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DIADEM of MAY

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Fair is the morn, when—
 April showers fall;
 Fairer still the noon, when—
 Maybells sound their call.
 Gone are chilling frosts,
 That hung o'er moat and moor;
 Come thou festive Summer,
 Chant the elfin tune and score.

Waken'd from a wintry doze,
 Elementals stretch and stir;
 Gath'ring invisible garments,
 Midst howling tempest — wheels a'whir.
 Within each confine and sphere of office,
 Four Denizens archetypal work;
 Building with the fire of Ram,
 No labors to Spirit do they shirk.

Miniature blacksmith and brownish gardner,
 Form the lightning and the rock;
 Watery vessel and wee airship,
 Shape ocean and wind by starry clock.
 Has'en now a festive climax,
 Faun and fauna brightly altered;
 By reflecting Moon, Spirits clash,
 Warring and faltered.

Higher, sounds a realm of tone,
 Echoes far the Master chord;
 Workers all with tools of trade unite;
 Filling cosmic space and ward.
 May, queenly adorned in stately robe,
 Tenders celestial beauty;
 For God to geometrize and man to see,
 Underlying diadem of duty.



Is the Earth Splitting?

NATURE

The rounded world is fair to see,
 Nine times folded in mystery;
 Though baffled seers cannot impart
 The secret of its laboring heart,
 Throb thine with Nature's throbbing breast,
 And all is clear from East to West.
 Spirit that lurks each form within
 Beckons to spirit of its kin;
 Self-kindled every atom glows,
 And hints the future which it owes.

—*Ralph Waldo Emerson.*

DONALD W. IVERSON

FROM the prolific pen and illumined heart of the great Seer, Max Heindel, have come volumes of inspirational writings concerning God, man, and the world. Science, and religion too, are little by little confirming much of this man's monumental work. Every Rosicrucian Student who takes the trouble to keep abreast of the times via TV, newspapers, radio, magazines, and scientific revelations, is from time to time amazed at the modern revelations which were so long ago known and reported by him.

However, there is one thing which is unique for a man who has written on such a vast array of subjects, which apply to virtually every phase of life, and that is, in Max Heindel's writings we find an almost complete lack of apocalyptic writings. Nevertheless, on the few actual predictions of world importance that he did make, a book could well be written showing how uncannily accurate these have proved themselves to be in the years that have followed.

This article will relate to only one of his observations and predictions of world importance. As an Initiate, Max Heindel had the mystical ability to consciously function in the inner worlds and bring back into this world his observations made there. One of the great

phenomena that commanded his attention and ardent interest over a long period of time was the molding in mind stuff — in the World of Thought — of the archetype, or matrix, of a New Earth.

In *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, we are taught that man, in his after death experiences, works on the flora and fauna of life and also helps to build a spiritual, or thought, pattern which the Earth itself will conform to when this inner pattern is complete and that when the Grand Architect has so infused this form with life — through a series of cataclysms — this earth will take on the shape of this matrix. The building of this thought pattern has been going on for many centuries and Max Heindel has estimated that this archetype will have been completed by 1950 and that by, and after, this time we should be experiencing some of these earth shaking eruptions which will help this Earth to assume this new shape.

The Rosicrucian teaching is that this Earth — like man — is an evolving being and that just as man's Dense Body is destined to become less dense and more etherealized, so too, is the Earth itself destined to become less hard, and more etheric. Also, the reshaping of the Earth by man before taking another dip into matter — between births — must take place in this outer world to allow for greater variety of experience when he again takes up this school of life where he left off at the close of his last embodiment.

Everything that exists in this world — including the Earth itself — must first of all have an exact archetype which molds the physical atoms and molecules of this world. These archetypes are not only models but are living things which are the invisible cause and life behind everything which exists on this Earth. These various archetypes are infused with life of a certain sort and destined for a certain life span. When any particular archetype ceases to sing its song of life, the form dies. In the case of the Earth and its archetype — this archetype must first be altered before the Earth is altered. What Max Heindel has seen is the archetype of this Earth as it (the Earth) will be in the future.

In answer to a question concerning the validity of Mother Shipton's prophecies made 50 years before America was discovered, now recorded in the Rosicrucian book, *Questions and Answers*, Vol. 2, page 493, Max Heindel says that upheavals of the Earth's crust will take place and that through volcanic outbursts and earthquakes this will come about over perhaps long periods of time.

What he is saying, in effect, is that by 1950 we should be seeing some of the evidences of this change. In further comment of Mother Shipton's prophecy (printed at the end of this editorial for the reader's interest) he says that the reference she makes concerning the end of the world in 1991 may be a great upheaval, or world shaking explosion, of such magnitude as to justify her prophecy. He doesn't believe, of course, that this will actually be the end of the world.

Scientists in the field of geology have made some dire predictions concerning earthquakes which could, or will, take place along certain large earth faults. Earthquake and volcanic activity have been reported for the past few years in seemingly greater abundance.

But, the most startling revelation yet made has come from a scientific revelation that the Earth's crust is gradually splitting apart! Five years ago a young cartographer, Marie Tharp, noticed that a series of earthquakes appeared to originate near the location of some known underwater trenches. Explorations on the high seas via hydrography plotted these locations and a *continuous rift line* was evident which virtually encircled the globe! The average undersea valley was two miles deep and 25 miles wide — banded by 6,000 foot mountains. These findings were reported by Columbia University geologists.

The Rosierucian teaching is that this Earth consists of nine layers or strata with a center core. Just below the Mineral Stratum — of which we are all aware — there is the Fluid Stratum, which is more fluid than the outside crust, but not water — more like a thick paste. This stratum has great capacity of expansion, like that of an exceedingly explosive gas, and is kept in place only by the enormous pressure of the outer shell. Were that removed, the whole of the Fluid Stratum would disappear in space with a tremendous explosion!

When the Earth's splitting has become severe enough it is logical to assume that violent reactions from this Fluid Stratum will become apparent. We know that the Earth has undergone many face lifting changes in the past and is bound to continue changing in the future. What this poignantly reveals to all of us is that we are all temporary wanderers on the face of Mother Earth and what we should do is rejoice in knowing that the Earth's Spirit is becoming less and less imprisoned and just as this change is taking place in the Earth, so too within each of us is a change taking place making us less materialistic and more spiritual. It is our responsibility to keep in tune with the changing times and prepare ourselves in all ways for any eventualities of life.

For much worthwhile reading on this subject the reader is referred to Chapter XVIII, in the book, *The Rosierucian Cosmo-Conception*. The poem, Nature, at the head of this editorial also reveals that Emerson had a deep insight into the mysteries of what we fondly call, Mother Earth.

MOTHER SHIPTON'S PROPHECIES

(*Prophesied by the Yorkshire seeress 50 years before
America's discovery*)

Carriages without horses shall go,
And accidents fill the world with woe;
Primrose Hill in London shall be,
And in its center a Bishop's See;
Around the world thoughts shall fly
In the twinkling of an eye;
Water shall great wonders do.
How Strange! yet shall be true,

The world upside down shall be,
 And gold found at the root of trees;
 Through hills man shall ride,
 And no horse or ass by his side;
 Under water men shall walk,
 Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk.
 In the air men shall be seen,
 In white, in black, and in green.

A great man shall come and go!
 Iron in water shall float
 As easy as a wooden boat,
 And gold shall be found
 In a land that's not now known.
 Fire and water shall more wonders do,
 England shall at last admit a Jew;
 The Jew that was held in scorn
 Shall of a Christian be born.
 A house of glass shall come to pass
 In England, but alas!
 War will follow with the work
 In the land of the Pagan and Turk,
 And State and State in fierce strife
 Will seek each other's life.
 But when the North shall divide the South,
 An Eagle shall build in the Lion's mouth.
 Taxes for blood and for war
 Shall come to every door.
 Three times shall lovely France
 Be led to play a bloody dance,
 Before her people shall be free,
 Three tyrant rulers shall she see —
 Three rulers in succession see,
 Each sprung from different dynasty;
 Then shall the worser fight be done,
 England and France shall be as one;
 The British olive next shall twine
 In marriage with the German Vine.
 Men shall walk over rivers and under rivers.
 All England's sons that plough the land
 Shall be seen book in hand;
 Learning shall so ebb and flow,
 The poor shall most wisdom know.
 Waters shall flow where corn doth grow.
 Corn shall grow where waters doth flow;
 Houses shall appear in the vales below.
 And covered by hail and snow.
 The world then to an end shall come,
 Nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

THE Mystic ... LIGHT



The Invisible Temple

ALICE M. COLEMAN

IN the 13th chapter of Matthew, verses 13-17, we find these words: "Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see and shall not perceive. For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes and hear with *their* ears and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

"But blessed *are* your eyes for they see; and your ears for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous *men* have desired to see *those things* which ye see, and have not seen *them*; and to hear *those things* which ye hear, and have not heard *them*."

It has been said that one can quote the Bible to support any statement that one wishes to make: but those who have the key and the understanding, know that as they progress in spiritual knowledge, the more profound will be their interpretations of the hidden truths contained in the Book of Books.

Those, who by attraction of the Rosi-

crucian Ray, are brought into contact with the occult teachings, as given out by the Elder Brothers of the Rose Cross, are those *who are blessed*: for they have the opportunity whereby they may train themselves so that having "eyes they may see" and "having ears they may also hear" and above all they come to "understand in their hearts" many wonderful things that prophets and wise men have desired to know and understand in ages past. Through these teachings a great amount of man's history has been revealed and in a great measure explained, so that one is able to know much about the path that is behind us and in some measure able to deduce something of the stages that are ahead if *one wills to tread them*.

Man's physical vehicles have a long period of growth behind them. If we study the most crystallized vehicle that man was functioning in on the continent of Lemuria, we find that man then was physically blind, but he had not yet lost his spiritual sight; he had the light within: he was conscious in a manner, of the super-physical states, but not of his physical surroundings.

Physical sight was not developed until the time in Atlantis which is recorded in the Bible as the fall of man. Then man became aware of his physical surroundings but at a price. The price was

heavy, for he lost all consciousness of the super-physical states of being and consequently any conscious contact with the Divine. Seeing with the physical eyes, the material plane, he saw not with the spiritual eye the spiritual planes and as his "Heart waxed gross" he lacked the spiritual understanding. His spiritual sight was sacrificed for a time so that he might learn to work with and help the lower kingdoms in their development, and gain a knowledge of the physical world and its evolution. It is with his physical senses as his tools that he has learned so many lessons on the physical plane. Physical sight was the last of the physical senses to be acquired, and as the Christ has told us "the last shall be the first and the first last," we may apply this to the faculty of sight.

We have descended unconsciously and in succession have lost our spiritual perceptions, but we are now ascending consciously and regaining those spiritual perceptions on a higher round of the spiral path of development, so that one by one we shall attain our spiritual powers in a fully conscious manner.

Material eyesight was the last of the physical senses to be acquired; it will be the first sense to be lost, and to be replaced by a spiritual one. Just as surely as we rose above the waters of Atlantis and adapted ourselves to the changed atmospheric conditions and learned how to live in clear air instead of the heavy, moisture-laden, murky Atlantean atmosphere, so shall we in the time that is to come develop those senses and faculties most suited to the conditions as they will be in the ages yet to come.

Already occultists tell us the nature of the eye is changing; as the physical sight is lost it will be surely replaced by a spiritual one when man has reached the stage where it becomes necessary. When man has by the influence of the Christ Rays come to the stage of spiritual illumination, then those spiritual glands which he has within the brain,

namely the pineal gland and the pituitary body, will extend the faculty of spiritual sight to the entire body, and man will no longer have need of the physical eyes: for the sense of sight will be extended over the entire body as the sense of feeling is now. This is readily understood to a greater degree now by those who are developing or have developed a certain measure of spiritual sight in a conscious manner.

This, however, cannot happen to the *majority* until the new element of inter-planetary ether has become stronger and more have become aware of the inner urge which is slowly but surely impelling mankind to adopt an *attitude of altruism*.

As in all matters of involution and evolution there are no gaps or sudden changes: there are many stages of growth before us for investigation at all times, if we but avail ourselves of the opportunities to study them.

There are always within our reach those who have forged ahead on the journey of life and are willing and eager to look back and help those of us who can in any way respond to that help. (Nor must we forget that there are those whom we can help with what little knowledge we already possess "for with what measure ye meet it shall be measured to you again.") It is because of these *more developed* souls that there is so much occult teaching for us to find: and from them we may learn, even if we lack personal experience on the subject, that spiritual sight is already being developed among the pioneers of the humanity on this planet. The knowledge that this spiritual vision brings to us is of immense importance after we have been so long enmeshed in the grip of physical matter, as it gives back to us in a conscious manner this time, a certain measure of knowledge of things super-physical and divine.

We are all more or less conversant with many of the laws of cause and effect as applied to the solid and liquid and gas of physical matter. They are

clearly demonstrable to our physical senses; each one, unless abnormal in some way, sees exactly the same result each time from any given cause under similar conditions. If we heat water to a certain temperature under ordinary atmospheric conditions, it will boil: if someone is knocked down or run over his bones are usually broken and his flesh damaged. These are physical results of a physical cause, but if we see someone in a rage, do we know exactly what is taking place within that person? Or if we see someone in an attitude of prayer, do our physical senses tell us whether he is praying because he is thankful or because he is distressed?

But if that man is sincere in his devotions, and one looked at him with spiritually trained super-physical vision, one would be utterly astounded at what one would see. Each thought and emotion that the person was creating by his devotional exercise would be perfectly visible to one so trained and his thoughts and aspirations would be readily understood.

All thoughts and emotions, good, bad or indifferent, send out clouds or forms of light or shadow, of varying hues and intensity, of varying speeds and shapes according to the quality and intensity of the force which created them.

Some thoughts and emotions alter the individual's aura for a moment only; others are able to build and send out on its journey a definite force in a definite shape to do a definite work.

In the Rosicrucian Healing Service, it is said that if the healing power that is sent out in love for others is sufficiently strong, a thought form will be built and ensouled: and if constantly fed by an exact repetition and earnest devotion of the service, it will become stronger and more efficient as the power of the worshipers increases. Nor is the super-physical emanation limited to the human aura and thought forms sent out.

If, when one had observed with spiritual vision the man at his devotion, one then looked *around and above the*

temple itself one would, in most places of sincere worship, be aghast at the miracle of the spiritual structure that the thoughts and prayers of the worshipers had built. All their thoughts, their hopes and ambitions, all their prayers and songs of praise by constantly being repeated in intense sincerity, in the same location, would have built a more or less stable structure in the etheric region.

Every room, every home, every building has an etheric atmosphere around it that is constantly being built or scattered by the thoughts and emotions of those beings whose atmosphere comes into contact with it: every place has its etheric structure but in the case of a place of worship where prayers and songs of praise are sent out in sincerity to God, it is of a stronger and more powerful nature.

Wherever there is sincere prayer and worship, no matter of what creed, color or denomination the worshipers may be, *there is attracted an outpouring of spirit from the realms of the Divine* and it may be received accordingly as are the needs of those who pray and worship there.

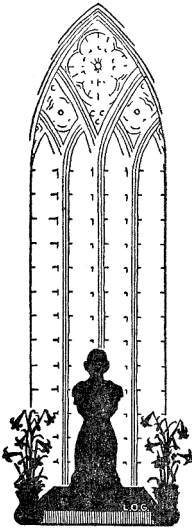
According to this need, is this power from God drawn by the sincerity of the worshipers to that particular building and as a result the spiritual temple is built in harmony, rhythm, form and color in keeping with the teaching and worship conducted there.

Max Heindel visited the Temple of the Rosicrucians as a guest as well as a pupil, but Mrs. Heindel tells us that where the Temple was located ever remained a secret with Max Heindel. He could only reveal that it was in Germany and not a great distance from the noted baths at Carlsbad. But at no time did he ever reveal its exact location for the reason that were it ever to become publicly known, the publicity would destroy the peace and best work of the Brotherhood.

Many have searched in vain to find the Temple while in the physical body; even the Lay Brothers and Sisters of

the Rosierucian Order, unless they have a certain mission to perform as was the case with Max Heindel, are not permitted to find the Temple in the physical body: but they may and do visit it on the night of their particular degree work, and may retain the memory of the appearance of the inner Temple arrangements, but when they wake they do not remember the physical location.

The five Brothers of the Rosierucian Order who do not leave the Temple live in a house which people in general consider the house of some well to do but not ostentatious person. But outside that house and in that house and through that house is the real Temple.



The real Temple of the Rosierucian Brothers is *etheric* and it has been built and is maintained around and through the physical home of the Rosierucian Brothers; is extraordinary, and not to be compared with any other structure. In fact, the house itself is so permeated with spirituality that an ordinary individual would not feel at all comfortable in such an atmosphere.

One can feel as uncomfortable and out of place where the spiritual vibrations are above one's status as one can in a place that has a low, gross and material atmosphere, and of a vibration lower than one's own.

It is interesting also to know the way in which the wonderful place is guarded from what one may term spiritual intruders: that is, those who have learned to function in the spiritual planes, but are not yet suited to take part in any of the services conducted in such a place. All the lay Brothers and Sisters have full access in their spiritual bodies to the Temple during all days but they are debarred from the midnight services of degrees which they have not taken.

Nor is it a visible physical guard who stands at the door, but is a wall invisible and impenetrable to those who have not yet received the *open sesame*.

Every night it is differently constituted so that should a pupil by mistake or through forgetfulness seek to enter the Temple when the exercises are above his status he would learn that it is possible to bump one's head against a spiritual wall and that the experience was by no means pleasant. It constitutes a guard more vigilant and effective than "all the king's horses and all the king's men" because it is built of something that is, speaking from the occult standpoint more *real* than any physical guard could ever be; no physical structure could prevent the entry of one that was functioning in his higher vehicles: it is only the *spiritual atmosphere* that is built into the physical structure that can invite or repel one so functioning.

None can go in his higher bodies into an atmosphere that is too far above his spiritual status and in like manner there is difficulty for those of high spiritual attainment in getting into the surroundings and atmosphere of those who are beclouded and bedimmed by an abundance of worldiness and material mindedness.

We who have been in London in the winter time know what a fog can be like on the physical plane. It dims our sight, dulls our hearing and chokes our senses of taste and smell with its foul impurities. All the senses that we have are confused more or less when we have many hours of fog.

We may well compare this condition with that which surrounds many who have become centered in the material aspect or are overwhelmed or depressed by the conditions of life that they have built for themselves, and we can in some degree realize the difficulty experienced by those who would help them from the higher side of life. It is exceedingly difficult for them to draw closely to the murky and heavy conditions that such ones are building.

The same applies to a spiritual Temple: the object of a spiritual Temple is that it should be a place and condition that those from the higher planes may be able to visit and cooperate in the work that those on the physical plane are trying to do. This cannot be done with any degree of efficiency unless the invisible atmosphere is built *to*, and maintained *at*, a *high spiritual standard*, and this can only be done by the *constant and repeated effort* of all those who attend the temple to pray and worship.

The invisible Temple (invisible only to those who have not the spiritual vision) gives a true picture and record of the spiritual work that has been accomplished in that place of worship. The beauty and physical quiet that one associates with a Church are only the outward and visible signs of the higher and more spiritual structure that can be built around the physical one.

The idea of the Church or Temple is first created in the minds of those who first think about it: their idea is then clothed in desire stuff and given sufficient incentive until it can come forth as a physical structure on this material plane. Then from the spiritual essence of that church and the work carried on repeatedly in that location there is built the spiritual or real church that lives in a wonderful form, resplendent in the most glorious colors and vibrating with soul stirring harmony in and around, through and above, the form of the physical church.

Does this not help us to realize that

our spiritual contribution should be the very best that we can offer?

Material contributions we know are essential to the material well-being of the physical church; but the spiritual contribution that each one brings and gives to the temple is of immense importance whether one realizes it or not. Therefore let us endeavor to make our physical temple and the invisible spiritual one, such that we can say of each that it is:

*A thing of beauty . . . a joy forever;
Its loveliness increases; it will never
Pass into nothingness.*

* * *

RETROSPECTION

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?

Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?

This day is almost over and its toiling time is through;

Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Did you give a cheerful greeting to the friend who came along,

Or a childish sort of "howdy" and then vanish in the throng?

Were you selfish, pure and simple, as you rushed along your way,

Or is someone mighty grateful for a deed you did today?

Can you say tonight in parting with the day that's slipping fast,

That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?

Does a man whose hopes are fading now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or use it, was it well or poorly spent?

Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that God would say

You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?

—Edgar S. Guest,

THE HIDDEN WAY

EUGENE E. THOMAS

TO the seeker who stands at the entrance of the path that leads to spiritual unfoldment, the Hidden Way seems indeed a way that is secret and difficult to find. Because it is not easy of access, it becomes a thing of mystery. A religion without a mystery is like a temple without a God; it lacks the "spark," the "something" which keeps the altar fires burning through the darkness so that the Light may never be wholly extinguished. In the liturgies of all religions, Christian or otherwise, we find an element of power is attached to sacred words and numbers, invocative arrangements of the name of Deity, purification rites, the perfume of incense, affirmations and denials, and many other minor practices which seem to keep us on the very borderland of magic.

That this is so should be inevitable, until man has reached the stage of development where he no longer needs the appeal through the world of sense. We are so enthralled in our eager pursuit of earthly joys and gains that we have no time to listen to the calls of the Soul within. It beats against our consciousness like miniature waves against a wall of granite. Oftentimes it is only by holding before the senses the alluring enchantment of the world which seems to border on magic that our interest is awakened. The ecstatic delight of the moment attunes us to higher vibrations, and we begin to wonder if there is not something to life that is greater and sweeter than that which we have known. Then only do we open the door to the Infinite and discern at least a fleeting glimpse of the transcendental world—of the deeper, inner currents of a more glorious and abundant life which is constantly surging about us and through

us. Never again can we be quite the same as we were before the coming of this exalted moment. Though we may be unconscious of it, we have turned our faces toward the dawn of Truth, and evermore the clarion call will sound for us. Some day we must gladly answer, though it be tomorrow or not until a future life. Sacraments and rhythmical invocations are but outward symbols or manifestations of a worship and reverence for something that is hidden. When we bow before the altar, we do so only because it represents Divinity. We bring our gifts of love, devotions and consecrated service to the Christ, just as in that early morning centuries ago, the Magi brought their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The realization of Reality, even for a moment, is a stupendous accomplishment, but it must become sometime the permanent realization of our existence.

"The Father and I are One." "In Him we live and move and have our Being." This is the profound and elusive language of the soul or higher consciousness—a language that is as glorious and real as it seems elusive. This exalted consciousness has been exemplified so infrequently that it is as yet but little understood. Many are seeking and the path grows brighter. When man ate of the Tree of Knowledge, he loosened the fibers of the golden thread which bound him to the pulse of Omnipotence. His objective faculties began to predominate. The world of sense became his abiding place, and gradually, more and more, he separated himself from his spiritual abode to dwell in the realm of the physical. Then he discovered that he was naked—bereft of the transcendental consciousness which clothed him in the shining garments of Light and Immor-

talities, of Truth and Beauty and Godhood. He found that he was far from his Father's house, wandering in a strange and lonely land; that he was starving on husks while a feast awaited him in his Father's home. He had wandered so far and had become so enmeshed in the chains of material things and the pleasures of the senses that he found it difficult to retrace his steps. He had clothed himself in the black mantle of ignorance, superstition, false belief and agnosticism, which, however fully it might seem to cover him, revealed the nakedness in which he really dwelt—the absence of the consciousness which disclosed to him the flame of Divinity forever smoldering within. And until he does awaken to this knowledge, and allows the soft, white mantle of Infinite Truth and Love to enfold him, he will remain a wanderer in a strange and shadowy land.

From an exalted spiritual attitude, man has descended to a lower plane of life, swayed and conquered by selfish thoughts and ideas; mastered by the seeming glamorous enticements of the sensuous level he has reached. This "fall" of man has been the subject of wide discussion down through the ages. It has been the nucleus of many sermons; it has been the cause of much grief and anguish, and many there are who have regretted and deplored the so-called disaster. But to the thinking mind of recent years comes the knowledge that there was no "fall"—no "disaster." Everything that exists is included in the Divine Plan. It was a necessary part of man's experience to enter the plane of matter, to learn by bitter experience, if need be, that he himself was full of weakness and frailties; to realize the full meaning of the Divinely spoken words, "Of myself I can do nothing; the Father within, He doeth the works"; to know that without the awakening of the Christ within him, he was as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. Then he comes into the con-

sciousness that his is the power and the glory to become a cocreator with the Infinite; that his mission on earth is to assist in the uplifting and spiritualization of all matter, and thus hasten the evolution of the universe. Before he could enter into this part of God's plan for him, he must refine and purify the material part of himself—the physical body in which he was to dwell during his earthly pilgrimage. By lifting himself he would be raising the vibration of every existing atom in creation. Knowing the weakness of the lower self, he could now rely implicitly upon the strength and power of the Divinity within to accomplish the mighty purpose of life. He realizes that he can be an open channel through which the crystal stream of Divine Love and Power may have its uninterrupted flow, that from him may radiate the golden aura of the Christ, in all of its ineffable beauty and purity—healing, blessing and uplifting all that it might touch.

Without all the varied experiences of the earth plane—its sorrows, its heartaches, its loneliness and chaos, as well as its fleeting joys—he could not understand the sorrows of those who would follow in his footsteps and who would look to him for deliverance from bondage. Nor could he know the full meaning of Divine compassion, without which he must turn his face away from the ugly things of earth. He must plumb the depths of suffering, as well as ascend the heights of bliss, in order to be the perfect instrument attuned to celestial melodies. Without a knowledge of the baser metals, the alchemist could not transmute them into gold; without a knowledge of the baser emotions, man could not purify and refine and transmute them into mighty forces that unite with the Infinite powers of God—forces which ever gain more powerful momentum as they beat against the barriers of ignorance and fear that separate mankind from his Creator.

The Wonders of Living Things

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"The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth His handiwork."—Psalms 19:1.

MEN have pondered thoughtfully throughout the ages over the mysteries of living things upon the earth, even as they have philosophized regarding those sparkling lights that twinkle through the night. What life really is and how it came into being is still unknown. But marvelous revelations have been given to devoted scientists who have spent their lives in laboratories searching for the truth. With their microscopes and technical instruments, they have studied even the minutest specks of life invisible to the unaided eye, trying to find that secret essence—the starting point of living things—plants and animals. Yes, they have found the key to the mystery lock, but the door cannot yet be opened. The conclusion is that life as such originated under conditions beyond the sphere of scientific research.

It is accepted today that life essence from the physical viewpoint, seems to have definite chemical composition, and the elements of which living matter is composed seem also to exist in non-living bodies, but only in living organisms are they combined in such proportions as to form a substance known as protoplasm,* a substance that may be called the physical basis of life. This protoplasm, the living substance or physical basis of life, constitutes the soft parts of the cells of plants and animals. Cells are

usually microscopic parcels of this living fluid, each with a central core, or nucleus.

Protozoa is the name given subkingdom animals made up of creatures composed of a single cell. Among the protozoa, we find organisms of varying degrees of complexity. Such simple forms as amoeba demonstrate animal life reduced to its most elemental expression.

From amoeba to man is a fascinating story. Let us try to get a brief concept of this strange little creature. Amoeba is the name given to a number of these lowest one-celled animals which consist of unit masses of living substance. Some species live in fresh or salt water, some in damp soil, while some are parasites living on other animals. Amoeba vary in size from extremely microscopic forms to creatures about 3/25 of an inch. The amoeba really means "changing thing." The shape of the amoeba is fantastic because it is almost constantly changing its form.

Here is one of the greatest wonders of creation. Imagine a mere speck of "jelly," without eyes, nose, mouth, or nerves! Yet this tiny amoeba that is just a single cell, is constantly searching for food to maintain its life. It seems to have a keen awareness, an inner knowing, when it nears something good to eat. It is ever on the move and with some magical power is constantly changing its shape to fit its needs from a mounded mass to a many-armed creature ready to capture food. When the urge comes to act, a portion of this tiny mass of "jelly" seems to flow out like an arm or leg—one, two, or more—as the need requires. As it crawls near the object it seeks—a tiny living thing or fragment of dead plant—it thrusts out part of itself, touches its food, and then

* Protoplasm gets its name from two Greek words which mean "first material," because it is the "stuff" out of which every living thing is made. It is really the only thing in the Universe which is organically alive.

folds itself around it like magic, the food disappears, seemingly absorbed through its "skin." Strange as it may seem, this tiny creature instinctively knows what it wants and needs for food. It is choosy. If a drop of acid or foreign substance is put in its watery home, it suddenly shrinks from it.

What happens to this food? This amoeba has no stomach, no liver, no kidneys, yet through its transparent "body" if you could call it that, scientists have observed a digestive process. "The minute food particles seem to float inside, a ball of liquid appears much as saliva comes out of our glands in our mouths. Slowly this fluid digests the food, and if there are any useless remains they are just as magically pushed out of the amoeba at any place that seems to be handy." What a marvelous process, compared to our complex digestive system! But that does not complete our story.

This strange one-celled creature has no breathing apparatus, no gills like fish, no lungs, and all living things must be supplied with that life-giving oxygen to perpetuate life. The all-wise Creator has taken care of that also. Oxygen from water in which the amoeba swims seems to soak through the fine skin into the amoeba's "body" and there forms carbon dioxide, which oozes out through the skin into the water. In other words, "it breathes all over through its skin."

To repeat, this tiny amoeba is certainly the most wonderful speck of life in existence. Think of it! seemingly, this mere speck of jelly without physical organs of any kind, is yet endowed with the ability to produce "arms" when needed out of itself, a sensitivity to hunt food, to eat it, to digest it. It breathes without lungs, it can protect itself from enemies. But we must carry our story even further. This tiny amoeba can perpetuate its species by division and multiplication, thus fulfilling its life purpose. And do not forget that this microscopic thing must be studied only

through a microscope. Let us see what happens.

Through some strange phenomenon, when this little amoeba matures, it stretches itself out as if reaching for some unknown mate. Slowly it narrows in the very middle of its mass with almost equal parts on each side of the connecting link. Then, behold, slowly, rhythmically, that one-celled living thing separates, and the "one" like magic again becomes two, each amoeba exactly the same. The original amoeba does not die; it simply divided and became two, and in due time the process repeats itself and the two become four, and the four become eight, and the eight become sixteen, and so on and on, producing millions upon millions of amoeba, each the image of the other.

As one essayist expressed it rather humorously, in recalling that famous old song, "Old soldiers never die; they simply fade away," so with this self-perpetuating little amoeba, "Old amoebas never die; they simply split and multiply." But, I might add, only until they are devoured by other hungry living things equally determined to perpetuate their lives.

This is the story of the life cycle of only one little single-cell creature, but every form of life has its own almost unbelievable way of expressing this magic thing we call Life.

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In the direction of the minutely small, the increasing perfection of the microscope has achieved results similar to those of the telescope; a world that was hitherto invisible to us has been discovered, containing an exceeding activity of Life and marked by a diversity of form scarcely less complex than the world we behold through our unaided senses.—Max Heindel.

MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

Teachings of an Initiate

Our Work in the World



CHAPTER XXII

THE Region of Concrete Thought, as you will remember from our other teachings, is the realm of sound, where the harmony of the spheres, the celestial music, pervades all that is as the atmosphere of the earth surrounds and envelops everything terrestrial. Everything there may be said to be wrapped in and permeated by music. The WORD of God there sounds forth and forms all the various types which later crystallize into the things we behold in the terrestrial world.

On the piano five dark keys and seven white constitute the octave. Besides the seven globes upon which we evolve during a Day of Manifestation there are five dark globes which we traverse during the Cosmic Nights. In each life cycle the Ego withdraws for a time to the densest of these five, that is, Chaos, the formless world where nothing remains save the centers of force known as seed atoms. At the beginning of a new cycle the Ego descends again into the Region of Concrete Thought, where the "music of the spheres" at once sets the seed atoms into vibration.

There are seven spheres, the planets of our solar system. Each has its own keynote and emits a sound varying from that of every other planet. One or another among them vibrates in particular synchrony with the seed atom of the Ego then seeking embodiment. This

planet then corresponds to the "tonic" in the musical scale; and though the tones from all the planets are necessary to build up an organism completely, each is modified and made to conform to the basic impact given by the most harmonious planet, which is therefore the ruler of that life, its Father Star. As in terrestrial music so also in the celestial there are harmonies and discords, and these impinge upon the seed atom and aid in building the archetype. Vibratory lines of force are thus formed, which later attract and arrange physical particles as spores or sand are marshaled into geometrical figures by bowing a brass plate with a violin bow.

Along these archetypal lines of vibration the physical body is later built, and thus it expresses accurately the harmony of the spheres as it was played during the period of construction. This period, however, is much longer than the actual period of gestation, and varies according to the complexity of the structure required by the life seeking physical manifestation. Nor is the process of construction of the archetype continuous, for under aspects of the planets which produce notes to which the vibratory powers of the seed atom cannot respond it simply hums over those which it has already learned, and thus engaged it waits for a new sound which it can use to build more of the organism which it desires in order to express itself. Thus, seeing that the terrestrial or-

ganism which each of us inhabits is molded along vibratory lines produced by the song of the spheres, we may realize that the inharmonies which express themselves as disease are produced in the first place by spiritual inharmony within. It is further evident that if we can obtain accurate knowledge concerning the direct cause of the inharmony and remedy it, the physical manifestation of disease will shortly disappear. It is this information which is given by the horoscope of birth, for there each planet in its house and sign expresses harmony or discord, health or disease. Therefore all methods of healing are adequate only in proportion as they take into consideration the stellar harmonies and discords expressed in the wheel of life—the horoscope.

While the laws of nature that govern in the lower realms are all-powerful under ordinary circumstances, there are higher laws which pertain to the spiritual realms and which may under certain circumstances be made to supersede the former. For instance, the forgiveness of sins upon recognition thereof and true repentance is made to supersede the law which demands an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. When Christ walked upon this earth and healed the sick, He being the Lord of the Sun, embodied within Himself the synthesis of the stellar vibrations as the octave embodies all the tones of the scale, and He could therefore emit from Himself the true corrective planetary influence required in each case. He sensed the inharmony and knew at once wherewith to offset it by virtue of His exalted development. He had need of no further preparation, but obtained results at once by substituting harmony for the planetary discord which caused the disease wherewith He was dealing. Only in one case did He take refuge in the higher law and say, "Arise, thy sins are forgiven."

Likewise with the ordinary methods employed in the Rosicrucian System of Healing, they depend upon a knowledge

of the planetary inharmonies which cause disease and the correcting influence which will remedy the same. This has sufficed in all the instances which have come under our notice to date. However, there is a more powerful method available under a higher law which may accelerate recovery in cases of long standing, and under certain circumstances where the sincere and heartfelt recognition of wrong exists may even obliterate the effects of disease before destiny, cold and hard, would otherwise so decree.

When we look with spiritual vision upon one who is diseased, whether the physical body be emaciated or not, it is plainly evident to the seer that the finer vehicles are much more tenuous than during health. Thus they do not transmit to the physical body a proper quota of vitality, and as a consequence that instrument becomes more or less disrupted. But whatever may be the state of emaciation of the rest of the physical body, certain centers which are tenuous during health in a degree varying with the spiritual development of the man, become clogged in an increasing degree according to the seriousness of the disease. This is particularly true of the main center between the eyebrows. Therein the Spirit is immured, sometimes to such an extent that it loses touch with the outer world and its progress and becomes so thoroughly centered upon its own condition that only complete rupture of the physical body can set it free. This may be a process of long years, and in the meantime the planetary inharmony which caused the initial disease may have passed by, but the sufferer is unable to take advantage of the improved conditions. In such cases a spiritual outpouring of a special kind is necessary to bring to the soul its message, "Thy sins are forgiven." When that has been heard, it may respond to the command, "Take up thy bed and walk."

None among our present humanity can measure anywhere near the stature of

the Christ, consequently none can exercise His power in such extreme cases; but the need of that power in active manifestation exists today as much as it did two thousand years ago. Spirit pervades everything in and upon our planet, but in a varying measure. It has more affinity for some substances than for others. Being an emanation from the Christ Principle, it is the Universal Spirit composing the World of Life Spirit that restores the synthetic harmony of the body.

A substance was shown to the writer in the Temple of the Rosierucians on the memorable night previously mentioned, with which the Universal Spirit could be combined as readily as great quantities of ammonia combine with water. Inside the central sphere mentioned in a previous lesson was a smaller container which held a number of packages filled with that substance. When the Brothers had placed themselves in certain positions, when the harmony of certain music had prepared the way, suddenly the three globes commenced to glow with the three primary colors, blue, yellow, and red. To the vision of the writer it was plain how during the incantation of the formula the container having in it the before-mentioned packages became aglow with a spiritual essence that was not there before. Some of these were later used by the Brothers with instantaneous success. Before them the crystallizing particles enveloping the spiritual centers of the patient scattered like magic, and the sufferer awoke to a recognition of physical health and well-being.

Next month—*Eternal Damnation and Salvation.*

UNSELFISHNESS

MAX HEINDEL

Selfishness is the one fault we never confess. I have heard men and women stand up publicly or in private and confess to almost every sin on the calendar save this single one of selfishness. Yes, we even deceive ourselves by imagining that we ourselves are not selfish. We see this trait of character very plainly in others if we are at all observant, but fail to perceive the beam in our own eye; and so long as we do not admit this great fault to ourselves and strive seriously to overcome it, we cannot progress upon the pathway of love.

Thomas à Kempis says: "I would rather feel compunction than know how to define it"; and we may well substitute the word love for compunction. If we could only feel love rather than merely be able to define it!

In the measure that we cultivate this virtue of unselfishness we shall attain to love, for they are synonymous as was shown by Paul in that inimitable thirteenth chapter of 1st Corinthians.

When a poor brother knocks at our doors, do we give him as little as we can? If so, we are selfish. Or do we help him only because our conscience will not allow us to let him go? Then also this is selfishness, for we do not want to feel the pangs of conscience. Even though we give our lives for a cause, is there not the thought that it is our work? . . . Let us not deceive ourselves; let us fight the demon of selfishness and be ever watchful against its subtle onslaughts. As a matter of actual fact we only keep what we give; our bodies decay and our possessions are left behind, but our good deeds remain ours for all eternity.



WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Origin of the Scriptures

References: Genesis, chapters 16, 17, 18, 21; I Corinthians 3:13; Galatians 4:22-26.

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

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

It was a detriment to the world when Religion shackled Science. Ignorance and superstition caused untold woe; nevertheless, man then cherished a lofty spiritual ideal. He hoped for a higher and better life. It would be infinitely more disastrous should Science kill Religion. Therefore a state of agnosticism and materialism cannot continue. Reaction must set in. If it should not, anarchy would rend the Cosmos. To avert such a calamity, Religion, Science, and Art must reunite in a higher expression of the Good, the True, and the Beautiful than obtained before the separation.

A spiritual religion, however, cannot blend with a materialistic science any more than oil can mix with water. Therefore, Science must be spiritualized and Religion made scientific.

In order to study the Bible intelligently, it is essential that one approach

it with an open mind. Fixed, preconceived views of the Scriptures in their generally accepted *versions* as being the only true and inspired Word of God, infallible, etc., are clouds which at the outset blind one to the real illumination that may come from careful, unprejudiced study. There are, however, hidden beneath the interpolations, mistranslations, etc., pearls of truth for which it behooves every earnest student of life and being to seek, and if certain important facts are kept in mind as one studies, new light and understanding will be the reward.

In the first place, let us remember that the words of the Hebrew language, particularly the old style, run into one another and are not divided as are those of our language. Add to this that there is a custom of leaving out vowels from the writing, so that in reading much depends upon where and how they are inserted, and it will be seen how great are the difficulties to be surmounted in ascertaining the original meaning. A slight change may entirely alter the significance of almost any sentence.

In addition to these great difficulties we must also bear in mind that of the forty-seven translators of the King James version (that most commonly used in England and America), only three were Hebrew scholars, and of those three, two died before the Psalms had been translated! We must still further take into consideration that the Act which authorized the translation prohibited the translators from any rendition that would greatly deviate from or tend to disturb the already existing belief. It is evident, therefore, that the chances of getting a correct translation were very small indeed,

Nor were conditions much more favorable in Germany, for there Martin Luther was the chief translator and even he did not translate from the original Hebrew, but mainly from a Latin text. Most of the versions used in Continental Protestant countries today are simply translations, into different languages, of Luther's translation.

True, there have been revisions, but they have not greatly improved matters. Moreover, there are a large number of people in this country who insist that the *English* text of the King James version is absolutely correct from cover to cover, as though the Bible had been originally written in English, and the King James version were a certified copy of the original manuscript. So the old mistakes are still there, in spite of the efforts which have been made to eradicate them.

It must also be noted that those who originally wrote the Bible did not intend to give out the truth in such plain form that he who ran might read. Nothing was farther from their thoughts than to write an "open Book of God." The great seers who wrote the Zohar* are very emphatic upon this point. The secrets of the Torah were not to be understood by all, as the following quotation will show:

"Woe to the man who sees in the Torah (the law) only simple recitals and ordinary words! Because, if in truth it contained only these, we would even today be able to compose a Torah much more worthy of admiration. But it is not so. Each word of the Torah contains an elevated meaning and a sublime mystery. . . . The recitals of the

Thorah are the vestments of the Thorah. Woe to him who takes this vestment of the Thorah for the Thorah itself! . . . The simple take notice of the garments and recitals of the Thorah alone. They know no other thing. They see not that which is concealed under the vestment. *The more instructed men do not pay attention to the vestment, but to the body which it envelops.*"

In the preceding words the allegorical meanings are plainly implied. Paul also unequivocally says that the story of Abraham and the two sons whom he had by Sarah and Hagar is purely allegorical. (Gal. 4:22-26.) Many passages are veiled; others are to be taken verbatim.



As in a field sown with potatoes there are not only these *vegetables*, but also *the soil* in which they are hidden, so *in the Bible the pearls of occult truth are hidden in what are often hideous garments*. The occultist who has fitted himself to possess these pearls has received the key, and sees them plainly. To others they remain obscure until they also have worked for that key. Thus, while the story of the wanderings of the children of Israel and the dealings of a certain God with them is partially true, there is also a spiritual significance that is far more important than that material history. Even though the Gospels contain the great outlines of the life of

* *Zohar*: A Jewish cabalistic book introduced into Spain in the 13th century by the cabalistic writer, Moses de Leon, who attributed it to Simeon ben Yohai, a second century Jewish teacher. Under the form of a commentary on the Pentateuch, it contains a complete cabalistic theosophy, treating of God, the cosmogony and cosmology of the universe, the soul, sin, redemption, etc. Its contents indicate that it is the work of many authors, periods, and civilizations.

an individual called Jesus, they are formulae of initiation showing the experiences which everyone must eventually pass through on the way to the truth and the life.

The secrecy regarding these deep matters and the inevitable use of allegories where the mass of the people were permitted to come in contact with occult truths will also be apparent from the practice of Christ, who always spoke to the multitude in parables, afterward privately explaining to His disciples the deeper meaning contained therein. On several occasions He imposed secrecy upon them in regard to such private teachings.

Paul's methods are also in harmony with this, for he gives "milk" or the more elementary teachings to the "babes" in the faith, reserving the "meat" or deeper teachings for the "strong" — those who had qualified themselves to understand and receive them. (I Cor. 3:1-3.)

The Jewish Bible was originally written in Hebrew, but we do not possess one single line of the original writings. As early as 280 B.C. the Septuagint, a translation into Greek, was brought forth. Even in the time of Christ there was already the utmost confusion and diversity of opinion regarding what was to be admitted as original, and what had been interpolated.

It was not until the return from the Babylonian exile that the scribes began to piece together the different writings and not until about 500 A.D. did the Talmud appear, giving the first text resembling the present one, which, in view of the foregoing facts, cannot be perfect.

The Talmud was then taken in hand by the Masoretic School, which from 590 to about 800 A.D. was principally in Tiberias. With great and painstaking labor, a Hebrew Old Testament was produced which is the nearest to the original we have at the present time.

Thus, we may not contend for the

divinity of the Bible or hold that it is the Word of God from cover to cover, though we recognize the fact that it is a poor translation of the originals and that there are many interpolations which have been inserted at different times to support various ideas; nevertheless, the very fact that so much truth has been massed into such a small compass is a source of constant wonder to the occultist, who knows what the Book really is and has the key to its meaning. Let us then remember that *truth is many sided* and eternal; the quest for truth must also be all-embracing and never-ending.

We may liken truth to a mountain, and the various interpretations of that truth to different paths leading up to the summit. Many people are traveling along all of these paths and everyone



while he is at the bottom thinks his path is the only one; he sees only a small part of the mountain, and may therefore be justified in crying to his brothers, "You are wrong! Come over to my path; this is the only one that leads to the top." But as all these people progress upward, they will see that the paths converge at the top and that they are all one in the ultimate.

It may be said most emphatically that no system of thought which has ever been able to attract and hold the attention of a large number of people for a considerable time has been without its truth; and whether we perceive it or not, there is in every sect the kernel of divine teachings which is gradually bringing them upward toward the top of the mountain. Therefore we should practice the utmost tolerance for every belief.



The Precession of the Equinoxes

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IT is interesting to compare the explanations of modern astronomy with that of occult science in respect to what is known as the precession of the equinoxes. Encyclopedias describe it as a slow westward movement of the Earth along the ecliptic of the equinoctial points at which the Sun crosses the celestial equator. This movement was discovered by Hipparchus in 130 B.C. Newton was the first to explain it as caused by action or attraction of the planets, Moon and Sun, on Earth's protuberant equatorial ring, so that daily the equinoctial points reach the meridian a little sooner than they otherwise would, and that to perform one circuit or circle of the northern heavens the equinoctial points require 25,868 years.

Jeans in his *The Stars in Their Courses* calls it "the wanderings of the pole" and says that 3,000 years ago the North Pole was 17 degrees farther south than at present, so that Europeans could see parts of the southern skies which are now invisible, and that this explains why many of the southern constellations have Greek and Latin names.

Now, this circuit of the heavens that scientists say the North Pole makes in the northern skies is a comparatively small circle and covers the constellations of the immediate vicinity of the north polar regions only. At present the North Pole points to the Pole Star; 4,300 years

from now it will point to the constellation Cepheus; in 8,600 years it will point to Cygnus; in 12,900 years to Hercules; in 17,200 years to Draco; in 21,500 years to Ursa Major, and in 25,868 years from now it will return to the present Pole Star again. These figures are approximate. The same kind of movements takes place with the South Pole except that constellations to which the South Pole will point are different. We are concerned principally with the North Pole because the greater portion of the land mass of our planet is concentrated around and near the North Pole and therefore containing most of the inhabitants of it, whereas the south polar regions are surrounded almost completely by water.

Scientists are in general agreement that this very slow movement of the Earth's axis has but little effect on physical conditions of the Earth's surface and that changes in its configuration are not due to this movement. There were other causes not as yet determined for the periodic changes in the past brought on by extensive glaciation throughout the world such as the gouging out of the Great Lakes; the forming of river valleys through hills; the great plains leveled smooth by glaciers; large and small lakes formed by receding glaciers, and so on. At least four different glacial periods in past history have been estab-

lished when vast ice formations covered large sections of the land mass that are now occupied and used by Earth's inhabitants. Many of these ice sheets were 2,500 feet to one mile thick and each one appeared at different intervals of time; the most recent epoch occurred 15,000 to 25,000 years ago. Approximate dates of previous periods are difficult to determine by science but there were several during the Pleistocene epoch, or ice age, about two million years ago.

Different theories have been advanced to account for the different glacial periods, such as the cooling of the Earth's surface; the shifting of continents; the shifting of the Earth's axis; the elevation of regions through crustal movements into the upper colder air; the changing of ocean currents, etc., but none of these hypotheses were conclusive or satisfactory and were therefore discarded. Scientists know what took place, and at what approximate time, but are unable to explain why it all happened.

It remains for Occult Science to put forth a theory that explains satisfactorily the phenomena of periodic glacial epochs; and if orthodox science will accept it, their questions will be answered.

The ancient Egyptians knew the answer to the puzzle, as is evidenced by the famous planisphere at Dendera in Egypt, a village on the Nile, where it is shown by records that they had a knowledge of it. In modern times it was H. P. Blavatsky who in the 1880's published in *The Secret Doctrine* a description of the method. This explanation is that the North Pole, instead of making only a comparatively small circle in the northern heavens performs a circle large enough to go around the globe completely, encircling it in a curving line from the North Pole to the South Pole on one side, and returning again to the North Pole on the other side.

The 25,868 figure, number of years required for the North Pole to make its circuit, presumably applies to the small

circle it performs in the northern heavens, a circle of 300 degrees at the rate of 71.85 years per degree. Mileage cannot be determined because it does not circle a planet; neither can its speed, in relation to mileage.

On the other hand, using the 25,868 figure when applied to a circle around the Earth (a circle of 25,000 miles circumference from pole to pole and back, which is the same figure as the circumference at the equator), the speed of this movement figures out to be 1.034 miles per year at the rate of 71.866 years per degree of 69,445 miles per degree, completing the circuit of 25,000 miles in 25,868 years.

In other words, while the Earth rotates from west to east once every 24 hours, or 1,042 miles per hour, it also rotates from north to south slightly over one mile in one year, following a circle of 25,000 miles. The circle may not be exactly north and south; it could possibly be north westerly and south easterly.

Now, this movement of the precession of the equinoxes, when applied to a circle around the Earth north and south, or nearly so, coincides almost exactly with the last appearance of the glaciers in North America, as determined by scientists, 15,000 to 25,000 years ago. According to this reckoning, 10,000 to 12,000 years ago, the Earth's axis was tilted to the extent that the north polar region of that time was located somewhere on the present Equator, and south of it, probably in the South Pacific Ocean and probably extended to the western part of South America. As the globe kept tilting, constantly changing its position before the Sun, the region farthest from the Sun at the time became the North Pole, its waters freezing to ice in huge formations, receding and melting as the region slowly approached the Sun again. Eventually it reached North America and another ice or glacial period took place; this one divided itself into three ice sheets; the Labrador

ice sheet; the North Central-Canada sheet; and the Cordilleran farther west, each doing its work of changing the surface of the United States while it kept moving north to its present position. Previous to this period it had moved across the other side of the globe as the pole moved southward, completing the circuit in about 26,000 years.

As the Earth kept rotating north and south, the Equator also kept changing its position before the Sun. As the North Pole constantly and relentlessly moved northward, the South Pole did likewise in the opposite direction, carrying with it its own ice formations, receding from the European and Asiatic continent and on across Australia to its present position. The movement is taking place even now, although it is slow enough for us not to notice to any great extent.



Accordingly, the present north polar cap is presently heading for the European continent again, probably striking Russia first and on south from there, one pole following the other, each with its own ice cap periodically changing the surface of the land it moves over. Not knowing exactly the route that polar ice caps will take in their circuits around the globe, it is possible that the south polar cap will miss land on its next trip north and take a water route most of the way to the present North Pole position, probably through the South and North Pacific Oceans until it reaches Alaska and Eastern Siberia.

In *Science Magazine*, June, 1956, published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, there appeared an article saying that certain

signs indicate that the glaciers are coming south again; that their last appearance was 11,000 years ago.

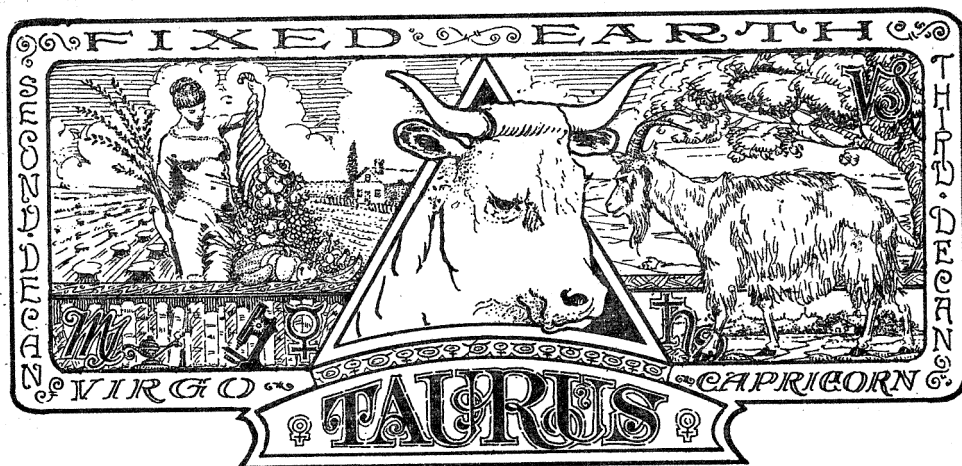
Yes, they are coming south again, but our theory has them moving south into Siberia and Russia, probably in the next five to seven thousand years.

Some years ago Sir Hubert Wilkins, a scientific investigator, published a treatise explaining a theory of his in regard to cities in Central and South America, originally buried in some way, that have been excavated and unearthed in recent years; also as to why tropical plants and huge mastodons, among others, had been found intact, preserved in the ice fields of the arctic regions.

His explanation was that 10,000 years ago the Earth had been thrown off its orbit by an outlaw planet from outer space approaching too close to the Earth, disrupting its gravitational fields and suddenly changing its movements and position before the Sun, so that catastrophic upheavals took place on its surface, such as displacement of oceans, sinking of continents and upheaving of others, thereby rapidly moving the polar ice caps. All this disturbance caused cities to be buried, animals and plants to change their locations radically and also caused the flood mentioned in the Bible.

When one considers the orderly movements of heavenly bodies, the systematic arrangements of solar systems and the whole universe functioning in obedience to law and order, it becomes very difficult to accept a theory that runs counter to the established order as we observe and understand it. Sudden catastrophic disturbances of Earth's orderly movements are not natural in a solar system or universe where changes, if any, are evolutionary rather than revolutionary. The theory of the slow movement of glaciers brought about by the orderly process of the precession of the equinoxes, taking place in obedience to

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The Children of Taurus, 1957

Birthdays: April 20 to May 21

AS the fiery flame of Aries, 1957, subsides and the Sun approaches the fertile earthy sign Taurus, he is preceded one day and one degree by Venus. The Sun and Venus join forces to quicken and beautify all that comes forth from the flowering earth in the Spring.

Taurus is the first of the earthy triplicity. It is a fixed earth sign, the second in the zodiac and has rule over the second or money house in the horoscope.

The Bull is the symbol of Taurus and, like the Bull, Taurians have more latent strength than any other group of the zodiac; they are pillars of strength, rugged, determined, patient, plodding, and practical. They become the backbone of their community upon which the foundations of society are founded.

The Taurian temperament is slow to start but sure to finish; it is kind, affectionate and peace loving and slow to anger. Taurus will tolerate a great deal for the sake of peace, but do not impose upon or try to force him. If prodded too far he will break forth into a violent rage bellowing like a bull.

Taurus is emotional and possessive, inclined to bestow his affection only upon his own whom he guards jealously. No other sign can be as stubborn and obstinate as Taurus; this is his worst quality; his best is stability. In rearing Taurian children these facts should be kept in mind. They can be best guided by an appeal to their love nature and practical sense; otherwise the fixed quality of the sign may be set in the wrong course with serious consequences. These children of the earth need to develop more philosophy in order to neutralize their resentments and to help them avoid outbursts of temper.

The average Taurian native partakes of both positive and negative qualities of the sign, according to his aspects. Expression of the positive qualities makes him composed, steadfast, self-reliant, faithful, thorough, and cautious. He will be devotional, sympathetic, constant and reliable; but when afflicted, he is likely to be intolerant, selfish, conceited and unreasonable; he may be prying, jealous and even revengeful, gluttonous and dishonest. The higher types of Taurians are all strong, constructive characters. Taurians are not given to idle speech; in fact they are inclined to be

reticent and secretive; their speech is appropriate to their persistent intellect; nor are they demonstrative. Taurus is the sign of inertia; its natives have a desire for power, and a love of money for the sake of the security and leisure which it provides.

Professionally Taurians are drawn toward financial institutions or construction for they are builders. They like cattle and ranching; make good gardeners and farmers or may become merchants or bankers. Due to the nature of Venus, the planetary ruler of Taurus, these children have artistic ability which should be cultivated. Taurus produces many fine artists, musicians and singers; they may also become successful beauticians. Taurus children should be taught to cultivate talent. The Moon is exalted when in this sign and gives the native personal charm and a good memory. Taurians love finery and want the best of everything although their taste is conservative. The keyword for Taurus is *I own*; the keynote is *peace*. Their color is green; their jewel, the emerald. In the physical body of man, Taurus rules the throat.

All children born during the solar month of Taurus, 1957, are subject to the basic influences of Uranus square Neptune. Although separating, these planets are still within orb and have a smoldering, violent or destructive influence which, like a concealed bomb, lies latent in their natures until activated for better or worse by aspects from the Sun, Venus or Mercury which may release the latent possibilities into sudden and explosive operation. Children born between April 20th and April 30th are, many of them, old and powerful Egos who may be subjected to severe temptations, drastic challenges and experiences throughout their lives in order to test the caliber of their characters and prepare them for universal service.

The Sun begins the month with an opposition to Neptune and a square to Uranus from April 20th to May 3rd.

These aspects have an undermining effect on the morals, making these children difficult to handle. They will be headstrong, self-willed, independent and rebellious; determined to have their own way. They will have impulsive, unreliable tendencies and a disregard for authority; some may develop destructive or anarchistic traits, while others may be subject to hysteria or brain storms.

From April 20 to April 27, Venus is also opposite Neptune and square Uranus, stimulating the emotions and weakening the morals. This gives a tendency toward clandestine love affairs and unconventional sex practices, and some danger of becoming involved in fraudulent financial schemes. These aspects indicate disappointment, sorrow and losses. All children born between April 20th and April 30th, must from early childhood be firmly disciplined and lovingly guided. They must be taught thrift, honesty and sound, healthy morals. Above all else these children must be made to respect the law and those in authority. They *must* learn, "God's will not mine be done," otherwise there is danger that some may become juvenile delinquents or adult criminals, a menace to society. Material values may be relied upon in training; never fail to reward their accomplishments in a material way, thus showing your love and appreciation for their efforts.

From April 20 to April 29, Mars is square Jupiter. This denotes extravagance, self-indulgence and recklessness; qualities which must be curbed or transmuted by teaching caution, thrift and consideration for others.

All children born between April 20 and April 30, must be from early youth subjected to the strictest discipline if they are to avoid the pitfalls of their own willful, self undoing. They must be taught emotional control, thrift, honesty and pure morals. It is absolutely necessary that they avoid spiritual seances and indulgence in alcohol or drugs; that they refrain from games of chance and

speculative ventures or any fraudulent schemes. They must be taught to be above reproach in financial and love life for scandal and catastrophe stalks their footsteps. All of these dangers lie concealed in the various aspects, but these sturdy little Taurians of 1957 are not "left holding the bag" of unruly tendencies to which they may have fallen heir without Divine help.

To offset, protect and aid them, during the greater part of the month, from April 20 to May 13, Venus, the Goddess of Love and Beauty and the Angel of Mercy, remains in their sign, surrounding these her own children with a strong current of love, beauty and refinement; offering them a variety of talents as outlets for the release of their excessive emotional tensions and determined wills.

From April 30 to May 12, Mercury joins Venus and the Sun in Taurus offering exceptional mental qualities and the ability to express ideas and high ideals through some artistic medium, for it calls forth the artistic side of the nature. Some outstanding artists, musicians or poets may appear among these children.

From April 26 to May 5, Mercury is trine Jupiter giving a broad minded optimistic disposition, correct reasoning and reliable judgment, honest sincerity, and success in law, literature, travel, and foreign affairs.

From May 1 to May 11, Venus is trine Jupiter and until May 21 the Sun is trine Jupiter. These are the most favorable of all planetary aspects, for they promise health, wealth and happiness. Those born during this period are thrice blessed; they will be philosophical, benevolent, religious and successful, honored and respected in the community. Among them there will be found bankers, lawyers, judges and executives. Most of them will acquire an abundance of worldly wealth.

On April 25, Mercury is stationary, turning retrograde. This has a tendency to retard mental processes.

Male children born on April 28 or April 29 will need special attention to their health due to the solar eclipse in 9 degrees of Taurus. During an eclipse a shadow is cast over the life-giving Sun, depriving those born on that day of some of the vital force normally received. To one extent this lowers the vitality and resistance to disease; these children will need more rest than the average and more energy producing foods. The lunar eclipse of May 13 will have a similar effect on female children born at that time. However, eclipses have greater influence upon world affairs than upon individuals.

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a system of law and order, is far more reasonable. Under that system, changes in the Earth's surface are gradual and afford time and opportunity for its inhabitants to adjust themselves accordingly, even though some of their established cities and other physical institutions are buried or swept away under the grinding and destructive process of moving glacial ice fields.

By this method the southern ice fields will eventually be exposed to the warm rays of the Sun and will gradually melt away, bringing that land mass into a condition where it will become habitable for human beings under the warm and friendly Sun. The same process will take place with the present north polar regions. New lands will appear for man to conquer; new challenges will face him in his ever present struggle to survive and win dominion and control over the forces he finds on his globe; new frontiers will appear, virgin, before he takes possession of them.

Such is the great law; truly it has been said that "there is nothing on Earth permanent except change."

Reading for a Subscriber's Child

LEE B.

Born: May 15, 1956, 1:21 P.M.

Latitude 38 N., Longitude 122 W.

Cusps of houses: 10th, Gemini 15; 11th, Cancer 20; 12th, Leo 22; Asc., Virgo 18:02; 2nd, Libra 11; 3rd, Scorpio 10.

Position of the planets: Sun, 25 Taurus; Mercury, 8:48 Gemini R; Dragon's Tail 8:55 Gemini; Venus, 4:39 Cancer; Uranus, 28:55 Cancer; Moon, 7:26 Leo; Jupiter, 22:39 Leo; Pluto, 26:06 Leo; Neptune, 28:22 Libra; Saturn, 29:54 Scorpio R; Part of Fortune, 0:28 Sagittarius; Mars, 19:17 Aquarius; Dragon's Head, 8:55 Sagittarius.

Planets rising on the eastern side of the horoscope and the majority of them above the earth, as they are in this chart, denote an active, ambitious and objective life for the native who will be able to achieve his goal on his own resources and through his own efforts. As the Sun, Venus and Jupiter, all benefics, ride high in the heavens, there is also promise of good fortune, protection and early success—but not without difficulties. Lee will have many disappointments in life and obstacles to overcome. This is indicated by the six planets, Sun, Moon, Jupiter, Pluto, Saturn and Mars, all in fixed signs arranged in cross formation, but fortunately, not angular.

According to The Rosicrucian Teachings, a fixed cross of this kind is the result of the Ego's having repeated the same errors throughout a series of previous incarnations, until certain undesirable qualities have become established in the character or crystallized in the body as constitutional weaknesses. This offers a handicap to Lee until he learns through careful, loving guidance and strict discipline to overcome his tendencies to be over confident, extravagant and bombastic. The Sun square Mars

indicates a hot temper and a reckless waste of energy. The squares of Jupiter to Saturn and the Sun make him self indulgent, greedy and somewhat of a "show off."

Lee will not be an easy child to train because of the fixity of his planets and the heavy afflictions to his Sun. The opposition of Saturn may weaken his resistance to disease and temptation. The Mars, Jupiter, Saturn configuration suggests a cruel side to the nature and indulgence in rash adventures, reckless pleasures and extravagance. Unless these tendencies are curbed in early life they may result in serious heart ailments later. This child should have some religious or philosophical training and learn to respect the opinions of others.

The Sun sextile Uranus opens the door of opportunity for the expression of original, ingenious and scientific ideas. It gives personal magnetism and attracts many loyal friends to him who will aid in the realization of his hopes and ambitions, but best of all this aspect fortifies him with strong will power and a humanitarian spirit which will enable him to overcome the weaknesses in his character.

Uranus in the professional 10th house is trine Neptune in the 2nd house of earned money. This gives a soul for music, harmony and beauty, and talents which could be developed into remunerative professions.

A choice of careers is available as the dual sign of Gemini is on the Mid-heaven. Mercury is in Gemini, highly elevated and sextile to the Moon in Leo. This gives a good receptive mind, a retentive memory and creative ability. With Virgo rising, also ruled by Mercury, Lee has an analytical, practical outlook on life and a willingness to serve. A successful career might be

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Vocational Guidance Advice

EDSEL V. W.

Born January 21, 1931, 1:05 A.M.
Latitude 48 N., Longitude 122 W.

Cusps of Houses: 10th, Leo 11; 11th, Virgo 14; 12th, Libra 11; Asc., Scorpio 2:11; 2nd, Sagittarius, 0; 3rd, Capricorn 3.

Position of planets: Sun, Aquarius 0:23; Moon, Aquarius 20:05; Uranus, Aries 11:51; Dragon's Head, Aries 18:32; Jupiter, Cancer 13:31 R; Pluto, Cancer 19:39; Mars, Leo 9:27 R; Neptune, Virgo 5:16 R; Dragon's Tail, Libra 18:32; Part of Fortune, Sagittarius 0:53; Venus, Sagittarius 14:07; Mercury, Capricorn 7:12; Saturn, Capricorn 16:08.

In aiding an individual in the selection of a vocation or profession, one must consider the temperament and natural characteristics by studying the birth chart as a whole and the 10th house in particular.

In Edsel's chart the majority of planets are below the earth which makes his life somewhat subjective and delays his accomplishments; but as they are also rising in the Eastern Hemisphere he will be able to achieve success after mid life, through his own efforts, especially as Mars, ruler of his Ascendant, is highly elevated in the 10th house sign, well aspected by the Part of Fortune, Venus, Uranus and the Nodes. This gives him a strong urge to be personally in the public eye. It gives him pride, ambition and an enterprising, fighting spirit, accompanied by good fortune and success.

The planets in this horoscope are well distributed; cardinal, fixed and common, fire, earth, air and water signs are all represented. Thus equipped, Edsel is well balanced and fortified to face the world. However, there is a tendency to scatter his forces and to act on impulse, as there are five plan-

ets in cardinal signs and all are scattered throughout the wheel. Fixed signs on angles, and both the ruler of the Ascendant and the Sun in fixed signs help to counteract this; give fixity of purpose, and help him to stabilize his forces.

Mercury rising ahead of the Sun conjunct Saturn in Capricorn and three planets in the 3rd house give Edsel an excellent mind, foresight and ability to concentrate. Their trine to Neptune in Virgo in the 10th house shows his high, inspirational ideals and his honest conscientious endeavors to give them practical expression and use them in a professional way.

Leo on the 10th cusp suggests creative ability, a leader and an organizer. It also indicates success in youth movements and educational projects, as well as ingenious ability in the entertainment world, for Leo is the sign of entertainment and Neptune is co-ruler of his 5th, the natural Leo or entertainment house, while the Sun, ruler of the 10th house, is sextile Venus. The key or clue to Leo's professional accomplishments is actually contained in the Sun, as the Sun is the focal point in every horoscope and in his chart it rules the 10th house.

Edsel's Sun is in the 3rd house, the house of the mind and the department of expression. His Sun has just entered the progressive, scientific, humanitarian sign of Aquarius, the most brilliant and unpredictable sign of the zodiac, preeminently mental and primarily interested in scientific matters. This gives him many original, ingenious ideas, artistic and mechanical, with some inventive ability. He must be permitted to work these ideas out in his own way. The Moon also in Aquarius increases the intuition and gives a vivid imagination with the power of calling images up be-

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THE CAUSE OF A COLD

OF late a great deal of publicity has been given to the hopes and aims of medical science to come up with a serum, which will not only cure, but make everyone immune to the common cold. For decades science has tried through every method known and by countless thousands of hours of laboratory research to find the wonder drug or serum which will make the cold obsolete. The common cold is a universal plague upon mankind and certainly no effort should be lost or wasted in trying to find the cure of this discomforting ailment. In many cases it is the open sesame to other more dreadful diseases and is a constant threat to one's well-being. The amount of money lost and hours of work lost due to this sickness would amount to staggering sums.

Many medicines are on the market which claim to help cure the cold and there are even some persons who suffer so much over the fear of a cold that they take regular injections which are supposed to help make them impervious to the cold germ—if there is such a thing as a cold germ, which no one at this moment knows for sure—which causes this illness. It is sometimes wondered if perhaps the clue to the true cause of the cold won't be much like the celebrated case of the man who left his farm in Africa looking for diamonds elsewhere in the world, only to learn years later that just where he had lived

—on the very farm—was discovered the world's largest diamond mine. The cause, and cure, of the cold must lie within man. It must be found by studying and understanding the habits of man and especially how these habits affect his body chemistry.

The body, we know, is a great and complicated chemical furnace. If the scientist of today were able to probe beyond the physical and examine the etheric substance which plays such an important part in the body chemistry, he would long ago have found the reason for the cold. So long as man seeks only to deal with effects and perfect serums which will build up antibodies in the system, he will only succeed in allowing the real cause to seek other avenues of expression. The true cure of anything will not be found by dealing with the symptoms, but must be found by determining its cause. It is one thing to give a pill for a headache, but it is another thing to determine the cause of this headache. One may, in fact, take a pill that will deaden the pain and thus camouflage the illness, but if this person persists in breaking the laws of nature which brought on this pain, he may lay himself open to greater dangers. However, if the true cause is determined, then the person is in the most advantageous position of correcting his ways and protecting himself from this illness in the future.

Everything you do has an effect upon your health. Even your mental attitude on life does in a great measure determine the state of your physical well-being. This fact is well affirmed by medical science today. Also it is a well known fact that a balanced diet of natural foods is necessary for radiant health. And when we combine the above realization with the knowledge that the Sun's energy entering the system via the spleen also plays a great part in the health and life picture, we have a fairly complete picture of this highly complex field of health and healing. These realizations, rightly understood, help us to solve the puzzle as to why there are those who have a natural immunity to a disease, while others easily fall victim to it even when both parties have been equally exposed. It will also help to understand why it is that the body at one time has greater resistance to disease than it has at other times. This is true of colds as well as other illnesses.

To understand what the Rosicrucian answer to the cause of the common cold is, it is necessary that we understand more than is generally known about this truly marvelous mechanism of the physical body. The Vital Body maintains and builds the physical body by means of a volume of etheric life-force which comes into the body by way of the spleen.

The physical body is then literally filled with this etheric life-force and this force then radiates out of the body—through the countless pores of the skin. This etheric force carries with it, in its radiations out of the body, microbes, poisons, gases, etc., which are a threat to the physical body. Thus there is a continuous life-giving inflow and outflow of this vital essence. So long as this force, which comes direct from the central Sun, keeps its volume of intake and outlet via the skin good health is assured.

However, when the system becomes so clogged with foreign matter, poisons, etc., brought about by breaking the laws

of nature, this inflow and outflow of etheric life is impeded and thus weakness, and sickness result.

The individualized Ego, the "I" of everyone, uses the various bodies mentioned in the Rosicrucian terminology as its tools. Seen spiritually, the blood, which is the medium of the Ego, within the Dense Body, is etherealized according to the stage of development of the individual Ego. The illustration is given that just as steam condenses to water upon exposure to air, so, too, does the human blood become liquid when exposed to air. This fact gives a major clue to the real cause of the common



cold, as well as the basis of most of the ills which feed on mankind.

In addition to getting energy from the Sun by way of the spleen, man also, of course, needs and obtains nourishment from the food he eats. That part of the food which is transformed into blood does not remain in the fluid state but is evaporated, or even etherealized, by the Ego. This etherealized blood then surges through the whole body—like the aforementioned steam in a boiler—and when it comes in contact with the cold air through the pores of the skin (which are clogged by a surplus amount of food poison and partially anesthetized and deadened, so as to be unresponsive

to the nervous impulse which otherwise closes these pores partially against the chill) the blood is liquified or partly liquified *within the body* and becomes a burden and a clog to that part of the blood stream which would not normally be affected. Thus the greatly feared micro-organisms are generated which form the pus and symptoms incidental to a cold.

To summarize the cause of a cold, it is important that the reader bears in mind that the real cure of a cold lies in maintaining a condition of health which will naturally make the body immune to this ill. Max Heindel says that the health of a person varies with his view of life in almost exact ratio. This



subtle etheric life-force is quite amenable to thought patterns and therefore the most important point to remember is that an optimistic, happy attitude toward all persons is imperative to good health. Anger, malice, fear, hatred, worry, and all forms of negative thinking cause the Ego to shrink into a shell—so to speak—and prevent proper assimilation of the radiant etheric life-forces, as well as preventing proper assimilation of the food eaten.

An unhealthy diet, excessive eating, insufficient mastication, wrong habits of living, and ignorance of a natural diet, help clog the body with poisons which block the system and lay the foundation for all disease.

ROSICRUCIAN TERMINOLOGY

The Rosicrucian Philosophy teaches that man is a complex being, an Ego, or threefold Spirit possessing:

(1) *A Dense Body*, composed of the solids, liquids, and gases of the Physical World. It is the visible instrument he uses here in this world to fetch and carry—the body which people ordinarily think of as the whole man.

(2) *A Vital Body*, which is made of ether and interpenetrates the visible body as ether permeates all other forms, except that the human beings specialize a greater amount of the universal ether than other forms. This ethereal body is our instrument for specializing the vital energy of the Sun, and for carrying on the functions of assimilation, growth, propagation, etc.

(3) *A Desire Body*, which is our emotional nature. This finer vehicle pervades both the Dense and Vital Bodies. It is seen by clairvoyant vision to extend about sixteen inches outside the visible body, which is located in the center of this ovoid cloud as the yoke is in the center of an egg. The Desire Body contains sense centers which, when properly developed, are man's means of perception in the Desire World.

(4) *The Mind*, which is a mirror, reflecting the outer world and enabling the Ego to transmit its commands as thought and word. It is the link between the Spirit and its bodies. At the present time it is but an unformed cloud, but will eventually be as well organized as man's other bodies.

The Ego is the threefold Spirit which uses these vehicles to gather experience in the school of life and transmute it into soul power. *The Ego* is the "I" of each person—the individual consciousness which is normally thought of as the *self*, or *personality*, that expresses through the above vehicles.



PHOTOSYNTHESIS OF LIFE

THIS is the time of year when all of nature is undergoing prodigious and inspiring cycles of growth. As if by magic, the dead bush, vine, and tree have sprung into majestic life at the silent command of the Master Builder. The inner drama of the elements is now manifest before us in uncounted multiplications of color, tone, bud, and blossom. The soul senses that what the eye sees—even in all its resplendent glory—is but an infinitesimal part of a larger, more profound alchemy of life.

We revel in the sight and scent of the bloom from tree and shrub but even this we know is only a small part of an unseen process of life carried in and about the fauna at which we marvel. Perhaps, we may think, this is like the iceberg which is nine-tenths submerged, leaving only one-tenth observable. From whence has the sudden irresistible urge within this plant life come? How has this force constructed such an infinitely perfect and superbly designed product which commands the humble admiration, and feeble imitation of the greatest craftsman and architect?

As in all things in the universe, we must be content with seeing the effects only of a vast ocean of cosmic knowledge and life-force . . . that is so long as we see and feel only with physical hands and eyes. By our physical senses we can observe and examine coldly, practically everything which exists on this earth. But it takes a heart and soul,

and spiritual vision to deeply and mystically sense and enjoy the true essence of these things we see. Always behind the physical manifestation there is a greater, more luxuriant source.

Observable nature is still our best teacher. We know that to reap a ripe harvest at the fall of the year we must be industrious in caring for our plants. We see the cycles of life and death in flower and seed—the greatest, most simple, and sublime example for child and adult on the immortality of life. Immaculately we see the law of cause and effect taught as we note the ratio between the care our plants receive and the results obtained in growth and beauty. When Christ Jesus eloquently pleaded with us to, "*consider the lilies, how they grow,*" He was making an appeal to the chaste heart which abides within each of us.

In all the mysteries concerning plant life, the process of photosynthesis is no doubt the greatest. Photosynthesis, even in the light of modern science, is a little understood alchemical process by which chlorophyll—mainly in the leaf of the plant—utilizes carbon dioxide, moisture, and the red and blue-violet rays of the Sun to grow and renew itself in the same sense in which we take food into our own system to sustain and help develop the physical body. From such ethereal things as light, gas, and moisture this lowly plant life compounds carbohydrates—and other elements in

the intermediate stage—and as if this wasn't enough, throws off, into the atmosphere, oxygen, which is the vital gas so necessary to life.

Surprisingly enough, only about ten percent of the growth of the tree—for example—actually comes from the soil itself. This means that ninety percent of its growth comes from the atmosphere!

Man sometimes feels that he receives all of his life from the food he consumes. In the course of gaining a living, home life, TV, sports, and numerous other activities, he becomes lost—as it were—in the world of effects. Today, more than at any time in history, man needs to take time daily for prayer—to realize that his true life comes from an invisible fountain of life and that what he does by way of taking food into his system constitutes only a mere fraction of that which sustains his physical attributes. Even his food is not as physical as he may believe; for it too is surcharged with etheric life and it is this which truly builds the body temple.

In the literal sense there is a grand photosynthesis of life taking place within each person. The Light from the Father, the food from the earth, the thoughts from the mind, and indeed every ingredient that enters into your daily living, is transposed into what you are; physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually.

The healing message we send you this month from the healing light of the Invisible Helpers is that you should tend your garden of life with the same concern and love that you may tend your own flowers; water the inner man from the wellspring of prayer and service; convert the Sunlight of the Father into cheerfulness; cultivate a serene mind filled with thoughts of devotion, wisdom, and learning; and give thanks always that your only source of life is God and as you place yourself in harmony with Him and His laws, your health and inner joy are assured.

HEALING DATES

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:

April 6—12—19—26

May 3—10—16—24—31

June 6—13—20—27

Relax, close your eyes, and make a mental picture of the white rose in the center of the Rosicrucian Emblem on the west wall of our Pro-Ecclesia, and concentrate on *Divine Love and Healing*.



ROSICRUCIAN PRINCIPLES

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

How the Rosicrucians Heal The Sick

THE Rosicrucian method of healing is as effective as it is unique. It is a method which is accomplished by spiritual means but requires a certain amount of cooperation from the person who is in need of healing. The applicant is required to write the request in pen and ink, as this ink carries with it the effluvia of the Vital Body and becomes the means by which the Invisible Helper is able to gain entrance into the person's body and effect the required healing. Further, the person asking for help is required to write at least once each week giving a short report on his condition to keep the Invisible Helper informed as to the progress which is spiritually seen by the Invisible Helper via the effluvia carried in the ink of the new report.

Invisible Helpers are Probationers of the Rosicrucian Order who, by virtue of living a pure life, work under the guidance of the Elder Brothers and other Probationers who are physicians. They work in bands and do most of their work at night while their physical bodies are asleep. These bands are formed all over the globe, therefore this ministry is perpetual.

The Invisible Helpers will help any person under fourteen when asked to do so by the parent, but each person after this age must make his own request for help. Almost without exception the person who has asked for help will receive immediate relief—that very night. However, the actual healing will be accomplished in accordance with Nature's laws and this time varies with the condition and cooperation of the person in need. While the Invisible Helpers are giving help from the invisible realm, we request each person to seek within himself the cause of his problem and endeavor to apply the ounce of prevention where possible. Also, we request that the person cooperate in every way with our Healing Department and whether

the letter is immediately answered—which usually it is—or not, a weekly, brief report be sent to Headquarters on the progress made.

Diet should always be changed slowly. However, a vegetarian diet should be undertaken with accent on fresh fruits and vegetables.

This healing work is completely spiritual and even before your request reaches Headquarters, the Invisible Helpers, operating under the command of Christ to, "Heal the sick" are drawn to the person and must in accordance with absolute law, render all possible aid; "ask and ye shall receive."

Occasionally we refer those who have asked for help to a doctor of their choice to augment the healing. However, even if this is done, the Invisible Helpers continue their work from the inner realm—this is true even in cases of surgery.

We do not pray for anyone's prosperity, success, etc., however, by request sent to Headquarters the Invisible Helpers may help with personal problems of home, children, income, etc., where the need is based on one's spiritual welfare and harmonious home life.

Everyone is invited to join us in prayer for the sick at any time of the day or night, but especially at 6:30 P.M., your time, when possible. Close your eyes, relax, and envision the Rosicrucian Emblem with a pure white rose in the center and silently meditate upon the words, "Divine Love and Healing." You thus become a channel for releasing the healing balm which comes direct from the Father and this becomes the spiritual panacea which the Invisible Helpers use in their healing ministry. At various times of the day and night, prayers are said for the sick at Headquarters and everyone is given individual attention.

Send your request to The Rosicrucian Fellowship, Oceanside, California.

LEE B.

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chosen from the various mercurial professions, in the clerical or literary field; or some branch of transportation or communication industry, or in skilled handiwork. Lee will have *many* decisions to make in life.

This chart represents a powerful Ego completing a cycle, and meeting a "ripe destiny," as indicated by the common signs on the angles, the heavy, fixed cross and six planets placed in the last degrees of signs.

The presence of two powerful, fixed stars, Caput and Algol, with the Sun and Aldebaran with Mercury, give additional emphasis to the aspects made by these planets. The presence of these stars circling over the 9th house of the horoscope also warn that danger and violence lurk for Lee in foreign lands.

Lee has Pluto in his 12th house, square both Sun and Saturn. Not much is known about the influence of Pluto but it is said that this description and position represents the uninvited and unwelcome guest with whom the native will come into conscious contact; some think it represents the presence of the Dweller on the Threshold whom all must meet sometime. Unless one is properly prepared for this, great sorrow from fear and suffering will result. Lee's victory depends largely upon his early training and final decisions to either live a life of wholesome service or to waste his opportunities in riotous pleasure. The presence of the great benefic, Jupiter, standing guard in the cusp of the 12th house, guarantees protection, and Lee has a good mind and a strong will to see him through.

The sextile between Pluto and Neptune would make it possible for Lee to work as a reformer with those who have become public charges, helping to wipe out crime.

EDSEL V. W.

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fore his mind's eye. It adds to his personal magnetism and makes him attractive to friends of the opposite sex.

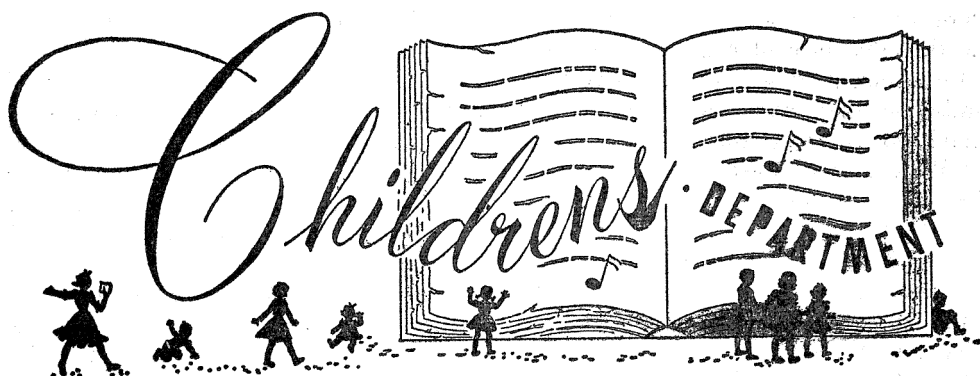
A spiritual and inspirational vibration permeates the entire chart due to a grand fire trine between Venus, Uranus and Mars. This force is directed through the 10th house of accomplishment and is interrupted in the 3rd house by the Sun, ruler of the 10th which is stationed between Venus and Uranus, sextile to each, offering opportunities for accomplishment in the field of art or the world of science. The influence of Venus gives Edsel an interest in and a talent for art.

The Sun sextile Uranus is essentially scientific in nature and humanitarian in effort. This aspect gives strong will power and determination, personal magnetism, healing power, great intuition, mental and mechanical genius. The sextile provides opportunity for the expression of these qualities and the assistance from Venus in the money house indicates financial success in either field of endeavor.

The trine between Venus and Uranus brings out all the altruistic side of the love nature; it denotes a great love for his fellow men.

Scorpio is on the Ascendant of this chart, giving a fixed, emotional and scientific outlook on life, psychic ability and an urge to investigate the secret forces of nature and discover their mysteries.

Although there is a strong artistic side to this young man's nature and opportunity for its development into a successful vocation, the greatest emphasis in the chart is on science. His scientific ability far exceeds the artistic. He is best qualified to make a name for himself in the scientific world, especially in aviation or electronics.



Bob's Awakening

BERTHA BEARD

(Conclusion)

AWAY he and his gang went, leaving Bob standing helpless in the fog and mud and crying out, "Oh, what shall I do?" Conscience came out and whispered, "Pray."

So Bob prayed, "Dear Lord, show me the way home. I want my mother!"

The next instant there came a whirl and a hum that sounded like a musical top, and a bright, rosy light shone all around them. Bob and Conscience looked up and saw an airship hovering just above. A fine looking, bright-faced boy looked down and said, "You are Bob Douglas, I believe. We just got an S.O.S from the Master to come and take you home. My name is Altruism, and my crew and ship are at your service. Courtesy, will you kindly give Bob a hand?"

As Bob hopped into the ship, Captain Altruism said, "We will rise up out of this place and leave it forever. Those who follow Boss Self and his gang think it is the Land of Self-Protection. But it is really the Land of Delusion. We are now entering the Land of Understanding, and our motto is, 'Consider the other fellow first.'"

Bob noticed that the air became clearer and clearer until everything was seen in its true proportions, and his head became much easier. He thanked Captain Altruism and looked about him at all the crew, every one a fine specimen of boyhood. There were Kindness, Justice, Mercy, Consideration, Sympathy, Courage, and many others, all husky and manly lads, and all intent on following out the orders of their beloved Captain.

Bob was surprised to see Humility hold his head so high. Success was not one bit "stuck up," although he was swathed from head to foot with honors and his breast covered with medals. No one seemed to be the least jealous of him. Indeed, they all acted as if his honors were their honors. That seemed to be the keynote of the whole crew. It was so different from the ugly gang Bob had just escaped from, who were all the time fighting among themselves.

Bob had never been in an airship before, but he noticed that this one did not look like any he had ever seen. It seemed to him it was made of silver and silk, and the structure was very odd. Captain Altruism said that there were none like it on earth, but that

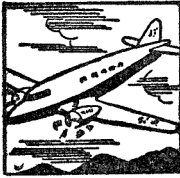
there would be soon, for this one was the thought form of a great inventor.

Bob looked down at the beautiful landscape they were sailing over and exclaimed at the beauty of it.

"What is that sweet perfume—orange blossoms?" he asked.

"No, that is the fragrance of the loving thoughts and prayers of the understanding ones," the Captain replied. "And do you see that lovely shining river just below? It is the river Sympathy. It is composed entirely of what look like pearls, but they are the tears of suffering humanity and of those who have sympathized with them."

He spoke to his pilot: "Kindly lower the ship, Consideration, so that Bob can touch the water. It is a wonderful tonic." As Bob let his hand drop into the quickly moving current of the river for a second, his whole body thrilled



through and through, and his head, which had been steadily improving, stopped aching entirely.

"Now, Bob," said the Captain, "we are almost home. We hope you will find everyone all right and that you will never let Boss Self deceive you again."

"I won't," said Bob. "I'd like to see you often, but I guess you are too busy and this land is too far from my home."

"Not at all," said the Captain. "We are never too busy to please those who need us, for that is our business; also this Land of Understanding is right around you all the time, and you can be in it if you desire to. Ah! here we are. There is your house. Consideration, please let us right down into Bob's room. Intuition, steady Bob while he climbs into the bed. There you are!

Good-bye, Bob; call us when you need us."

"Good-bye, good-bye, thank you!" Bob called as the airship went through the ceiling. Then he opened his eyes and saw his mother bending over him and his father and Dr. Wilbur standing at the foot of the bed. Seeing himself undressed and in bed, he asked what was the matter. When his mother told him that he had fallen and struck his head and that he must keep quiet, he suddenly said, "Oh, sure, I know now. Jimmy Travers punched me because I took his strap away from him. Served me right, Mother! I want to tell you the wonderful dream I just had. First, I —"

"Oh, no, son! You just keep quiet, and when you are well, then you may tell me."

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Nearly a year had passed since Bob had learned the beautiful and invaluable lesson of considering the rights of others, and his birthday was approaching. There was much discussion of the radio that was to be his present. One evening while Mrs. Douglas was next door helping with a sick neighbor, Bob sheepishly stammered out, "Dad, I'd like to make a change, I mean, that is—have an extra privilege in my birthday present if I could without making mother trouble and bothering the whole family."

"Surely, Bob, but explain yourself," said his father.

"Well, instead of having the radio here in the sitting room for ourselves and our own friends only, I'd like to have a loud speaker and be able to have such fellows in as Jimmy Travers and all those boys that don't have the things that we have. Jimmy's father is a cripple, you know, and they have a pretty hard time at home. But—" Bob paused, and his father said:

"I suggest you're thinking of Mother's new rug and the new furniture,

and the boys would not feel quite free either, I guess. What shall we do—put the radio in the workshop?"

"Well, I was wondering if we could, but that would deprive the family of it."

His father had a sudden thought. "Bob, I'll tell you what we'll do. We'll fix up the side porch into a sun room. Mother has often spoken of doing that. We will do it now and put the radio in there. I wish we could fix it up some way to surprise Mother. Oh, I'll tell you! We'll send her over to Aunt Elsie's for a little trip and a visit. She needs a good rest any way. Christmas is over and the folks next door are about well, so before anything else turns up to demand her attention we'll get her off for a week or ten days. I will get a contractor here and have the work started as soon as she leaves. Cousin Beatrice will help us furnish the room so it will look nice and stand plenty of rough wear too. How's that, Bob?"

"Oh, Dad, your're a genius! But won't that be expensive?"

"I'll do without my new suit and the fountain pen I've been wanting and some other little items like that."

"Good! I'll do something too. But softly! there comes Mother."

In due time Mrs. Douglas was bundled off, and the business of transforming the side porch into a solarium was commenced at once. So well did everything work out that two days before she returned everything was in its place—grass rug, reed furniture, fern box, draperies, pictures, and other little homelike touches here and there, with the radio in place and working well.

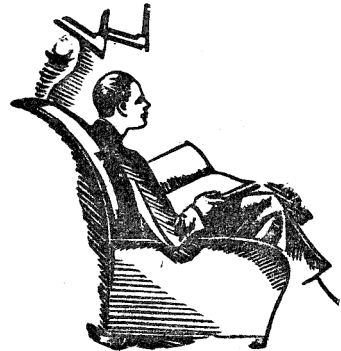
When Mrs. Douglas came up the walk from the machine on her return, which was Bob's birthday, she saw the change in the porch, and turning to Mr. Douglas asked what they had been doing.

"My dear, we just thought we would 'put one over on you,' to quote Bob.

Just step into our radio room and sun parlor combined."

At Bob's plate that night was a handsome fountain pen and a card reading, "Greetings and many happy returns to a *real man* from his father and mother."

Later, after a rollicking, glorious birthday party, Bob and his parents were standing in the hall saying good-night, when Bob said, "Mother and Dad, I just wanted to tell you how much I thank you for the wonderful time I've had today! and there is something else too—do you remember last winter when I got my head hurt? Well, that was a lucky knock-out. You know that dream I told you about? Well, everything's been different since then. I don't know how to explain it, only it seemed that before that I had to



fight all the time to get what I wanted. Now I get everything I want and more too and never have to fight at all!"

"It simply means you've found your Real Self, Bob, that's all," said his father. "Congratulations and good night!"

After Bob's door closed, Edward looked at his wife and said, "Florence, he's safe!" and Mrs. Douglas returned, "Yes, he's safe!" And then with one voice they murmured, "Thank God!"

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