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THE HEALER

*To a young physician with Doré's
picture of Christ healing the sick.*

So stood of old the holy Christ,
Amid the suffering throng
With whom His slightest touch sufficed
To make the weakest strong.

That healing gift is also theirs
Who use it in His name;
The power that filled His garment's hem
Is evermore the same.

For lo! in human hearts unseen,
The Healer dwelleth still;
And they who make His temples clean
The best subserve His will.

The holiest task by heaven decreed,
An errand all divine
The burden of our common need —
To render less is thine.

The paths of pain are thine. Go forth
With patience, trust, and hope;
The sufferings of a sin-sick earth
Shall give thee ample scope.

Beside the unveiled mysteries
Of life and death go stand,
With guarded lips and reverent eyes
And pure of heart and hand.

So shalt thou be with power endued
From Him who went about
The Syrian hillsides doing good
And casting demons out.

That good Physician liveth yet
Thy friend and guide to be;
The Healer and Gennesaret
Shall walk the rounds with thee.

— *John Greenleaf Whittier.*



The Leaven of Knowledge

Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

—1 Cor. 5:6.

A NEW found doctor friend was visiting my wife and me in our home some evenings ago and in the due course of conversation, I asked him what he thought about the recent medical experiments which revealed that the various phases of the Moon have a definite effect upon mentally ill patients—the full of the Moon bringing about the greatest degree of instability. He remarked something to the effect that he knew something about these findings and they were of some interest to him because they did present a new factor in studying human patterns of behavior and disease.

As an afterthought, he mentioned too that he always considered it an odd omen that in his work in a large general hospital on the west coast, the maternity ward was always the busiest—almost without exception—on the dates closest to and during the Full Moon. And, as though my line of questioning had triggered some new and challenging—if not revealing—line of thought with him, he continued to express the thought that, since the Moon definitely causes the tides, it has an affinity for water—perhaps it also has some effect upon the waters of parturition! Further, he continued to observe in his analytical mind, the Moon's effect upon the forces of fecundation in sea, and land life—animal and plant—is now widely accepted scientific knowledge and theory.

At this point of close agreement I thought it an opportune moment to mention some of The Rosierucian Teachings as they relate to astrology and its part in human behavior, sickness, character, and destiny. Since some of the ideas I presented to him were not formerly considered in the course of his study and practice, he seemed surprised at some of my comments—which surprise was calculated by me—but he did voluntarily, without further questioning, deduct that at least in so far as the Moon was concerned (we were formerly considering possible effects of other planets) there could be some

basis in fact for its part in shaping human destiny because after all, as he put it, if it has such force to attract oceans of water which implies strength to move literally *billions of tons* of mass, it is only logical to conclude that since the human body is largely *liquid* it must also have an effect upon this liquid and thus upon mankind! Now, in the course of one evening's entertainment, you will agree that this was a major concession on the part of this physician who had never previously seriously considered the subject in such detail.

Before the doctor and his wife left — thanking us for a pleasant dinner and visit — he borrowed a book from me and you can be sure that the next time he visits with us, he will probably be in a frame of mind to consider the possibility at least that other planets have just as real and invisible an effect upon man as does the Moon — and possibly even more. For millions of years the faithful Moon has been playing his part and science's discovery of only part of its function certainly doesn't nullify these years of operation. And in the same line of thought it remains for science to discover and accept the verity that other planets also are factors to be seriously considered in the march of human evolution. The medical profession will be infinitely richer by cooperating with the planetary forces in their beneficent work, and man, too, will reap many blessings of better health, happiness, and much knowledge not now known by him.

Through the scientific studies of extrasensory perception, mental telepathy, laws of the mind, invisible emanations from the physical body, existence of higher worlds, and the fact of the human personality's continuance after death, much light is being shed on these subjects that is of great benefit especially to those who do not have benefit of The Rosicrucian Teachings. We can all rejoice that it will only be a matter of time when many — and ultimately all — of the teachings of the Elder Brothers will become common knowledge.

However, today we stand on the threshold of a moderate revolution; every scientist in practically all fields is now faced with new facts on the nature of the inner man and what makes him tick; some of the former beliefs and theories are being seriously questioned. For the thoroughly dedicated and trained, there will be a great vacuum of knowledge that offers much — unlimited — opportunity for service and subsequent spiritual growth. As recipients of the Western Wisdom Teachings, we must keep abreast of the times and become messengers for these highly illumined teachings. We can not forever keep our light hidden under a bushel. We must recognize these so called new discoveries when they appear on the horizon of human interest and show in every way possible what is the constructive and right use of these powers of the mind and truths of nature. These Rosicrucian Teachings are to be the leaven of knowledge which will — or should — blend science and religion and they will become divine tools in healing and guiding mankind.

Not only will doctors gain much knowledge on the positive analysis and cure of bodily ills, but also the minister and family counselor

will be given much information concerning the cause of human behavior and character and how the divine science of astrology can be used as a tremendous aid in solving family, social, industrial, and personal problems of all kinds.

At a Christmas social event I met an eminently successful corporation lawyer and his wife who have both studied, and are both ardently interested in the science of astrology. Both of them stated that in the home and business life they have had much opportunity to test its validity and found it always of much help in serving the needs of others. The highly trained mind and the persons from every walk of life are today, more than ever, finding the value of astrology and philosophy in their every day living. Since those of us in The Rosicrucian Fellowship are confident we have the most progressive and effective presentation of these two vast fields it is only logical that we should be doing all humanly possible to see to it that these persons who are in need of these teachings are, at the absolute minimum, not denied the opportunity of being exposed to them.

In his book, *Letters to Students*, Max Heindel says, "The Christ exhorted us to let our light shine, and in the parable of the talents that *to whom much is given, of him much will be required*, and that everyone, no matter how little he has received, is expected to put it out to usury, to cast his bread upon the waters, so that it may return to him after many days and yield an increase. We have received the priceless Rosicrucian teachings. Hence it is required of us that we put this knowledge to some use in order to help those of our fellow men who have not yet received a solution of the problem of life and are seeking for light.

"We very properly dislike conceited people who have an exaggerated idea of their own abilities and who bore other people . . . But the students of The Rosicrucian Fellowship seem to suffer from the opposite disease and temperament, which is just as bad. . . Our talents atrophy if not used. We shall be responsible for hoarding knowledge and withholding it from those who are seeking, just as much as the servant in the parable who buried his talent instead of working with it so that it might become greater."

Learn to take your thoughts and feelings out of the closet — air them, and if they are worthy and you are well versed, they will bear fruit. The very knowledge that you have may be the thing that will help channel some new discovery by science into a proper and good use or lend more light on the subject. Your knowledge concerning the invisible worlds, invisible bodies, etc., may be just the thing that will help a person assimilate properly new ideas, theories, and facts that are uncovered by science.

*This is man's highest end,
To others' service all his powers to bend.*

—Sophocles.



The Cause of Human Inharmonies

DONALD W. IVERSON

HAVE you ever had the experience of meeting someone for the first time and feeling intensely uncomfortable—for no apparent reason—while in his presence? Or, have you ever had the experience of meeting someone for the first time for whom you felt an intuitive warmth? It is safe to say that practically all of us have, from time to time met with such experiences.

If we would check the subsequent experiences we have had with persons with whom we have first detected a sense of being ill at ease when in their presence, we would probably find that no real good has ever come from such experiences. And if the sense of discomfort were strong enough, we may even find that chaos and unhappiness have been the net result.

On the other hand, with those persons with whom we have first detected an inner compatibility, we would probably find that much mutual good and happiness or achievement have been demonstrated.

From all outer appearances there should be no real reason as to why we intuitively feel friendly toward one and unfriendly toward another person at first meeting. It is quite baffling to learn also that the other person, almost without exception, feels the same way to-

ward us. As we look back on our experience in the past with persons we will find that this harmony or inharmony is a two-way proposition. We might under certain circumstances, if we have the will power, overcome our feelings toward the other person. But, how can we get the other person to overcome the feeling he may have toward us?

Hurt feelings, insults, arguments, and hidden bitterness which ferment with time can be slayers of happiness, mental health, and physical well being. Countless broken marriages and families, ruined businesses, vicious animosities, and every conceivable form of human misery have come into the individual's life because there was a person, or persons, whom he could not understand or with whom he could not work in harmony. Human incompatibilities underlie most of the ills of the entire human race. If the eternal fires of love and understanding burn in the hearth, it matters little about troubles outside. If there is understanding and trust between business associates, the downward trend of business will in all probability be overcome.

Just as there are those who are at first meeting aware of the inner harmony, or lack of it, which may exist between them and can thus be guided,

so too, there are those who are not immediately aware of the more hidden inharmonies that may exist only to be found out at a later date—frequently to their mutual sorrow.

We may narrow down this problem into three phases which can be put in question form as follows:

1. What is the cause of human inharmony?

2. Before entering into an endeavor with another party, how can I determine the degree of harmony which may exist?

3. How may I make life more harmonious with those with whom I am now associated where there is now a sense of inharmony?

Before answering these specific questions it may be well to give a generalization which will be apropos to the questions. To understand the answers to these questions, it is necessary that you realize that by and large life is still ruled by law—invisible, intangible, hard, cold, yet stark real. If the electrical engineer didn't obey the laws of electricity, we wouldn't have electric lights, radio, tv., etc., which go toward making life comfortable and happy. If buildings were not built according to engineering laws, no building would be safe from collapse. If you don't obey the laws of the highway you are subject to arrest. Without end we find laws, and laws within laws. Thus, it is not too difficult to see that law is still the ruler of life.

If you will study the page, *Rosicrucian Terminology*, in this magazine you will find that there are worlds within worlds and that you have a vehicle which correlates you to these worlds. You are yourself a miniature universe. Just as the central Sun has its various planets swimming about it in a sea of ether, so too, do you have an etheric sea about you which we may call your aura. Now, this auric presence expresses just what you are. It might be comparable to the magnetism which surrounds a bar magnet. We can take another magnet

and if we place the north poles of these two magnets together the law of magnetism states that like poles repel—therefore, regardless of who holds the magnets, when they are placed in this position, this law is automatically invoked. If you take the north pole of one magnet and the south pole of the other magnet and place them even close to each other they will exert a mutual and strong attraction for each other—the magnetic law is that unlike poles attract.

From the above, it shouldn't be too difficult to see that as your aura, your consciousness, comes into contact with another's—you, the two of you, that is, automatically set into play certain invisible forces which either agree or disagree with each other. The process could be possibly better described in a volume of books, but that is the simple fact. Now, to further elucidate, to show how difficult it is to change, by will power, this basic agreement, or disagreement, it is necessary that you understand that what you are and what the other person is, have come about through countless rebirths and millions of years of varying experiences. Therefore, it is not normally within the human proclivity to change one's character, likes, dislikes, etc., overnight to adapt one's self to another's consciousness.

Astrologically the Rosicrucian Teaching answers question one—What is the cause of human inharmony?—in this manner: Due to prevailing planetary aspects, a certain vibratory pitch and *magnetic polarity* were infused into each of us when the stellar forces surged through our bodies and gave us our planetary baptism at the moment when we drew our first complete breath.

The cause of human inharmony can almost without exception be traced to the fact that these persons inharmoniously related, don't have the same magnetic polarity because of planetary aspects at birth.

In answer to question two—Before en-

tering into an endeavor with another party, how can I determine the degree of harmony which may exist?—the reply is given that the only way to find this out is through astrology—it shows the prevailing stellar influences at birth and thus as a sure guide points the right way. If you know an astrologer who doesn't charge for his services and who is a trusted and true friend you can easily find the answer. However, the surest and best way is for you to study astrology yourself. In a few short weeks' time of study you can learn enough about astrology to determine the answer to this question.

In answer to question three — How may I make life more harmonious with those with whom I am now associated where there is now a sense of inharmony?—we will set down a code of action, which can be listed as follows:

a. Remember that the stellar forces have made each of us what we are; don't blame the other person, or yourself.

b. If possible, determine astrologically, the underlying cause of inharmony.

c. Always act in a loving spirit toward this person; when differences appear, maintain a neutral mental attitude toward him; neither be unduly influenced by him, nor permit yourself to arouse his feelings toward you.

d. Where possible, taking into consideration family, business, and other obligations, remove yourself from close contact with this person whenever possible.

It may not always be possible to live up to the above code of action, but this should be the standard and ideal. Highly advanced persons can by love and will power rise above the harmful vibrations of another person—but it is said that only the rite of Initiation actually removes the stigma of personality.

Under the Law of Cause and Effect we have made ourselves, down through the countless ages, what we are today and while we think, feel, and act under

this law, we will be under its sway. However, man can and must learn to operate under a yet higher law, which is the Law of Love that Christ exemplified. Through love and self-forgetting service we can overcome planetary influences and appeal to the inner Christ of each person. So long as we think thoughts of love, forgiveness, and carry out these thoughts by right and noble action we are thus under the Law of Love and are thus above the hurts of personal differences. Therefore, on every occasion the effort should be consciously made to love all persons and forget self in doing the right thing, whether in business or in the home.

Incident of birth does not remove this difference of planetary baptism that may exist and thus it is not at all uncommon to find brothers and sisters who become enemies—yes, and even parent and child also cease to be friends on many occasions for this same reason. This only points out the severe need for a general understanding of the stellar script.

Life, at best, is a fleeting thing. Under the theory that *Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof*, we should seek out those with whom we are in harmony and thus be in a position to accomplish much good. It is hard enough climbing the ladder of success in life, whether it be spiritual, business, career, or moral, with all the help possible without taking into our lives those who are not in basic agreement with us—both for their sake and our own. However, this in no way implies that one should dissolve home, business, etc., to find more compatible companions, but it does show how tolerant we should be of other persons and how we can use the science of astrology to a little dreamed of advantage.

Can you bind up the Pleiades in a cluster, or loose the chains of Orion?

Can you direct the signs of the Zodiac, or guide the constellations of the Bear?

—Job 38:31, 32.

Music and Color Therapy

ENID L. SMITH

DOUBTLESS music and color when properly used are two of the greatest powers to be found in the healing of disease. Both are emanations of God and can be perfect agencies through which His divine forces are conveyed to man to the four vehicles—the mental, desire, vital, and physical bodies. It is only when man by ignorance or vice temporarily obstructs their inflow that he becomes ill and then needs an added amount of this God-power to remove the condition and restore health and well-being. This was true in the case of Saul when an “evil spirit was upon him” and David took his harp and played. The Scripture tells us that “Saul was refreshed and made well, and the evil spirit departed from him.”

But not all music and all colors will heal. Discordant noises masquerading under the guise of music, and colors mixed with fear-vibrating gray, or deceitful greedy brown, or malicious hate-engendering black will not heal, but will tend to aggravate the disease and prolong its existence.

The ancient Israelites appear to have known the destructive power of music, for in the book of Joshua we read about seven priests blowing trumpets of rams' horns as they led the army around the walls of Jericho, compassing the city once a day for six days and seven times on the seventh day, after which they blew a loud blast and all the people shouted, and the walls fell down flat. According to Max Heindel, “The sound of the ram's horn undoubtedly struck the keynote of those walls which had been much sensitized by the rhythmic tramp of Joshua's army in preparation for the final climax.” We who have lived in India know that the yogis can

slay a tiger by a word; also if a person knows the keynote of anyone, he could shatter such a one, if he so desired.

Not many years ago there was in Dublin a doctor accompanied by a band of musicians who made a specialty of extracting teeth without pain. When the patient arrived for extraction, the band struck up a lively air and kept it up during the operation. The patient usually testified that he felt no pain during the extraction.

Record-playing machines are installed in many of our modern dental offices in Florida and elsewhere. Dr. Elmer S. Best of Minneapolis has devised a dental chair which plays music as an anesthetic while operations are being performed. A recording and amplifying system built into the chair is used to maintain auditory contact with the patient's mastoid bone while the dentist is drilling. The music by traveling through the bones drowns out the grinding noises and diminishes the pain.

Assagioli, an Italian psychologist, who has been impressed with the way music harmonizes the complicated organic rhythms of the body, says that music harmonizes painful moods and sensations. Thus pleasant associations arise to replace unpleasant ones, and these are quite effective in taking the edge off pain whether organic or functional.

Rather recently it has been discovered that musical sounds break up or dissolve lumps of cholesterol, which is found in association with many painful conditions. Hence, there may be a chemical basis for the anesthetic action of music. Dental pain yields nicely to loud lively music. When two pronounced sensations are trying to get the upper hand, the one possessed of rhythmic make-up

generally is successful in gaining a foothold. For the operating room and dental chair such compositions have been found effective as *William Tell Overture*, *Song from Carmen*, *Stars and Stripes Forever*, *Flight of the Bumblebee*, and the *Parade of the Wooden Soldiers*.

The groundwork for the therapy of music has been laid and much research work is going on. As far back as 1940 in New York, physicians pointed out that more than 1000 "healing concerts" were held in forty hospitals where executives believed that music has definite healing effects.

Ill-health is disharmony, a mental discord, a bad vibration. Not always is there in music therapy need for applying something stronger and more powerful—in many cases something that is very soft in tone, a truer vibration brings back harmony. Rhythm controls the effects gained by music. A patient with a fever or ferment needs to be "slowed down," whereas a person with a chill needs to be "warmed up" or quickened, to produce harmony again.

Music and color are two expressions of vibration—each has its equivalent in the other. A little child said recently, tugging at his mother's skirts, "Come, Mother, listen to the rainbow!" She followed him outside where he pointed to the rainbow, a brilliant arch in the silver-gray sky, washed clean by a summer shower. He had the gift of hearing color. A rainbow was a song to him, and he knew colors for every sound. A rifle crack was a big black noise; an electric fan, an orange-colored hum; a cricket made a small white noise, and squeaks were blue-white. Another little boy saw the alphabet in colors. A little girl singer visualized the color of each note as she sang, and if its shade varied the slightest, she knew she was off pitch. And again, Dr. George Starr White, noted physician and educator, discovered through research that if a person is color blind he will be deaf to certain notes in the musical scale. He, among

others, also found that colors can heal or make ill, can comfort or cause distress, and can in many instances change character and remodel lives. Colors influence moods and invoke specific emotional reactions. We say "She feels blue," "He fell into a white rage," "She's green with envy," or "He awoke with a dark-brown taste."

Dr. Noel Scott, surgical assistant at the Royal Waterloo Hospital, England, and such American physicians as Bab-bitt, White, Pancoast, Podolsky, and others, have been using colors with great success. A man suffering from low blood pressure, mental depression, loss of appetite, and dire lack of energy, was treated with a general color bath with the open Sollux lamp until his skin was a ruddy glow; then ultra violet radiation was applied, followed later by radiation from yellow light. At the end of six treatments the patient's blood pressure had risen to normal, and he felt fine in all respects.

A woman with very high blood pressure suffering from dizziness, headaches, shortness of breath was treated with a general color bath and a blue filter. After the third treatment her blood pressure fell twenty points—after the sixth treatment it fell another ten points, and there was no more dizziness.

Even deafness in a woman of fifty responded to color treatment when the general body color bath and ultra-violet radiation were used, followed by the green filter applied over both ears. At the end of the treatment she could hear the tuning fork clearly, two inches from both ears. After nine treatments, she could hear the tuning fork nine inches away, could listen to the radio and hear the birds outside singing—this she had not been able to do for three years.

Over sixty years ago, Dr. George Starr White, a friend of the writer, diagnosed and treated diseases, he tells me, by colors of the aura of patients. He read the psycho-magnetic radiations

of plants, animals, and people, and discovered that various colors had curative values. He even noted the effect of color on insects, by having a person wear a yellow sock on one foot and a blue one on the other foot and go into the woods at mosquito time. The foot with the blue sock was covered with bites, while the one with the yellow sock had scarcely a bite on it.

Another pioneer physician, Dr. Edwin Babbitt, author of *The Principles of Light and Color*, found that his Chromo-Disk gave off various colors for various ailments. A blue disc was used for inflammation, for wounds, an excitable heart and for hemorrhage. It was directed over the stomach for gastritis, over the bladder for cystitis, and so on. A yellow disc was used over the liver, and when concentrated on the left side of the abdomen was considered a cure for constipation. A purple disc was used for treatment for indigestion and also for asthma.

Another physician, Dr. S. Pancoast, author of the book, *Red and Blue Light*, considered these two colors as the most interesting in their effects and reported many cases that were helped and cured by them. A boy of eight, with paralysis in both legs, was greatly improved through the use of red light. Colors were found to be sedative, a stimulant, and recuperative.

A more modern physician, Edward Podolsky, M.D., in his book, *The Doctor Prescribes Colors*, says that colors enter subtly into the chemistry of our thoughts and emotions, that in the right combinations they exert a most profound influence on the brain and nervous system. He goes on to say that a number of melancholic women were greatly aided by being placed in a red pavilion, having red walls, red carpets, and red lights. Their depression was cured and they became bright and contented. He notes also that scarlet rooms are very successful in stimulating lazy boys.

On the other hand, the mauves, greens,

and blues have a sedative action. Dr. S. E. Katz, of the New York State Psychiatric Institute and Hospital, made a study of the preferences of the insane. In every group of insane patients blue was found to be the most pleasing color. Green was the second. Orange and yellow were the least liked by those of short duration in the hospital. This is an important consideration in decorating the living and sleeping quarters of the demented, as colors play just as important a part in their recovery, if not more so, than do drugs, food, and the rest. A young officer, suffering shock, having passed through the horrors of war, was unable to sleep. He was placed in a room where blues, mauves and greens predominated. His first night after this, was his first night of unbroken sleep since the beginning of his nervous ailment.

That color can either heal or make people ill was demonstrated by Samuel G. Gibben, an illumination engineer who conducted a very interesting experiment. He proved that right colors in foods are necessary for proper digestion. At a recent dinner of his, he provided the very best food and drink, music and story-telling, but the dinner was an absolute failure on account of the colors given to the food served. Instead of ordinary electric lights, he used filter lamps which cut out all the spectrum colors except greens and reds. Though the guests were hungry and were laughing as they entered the dining room, they soon began to notice queer things and to feel ill. The steaks were a whitish gray; the celery was pink; the milk was the color of blood; the salads were as blue as the sky. The coffee was a sickly yellow tinge. Fresh green peas looked like caviar, and the nuts were a brilliant scarlet. The guests could not eat. A few tried, but became violently ill. This showed very dramatically the effect of color on diet.

Dr. Mayne R. Coe working at a federal bureau at Washington found that

certain colors act as preservatives of food. Bacterial organisms thrive in light and are stimulated by certain colors, just as are some plants and human beings. So Coe wrapped his foods to be preserved in green colored paper, and they remained sweet and fresh, whereas those wrapped in other colors spoiled. It was many years ago that Luther Burbank said, "Color and flavor both aid digestion." It is now known that color is as important as flavor and that colors affect all conditions of life.

When color is being used for healing purposes, however, it should be remembered that in China, India, and other foreign countries, color is bound up with national and racial characteristics. White does not stand for purity and cheerfulness in China as it does in America, but for mourning, sorrow, and death. So, when a large oil company painted its filling stations white, business fell off considerably. Yellow is the royal color and would be more successful. Yellow also is the marriage color in India and would have pleasant associations in healing for both countries. In Japan, red is never popular, as it always stands for fire and destruction, but in India it means health and protection from disease.

Such doctors as Pressey are finding that certain colors increase mental and physical efficiency—various colors influence a person's activity, memory, and mental work. One person was found to take twenty percent more time to accomplish a piece of work under the influence of one color than under another. Memory work showed great improvement under a certain colored light. Activity was more uniform with green light, slower with blue light, and decidedly quicker with red light. Arithmetical performance was greatly enhanced under red light.

When Dr. Fere studied the effects of colored light upon muscular activity, he found that in ordinary light the muscular activity was 23 units, but it in-

creased to 24 units for blue, to 28 for green, to 30 for yellow, to 35 for orange, and to 42 for red light. The colors in the red purple section of the spectrum are energizing and warming.

Sunlight has been found to be a great healer, since it is a combination of all the colors of the spectrum, visible and invisible. The two invisible colors, ultraviolet and infra-red, are widely used in medicine today. Sunlight helps recovery in surgical tuberculosis. Likewise, Dr. O. Bernard found that a reopened abdominal wound exposed to sunlight assumed a better aspect after a few hours, and closed quite rapidly thereafter; also sun-baths greatly helped anemic, chloritic, and scrofulous patients. The sun's rays penetrating the depths of the body increase the metabolism of all the tissues and are bactericidal and pain-relieving. They can absorb fluid in joints, abdominal and lung cavities. This is especially noticeable in peritonitis. Sinus infections and ulcers and abscesses react favorably to sunlight. Not only do pain, fever, and chills disappear readily, but the condition of the blood is improved by sunlight—both hemoglobin and red cells increase and the general composition of the blood is enriched. Sunlight stimulates the heart and other vital organs, produces an increase in the oxidation of protein, increases perspiration from the normal amount of $2\frac{1}{2}$ ounces an hour to as much as two or three pounds an hour, causing an extra amount of poisonous material to be eliminated. It stimulates the nervous system, improving the appetite and mental attitude; and induces better and healthier sleep, and heals many diseases.

Through sunlight and various music and color therapy we have increased efficiency, health, joy, happiness, with many remarkable healings brought about. So, using Natural Law and the beauties God has created, including sunlight, colors, euphonious sounds, the Great Spirit brings about healing.

Atoms of the Physical and Inner Worlds

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IN connection with a study of the atom, it is interesting to note an article on the subject dated September 17, 1956, by an Associated Press science reporter. It concerns an announcement made that day by a University of California research team of the discovery of a new "Anti-Neutron" unit contained in the nuclei of atoms. The article states that scientists have now established the existence of a whole layout of "anti-matter" particles which conceivably could make up a whole universe opposite in nature to the one we know.

Whether such a universe exists somewhere in space is a matter of speculation among scientists. The newly discovered particle, or unit, is a companion to the "Anti-Proton" which was discovered by another research team in the previous October, the writer stated. Both these "anti-units" can annihilate regular protons and neutrons. When an "anti" particle collides with a regular one, both disappear; both completely converted into energy, according to the science reporter. Further, by the same rule, a whole universe could disappear in a vast burst of energy, provided the "anti" particles should collide with the regular ones. The writer went on to state that the immediate value of the discovery is that it confirms what scientists long have suspected but could never prove, that every kind of subatomic particle has its opposite number.

This is nothing new to students of occult science who have long known that physical matter has its "opposite number" in the form of the different varieties of finer substances that interpenetrate it. Only occult science calls it "counter-parts" rather than "opposite numbers," merely a difference in termi-

nology. Nevertheless, thanks to science for all discoveries that point to the ultimate conception as understood by occult science.

It is generally understood that the difference between the various types of physical matter is due to their density and weight and therefore to the rates of vibration of their atoms and molecules, combinations of atoms producing molecules and combinations of molecules producing the various types of matter.

What causes density? Density may be said to be due to the size of the atoms and molecules contained in the material, the larger the atoms and molecules, the more closely packed, increasing the weight and causing a slower rate of undulation of its atoms, just as a large body in space moves more slowly than a smaller one because of the difference in size.

But, it has been supposed that all atoms were of the same size throughout. That understanding cannot be correct because, for instance, the atoms of water must necessarily be smaller and not so closely packed as those of granite, where they have to be larger and more densely packed resulting in greater weight and slower rates of vibration.

What is it that causes atoms to consist of different sizes and weights? Some years ago an occult investigator discovered what he called the "ultimate physical atom" that exists in the ordinary chemical atom of all elements in varying numbers. He described it as a very complex object, not made of ordinary matter but of the highest of the ethers, marvelously constructed in a very intricate spiral formation. One atom investigated contained 2,646 of these "ultimate physical atoms"; another 2,674; still another 2,702, the different number

of them in each chemical atom causing their differences in weight. Each atom in all the different chemical elements contain varying numbers of these "ultimate physical atoms." It is their presence in the chemical atoms in varying numbers that brings about the differences in weight of the various atoms as well as their size and rates of vibration.

He stated that they are the smallest unit within the chemical atom and that they are constructed of a vast number of tiny, spherical "bubbles" or "dots," infinitesimally minute, formed in the shape of a heart, the tiny "dots" forming themselves into seven almost endless wires wound around the heart, some thicker than others, the whole pulsating with three different motions, expansion, contraction, and rotation, brought on by a force flowing through it, originating from and returning to the next higher plane in the Desire World. They seem to be connecting links between the physical and more subtle worlds above it. They appear in sets of two, one negative, the other positive.

In explaining the presence and nature of the "bubbles" or "dots," it is to be recalled that, according to occult science, they were originally brought into existence when the Author and Architect of the universe decided to commence to work on its construction. He found ready at hand the original Spirit-Substance, or Cosmic Root Substance permeating all of space and into this substance He poured His force in successive waves. His force formed within the Spirit-Substance an incalculable number of tiny spherical bubbles, interpenetrating the whole of it, or what was required for a universe, thereby creating a material out of which all future atoms and worlds were to be made. These "bubbles" are spoken of in the Secret Doctrine as the holes that Fohat digs in space. Carrying his research still farther into the higher realms, the investigator found that the material of the various higher worlds was also composed

of atoms made of these same "bubbles" but in different combinations, aggregations and in varying numbers.

The ultimate physical atom of the physical world was found to terminate at the point where the highest etheric region of the physical world meets the lowest region of the Desire, or Astral world. From there on up, atoms are made wholly of bubbles in varying numbers, instead of the ultimate physical atoms, as is physical matter.

According to his calculations, the ultimate physical atom of the physical world which are all the same size and weight throughout, contains approximately some 13 billion bubbles, or dots, to the atom.

The atoms of the Desire World contain approximately some 282 million bubbles; those of the World of Thought approximately five million; those of the World of Life Spirit 117,649. The World of Divine Spirit contain 2,401 bubbles to the atom; the World of Virgin Spirits, 49 bubbles to the atom. All these atoms of the various finer worlds vary in size because of the different number of bubbles in each.

There must, of necessity, be variations in the number of bubbles to the atom of the different sub-divisions of the various higher worlds, because those atoms are composed of bubbles only, not of any ultimate physical atoms as is the case with physical matter. The less the number of bubbles to the atom, the smaller it becomes, the faster its rate of vibration and therefore the more subtle and refined the substance that is made of the atoms.

Now, the mind of man is made of the substance contained in the Region of Concrete Thought and is, as is known, the link between the Ego and his lower vehicles and thinks concrete thoughts only, the Ego himself thinking abstract thoughts. The mind is a specialized organ, constructed of an aggregation of atoms of that world and has passed through eons of evolution.

The question arises in the inquiring mind: Just exactly what is the Ego of man? It is said to be a spark of Divinity, a fragment of God, but that statement is too vague for the thinking person. Something more tangible is required in the way of an explanation.

The Ego is composed of the substance contained in the Region of Abstract Thought, the World of Life Spirit and the World of Divine Spirit, a triple Entity resembling the Deity of our system in having three aspects of Will, Wisdom and Activity. It is a specialized Entity, constructed of an aggregation of atoms from these three worlds and has passed through eons of evolution, just as the mind and other lower vehicles have.

The conception of the Ego as consisting of atoms, the spark of Divinity that it is supposed to be, seems rather materialistic. But it should be understood that any specialized object, organ or Entity must of necessity be constructed of the materials of the world in which it exists, just as the physical body is made of matter of the physical world. The material or substance of any world or plane, physical or non-physical, has to be made up of the minute atoms of that world in some form, in accordance with the universal principle applicable, otherwise it would not be a material or a substance.

Force, energy and motion cannot be said to consist of atoms; rather they are inherent qualities of atoms, physical or otherwise. Atoms in any form cannot exist without force and motion. Force flowing through them from the higher worlds vivifies the atoms and keeps them in motion. Indeed, it has been said that, if the Deity should see fit to withdraw His force, the universe would collapse. Presumably that would include the inner, non-physical or spiritual worlds because those worlds also are made of atoms.

The inherent qualities of mind and the Ego are force and motion. It is said that some individuals are forceful.

The Ego uses his mind in thinking thoughts and projects them to any point in the world and the universe. These are manifestations of force and motion.

The concept of man being a Spirit, or Ego, is superior to that of the common understanding that man is a body and has a Soul. If it could generally be understood that the real man is the Ego, perpetual and imperishable, reincarnating periodically into the physical world, and that the dense body is only one of his vehicles, a temporary abode for the Ego, and that the mind is only a connecting link between him and his lower vehicles, much misunderstanding would be cleared up and mysteries solved in respect to the mysterious functioning of the so-called sub-conscious mind.

If it could also be made clear that one of the Ego's lower vehicles is the vital, or etheric body, the upper portion of which contains the seat of memory and sense perception, then the mystery of the seeming miraculous memory of some individuals, as exhibited in modern television quiz programs, can readily be explained.

As is well known among students of such matters, one of the principle aims of the Ego in evolution is to gain increasingly better control of his vehicles from one incarnation to another, such as the vital body in which the seat of memory, or sub-conscious mind, is located. This being the case, it follows that some individuals in that respect are farther advanced than others; the Ego in these people being able to readily contact, through the instrumentality of the mind, the store of memories and knowledge accumulated in the seat of memory, or as some designate it, the "Etheric Brain," commonly known as the sub-conscious mind.

The mind is not a store-house of memories and knowledge, as some suppose. On the contrary, it is an instrument only used by the Ego to collect and store them permanently in the seat of mem-

ory, and also to contact and extract those memories when occasion demands.

It is a characteristic of the seat of memory, or sub-conscious mind, to absorb and store memories of every act performed; every thought generated; all knowledge accumulated; every act taking place during the period of each incarnation, as is evidenced by what occurs during time of drowning and later resuscitation, when all of it appears in a flash before the consciousness of the drowning person; and also what takes place while a person is in a condition of trance brought on by a hypnotist, and any other information given upon request pertaining to events during the present lifetime, information and knowledge that the average person could not give during the normal waking state.

But a person with a high mental development, who as an Ego is far in advance of his fellows in evolutionary advancement, is able to almost instantly bring out and convey any information and knowledge that had previously been absorbed, no matter how long ago that had been. Those are the individuals who as Egos are sufficiently highly developed to be able to contact the seat of memory, or sub-conscious mind, and extract any information or knowledge requested therefrom and express them by means of the mind and vocal organs.

The Ego, existing as it does in the Region of Abstract Thought, World of Life Spirit and the World of Divine Spirit, is composed of the atoms of these three worlds, atoms which contain varying numbers of bubbles, the nature of which are non-physical, or spiritual.

At its very beginning the individual Ego must have been a very small thing, as is the individual human body at the time of conception at the start of each reincarnation and also as it was initially formed at the commencement of the present dispensation. Everything throughout creation starts with small units and evolves in time to perfection. Nothing is created perfect and complete

from the beginning. Even the universe was started by God from a comparatively small beginning. Human beings likewise evolve their institutions from small beginnings.

As the Ego has evolved from one incarnation to another, it has grown slowly, atoms have been added to its makeup, becoming more and more specialized. As we at present promote soul growth by right living, so also the Ego grows in splendor. "The Ego of man is immortal and its future consists of growth and splendor which have no limit."

Just as the physical body houses the different organs necessary for the efficient functioning of that vehicle; the vital body contains the seat of memory, etc.; the desire body is the vehicle of feelings, desires, etc.; the mind is sheathed in its own vehicle, so also the Ego necessarily is clothed in a vehicle of its own material, all of them interpenetrating each other and composed of the matter of their own respective planes.

It is said by those who have been able to observe the vehicle of the Ego, that it extends outward a few inches from the surface of the physical and that the whole of it is in the form of an ovoid, the widest part contained in the upper portion.

Man's aura includes the subtle vehicle of the Ego as well as those of the mind, desire and vital bodies and as he advances in evolution the aura enlarges and expands with brilliant subtle colors of many hues, until in the highly evolved man it encompasses the space surrounding his body to an increasingly greater extent, and it is said of the Adept, or Initiate, that his aura covers a very large territory of surrounding space.

Through unnumbered incarnations the Ego and his vehicles become more and more highly evolved, specializing various organs, functions and capacities to increasingly higher degrees, just as his lower vehicles have done in times past and will continue to do in the future

until such time as he will have reached ultimate perfection in all fields and phases of life, when further rebirths into the physical world will no longer be necessary.

When man as an Ego reaches the stage where he becomes capable of abstract thought and unselfish emotion, the matter of the Ego's body becomes active with increased rates of undulation that reach it from his lower vehicles. These vibrations show themselves as colors, so that it becomes a sphere filled with matter of the most delicate hues, an object beautiful beyond description or conception. The colors themselves are significant; the vibration which denotes the power of unselfish affection shows itself as a pale rose-pink color; that which indicates high intellectual power is yellow; that which expresses sympathy is green; blue betokens devotional feeling and spirituality; while luminous lilac-blue typifies the higher spirituality.

The same scheme of color significance applies to the lower vehicles which are built of denser matter. As we approach the physical world the hues are in every case by comparison grosser, not only less delicate but also less living.

In the course of evolution in the lower worlds, man introduces into his vehicles qualities that are undesirable for his life as an Ego, such as pride, conceit, bad temper, sensuality, hatred, bigotry, intolerance, greed and selfishness. These also are reducable to vibrations, but they are vibrations of a lower class, each in their respective worlds and therefore they cannot reproduce themselves in the Ego's body which is built exclusively of the higher worlds.

These coarser vibrations also show themselves as colors; red denotes a passionate nature in a person; black represents degradation; gray, fear and anxiety; and brown, a low state of evolution.

The practical effect of all this is that the man can build into the Ego, his true self, nothing but good qualities,

But he can retard and hold back those good qualities from reaching the Ego by permitting himself to cultivate qualities that are detrimental to his real self, thereby retarding his evolutionary advancement. It is man's free will and freedom of choice that permits him to build good qualities or bad ones into his character and therefore what he builds is his own personal choice and not that imposed on him by a higher Authority, which imposition would make him an automaton rather than a free moral agent.

Under this great system we build by our own initiative; we learn by "hit and miss"; repeated experiences teach us the best way; failures and following wrong paths are retributive, the penalty is our own. There is no other way to advance in all lines of human endeavor,



as man learns new lessons from one incarnation to another; new and different schools of training are thus made available; learning the hard way as we advance slowly but surely to our ultimate and appointed destiny.

For those who have knowledge of the grand system under which we live, move and have our being, it is indeed a privilege to cooperate with the natural laws applicable thereto as we bend our efforts toward the great goal and objective, thereby hastening progress toward our eventual, ultimate destiny.

"This life is a kind of symbolic shadow-show; all that matters is the long adventure of the soul."

"Creation rejoices and sings,
In tune with a Cosmic plan,
Nature eternally brings
Wonders in stars and man.
The eagle in the summer sky,
The worm beneath the sod,
The sun, the moon and you and I,
We live and move in God."

MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

Teachings of an Initiate

Eternal Damnation and Salvation



CHAPTER XXIII

AS we have at the Fellowship during each week a number of classes in which the intellectual side of our natures may have sway, the Sunday evening service, including the address, is intended for the heart side. You know it is the aim of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood to combine the intellect and the heart, therefore the Sunday evening addresses should be devoted largely to bringing out the heart side, the touching of the heart strings. This is something we greatly need, more even than the development of the intellect. We are so apt in our present civilization to run along the intellectual line and seek always for an explanation of our problems that appeals only to the mind, forgetting that which may appeal to the heart also. Therefore the speaker will endeavor to lead you rather along a form of meditation in which the exhortations made may be said to apply more to the heart than to the head, and which apply to himself as well as to anyone else.

During the past week the Elder Brother who has been the Teacher of the speaker for some time, requested that the address of last Sunday be repeated in another form so that we might take up the phase of our philosophy which at present demands our greatest attention, namely, that of fitting ourselves for the higher work. If we look

at a man as he is now, we obtain only a partial view of him, for man as well as everything else is ever becoming; but unless we prepare for that becoming we cannot attain. It is therefore necessary that we continually have our mind's eye directed toward the future in order to know what is before us; also it is necessary to endeavor to live up to our ideals, for only as we live up to them can we in time attain to them.

When we have attained to an ideal, it is no longer an ideal. There was a time when some of us partook of the flesh of animals. Such food was obtained by a tragedy, a taking of life. Therefore we got the idea we would like to discontinue that practice, and after a while we attained to that ideal and became what are called "vegetarians." Vegetarian food was no longer an ideal to us, because we had attained to it. So in the spiritual life there are ideals that are farther and farther ahead, and which we must always strive to keep for ideals in order that we may in time attain and live up to the highest that is within us.

We will now touch upon the subject known in the churches as "eternal damnation and salvation." This is something we may have thought we could get away from. We have, no doubt, in years past heard the ministers preaching of hell; telling people of the neces-

sity of applying themselves at once to the problem of salvation in order that they might not be eternally damned. Then perhaps in distrust of such a doctrine, perhaps thoroughly infuriated at the thought that a Creator would create beings in order that he might afterwards eternally torment the greater number of them, we turned away from the church to other religions or philosophies.

Some of us may have turned to Eastern religions that teach the continuity of life and the process whereby man evolves and eventually becomes a god. Perhaps while studying these doctrines we obtained the idea of the infinitude of time to the extent that we became a reproach to the Western World, for there are those who think that the infinitude of time makes it unnecessary for them to apply themselves as we do here. The Western World has been given the doctrine which teaches "eternal damnation and eternal salvation," and although we cannot believe it as taught in the orthodox manner, nevertheless these twin doctrines contain a great truth.

The intelligent understanding of them hinges upon the derivation of the word "eternal." If we turn to the Greek Bible, we shall find the word "aionian." Taking a dictionary we find that this word means "age-lasting—for an indefinite period of time." In the letter of Paul to Philemon where he speaks of returning the slave Onesimus to him it is said: "Perhaps it was good that he might be taken from you a little while that he might go to you *forever* (aionian)." Neither Onesimus nor Philemon was immortal, so there "aionian" can only mean for a part of a lifetime and not for eternity; so we see that the latter is not the sense in which we are to take it. But in what sense are we to take it?

When we look about us in the world and contemplate the process of evolution, we may learn that throughout the whole pilgrimage of the Spirit from the

clod to the god there is eternal progression; that there are many stages, and many points at which the Spirit rests for a time, then takes a step forward. We who have studied in our philosophy the various epochs and the periods that were back of the epochs, remember that it was stated that the first real separation of people took place in the latter part of the Lemurian Epoch. There was then what may be called a chosen people; there was a certain division in the desire bodies of some of the people who dwelt in that land at that time. Into those in whom the desire body had divided so that there was some higher desire matter in their makeup, the human spirit or Ego could enter, and in that way they became man as we know him today. That was the first race; then gradually there have been other races started: seven during the Atlantean Epoch and five so far in the Aryan Epoch. There will be two more in this Epoch and one in the Sixth Epoch; then we shall be through with races.

Now while this process of evolution has been going on and while this vast company of Spirits have been continually progressing from stage to stage, there have been stragglers on the way. Even when we were not yet conscious, there were some who did not progress with their class, because they were not as pliable as were the others; therefore they could not take the next step in evolution. We have now come to the point where the quickest changes take place, where there is less time between races than ever before. So the Elder Brothers look upon the sixteen races in a way that justifies calling them "the sixteen paths to destruction."

Here we have our lesson. There is a step for each of us from one race to the next. We came through the races in the Lemurian Epoch; we went through the seven Atlantean races, then the first of the Aryan races. We have progressed along with the others; each time we have successfully passed the point where

there was a division made, and have in that manner attained salvation. This is exactly on the same plan that children in school are brought up from kindergarten to college. Some have to stay behind each year; they are obliged to remain and learn the lessons that they did not learn the year before; but they are given another chance. So there are always some Egos lagging behind and some, more diligent than others, who are at the front.

This is the question for you and me to answer tonight; are we going to be among the laggards, or are we going to apply ourselves as we should and as we can? Having been given this wonderful doctrine, having come to know the wonderful truth of the continuity of life, are we going to hang back and say to ourselves: "There is plenty of time. We do not believe in this doctrine of eternal damnation; we know that all will be saved in time"? There will be some that will attain before others and some that will lag behind; but the question is, Are we going to be a help or a hindrance to the race? We stand today before the people of the Western World as the foremost; we have the philosophy that explains in a better manner than any other philosophy the problems of life. Then the question is, Are we going to use it in a practical manner by applying ourselves to live it—live it in our daily lives?

It does not matter what we believe, but only how we live; it is not a question of faith, but of showing our faith by works. Have we put into our daily lives our ideals? People about us are looking at us, and they see in us either an example of what they ought to be or what they ought not to be. Sunday after Sunday we hear these teachings, we learn the lessons of life, we meditate upon the word "service"; but how are we living up to that ideal? Are we serving in the world? Are we going out into the world to practice these things, to there live the corresponding life and

exemplify the teachings that have been received here? None of us can say we do it to the best of our ability; we all of us fall far short. Then comes the question: Is the ideal too high? No, it is not. There is a way whereby we may live day by day to better and better advantage, which we will now mention.

Those among you who have not taken up the exercises recommended in our literature should seriously consider doing so. I most earnestly advise that you take them up, because whether or not it is noticed by others in the world about us, there is nevertheless an improvement. We cannot day after day review our thoughts and deeds without individually living a better life and becoming better men and women. The two Rosicrucian exercises are not difficult and require but little time; nor are we expected to take the time that should be allotted to daily labor for our self-improvement. It is as wrong to do this as to take the bread that should go to others in the family and eat it ourselves. Every kind of selfishness should be shunned. We should endeavor to improve ourselves day by day, and thereby become better men and women, thus enabling us to shed more abundant life upon the Fellowship.

The Probationers who are following the exercises and who are identifying themselves with The Rosicrucian Teachings in this manner will exert a more helpful and powerful influence than otherwise possible. Therefore I would urge again—and I would not repeat it were it not by special request—that as many of you as can take up these exercises and endeavor to live accordingly, for it is only as we take up and live the higher life that we can fit ourselves for the progression that is to come.

At the time when the Sun passes through a new sign of the zodiac, there is always given to humanity a new spiritual impulse. That impulse must have

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WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Solar Myth

PART I

References: Genesis 49; Exodus 13; Deuteronomy 33; Judges 13-16.

IN the religion of Judaism we hear of a God making certain promises to a man by the name of Abraham. He promised that he would make Abraham's seed as numerous as the sands upon the seashore; and we are told how he dealt with Abraham's grandson, Jacob, who was the husband of four wives, by whom he had twelve sons and one daughter. These are looked upon as the forefathers of the Jewish nation.

This is an astronomical allegory dealing with the migration of the heavenly bodies, as will be evident from a careful perusal of the 49th chapter of Genesis and the 33rd chapter of Deuteronomy, where the blessings of Jacob upon his sons show how they are identified with the twelve signs of the zodiac; Simon and Levi sharing the sign Gemini, the twins, and the feminine sign Virgo being allotted to Jacob's only daughter, Dinah. Gad represents the sign for Aries; Issachar, Taurus; Benjamin, Cancer; Judah, Leo; Asher, Libra; Dan, Scorpio; Joseph, Sagittarius; Naphtali, Capricorn; Reuben, Aquarius; and Zebulun, Pisces. The four wives are the four phases of the Moon and Jacob is the Sun.

This is similar to the teaching we find among the Greeks, where Gaia, the Earth, is the wife of Apollo, the Sun; and among the Egyptians, where heat and moisture, the Sun and the Moon, were personified in Osiris and Isis. The sacred rivers Jordan and Ganges are also connected etymologically with the river Eridanus,* which is one of the

* *Eridanus*: a long winding constellation extending southward from Taurus and containing the bright star Achernar.

constellations. It means "source of descent," and for agriculturists such as were these ancient people, these rivers were the sources of the Waters of Life.

Josephus tells us that the Jews carried the twelve signs of the zodiac on their banners, and camped around the tabernacle which held the seven-branched candlestick representing the sun and the heavenly bodies which move inside the circle formed by the twelve signs of the zodiac.

The Jews located their temples so that the four corners pointed northeast, southeast, northwest, and southwest and the sides directly north, east, south, and west, and like all solar temples the main entrance was in the east, so that the rising sun might illumine its portal and herald each day the victory of light over the powers of darkness. Thus was brought to nascent humanity the message that the contest of light and darkness on the material plane is but the counterpart of a similar contest in the moral and mental worlds where the human soul is groping its way toward the light. The battle of light and darkness in the material world, like all phenomena, is a suggestion of the realities in the invisible realms. Therefore, these truths were given to man as myths by divine leaders who led him until his growing intellect gave birth to arrogance which caused his benefactors to withdraw, and let him learn by the hard knocks of experience. Then he forgot them and has come to regard the ancient stories of gods and demigods as imaginary.

Yet, even the early Christian Church was imbued with this knowledge of the significance of the solar myth, for the Cathedral of St. Peter at Rome is built

facing the east, like all other solar temples, telling humanity of the "Great Light of the World," who is to come and dispel the spiritual darkness which as yet envelops us—the Light Bringer who shall bring peace on earth and goodwill among men, causing the nations to beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

The Jews greeted the sun with the morning-sacrifice, and took leave of it at sunset in a similar manner by an evening oblation, offering up on their sabbath an additional sacrifice to the lunar race-god, Jehovah. Him they also worshipped by sacrifice at the new moon. One great feast was Easter, when they celebrated the Passover, the time when the sun "passes over" its easter(n) node, leaving the southern hemisphere where it winters and commencing its northern journey in its chariot of fire, hailed with joy by men as their savior from hunger and cold which would inevitably result if it stayed in south declination always.

The last of the Jewish feasts and the most important is the Feast of Tabernacles, when the sun crosses its western node in autumn, having yielded to man the "bread of life" wherewith to sustain his material being until the next return of the sun to the northern heavens.

For the above reasons the six southern signs (Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces) which the sun occupies in winter are always called "Egypt," the "land of the Philistines," etc., a name for something that is bad for "God's people"; whereas the northern signs (Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, and Virgo) through which the sun passes during the fruitful season are "heaven," "the promised land," which "flows with milk and honey."

We see this in such passages as the one where the celebration of the Passover is enjoined, to "remember thy coming out of Egypt." (Ex. 13:3.) This feast is a rejoicing over the emergence of the sun from the southern signs. The same indication is in the recorded fact

that Jacob was with Joseph in Egypt when he died. At the winter solstice when the sun of the past year has completed its journey and reached its lowest degree of south declination it is in the zodiacal sign Sagittarius. By reference to Genesis 49:24, where the dying Jacob speaks of the "bow" of Joseph, it is easy to identify him with the sign Sagittarius, which represents a centaur in the act of drawing his bow, and thus the story of Jacob dying in Egypt with Joseph is re-enacted each year when the sun dies in the sign Sagittarius at the winter solstice.

The story of Samson is another phase of the solar myth. As long as Samson's hair was allowed to grow, his strength would increase. Samson is the sun, and its rays represent Samson's hair. From the winter solstice in December to the summer solstice in June the sun's rays grow, and it gains in strength with every day. This frightens the "powers of darkness," the winter months, the Philistines, for if this Light Bringer continues to reign, their kingdom will come to an end, and they counsel together against Samson to discover wherein his strength lies. They secure the cooperation of the woman, Delilah, which is the sign Virgo, and when Samson, the sun, passes through that sign in **September** he is said to have laid his head on the woman's lap and to have confided his secret to her. She shears him of his locks, for at that time the rays of the sun begin to grow shorter and lose their strength. Then the Philistines or winter months come and carry the debilitated giant into their prison: the southern signs where the sun is in winter. They put out his eyes or deprive him of his light and at last bring him to their temple, their stronghold, at the winter solstice. There they subject him to infamous indignities, believing they have vanquished the light completely, but with his last remaining strength the fettered solar giant shatters their temple. Although he dies in the effort, he

overcomes his enemies and thus leaves the way clear for another sun-child to be born to save humanity from the cold and famine which would result if he had remained bound in the toils of the powers of darkness, the Philistines, the winter months.

The lives of all the saviors of mankind are also founded upon the passage of the sun around the circle of the zodiac which pictures the trials and triumphs of the initiate, and the fact has given rise to the erroneous conclusion that these saviors never existed, that the stories are merely sun-myths. This is wrong. All divine teachers sent to man are cosmic characters, and the ordering of their lives is in accord with the marching orbs, which contain, at it were, an anticipated biography of their lives. Each came with divine spiritual light and knowledge to help man to find God, and therefore, the events in their lives were in accord with the events which the physical lightbearer, the sun, encounters on its pilgrimage through the year.

The saviors were all born of an immaculate virgin, at the time when darkness is greatest among mankind, as the sun of the coming year is born, or begins its journey, on the longest night of the year, when the zodiacal sign Virgo, the Virgin, stands on the eastern horizon between 10:00 and 12:00 P.M. in all latitudes. She remains as immaculate as ever after she has given birth to her sun-child; hence we see the Egyptian goddess Isis sitting on the crescent moon nursing her divine babe Horus! Astarte, the immaculate lady of Babylon, with her babe Tammuz, and a crown of seven stars over her head; the lady Devaki in India with her infant Krishna, and our own Virgin Mary, giving birth to the Saviour of the Western World under the Star of Bethlehem. Everywhere the same story: the immaculate mother, the divine babe, and the sun, moon, or stars.

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MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

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a channel to flow through, and that channel must be ready and able to vibrate to the impulse. Unless there are some people ready who can receive its vibration and give it out, the teaching connected with that spiritual impulse cannot come.

We have read how throughout the past nineteen hundred years the second coming of the Christ has been looked forward to; how some in the time of the Apostles looked for His coming and thought that He was to establish a worldly kingdom on earth. As in the past, so down to the present time we find people looking for His coming—coming as a person. But as Angelus Silesius says:

“Though Christ a thousand times in
Bethlehem be born,
And not within thyself, thy soul will
be forlorn.
The Cross on Golgotha thou lookest
to in vain,
Unless within thyself it be set up
again.”

As a tuning fork that is pitched to a certain vibration will start to sing when another of the same key is struck, so also will it be with us; when we have been attuned to the vibrations of the Christ, we shall be able to express the love that He came to teach mankind, and which we are inculcating by our services every Sunday evening. Until we live up to that love and perceive the Christ within, we cannot see the Christ without. Therefore let us remember the little poem:

Let us not waste our time in longing
For bright and impossible things;
Let us not sit supinely waiting
For the sprouting of angel wings.
Let us not scorn to be rushlights,
Ev'ry one can't be a star;
But let us brighten the darkness
By shining just where we are.

Next month—*The Bow in the Cloud.*



KEYWORDS OF THE SIGNS

The following guides are given in helping students of astrology, and also others who may wish to study this, to understand more about themselves and other persons.

♈ ARIES (March 20th to April 21st)

Basic Keywords—Self-esteem, initiative, pioneering.

Positive Qualities—Ambition, courage, enterprise.

Negative Qualities—Self-will, temper, brusqueness, overbearance.

♉ TAURUS (April 21st to May 22nd)

Basic—Determination, interest in mundane affairs.

Positive—Endurance, thoroughness, conservatism, harmony.

Negative—Obstinacy, argumentativeness.

♊ GEMINI (May 22nd to June 22nd)

Basic—Intellectuality, literary affairs, work with hands, dualism.

Positive—Versatility.

Negative—Changeability, indecision, superficiality.

♋ CANCER (June 22nd to July 23rd)

Basic—Love of home, capacity for home building, tenacity, impressionability.

Positive—Sympathy, sensitiveness, artistry.

Negative—Clannishness, timidity, restlessness, indolence.

♌ LEO (July 23rd to August 24th)

Basic—Vitality, authority.

Positive—Affection, nobility, generosity, loyalty, dignity, leadership.

Negative—Arrogance, autocracy, cruelty, overbearance, vanity, ostentatiousness.

♍ VIRGO (August 24th to September 23rd)

Basic—Service, mentality.

Positive—Discrimination, analysis, studiousness, hygienics, purity.

Negative—Criticism, cynicism, introspection, fear of disease.

♎ LIBRA (September 23rd to October 24th)

Basic—Capacity for partnership, art.

Positive—Balance, justice, courtesy, hopefulness, artistic ability.

Negative—Indecision, lack of poise, emotional fluctuation.

♏ SCORPIO (October 24th to November 23rd)

Basic—Secret forces of nature, sex, healing power, military affairs, surgery, magic.

Positive—Regeneration, courage, resourcefulness, ability for secret investigations.

Negative—Discord, misuse of sex, passion, temper, wilfulness, vindictiveness, jealousy.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd to December 22nd)

Basic—Aspiration, idealism, orthodox religion, philosophy, law.

Positive—Generosity, love of out-door life and athletics.

Negative—Over-confidence, dogmatism, fanaticism.

♑ CAPRICORN (December 22nd to January 20th)

Basic—Position, honors, ambition.

Positive—Justice, organization, caution, economy, authority.

Negative—Pride, suspicion, resentfulness, pessimism, unforgiveness, justice without mercy.

♒ AQUARIUS (January 20th to February 20th)

Basic—Humanitarianism, science, new systems, corporations, universality, universal friendship.

Positive—Progressiveness, cooperation, diplomacy.

Negative—Impracticableness, undervaluation of personal friendship, dictatorial.

♓ PISCES (February 20th to March 20th)

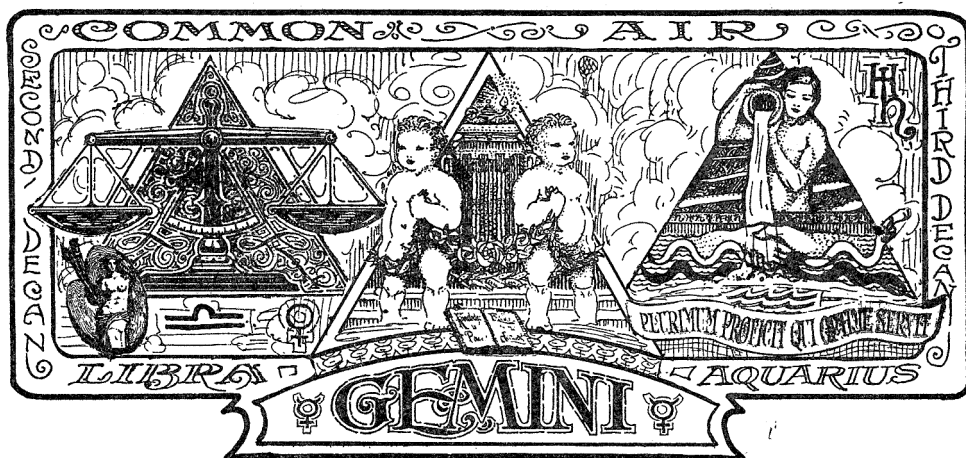
Basic—Sensitiveness to superphysical influences, sense of unity with all life, mysticism, ripe destiny.

Positive—Intuitiveness, inspiration, compassion, renunciation.

Negative—Psychic negativeness, introspection, lack of confidence, secretiveness, procrastination, sorrow.

BIRTH-STONES AND COLORS

SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC	BIRTHDAYS	GEMS RULED BY THE SIGNS	METALS	COLORS
Aries	March 20 to April 21	Amethyst, Diamond	Iron	Red
Taurus	April 21 to May 22	Moss Agate, Emerald	Copper	Yellow
Gemini	May 22 to June 22	Crystal, Aqua Marine	Mercury	Violet
Cancer	June 22 to July 23	Emerald, Black Onyx	Silver	Green
Leo	July 23 to August 24	Ruby, Diamond	Gold	Orange
Virgo	August 24 to September 23	Pink Jasper, Hyacinth	Mercury	Violet
Libra	September 23 to October 24	Diamond, Opal	Copper	Yellow
Scorpio	October 24 to November 23	Topaz, Malachite	Iron	Red
Sagittarius	November 23 to December 22	Carbuncle, Turquoise	Tin	Blue
Capricorn	December 22 to January 20	White Onyx, Moonstone	Lead	Indigo
Aquarius	January 20 to February 20	Sapphire, Opal	Lead	Indigo
Pisces	February 20 to March 20	Chrysolite, Moonstone	Tin	Blue



The Children of Gemini, 1957

Birthdays: May 21 to June 21

THE Sun in his journey northward reaches the 3rd sign of the zodiac and enters the airy, fairy Gemini at 8:00 A.M., Greenwich time, May 21, 1957, leaving the flowering earth of Taurus behind.

Gemini is the first of the airy triplicity and is symbolized as the twins, the first of the Human signs. It is a mental sign, ruled by Mercury, the planet of reason and logic. The keyword for Gemini is *I think* and its keynote is *joy*.

This sign may be correlated in time to that period in evolution when man was given a germ from which he might develop a mind body, enabling him to think and reason for himself, make his own decisions and express his own free will.

The average Gemini native is alert, versatile and expressive; he is an investigator interested in everything.

The Gemini native is breezy, affable and changeable. He stimulates interest in new subjects, new ideas and new scenes. He is quick-witted, light, cheerful and care free; never boring, never critical, he is always good company and ever popular. He is usually the life of the party.

Gemini is easily irritated but never holds a grudge. Because of the duality of the sign, Gemini is a good arbitrator for he can see both sides of a question and is able to adapt himself to people and circumstances. By nature he is frank and outspoken.

Gemini produces a versatile type of individual; this is his best quality; his worst is inconstancy. His watchword is variety; his speech is eloquent, his intellect is seeking and experimental. These children are studious, vivacious, charming, artistic and communicative, always eager to start on something new which they are likely to forget to complete. They must be taught the necessity of finishing one project before starting on another. They must be taught to be kindly and consistent; they must learn patience and stability and to focus their endeavors in some definite constructive direction, else they become dissatisfied "drifters" inaccurate, unreliable, superficial and flippant. Gemini is a good conversationalist but must guard against becoming a "chatterbox."

Gemini rules the 3rd house of the horoscope, blood relatives (especially brothers and sisters), neighbors, short distance travel and all systems of com-

munication. Those born under this sign are mentally quick and skillful in the use of their hands. They are intellectual rather than emotional. They make good teachers; they like to read and they learn quickly.

Professionally, Gemini produces successful writers, publishers, editors, typists, secretaries and anything else of a literary nature. These people are well qualified to work in any capacity with transportation or communication industries. They make excellent postal, telephone, telegraph or railroad employees; or may prefer some occupation where skilled handiwork is required as in architecture, dressmaking, etc.

In the physical body, Gemini rules the hands, arms and shoulders, lungs and the entire cerebro-spinal nervous system. When afflicted by malefic planets, the Sun in Gemini may cause nervous or mental disorders, lung or respiratory ailments such as neuritis, asthma, tuberculosis. The circulation is often poor. These children need wholesome food, more fresh air than the average and plenty of rest for they never seem to relax physically or mentally. They love to travel and are always "on the go."

In appearance Gemini is a clean cut, intellectual type, tall, slender and agile; high strung, nervous and restless.

Gemini's color is violet; his flower the lily-of-the-valley; and his stone, or jewel, is the aquamarine.

Children born during the period immediately following the Sun's entrance into Gemini this year will be subjected to severe tests, as the solar month begins with a series of rather unfavorable aspects. From May 21 to May 25, the Sun is parallel Uranus. Children born at this time will be high strung, nervous and subject to uncontrollable emotional outbursts. They may lack coordination and have a predisposition to nervous diseases. Fortunately, the Sun is also sextile Uranus and outlasts the parallel by five days (until June 1st). This offers constructive release of the nervous,

emotional energies. It increases the will power, self control and personal magnetism. These children will attract the assistance of many influential friends who will aid them in finding appropriate outlets for their original, intuitive and ingenious ability. They will be especially interested in modern science and some will find congenial, successful occupations in aviation, television and other branches of electronics. They will also be interested in astrology and other occult subjects which may make them appear eccentric or unconventional.

From May 21 to May 27, the Sun is parallel Saturn which is unfavorable, especially for the health. It tends to weaken the moral nature and lowers the vitality. The Sun's opposition to Saturn overlaps the parallel and extends the influence until June 10th. This solar Saturn combination weakens the constitution and makes it difficult to throw off disease and recuperate rapidly. It gives a tendency to chronic conditions, bronchial and lung weakness and to such diseases as colds, pneumonia, and tuberculosis. These children require more rest, nourishing food, fresh air and protection against the elements than others.

Children born during this entire period may have difficulty in finding and keeping employment. Misunderstandings with employers, disappointments and losses of various sorts confront them.

From May 21 to May 27, Venus is also opposite Saturn. Children born during the last ten days of May may have health or emotional problems, or later they may suffer business misfortunes and financial losses. This aspect is unfavorable for happy marriage or relations with the opposite sex. These aspects between these planets are inclined to bring out the worst qualities of all three planets. There is danger that these children will be lax in morals and weak in character; they will be tempted to resort to underhanded and scheming methods in order to gratify their desires and passions, traits which

can only lead to failure. They may have poor business ability. Many of their problems will be the result of their own unstable emotions but can be avoided or overcome by careful training and wholesome living. These children must have a good example set before them and taught self control, thrift, honesty, and loyalty.

From May 21 to June 12, Mercury is sextile Mars. This gives a keen, ingenious mentality, quick wit, a sharp but not malicious tongue. It gives remarkable dexterity and ability in the use of the hands.

From June 1 to June 11, Mercury is trine Jupiter, expanding the mental qualities and affording good judgment. These good mental aspects help the native to overcome some of the negative qualities resulting from the less favorable influences.

From June 3 to June 21, the Sun will square Jupiter. This gives good, rich, thick blood, a love for hearty, rich foods, a tendency to overindulge the appetites, become shiftless and lazy and a disregard for proper exercise. The native may suffer from blood disorders, boils, tumors or apoplexy. It also indicates false pride and a haughty, bombastic disposition. The lesson here must be to curb the appetites and learn humility.

From May 25 to June 5, Venus is square Jupiter, giving a love of luxury and self indulgence without ambition and business ability to gratify the tastes. There is an inclination to be underhanded in business and disloyal in love affairs. This aspect is unfavorable for both.

In early June, Venus is parallel and sextile Pluto. This inspires a strong sympathetic desire to help humanity en masse. It offers financial opportunities in or from large corporations or societies.

From June 2 to June 12, Venus makes a trine to Neptune. This gives very high spiritual and inspirational ideals and a soul for beauty and harmony.

These children will have a great deal of talent. They can tune in to the "music of the spheres" and some of them will become outstanding inspirational figures in the world of music and art.

From June 12 to June 21, the Sun will be trine Neptune and these natives will be brought in tune with the Infinite. They will be blessed with both mystical and occult knowledge—of a clairvoyant type. Through their visionary, spiritual qualities some will be able to foresee future conditions and make reliable prophecies. Do not be alarmed if, during childhood, some of these children commune with invisible companions.

From June 11 to June 19, Mercury is sextile Uranus. This gives original and independent ideas, mechanical and inventive ability.

From May 31 to June 18, Mars sextile Jupiter makes the native noble, honest, sincere, enthusiastic and generous. It is good for health, financial prosperity and travel, as this aspect overlaps the former and gives an enterprising spirit. It is helpful in promoting the mechanical and inventive ability of those born between the 11th and 15th.

From June 15 to June 20, Mercury is opposite Saturn which slows both mental processes and results. The mind has less ability to concentrate. The disposition is prone to delay, laziness or obstinacy and frustration.

From June 9 to June 21, the Sun is sextile Pluto. This unfolds spiritual revelations and gives those born between these dates great energy and strong will to accomplish their inspirational ideals regardless of obstacles. They are well qualified to assume positions of authority in large groups of companies and have the ability to sway masses. Some of these children who are highly evolved will have direct contact with cosmic forces, clairvoyant or clairaudient ability and can penetrate the fourth dimensional planes and bring back ingenious, inspirational ideas.

Readings for Subscribers' Children

MARI-ELLEN R.

Born February 15, 1957, 7:15 P.M.
Latitude 38 N., Longitude 122 W.

Cusps of houses: 10th, Gemini 0; 11th, Cancer 4; 12th, Leo 5; Asc., Virgo 3:54; 2nd, Virgo 28; 3rd, Libra 27; Scorpio intercepted in 3rd.

Positions of the planets: Part of Fortune, Aries 24:28; Mars, Taurus 11:24; Dragon's Tail, Taurus 24:18; Uranus, Leo 4:02 R; Pluto, Leo 29:20; Moon, Virgo 17:46; Jupiter, Libra 0:23 R; Dragon's Head, Scorpio 24:18; Saturn, Sagittarius 13:13; Mercury, Aquarius 4:49; Venus, Aquarius 12:53; Sun, Aquarius 27:12.

The majority of the planets in this horoscope are below the earth and setting in the west. This indicates that Mari-Ellen's destiny and success in life will depend largely upon her ability to cooperate with others.

On February 15th, 1957, the day of Mari-Ellen's birth, the Sun, Venus and Mercury were in the humanitarian and progressive sign Aquarius in the 6th house of health and service.

Aquarius is a fixed air sign, essentially mental. The Aquarian planets make her intelligent, ingenious, intuitive, and original, interested in modern inventions and occult science. She has a powerful urge to express these qualities in service to mankind, but she tends to be independent and rebellious against authority. She wants to serve in her own way. Seven of her planets, Sun, Venus, Mercury, Mars, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, are in fixed signs arranged in squares and oppositions. This has an inclination to bring the negative side of each into manifestation which would indicate many difficult lessons throughout life. However, common signs on the angles and the planets distributed throughout the houses make it possible for

her to adjust herself in various ways.

This child has a great deal of power and knowledge which must find outlet in constructive channels. She may be a rather difficult child to rear because of the extreme fixity of her nature; she will tend to be stubborn and headstrong, determined to have her own way. At times she may appear unconventional, rebellious or eccentric in her ideas or behavior or she may be subject to sudden outbursts of temper. At such times she should be handled with loving patience and permitted to regain her normal, reasonable and intellectual outlook on life.

Mercury preceding the Sun in the intellectual sign of Aquarius in favor with Saturn, Venus and Jupiter in Libra gives her broadmindedness, clear vision and foresight. She also has the ability to concentrate and focus her mind toward worthwhile endeavors.

This child's destiny is closely associated with her parents and the home. Saturn in Sagittarius in the 4th house, sextile Venus, Mercury and Jupiter, indicates that her parents love her dearly and will discipline her wisely. Through them she will have spiritual and educational opportunities to develop her mental qualities and apply her fine philosophical principles. She will be taught in the home respect for the law and the value of religion or philosophy. Mari-Ellen will profit materially and spiritually through the loving efforts of her parents and the early training received in the home.

Mari-Ellen is an old soul, highly intelligent and very spiritual. The Part of Fortune, Pluto and the Sun in the final degrees of signs indicates she has some old debts to pay in this life before she can proceed with the new. Gemini, 0 degrees on the Midheaven, shows a crossroad in evolution has been reached and this Ego must now make a decision

as to the path of future endeavor. She will have many decisions to make in this life. New goals and changes in her destiny are indicated as four of her planets, Mercury, Jupiter, Uranus, and Neptune, have all recently changed signs and are still in the first degrees.

The dual Gemini on the 10th cusp; its ruler, Mercury, in the 6th house of service trine to Jupiter in the 2nd house of finance; both planets focused in grand trine with the 10th house of achievement guarantees success, recognition and abundant remuneration for services. She will have more than one profession from which to select a career and in any case will be successful. Uranus in the 11th house sextile her Jupiter and her 10th cusp indicates she will have many unusual opportunities for success brought about by friends. Her greatest success will come in later life.

This girl has a scientific mind, original and ingenious ideas. She should be prepared for some kind of scientific work such as dietician, laboratory technician, research, or the use of electronic instruments.

The Sun in the Libra decanate with Venus and trine Neptune give her spirituality, high ideals and a soul for beauty and harmony. Her Mercury with Venus in trine to Jupiter in Libra, both planets in trine the 10th cusp, indicates inspirational talent and creative ability to which she can give expression and achieve a successful and remunerative profession in the world of art. The grand trine focused through the 10th cusp assures her professional success, recognition and ample remuneration whichever career she chooses.

This girl has an excellent financial chart, both for earning and inheritance but with Mars in Taurus square Mercury and Venus she must learn how to handle her money. There is an inclination to extravagance and waste, and possibility of loss through fraud.

Virgo and the Moon in Virgo tend

to give Mari-Ellen a critical and analytical outlook on life. The square from Saturn angular has a depressing effect both physically and emotionally.

Health may present a major problem for this girl since Sun, Venus, Mercury in the house of health are afflicted by malefic planets, Mars, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. This combination could give rise to elusive ailments of an emotional nature difficult to diagnose and treat. Rosicrucian methods of child training and healing, along with modern medical aid—when and if needed—should bring about recovery. The good aspects from Saturn, Venus and Jupiter indicate recovery.

It is possible that in early childhood, Mari-Ellen may be subject to functional disorders such as bronchial colds, poor digestion, and intestinal disturbances. Extra protection against exposure and proper health food diet should enable her to outgrow these weaknesses. She also may have a tendency toward poor circulation and respiratory ailments. Squares between Mercury, Neptune and Uranus could indicate glandular imbalance which may affect the emotions.

Mari-Ellen's health must be watched and her early child training should be designed to bring out the honest, artistic, scientific, and philosophical characteristics which she was born with, and should blossom into fruition with the passing years.

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.

BRUCE T. N.

Born March 31, 1948, 2:48 P.M.
Latitude 38 N., Longitude 122 W.

Cusps of Houses: 10th, Aries 23; 11th, Taurus 29; Gemini intercepted; 12th, Cancer 4; Asc., Leo 4:38; 2nd, Leo 25; 3rd, Virgo 21.

Positions of planets: Sun, 11:05 Aries; Part of Fortune, 28:46 Aries; Dragon's Head, 16:02 Taurus; Venus, 26:12 Taurus; Uranus, 22:32 Gemini; Pluto, 12:40 Leo ♀; Mars, 18:08 Leo; Neptune, 11:39 Libra ♀; Dragon's Tail, 16:02 Scorpio; Jupiter, 28:36 Sagittarius; Moon, 5:16 Capricorn; Mercury, 17:09 Pisces.

This child has the Sun elevated and exalted in the impulsive, high-spirited and energetic sign Aries, which is also the sign on the Midheaven, and in trine aspect to Pluto, Saturn, Mars and Jupiter. This configuration brings forth the best qualities of each planet, making him courageous, daring, ambitious and enterprising. It gives a pioneering spirit and an abundance of vitality and endurance which qualifies him for leadership. Bruce has a tendency to waste or scatter his energies as the planets are scattered over the horoscope and the cardinal squares between the Moon, Sun and Neptune give a tendency to act impulsively. These weaknesses can be corrected through the well aspected planets in Leo on the Ascendant, for Leo is the sign through which the energies may be concentrated into constructive channels.

Mars conjunct Saturn acts as a brake on impulse while the Sun sextile Uranus gives strong will power, ingenuity and magnetism. Uranus in the 11th house attracts influential friends who will be of assistance to him. Mercury in Pisces square Uranus in Gemini gives an original mind which absorbs knowledge with little effort but makes Bruce opinionated and stubborn in his ideas. It offers inventive and mechanical ability.

Neptune in the 3rd house gives imaginative faculties. The sextiles of Neptune and Uranus to the Leo planets offer a variety of opportunities to express originality, intuition, artistic talent, self-reliance and an interest in occult and mystical subjects. Because of the Moon's square to both Sun and Neptune care must be taken to avoid drugs and spiritualistic seances lest he contact undesirable elementals. Both Sun and Moon afflicted by Neptune could denote an element of treachery throughout life.

Bruce has a strong constitution and long life expectancy but the Moon in the 7th house afflicted in cardinal signs indicates digestive and other functional disorders which a wholesome diet and plenty of relaxation will help to correct. Three malefic planets in the 1st house suggest some physical or environmental handicap in early life which may retard his physical progress but should contribute to his spiritual growth. The Moon in Capricorn square the Sun in Aries creates an inner conflict between the higher spiritual nature and the personal material ambitions and may suggest a lack of cooperation between the parents where Bruce is concerned.

Mars is the ruler of this horoscope and has a dominating influence in the life of this child. It is the ruler of the Midheaven, the 5th house and the Sun sign. Mars is harmoniously placed in the fiery Leo and is accidentally dignified in the 1st house. Planets elevated above the earth indicate an active objective life, and planets on the East and in the 1st house enable Bruce to accomplish his goal on his own resources, through his own efforts. He has plenty of courage, fixity of purpose and can adapt himself to conditions. The Sun shines for Bruce in foreign territory.

The Sun in the 9th house, Jupiter in Sagittarius and three planets in the Sagittarian decanate of Leo give a philosophical, conscientious and religious nature, honorable, honest, and law abiding.

ing. Bruce is well qualified to become a progressive leader and a pioneer in some field. His qualifications make possible a variety of professions. He could practice law; organize some new philosophical group; hold an enviable post in the military; become a foreign diplomat or occupy an executive position in the business world. Bruce may be attracted to enter the entertainment world as a profession where he would be equally successful due to his Leo influence and with Jupiter in the 5th house trine the Part of Fortune in the Midheaven. His success is inevitable whatever he chooses. Mercury in Pisces is an apt imitator and the opposition to Neptune, the "make believe," to his Sun would enable him to portray dramatic characters.

The fire of Spirit, the fire of Heart, the fire of Mind are combined in Bruce enabling him to love, to create and achieve. In this way he can avoid the pitfalls in life which all must face.

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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 command 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.



The Rosicrucian Viewpoint on Vaccination

BACTERIOLOGISTS have discovered that many diseases are caused by microorganisms which invade our body, and also that when this invading army begins to create a disturbance the body commences to manufacture germs of an opposing nature or a substance which will poison the invaders. It is then a question of which are the strongest, the invaders or the defenders. If the defending microbes are more numerous than the invaders or if the serum necessary to poison the invaders, is manufactured in sufficient quantities, the patient recovers. If the defenders are vanquished or the body is unable to manufacture a sufficient quantity of the serum necessary to poison the invaders, the patient succumbs to the disease. It was further discovered that when a certain person has once successfully recovered from a specific malady, he is immune from renewed attacks of that disease for the reason that he has in his body the serum which is death to the germs that cause the disease he has once weathered.

From the above facts certain conclusions were drawn:

(1) If a healthy person is inoculated with a few of the germs of a certain disease he will contract that disease in a mild form. He will then be able to develop the saving serum and thus he will become immune to that disease in the future.

That is the philosophy of vaccination as a means of preventing disease.

(2) When a person has contracted a disease and is unable to manufacture a sufficient quantity of the serum which will destroy the invading microorganisms, his life may be saved by inoculation with the serum obtained from another who has become immune.

As it is not easy to get such antitoxins or cultures from human beings, these germ-cultures and poisons have been obtained from animals, and much has been written both for and against the use of such methods of fighting disease. With these we are not here concerned; the subject when viewed from the Rosicrucian viewpoint goes much deeper than the material approach. There are undoubtedly cases where disease has been prevented by vaccination and cases where death has been prevented by the use of antitoxin; there are also cases where vaccination and antitoxin have caused the fatality they were designed to prevent, but that is beside the question. From the occult viewpoint vaccination and the use of antitoxin *obtained by the processes in use in bacteriological institutes* is to be deplored. These methods work a wrong on the helpless animals and *poison the human body*, making it difficult for the Ego to use its instrument.

Vaccinations have been credited with practically all the physical advances in

the world today. Overlooked, for the most part, are the great strides made through sanitation, diet, and obedience to the laws of health which had been unknown in the past centuries. These *also* have helped to make the world a safer place in which to live and we give undue credit to the advocates of vaccinations when we think that they are responsible for all advances in raising the health standards of the world. As a matter of fact a recent (1957) group of medical doctors have examined the Vegetarian Bantu tribesmen of equatorial Africa—which number in the millions—and state that they are the healthiest people in the world today. And the majority of their illnesses is traced to the large amount of iron taken into their system due to the dust of Africa and the type of cooking utensils used. Also their diet is completely lacking in some of the food values normally considered indispensable to good health.

If we study the chemistry of our food we shall find that nature has provided all necessary medicine, and if we eat right we shall be immune from disease without vaccination.

When in normal health, the body specializes a far greater quantity of the solar energy than it can use. The surplus is radiated from the whole surface of the body with great force and prevents the entrance of microorganisms which lack the strength to battle against this outwelling current, nay, more! on the same principle that an exhaust fan will gather up particles of dust in a room and hurl them outward does this vital fluid cleanse the body of inimical matter, dangerous germs included. It must not surprise us that this force is intelligent and capable of selecting the materials which should be eliminated, leaving the beneficial and useful. Scientists recognize this fact of selective osmosis. They know that while a sieve will allow any particle of matter to pass through which is smaller than the mesh of the sieve, the kidneys, for instance,

will keep certain fluids of use to the body, while allowing waste products to pass. In a similar manner the vital fluid makes a distinction, it rids the body of the poisons and impurities generated inside and repels similar products from without.

This emanation has been called N-rays, or Odic fluid, by scientists who have discovered it by means of chemical reagents which render it luminous. During the process of digestion it is weakest, for then an extra quantity of the solar energy is required for use inside the body in the metabolism of the food; it is the cementing factor in assimilation. The heartier we have eaten, the greater is the quantity of vital fluid expended *within the body* and the weaker the eliminative and protective outrushing current. Consequently we are in the greatest danger from an invasion by an army of inimical microorganisms when we have gorged ourselves.

On the other hand, if we eat sparingly and choose the foods which are most easily digestible, the diminution of the protective vital current will be correspondingly minimized and our immunity from disease will be much enhanced without the necessity of poisoning our body with vaccine.

SUMMER SCHOOL

You will be happy to know that our summer school will be held during the whole month of August this year. We are planning for fine classes and hope that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to study at Mt. Ecclesia.

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The Cause of Sorrow and Suffering

A TALK IN THE PRO-ECCLESIA

WE have met again tonight for the purpose of concentrating our thoughts on the second part of the Christ injunction: "Heal the sick," for we consider this part of the Divine command just as binding upon His followers as the first part, which exhorts us to "preach the Gospel." But if we understand this commandment aright, we shall not be content with merely endeavoring to assuage the present pain, sorrow and suffering of anyone or any number of people. We shall attempt to get to the bottom of all human suffering so that by removing the main cause we may eradicate the effects. To do this, to arrive at a true conclusion concerning the origin of sorrow and suffering and the means for its permanent eradication, we must go back into the far distant past, in fact to the beginning of physical existence.

The Bible has been given to the Western World by the Recording Angels, who give to every nation the religion that is best fitted to guide it upon the path of its spiritual and physical evolution; and if we seek for light from that source we shall certainly find. It must be borne in mind that the Christ taught the multitude in parables, but, gave to His disciples the meaning of those parables and the deeper things

concerning the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. Paul also taught a different, or rather a deeper truth to those who were strong in the faith, but gave the milk of the most elementary doctrines to babes. Similarly we must understand that besides the meaning which the Word of God carries upon its face, there is a deeper and hidden side, which we shall do well to ponder upon tonight.

Let us first grasp the idea that the Earth was not always as it is today; that there has been an immense period of formation and that this planet must have gone through various stages of development before it reached the present condition. We see in the heaven nebulae which are now fiery. We can understand that moisture must be condensed by this fire from the cold expanse of space; we can also understand that this moisture is quickly evaporated when it comes in contact with such a fiery, whirling vortex; that the steam generated rises into space to be there condensed again by the cold, thus going through innumerable cycles of evaporation and condensation until finally a crust is formed around the fiery core. This crust becomes harder when gradually the superfluous moisture is evaporated as a mist. The mist eventually gathers and condenses into a cloud, fall-

ing again upon the planet as a flood and leaving conditions of climate as we find them today upon the earth. These stages the Rosicrucian Teachings call the Hyperborean, Atlantean and Aryan Epochs.

We shall not speak of the first-mentioned of these Aeons. But during the latter part of the Lemurian Epoch, when mankind still lived on fire-girt islands of the forming crust, they were very different from humanity today. They were, in fact, giants of a bodily shape which would be repulsive to our present notions of bodily symmetry and beauty; but it differed particularly in this fact that the Ego had not yet learned to draw within its body properly and permanently. In fact, they did not know at that time that they had bodies; they used them as unconsciously as we use our digestive apparatus. Their sight was focused altogether in the spiritual world and they saw God face to face, or rather those whom they thought were Gods, namely, the Divine Messengers who guided them as children are guided by their parents; for at that time they had developed no will.

Being unconscious of their bodies, they knew neither birth nor death. The loss of a physical vehicle happened frequently on account of the volcanic eruptions that were the order of the day upon our forming earth; but it was like the falling of a dry leaf from the tree; it produced no difference at all in their consciousness. Neither was the birth of a new baby a distracting event because all through birth and death their consciousness was focused in the invisible realm.

At certain times of the year the Angels, who have always been the harbingers of birth, herded these hosts of children into great temples where the propagative act was performed as an act of sacrifice, under the proper planetary rays. In those moments of inten-

sely intimate contact, man's attention was temporarily drawn from the spiritual realms to the physical world, and "Adam knew his wife."

Thus the keynote of the body then conceived was in perfect tune with the harmony of the spheres at that moment and therefore parturition was painless. Health was perfect, and death had no terror for humanity of that age.

But the Angels were not all of the same nature. There were two classes, one attuned to Water, the other to Fire. It is the latter class which was apostrophized by Isaiah, in that wonderful passage where he says:

"O Lucifer, Son of the morning,
How art thou fallen!"

From the Water-Spirits, or true Angels, man received the brain; but Lucifer, Spirit of Fire, is the "Light-giver." From the Fire Spirits came the light of reason.

The desire body of man was by them impregnated with a new faculty, namely: Impulse. And as it was necessary for them to use a physical instrument for their own further development, though they were unable to create such a vehicle, they taught man that he had a dense body, and they also enlightened him concerning the method whereby he might generate a new vehicle at any time, when the old one died, regardless of planetary conditions; and man yielding to the impulse of the Lucifer Spirits, incited by the passion they instilled, began to regard the generative act as a means of enjoyment and gratification instead of a sacrament. Hence, the bodies born under such conditions were out of tune with the Cosmic Harmony. Therefore parturition became painful, health became impaired, and death entered upon his reign as King of Terrors.

While Adam knew his wife only during the time when the Angels presided over the propagative act, his consciousness was focused all the rest of the time

in the spiritual world. But things became radically different when man took the matter into his own hands. The oftener he knew his wife for self-gratification, the oftener and more thoroughly his consciousness became focused in the physical world, and the more he lost sight of the higher realms, until finally they have been forgotten, or almost so. Therefore birth now seems the beginning of life. It commences in pain for mother and babe; life itself is usually a path of sorrow and suffering, because in spirit we feel orphaned from Our Father; and at the end stands death, the King of Terrors, to usher the spirit into what is to our physical consciousness a great unknown, and all because of the impulse and passion, where-with the Martial Lucifer Spirits have impregnated our desire nature. And so long as the fire light of passion taints our desire nature, this regime must continue.

The Old Testament opens with the account of how man was led astray by *the false Light* of the Lucifer Spirits, giving birth to all the sorrow and suffering in the world, it closes with the promise that the Sun of Righteousness shall arise, with Healing in its wings. And in the New Testament we find the Sun of Righteousness, the *true Light*, come to save the world, and the first fact which is stated regarding Him is, that He is of immaculate Conception.

Now this point should be thoroughly understood, and should be clear from the foregoing, that it is the Luciferian taint of passion which has brought sorrow, sin, and suffering into the world. Prior to the impregnation of the desire body with this demoniac principle, conception was immaculate and a sacrament. Man walked in the presence of the Angels then, pure and unashamed. The act of fertilization was as chaste as that of the flower. Therefore when the mischief had been wrought, immediately the messenger, or Angel, girded them with leaves, to impress upon them the

ideal which they must learn to live, namely, chastity like that of the plant. Whenever we are able to perform the act of generation in a pure, chaste and passionless manner as the plant does, an immaculate conception takes place and a Christ is born, capable of healing all the suffering of humanity, capable of conquering death and establishing immortality, a true light to lead humanity away from the will-o'-the-wisp of passion; through self-sacrifice to compassion.

This, then, is the great ideal toward which we are striving: To cleanse ourselves from the taint of egoism and self-seeking. And therefore we look upon the emblem of the Rose Cross as an ideal. For the seven red roses typify the cleansed blood; the white rose shows the purity of life, and the golden, radiating star symbolizes that inestimable influence for health, helpfulness and spiritual uplift which radiates from every *Servant* of humanity.

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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:

May	3—10—16—24—31
June	6—13—20—27
July	3—10—17—24—30

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

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.



Keepers of the Temple

IN the Old Testament, we learn that Jehovah was the great ruler of all the people until Christ Jesus came to earth almost two thousand years ago. At the time that Christ came to the earth the people were quite wicked and they did many things which are not at all good. They even sold oxen and sheep and doves in the temple at Jerusalem where they were supposed to only pray and worship. They made money from these slaughtered animals. When the gentle Christ Jesus entered the temple and saw all this, He said unto them, "Take these things out; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise."

Now there is a real good lesson in this story for us. We must always remember that each story we read about in the Bible has a wonderful meaning for each of us. Let us see if we can find the hidden meaning in the story of the cleansing of the Temple. We know of course that people no longer kill animals and sell them in the churches, but still we do other things which may be just as bad. This story tells us about these things.

Our temple is the body in which we live. We must keep it clean and holy. We must not defile it in any way. If we think thoughts of hate, envy, jealousy, and selfishness, they will in time

be written on our faces, and will make us very, very ugly. But, if we think good thoughts of love, peace, harmony, and kindness, then our faces will become very, very beautiful.

Now we begin to see what this story of the cleansing of the Temple really means to us. The body is the temple where the Spirit, the real inner You carries on its work. If we allow animal-like and wicked thoughts and feelings to enter this temple, we are really making our body an unclean place instead of a holy place where the Spirit is supposed to be.

The Bible tells us that Christ made a whip of small cords and drove the animals and the greedy merchants out of the Temple. There is also a hidden meaning to this. The whip or the rod is the spiritual power of Christ, and the small cords are the nerves along which the spiritual power flows. When Christ's wonderful power flows into us, it drives out all the beasts of the lower nature, the animal-like thoughts, feelings, and desires which are unfit to be in the precious temple of God, our body.

Christ showed us by this story how we may use His spiritual power to cleanse our bodies. When we do this, a wonderful light will shine from our faces, and people around us will know

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that we have a beautiful character. It doesn't really make much difference what shape our nose is, whether we have straight or curly hair, or whether our faces are plain. What really counts is whether or not Christ's love shines from our faces. And if it does, then everybody around will see that we are beautiful, and that we are very, very happy thinking only good thoughts—keeping the inner temple of God clean and pure.

Children's Monthly Prayer

Dear Christ Jesus, increase
My love for Thee, so I may
Serve Thee better from day
To day—And let the words
Of my mouth—And the thoughts
of my mind, always be acceptable
To Thee.

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THE WIND

PATSEY ELLIS

I never, never see the wind,
And yet it bends the tallest trees;
It chases leaves along the path
And sails the ships upon the seas.

Sometimes the wind is strong and gay,
Sometimes I feel it kiss my face,
And yet, although it is so near,
I cannot see it any place.

I think this is the way with God:
I cannot see Him, yet I know
He often holds my hand in His,
When I know not which way to go.