turn out the same.”

“But how?” asked Cornelia.

“Just grasp all the nearly invisible vapor you can into your right hand, and while you are scooping and reaching for it, twist and roll to and fro, back and forth, thinking of the design you want. Then blow wind into your hand before you snap it open. You have to blow what light ether can be breathed in from the blue sky,” explained Fey.

“Oh, it unfolds something like a paper doll?” inquired the eager Cornelia.

“Well, in a way, yes—that’s about it. The important thing is to blow yellow light-ether into your rare water vapor before you flip it out of your hand—see?”

Fey hovered in one spot with her wings turning this way and that.

“I—I guess so. I’ll try one now.” Cornelia whizzed all over the sky, almost bumping into Tanjean and the rest of her sylph friends, laden with ether and charged with light. For they had returned, as promised. Thousands of air

spirits came with them, filling the sky with their ether-substance of light and filling Cornelia’s ears with the soft whirring of their transparent wings.

“That should make a nice one,” Fey told Cornelia, who was trying to remember what to do next. “Now blow your blue-sky breath into your right fist, and snap your fingers open vigorously.” Fey remained nearby, watching intently.

Cornelia felt all eyes on her. She hoped her first effort would please the sylphs. Taking a deep breath she blew wind-ether right into her handful of rare water vapor, and then—

“Snap!”

Out came a lovely semitransparent star-flake of snow crystal.

“Seven points!” exclaimed Cornelia. “That’s the first seven-pointed star I ever saw.”

“You must have thought about the seven of us,” said Tanjean, nodding her wise little head.

“Why, yes, I *was* thinking of you!” Cornelia laughed. “I saw Tanjean and the rest of you looking at me, and wanted to do it good!”

All the other sylphs were weaving designs in the air, and soon the sky was full of snowflakes. Like popcorn in a popper snapped out these airy crystal-line forms from the dainty little fingers

of the sylphs.

"Feyrose taught you well—I can see that," declared Tanjean, flying down from above and touching Cornelia with one friendly hand and Fey with the other.

"You touch me lightly, Tanjean; am I touching you just as lightly?" Cornelia buzzed her wings and darted quickly over to the sylph and placed fingertips softly upon Tanjean's shoulder.

"Yes, your touch is light like ours. By air resistance we fly. By the same quality of air we have physical senses, like touch or deep muscle sense. Do you wish to help us make some wind, Cornelia?"

"Oh, yes, I'd love to!" replied the girl-sylph-for-a-day.

"All right, then. Now we push this cloud out of the way to make changes in temperature, and thus start air displacement."

Tanjean motioned her squadron of six in line formation, and all the others followed her lead, pushing, rolling, blowing, and coaxing a big, fat, lazy cloud down and off to one side a mile away. Cornelia beat her wings gaily alongside of Patma and Tanjean, with Clairene close behind.

Such a flutter of busy wings and flitting about of the angel-like creatures!

Tanjean began to sing about cloud-pushing as they nudged the buoyant mass of fleecy white mist along.

"Push hard, my dears,

Do good today—

Push lazy-daisy cloud away!"

After repeating this several times in her sweet, birdlike tones, Tanjean said: "Your turn now, Pat—you make up one."

"All right, for Cornelia then," agreed Patma. And this is what she sang:

"Make a cloud; make it move,
Make a little breeze to prove
We can do most anything,
And do it best the while we sing!"

The sylphs clapped their tiny hands and showed their approval by disporting themselves slantwise through the cloud.

"That's enough displacement!" came the command from Tanjean.

"But where is it?" Cornelia looked perplexed, as indeed, she was.

"You mean, 'where is the wind?'" laughed Tanjean. "Well, if you attune yourself in loving harmony with the wind, it will reveal itself to your eyes and ears, as well as to your sense of touch. Just to be a wee bit technical, the reason the wind can be seen and heard as easily as felt is because it has come from the visual and audible ethers."

Cornelia still looked a bit puzzled, so Tanjean continued her explanation.

"You see, Cornelia, it's like this. The pure elements as they proceed forth from one another, keep the qualities of the elements from which they have come. All such facts are recorded in the Memory of Nature. Now just look and listen and you will soon learn to interchange your senses in the same way that great explorers in the field of mind do when they apply these principles to the needs of mankind!"

"Thank you, Tanjean," said Cornelia. "I've learned many secrets from you air spirits today. Seems like I can see and hear the wind now, at its slightest breath."

"Let's ride this breeze down to Cornelia's garden and see what the hummingbirds and the honeysuckles are doing," suggested Tanjean.

So off they all went like arrows or silver flashes: down, down, down, with the spiral veer and slowing velocity of their own little wind-wakes.

The garden, at first sight, looked like a green postage stamp, but as it grew wider and longer, the house and rock fountain became visible. Cornelia and the seven little sylphs hovered in the atmosphere some distance above. Tanjean pointed toward the honeysuckle bush where a clump of white flowers was moving and shaking. The sylphs

watched breathlessly. Sure enough, Mr. Hummingbird awkwardly emerged from a honeysuckle blossom and fell out backwards. Cornelia gave an exclamation of dismay, for the small bird lay quite still.

At the same time they heard Honey-suckle saying, with vigorous shakes of her blossoms and leaves, "I told you you had enough honey nectar for one day, besides a good grubstake, too. Now stay out 'till tomorrow, and try to be less greedy after this!"

Sheeriel giggled miniature cascades of laughter.

"Honeysuckle's angry with Mr. Hummingbird," she remarked. "Look at the nectar on his beak."

"Quiet, please," Pat said reprovingly, putting a slim little finger to her cupid-bow lips. "Mr. Hum is in his cups and may need our help to get him home."

"Yes, it's no laughing matter if Tiger Tom gets his whiskers near this hummingbird," added Tanjean soberly. "Come on, Rene, we must get him to safety."

"We can put him in the birdhouse for the night until he sleeps it off," suggested Cornelia, taking pity on the feeble efforts of Mr. Hummingbird to rise from the ground. With Tanjean and Clairene, she helped lift him up into the little windowed birdhouse.

"There!" Tanjean clapped her hands with satisfaction. "A good deed well done. Now all we have to do is to tell Mrs. Hummingbird that her husband is safe for the night."

And with that done, away they flew: Tanjean, Clairene, Sheeriel, Zephyr, Fey-rose, Patma, and Pureva.

Cornelia was surprised at their sudden departure.

"Goodbye, dear friends," she called after them as they darted swiftly off into the endless sky spaces.

"Goodbye, Cornelia!" came a sweet chorus of airy voices. Then, clear as silver strings, sang out the voice of Fey-rose. "See you again some time, and

don't forget how to make snowflakes, Cornelia!"

Slowing her wing movements, Cornelia settled gently down to earth. Imagine her astonishment when she saw herself lying there below! In the next instant she blended into the sleeping form with the pretty blue dress, yellow curls, and closed eyelids. Cornelia felt herself floating or gliding into her "earth-body," as she called it.

The earth consciousness flowed gradually back into her. Opening her eyes she realized that she was on the ground, with the wagon near her feet. She stood up, carefully brushed the weeds and dust from her dress and smoothed out the wrinkles in it. Slowly she picked a few fox burrs off her white shoe laces, and straightened her socks.

How cozy and small looked everything on the ground about her! Cornelia felt almost giddy after roaming the skies with the sylphs, skipping over clouds and sighting such vast distances. Again came the feeling of oneness with the blue ether, which sustains and supports all the beings of the air—that element which is the home of countless sylphs.

But here she was, "down to earth" once more, feeling like an air passenger alighting from a plane after a long trip, or like a sailor "getting his land legs" after a rolling sea voyage aboard ship.

So Cornelia quietly went into the house, got all cleaned up and changed her clothes for dinner.

During their evening meal, her father and mother noticed that Cornelia would glance over her right shoulder and then the left, touching them now and then as though she expected to find wings there.

"What do you suppose she was doing that for?" wondered Mrs. King aloud when she had a chance to speak to Mr. King alone.

"Oh, she's probably imagining she's a bird or an air spirit," laughed Cornelia's father.

[THE END]

The Merging of Religion, Science, and Art

PART II



O those who are aware of the increasing intensity of the spiritual forces being focused upon the earth at the present time and of the corresponding trend of the times in the affairs of mankind, it comes as no surprise to note so many evidences of the complete disintegration of the materialistic concept of the Universe which has prevailed among the scientists in the past. Nevertheless, it is altogether gratifying to read such a wholehearted acknowledgment of the swinging of the scientific pendulum from the material to the spiritual as appeared in an editorial in *Life* for April 7 of this year. "Materialism and science worship," it is stated, "are in full retreat, eminent scientists leading the chase. Millikan proclaims that 'the mechanistic philosophy is bankrupt.' The trend is toward God all right. . . ."

Occult philosophy teaches that evolution proceeds on a spiral, and that there are therefore similarities in periods of evolution which correspond roughly with each other in their positions on the spiral, the latest period of course showing the greatest development. So it is that we are now harnessing forces and inventing contrivances which have been in use in the past, but which will be perfected to a higher degree in this age than in former ones. The increasing intensity of the Christ Power radiating from the center of the earth, along with the Aquarian vibrations now being focused upon the earth, has created the conditions propitious for the "bringing through" by advanced Egos of secrets of Nature which may be used to great advantage in man's progress. Radar, jet-propulsion, atomic energy, etc., are now ours to use as we will.

Thus the recent progress of science

has caused man to deal more and more with forces not cognized by the physical senses—forces invisible and intangible, but at the same time real and powerful—and consequently it has become necessary to revise the body of principles which the material scientists have evolved as a working basis. Undoubtedly, the main principle brought to the fore and emphasized by this "new science" is that of unity—the thread of oneness running through all creation. As Millikan puts it: "There is an inter-relatedness, a unity, a oneness about the whole of nature, and yet still an amazing mystery." This fundamental principle, accepted by both religion and science, provides a sound basis for building a social order in which people will have a faith based upon knowledge.

In *The American Weekly* for April 6 of this year, Dr. Alfred L. Kroeber, professor of Anthropology and Director of the Museum of Anthropology at the University of California, is quoted as saying that "Faith underlies the very foundation of science. Faith in the 'oneness of God' corresponds in science to faith in the oneness, the impartial uniformity, of the laws of the universe. The enlightenment of science deepens the significance of spiritual worship, belief in the oneness of humanity, in the value of human life, in the unity of human culture." Thus we come to see God wherever "the laws of the universe" are found manifesting, be it in Nature or in the scientists' laboratories where the mysteries of the atom, nuclear fission, electronics, cosmic energy, etc., are studied and investigated. Indeed, may we not properly designate God as a Supreme Body of Laws?

Perhaps the most outstanding recent exposition of the now more generally accepted idea of the existence of an over-all Intelligence, Wisdom, or God by the

scientists is to be found in an enthralling volume entitled *Human Destiny* and written by the eminent French biologist, Dr. Lecomte du Nouy, formerly of Rockefeller Institute and the Pasteur Institute, and an associate of the late Dr. Alexis Carrel. The purpose of this significant and thoroughly inspiring book is given by Fulton Oursler in *The Reader's Digest* for March, 1947, as follows: "By means of science and reason, Dr. du Nouy seeks to turn into realities those old, disputed hopes of mankind—free will, a meaning for life, the importance of the individual, immortality and God." And for many he does turn these "disputed hopes" into realities—glowing realities! No intelligent reader can refrain from responding to the rare combination of scientific knowledge, logic, and spiritual understanding with which this extraordinary book is written.

In dealing with some of the fundamental principles which have been points of controversy between the scientists and the religionists in the past, Dr. du Nouy points out that actually the science of today "leads us to the necessity of the idea of God," and also to the conclusion that there is obviously something higher in man than that which enjoys and pursues the sensual pleasures. As proof of the latter he cites the fact that some individuals have refused to be dominated by the senses, and have contributed greatly to the progress of the world and themselves by living lives which followed a high moral pattern. The "religious spirit" in man has preceded the religions, and the "releasing, directing, and developing" of this "religious spirit" becomes the road for man's progress.

Unquestionably, a general recognition by our scientists and educators of the fact that man is essentially Spirit, and that he is born upon this earth to unfold his latent spiritual powers by means of experience in the material world, will of necessity bring about a greatly-to-be-desired forward step in our way of

thinking and living. In fact, a recognition of these fundamental principles will constitute the pivot upon which the light of a united religion, science, and art will turn to enlighten and comfort all the world.

While explaining that the "hypothesis of God" is essential to a comprehension of "our entire, organized, living universe," Dr. du Nouy disposes simply and clearly of the term "anti-chance," which has been in use among some of the scientists. He states that actually the lack of knowledge on the part of atheists and agnostics concerning physical elements, in which they believe, indicates an "irrational faith," of which they are seemingly unaware. Furthermore, a "cultivated, scientific mind" cannot be satisfied with the word "anti-chance" because this word repudiates the body of definite laws which constitute the basis of science. In other words, to admit the existence of an "anti-chance" admits the existence of an "irrational influence," which is contrary to the scientific concept of the material universe.

Human Destiny is a book which every person interested in the welfare and progress of humanity should read, even though he already be a "believer," for it not only presents logical, scientific reasons for basing life upon spiritual rather than material values, but also gives specific suggestions for meeting the problems existing in the world today in such a way as to bring about a permanently more peaceful, progressive state of affairs. Particularly is the chapter on "Education and Instruction" of value in this respect, stressing two principal factors which must become basic in our educational system: the moral training of children, and the denationalization of education in general. A safe, sane, and progressive world can come about only when the high moral principles which assure "human dignity" are taught the child from its infancy, and when the curricula—especially history—of all schools become so universal that "national vanity" will be elimi-

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nated. This is entirely in accord with the teachings of occult philosophy that the separative influence of the Race Spirits must give way to the unifying power of the Christ.

No one can deny that education, as Dr. du Nouy says, is the weapon of progress. It remains for this weapon to be used to the fullest advantage. Certainly it is encouraging to note that leading scientists and religionists all over the world are realizing the necessity of having incorporated into the curricula of schools everywhere the basic truths which they are agreed upon and which will do much to insure mutual understanding and sympathy between nations. Dr. du Nouy is obviously getting at the root of the matter when he states that a better society can be molded only by direct action on youth, and that the Christian principles, which alone are "based on liberty and the respect of human dignity," must replace all "pseudomysticisms." Surely no one can question his statement that "when people have received the same education, when they obey the same moral rules and think universally, they do not easily accept the idea of fighting each other and are very near an understanding."

In this connection it is interesting to consider an item which appeared in *Newsweek* for May 26, 1947, which gives an account of a meeting held at Princeton University by principals and headmasters of fifty schools in the United States, Canada, and England, to discuss "The Responsibilities of Secondary Education in the Years Ahead." "All recognized the fact that changes of one kind or another were imminent—and necessary." Christian Gauss, dean emeritus of Princeton, commented that "The task of sound general education is not discharged by teaching more nationalistic history, even American history. Preparing students for a democratic life involves the development of larger perspective and deeper moral insight."

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LETTERS TO MY MISSING SON

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bereavement without mourning. God's promise is, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." If we continually surround our loved ones with God's protecting Love and care, through our prayers, and still they are taken, then we can rest in the assurance that God has work for them in the realm of spirit and that they are happier there. In time, if we continue to advance spiritually ourselves, we will come to the place where we can rejoice because everything is working out for our greater good.

Lovingly, Mother.

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W. BLAKE: VISIONARY GENIUS

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of the freer age in poetry which began some twenty years later. In these poems, too, may be found hints of the radical political ideas expressed more forcibly later on.

In 1778 Blake completed his apprenticeship, being then twenty-one, and set out to earn his own living as a professional engraver. He executed many commissions for booksellers and publishers for the next twenty years, largely supporting himself by this means. In 1780 (the progressed Sun trining Mars in Leo) he first exhibited pictures at the Royal Academy where they were admired by Romney.

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