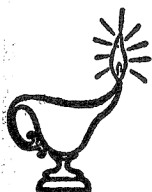


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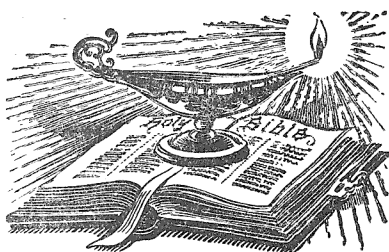
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THE POET'S PHILOSOPHY

Sorrow is knowledge; they who know the most,
Must mourn the deepest o'er the fatal truth,
The tree of knowledge is not that of Life.

—*Byron.*

How charming is divine Philosophy!
Not harsh and crabbed, as dull fools suppose,
But musical as is Apollo's lute,
And a perpetual feast of nectar'd sweets,
Where no crude surfeit reigns.

—*Milton.*

Divine Philosophy! by whose pure light
We first distinguish, then pursue the right;
Thy power the breast from every error frees,
And weeds out all its vices by degrees.

—*Gifford.*

Sound judgment is the ground of writing well,
And when philosophy directs your choice,
To proper subjects rightly understood,
Words from your pen will naturally flow.

—*Horace.*





OUR NEED FOR BALANCE

IT has been said by authorities that of all spiritual and physical laws the Law of Balance is the most important—the underlying law of Creation. Upon it depends the continuity of the universe. Operating in both the microcosm, man, and the macrocosm, our universe, it is all-comprehensive and all-wise; the stability of all life in manifestation rests upon it. It is the fundamental cause and the ultimate effect of the Law of Opposites, the Law of Polarity, the Law of Periodicity or Cycles, and all forces in opposition. There could be neither spiritual, psychic, nor material life in form were it not for the action of the Law of Balance. Violations of this law, by either man or Nature, inevitably result in major or minor catastrophes.

Occult philosophy teaches that evolution is “The history of the progression of the Spirit in time.” Observing evolution as it manifests through the varied phenomena of our universe, we find that its path is a spiral, each loop of the spiral being a cycle toward the attainment of the state of equilibrium.

On the larger scale, cycles occur as the Sun moves backward among the twelve constellations by the movement we call the precession of the equinoxes. The climate, flora, and fauna of the Earth are slowly changed, thus making a different environment for the human race in each successive age as it journeys toward Oneness with God, the Creator. There is also the cyclic path of the planet, the turning points of which are the equinoxes and the solstices. Hence the occultist observes the Summer Solstice (June 22) and the Autumnal Equinox (September 23), as well as Christmas and Easter. They indicate the periodical flow of the invisible forces investing our Earth which, working at the behest of the Law of Balance, cause the physical, moral, and mental activities upon our globe.

On a smaller scale, it is through the operation of the Law of Balance that man is “born” and “dies,” but eventually there comes about the completion of the final unity of all diversified life. The human Spirit ultimately overcomes all that has obstructed its evolutionary progress; the desires are brought under the control of the Spirit through the will and mind; sex disappears into the sexlessness of the Adept. He who has

made himself amenable to the functioning of the Law of Balance within himself is no longer dominated by the opinions, desires, or experiences of any other being—in the body or out of it. His life is dedicated to the purpose of knowing and obeying God's omniscient laws, and ever moves with an inner harmony and effectiveness toward that end.

The many extremes which exist about us today are glaring reminders that there is a pressing need for balance in our lives, and in the affairs of our "brave new world." The ease with which the masses of people fall into a hysteria of hero worship or a condemnatory attitude, become possessed with fear over the possibility of atom bomb attack or monetary inflation, pursue blindly a course of intolerance and persecution toward race and religion, become involved in unethical business and politics, stress sex inordinately, succumb to the false life of intoxicants and narcotics, over-emphasize the material side of life to the detriment of the spiritual, engage in "cold" and actual warfare—these and many other abnormal conditions are all symptoms (as well as results) of the imbalance within human beings which unleashes the forces of destruction. Too few there are who maintain their equilibrium in the midst of all these extremes, realizing that only in a calm, impersonal attitude is found the ability to cope with disturbing conditions in a constructive way.

History is replete with accounts of national and international climaxes which have been brought about repeatedly at certain periods of time by the Law of Cycles, in obedience to the more comprehensive Law of Balance. At such times the men and women who brought order and progress out of chaos were those who had achieved a measure of balance within themselves.

So is it today. During these crucial years in which we are coming into new and higher evaluations and standards, the men and women who are using both the head and the heart qualities well merit our gratitude for the service they are rendering in helping to keep our world in a stable condition and save us from possible catastrophes. Wherever they are—and they are to be found in practically every walk of life—they are serving in a measure as self-conscious channels for our Invisible Guardians. Not only among the representatives to the United Nations and national legislative bodies, but also in the many local governing, religious, labor, business, and educational groups, are to be found men and women who have developed a keen sense of "give and take"—who can sit around the discussion table and in a sane, sensible way talk over their problems and decide upon a course of action acceptable to the majority.

"Come, let us reason together," is an admonition which strikes the keynote for a procedure to recondition our smaller and larger worlds, but since reason is actually the product of selfishness (having been generated by the mind "given by the 'Powers of Darkness,' in a brain built by selfishly keeping half the sex-force, and prompted by the selfish Lucifers"), it must, if the most satisfying results are to be obtained, be coupled with love and a recognition of the oneness of all creatures. In time, reason, which is being evolved through the Human Spirit, will have conducted desire into channels leading to the attainment of spiritual perfection; the desire nature will have been conquered and the mind emancipated by *love* from its bondage to desire. Then the faculty of the Life Spirit, intuition, will become paramount.

In our world today there is every opportunity for achieving balance — a sane mind, a soft heart, and a sound body — and there is at the same time ample opportunity for giving way to the lower desires and obstructing one's own progress as well as that of others. Each individual must eventually make his own choice as to which path he will follow: the balanced path of harmony and progress, or the unbalanced path of strife and contention. Certainly there was never a greater demand for the well-integrated balanced person. An understanding of the real nature of man and his purpose here on Earth furnishes the most powerful incentive toward the positive path.

The creative energy of the human Spirit, a spark within the Divine Flame, is bi-polar. Will is the masculine quality; imagination is the feminine. Although we are born alternately (as a general rule) in the male and female physical body, yet within everyone, no matter the sex of the body worn, there exists the bi-polar energy which must ultimately be brought to a perfect balance. From the time the all-conscious Virgin Spirit is differentiated within God and sent forth on a long journey into and out of matter to attain self-consciousness and divine omniscience, until the end of its septenary pilgrimage, there is a continuous evolving toward the spiritual equilibrium which is climaxed by Oneness with the Creator. Then the differentiated Spirit's purpose in manifestation will have been served and it will be ready for further evolutionary glory and splendor.

In some people, both men and women, the imaginative or heart quality is the stronger, and the person is highly devotional and emotional. In others the intellect is paramount, and the individual is predominantly cold and mental. Throughout his writings Max Heindel has stressed the necessity of developing both the head and the heart — of striving for balance. He says: "*The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, I believe, has won its way because of this appeal to the intellect and the satisfaction it has given to the inquiring mind But few have seemed able, as yet, to transcend the intellectual conception, and unless the book gives the student an earnest desire to transcend the path of knowledge and pursue the path of devotion it is a failure in my estimation The intellectual occultist may end in black magic if he pursues the path of knowledge for the sake of knowledge and not for service. The only safe way is to develop both head and heart In the blending of head and heart is the true balance, the only true safety."

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Religion in the New Age

MARK HALPERN

WE have come to the challenging hour in the history of the human race, when we can no longer accept values in social life or any religious beliefs merely because they have been adhered to for centuries. Nor is it well for us impulsively to embrace new values and beliefs merely because they are new. Only if they are found, after thoughtful and deliberate examination, to be vitally alive with the dynamic power of spiritual significance should they be given our whole-hearted approval and serious consideration.

But if these values and beliefs are crystallized with separative materialistic concepts, being as completely devoid of throbbing life as are whited sepulchers, they should be ignored completely. Thus through lack of attention they will disintegrate and finally disappear as obstacles to human beings on the path of spiritual progress.

It is for spiritual progress alone that we are here on this earth, where the raw resistance of the pairs of opposites affords us all the opportunities we need for strengthening our characters in order to rise above all mortal weaknesses and erroneous concepts in the high attainment of full enlightenment. We take nothing with us when we depart from this hectic scene of human existence

except whatever degree of the distilled essence of experiences we have garnered here in the brief span of mortal life.

Therefore, it being evident and without the need of elucidation that one fleeting little lifetime, which is abruptly cut even shorter in many cases in youth of childhood or even in infancy, is far from being adequate to supply the necessary comprehensive teaching and the great variety of numerous testing experiences required for bringing about the indispensable Dynamic Wisdom of Enlightenment in the Eternal Real Self, there are repeated returns or rebirths in this school of life here on Earth.

Now it so happens that rebirth (or reincarnation), together with its concomitant universal Law of Cause and Effect, has been taught for milleniums in the East. Are we on that account, simply because of its great antiquity, to judge it as being a crystallized belief and one that is not suited to these modern times? Will religion in this dawning New Age cast it aside as being the mere outworn rags of crystallized, benighted thinking?

Far from it! Rebirth, together with the Law of Cause and Effect, will be a salient feature of the New Age Religion on account of its powerful encouragement of hope and self-reliance.

When one realizes toward the close of his life, regardless of the misfortunes inflicted on self and others because of errors of ignorance, that there will be opportunities to make amends by growing in compassionate understanding and wisdom through learning in other days to come in the school of life the lessons that must be learned, then there is sure to be hope instead of despair. Likewise, when one realizes that all that man suffers or rejoices in, all his misery as well as his happiness, his noble qualities as well as his ignoble qualities, are caused by himself, he will then learn to rely on *himself* and go on to become a Liberated Light in the world and a blessing to all humanity.

If we ask why it is necessary that rebirth and the Law of Cause and Effect be an important part of the New Age Religion, we should also ask ourselves why there should be religion at all. Surely, religion as it is popularly regarded, in its formal, organized and sectarian sense, has not a great deal to be proud of in its record throughout the centuries. After so many centuries of various kinds of religions—bearing in mind that religion, if it is to be true to its name, should, above all, minister to the peace of the world and the human heart, teaching and practising goodwill to one's fellowman and loving gratitude to God or life and the opportunity so to live as to glorify God—after thousands of years of the various organized religions, what did we have to show for religious teachings in the first half of this modern “enlightened and civilized” century? Two global wars, with their inhuman internecine mass destructions of nations and races; with such bestial horrors in concentration and prison camps as are best left undescribed—if, indeed, it were possible that their monstrous demoniac atrocities could adequately and graphically be described in human language.

Moreover, what are we to say regarding progress in universal brotherhood,

with peace and goodwill among men, when we think of the great number of clergymen and leaders of the various denominations in the different nations that were engaged in those two world wars, praying with their congregations that God, the one Father of all, grant their own particular nation victory in the coming battles; a victory that would entail the additional slaughter of great numbers of their brothers of the One Human Family! And, the very extreme of human hypocrisy, notwithstanding the fact that one of the Ten Commandments explicitly states: “THOU SHALT NOT KILL.”

What are we to say regarding all the massacres, tortures, burnings, inquisitions, pillagings, and persecutions per-



petrated in the past in the holy name of religion!

These are rhetorical questions, so we use the exclamation point, realizing that it would be difficult for any human being who feels a oneness with all life to find suitable words for comment on such unbelievaable unhuman behavior expressed by man, who contains the spark of divinity within himself.

However, if words must be used, there is only one word to explain it; IGNORANCE!

No man or group of men, no people, nation or race, can be said to be wilfully and malevolently cruel or evil. Human beings are all motivated and act from whatever degree of enlightenment they may happen to possess at the time or from the lack of it. Each feels that what he wants or does—or what he advocates or supports—is what is best and

will give the satisfaction he desires.

But there is quite a difference between what an enlightened person deems best and what a benighted one so considers. No enlightened individual has any thought of separateness. Accordingly, he wants only what is good, uplifting, harmonious, true, peaceful, edifying and beneficial for all. And this enlightened understanding can be obtained only through the expansion of consciousness and deepening of spiritual insight by learning the lessons provided by the testing experiences encountered in repeated lives here on earth.

This brings us to the Religion of the New Age. The formalized and organized religions of dogma and crystallized credal concepts have played their part on the stage of human existence. We have to give due credit for what good they have done. They brought comfort to many and endeavored to raise the eyes of the masses from the grossest of merely physical and materialistic concerns, to an inadequate but temporarily satisfying concept of a heaven of future rewards for an earthly life of misery and the good deeds accomplished therein. But the Religion of the New Age affirms that only heaven and hell, in the real eternal sense, exist only in one's own consciousness; and that man must not expect rewards for any good he does—the doing of good is its own highest reward. The Religion of the New Age is not merely another aspect of earthly bargaining and shopkeeping. It is the very spirit of Life itself

So with all the other crystallized and credalized concepts of sectarian religions. They are to go! They are powerless to deal with and offset the unrestrained accelerated advances of modern science, which is now dangerously ahead of the spiritual progress of the human race as a whole. The progeny of man's intellectual brilliance, the hydrogen bombs and space rockets, are not the answer to man's real problems, for, as has already been

mentioned in this article, man is not here on this earth for anything other than the attainment of Spiritual Enlightenment. When he attains that, he has no further need for schooling on this earth; and thus, he is no longer subject to rebirth and the Law of Cause and Effect.

The aim of the Religion of the New Age is to bring about enlightenment in increasing numbers of human beings. It is the Illuminated Essence of Life itself, without dogma and without creeds, teaching the Truth that each person is the High Priest at the altar of his own heart, in the Holy Temple of His True Eternal Self in God, the One Supreme Absolute.

THERE IS HOPE

There is hope for those who stumble and
and fall

And have the courage to rise;
They journey on with a watchful step
And see through kindlier eyes.
For the mountain peaks would not seem
so high

Were it not for the valley between,
And lofty thoughts would inspire us
less

If we had not known the mean.

There is hope for those who try again,
Who will not yield to despair,
Who make of failure a stepping-stone
To mount life's winding stair.
For the morning stars shall sing for
them,

And the rose shall bare its heart,
The hills shall be glad because of them,
And the rivers of hope shall start.

If we could just learn to appreciate the happiness and well being that continually surrounds us, we wouldn't be so busy searching that we fail to see it at every turn in the road of life.

—MacGregor Fiske.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

AUDREY GLOVER

MANY Rosicrucian students will remember Ella Wheeler Wilcox as the poet of whom Max Heindel wrote in *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, "Ella Wheeler Wilcox, with the true compassion of all far advanced souls, champions this occult maxim (There is One Life—the Life of God) in the following beautiful words," and then quotes her poem, "The Voice of the Voiceless." But probably few know that she met Max Heindel and conversed with him, as she relates in her autobiography, "The Worlds and I," published shortly before her death in 1919.

That Ella Wheeler Wilcox was an advanced soul is evidenced in her voluminous poetry. Her words of faith, hope, love, compassion, and spiritual wisdom must have helped and cheered millions of people, for she was well known over this country and in England for many years. Her life motto, she tells us, was Service. Her family was for the most part scornful of all things religious, yet she writes, "From the hour I could think, I always thought with reverence and love of God, the Great Creator of this wonderful universe. Faith was born in my soul, and as a little child my belief in prayer and in my guardian angels haloed my world." She was often hurt by the irreverence shown in her family and goes on to say, "In after years I understood why this was. Being an old soul myself, reincarnated many more times than any other member of my family, I knew the truth of spiritual things not revealed to them. I could not formulate what I knew, but what I felt myself the spiritual parent of my elders; and I longed to help them to clearer sight."

Ella Wheeler was born in 1855 on a farm in Wisconsin, the youngest of four

children. Her childhood and youth were meager in physical comforts, and in mental, emotional, and spiritual satisfactions. She started writing poetry at a very early age, and was well known as a poet in her own state by the time she graduated from high school. When about 28 years of age, she married Robert Wilcox. They had one child, a son, who died shortly after birth. Not long after their marriage, they both became interested in Theosophy and accepted its teachings. Throughout life, they were always interested in psychic and spiritual matters. Early in their married life, they promised each other that whoever went first to the realms beyond would return and communicate with the other, if possible, and they had little doubt but that it was possible.

Robert Wilcox died in 1916, after over thirty years of close and loving companionship with his wife. She was overcome with grief, which became ever more intense as week after week went by without any message from him. She visited famous mediums all over the country, and also a number of "Wise Ones" of various religions and philosophies, without finding what she sought. A stay at a Theosophical retreat helped her to become calmer, and good friends there warned her against blind dependence on spiritualism. She tells it thus, "Opposed to spiritualism, which degenerates into fortune telling, and, which delays the souls of those gone on by continual appeals to return for trivial purposes, they yet approved of my investigations into the occult, knowing my purpose was not a selfish one, and knowing that any truths which came to me would not be misused or abused. They even accompanied me in some of my investigations and helped me to dis-

criminate between mere mind reading, chatter of elementals from borderland, and messages from higher planes."

It was at this time that she went to California, as she heard that the spiritual vibrations were stronger there. She went to see Max Heindel, still seeking help in her sorrow, still unable to understand why she had had no word from her Robert. This is how she tells of this meeting.

"In talking with Max Heindel, the leader of the Rosicrucian Philosophy in California, he made very clear to me the effect of intense grief. Mr. Heindel assured me that I would come in touch with the spirit of my husband when I learned to control my sorrow. I replied that it seemed strange to me that an omnipotent God could not send a flash of his light into a suffering soul to bring its conviction when most needed. Did you ever stand beside a clear pool of water, asked Mr. Heindel, and see the trees and skies repeated therein? And did you ever cast a stone into that pool and see it clouded and turmoiled, so it gave no reflection? Yet the skies and trees were waiting above to be reflected when the waters grew calm. So God and your husband's spirit wait to show themselves to you when the turbulence of sorrow is quieted."

The truth of his words was proved to her several months later. She returned to her home in the East, and spent hours daily in prayer and meditation. She composed a little mantra which she said over and over, "I am the living witness: The dead live: And they speak through us and to us: And I am the voice that gives this glorious truth to the suffering world: I am ready, God: I am ready, Christ: I am ready, Robert." Little by little she came to understand God's purpose in allowing this suffering, "Holding in store for me the greatest gift the Lords of Karma have to bestow to those on earth, God wanted me to cast away, one by one, every prop on which I leaned, and to break every

tie which bound me to material things, or held me closely to earthly affections."

Eventually, she made unmistakable contact with her husband, and had soul-satisfying conversations with him.

Afterward she made valiant efforts to give out occult truths to a suffering world (World War I was still in progress), but she met for the most part with scorn and disbelief. People, she said, were like the country woman who, when she saw a giraffe for the first time, turned away saying, "There ain't no such animal!" Faced with incontrovertible proofs of continuing life after death, they would still deny it! She wrote, "As we think, act, and live here today, we build the structures of our homes in spirit realms after we leave earth, and we build karma for future



lives, thousands of years to come, on this earth or other planets. Life will assume new dignity, and labor new interest for us, when we come to the knowledge that death is but a continuation of life and labor, in higher planes." Now, forty years after her death, occult students are still trying to give these truths to a suffering world. Some gains have been made, but the progress seems so slow!

Let us close with Ella Wheeler Wilcox's closing words in her book, "From this mighty storehouse (of God, and the hierarchies of Spiritual Beings) we may gather wisdom and knowledge, and receive light and power, as we pass through this preparatory room of earth, which is only one of the innumerable mansions in our Father's house. Think on these things."

Service, the Key to a Higher Life

TERESA FREIRE

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."—Math. 25:40.

ALL throughout Max Heindel's teachings we find, like a thread of golden strength, the guide to a useful and meaningful life. We learn that service is the standard of true greatness, and it is not difficult to understand why we are placed in the environment best suited to our own specific needs for growth. What is not so readily accepted is the fact that there, too, we can render the greatest service. We realize sooner or later that loving, self-forgetting service is the key to the higher life we all seek to live.

Many people spend half their lives longing to be elsewhere, to serve in some far away place where they feel work will be much more purposeful. It would be better to focus our minds on the daily opportunities facing us here and now, since this is the area of our accomplishment. In life's eternal present there is the need of strong faith and the Light Within will guide our every thought and act.

Most of us feel that we do our share because our daily routine is crowded with the numerous duties of the day. We work hard at performing the usual smaller or greater services to family, friends, and fellow workers. We visit the sick, console the suffering as best we can, forgive, share, and rejoice, as the situation calls for. But at the end of the day, in the quiet hours of the night, as we take inventory of our thoughts and acts, we feel the emptiness of that which was left undone. That which we *did not have to do* marks the instance when perhaps real

service began. We should endeavor to give freely of ourselves, from that which wells up spontaneously from our hearts, the inner urge which sometimes must be cultivated. Service of this kind is far reaching if given in the radiant warmth of human sympathy and understanding.

Countless are the opportunities of the day. Did we perceive the sadness in a pair of human eyes? Were we aware of unspoken anguish in a casual phrase? Were we moved by the trembling hand that hesitantly touched ours? Did we answer the unasked question on the lips of a timid or perhaps proud friend? *Were we aware?* Awareness: the clue to a full and overflowing life of service. The things we could have done are what sometimes makes retrospection incomplete. It is not an easy task to serve continuously and wholeheartedly, but growth in the true spiritual sense cannot be accomplished unless there is spontaneous obedience to the love impulse from within.

To serve is to build in the fullest meaning of the word, to multiply usefulness by creativeness, and thus gain spiritual power. That is the prize: Man awakening to the Christ Power within and using it spontaneously in loving his neighbor as himself.

Each evolved being has a luminous area of his own spiritual radiation. The efficient worker attracts through his own security and strength those he would help. Here lies the importance of growth. With it comes the capacity to use effectively and with flexibility the powers acquired. Through growth we gain the spiritual wealth needed to radiate *truth, harmony, beauty, and divine love*. These words we hear repeatedly.

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MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

Freemasonry and Catholicism

The Masonic Legend

PART II



EVERY mystic movement has its legend, which tells in symbolic language its status in the cosmic order and the ideal which it tries to realize. From the Old Testament, containing the Atlantean Mystery teaching, we learn that mankind was created male-female, bi-sexual, and that each one was capable of propagating his species without the co-operation of another as is the case with some plants today. Later on, we are informed, Jehovah removed one pole of the creative force from *Adam*, the early humanity, and that there were henceforth two sexes. The esoteric teaching supplements this information by stating that the purpose of this change was to use one pole of the creative force for the building of a brain and larynx wherewith mankind might acquire knowledge and express itself in speech. The intimate connection between the organs, brain, larynx and genitals is evident to anyone upon the slightest examination of facts. The boy's voice changing at puberty, the mental deficiency resulting from over-indulgence of the passional nature, and the inarticulate speech of the mentally defective with many other facts which might be added prove this assertion.

According to the Bible, our earliest parents were forbidden to eat of the *Tree of Knowledge*, but Eve, seduced by the serpent, did eat and later induced the man to follow her example. Who are the serpents and what is the

Tree of Knowledge may also be determined from certain passages in the Bible. We are told, for instance, that Christ exhorted his disciples to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves." The so-called curse pronounced upon Eve after her confession declares that she must bear her children in sorrow and pain and that the race will die. It has always been a great stumbling block to Bible commentators as to what connection there could be between the eating of an apple, death, and painful parturition; but when we are acquainted with the chaste expressions of the Bible, which designates the creative act by such passages as "*Adam knew Eve and she bore Cain*," "*Adam knew Eve and she bore Abel*," "*How can I bear a child seeing I know not a man?*" et cetera, it is very evident that the Tree of Knowledge is a symbolical expression for the creative act. Then it is plain that the serpents taught Eve how to perform the creative act and that Eve instructed Adam. Therefore, Christ designated the serpents as harmful while admitting their wisdom. To get at the identity of the serpent it is necessary to invoke the esoteric teaching, which points them out as the martial Lucifer Spirits, rulers of the serpentine sign Scorpio. Their Initiates, even so late as the Egyptian Dynasty, wore the *Uraeus* or serpent symbol in the forehead as a sign of the source of their wisdom.

As a consequence of this unauthor-

ized use of the creative force, humanity ceased to be ethereal and crystallized into the *coats of skin* or physical body which now hides from them the gods who dwell in the invisible realms; and great was their sorrow at this loss.

Generation had been originally established by the Angels under Jehovah. It was then performed in great temples under propitious planetary conditions and parturition was then painless, as it is today among wild animals where the creative function is not abused for the purpose of gratifying the senses.

Degeneration resulted from the ignorant and unauthorized abuse inaugurated by the Lucifer Spirits.

Regeneration must be undertaken in order to restore man to his lost estate as a spiritual being and to free him from this body of death wherein he is now encrusted. Death must be swallowed up in Immortality.

To attain this object, a covenant was made with humanity when it was expelled from the garden of God to wander in the wilderness of the world. According to that plan, a Tabernacle was built after a pattern planned by the God, Jehovah, and an ark symbolical of the human spirit was placed in it. Its staves were never taken out of their place, to show that man is a pilgrim on the earth and may never rest until he reaches the goal. There was within it a golden pot with "*manna*" (man) "*fallen from heaven*," together with a statement of the divine laws which man must learn in his pilgrimage through the wilderness of matter. This symbolic ark contained also a magic wand, an emblem of the spiritual powers, called *Aaron's rod*, which are now latent in everyone on his way to the haven of rest—the mystic temple of Solomon. The Old Testament also tells how humanity was miraculously led and provided for, how after the warfare with the world it was given peace and prosperity by the before-mentioned King Solomon; in short, stripped of all em-

bellishments the story relates the salient facts of man's descent from heaven, his principal metamorphoses, his transgression of the laws of the God Jehovah, how he had been led in the past and how Jehovah would wish to guide him in the future till he reaches the Kingdom of Heaven—the land of peace—and again docilely follows the lead of the Divine Ruler.

The Masonic legend has points of variance from as well as agreement with the Bible story. It states that Jehovah created *Eve*, that the Lucifer Spirit *Samael* united with her but that he was ousted by Jehovah and forced to leave her before the birth of her son Cain, who was thus *the son of a widow*. Then Jehovah created *Adam*, to be the husband of Eve, and from their union Abel was born. Thus from the beginning there have been two kinds of people in the world. One, begotten by the Lucifer Spirit Samael and partaking of a semi-divine nature imbued with the dynamic martial energy inherited from this divine ancestry, is aggressive, progressive, and possessed of great initiative, but impatient of restraint or authority whether human or divine. This class is loath to take things on faith and prone to prove all things by the light of reason. These people *believe in works* rather than faith, and by their dauntless courage and inexhaustible energy they have transformed the trackless wilderness of the world to a garden full of life and beauty, so lovely in fact that *the Sons of Cain* have forgotten the garden of God, the Kingdom of Heaven, whence they were expelled by the decree of the lunar God Jehovah. Against Him they are in constant rebellion because He has tied them by the umbilical "*cable tow*." They have lost their spiritual sight and are imprisoned in the forehead of the body where it is said Cain was marked; they must wander as prodigal sons in the comparative darkness of the material world, oblivious to their high and noble

estate until they find the door of the temple, and ask and receive *Light*; then as "*phree messen*" or children of light they are instructed in methods of building a new temple without sound of hammer, and when they have learned this they may "*travel in foreign countries*" to learn more of the craft. In other words, when the spirit realizes that it is far from its heavenly home, a prodigal, feeding upon the unsatisfactory husks of the material world, that apart from the Father it is "*poor, naked and blind*," when it knocks at the door of a mystic temple like that of the Rosierucians and asks for light, when it receives the desired instruction after due qualification by building an ethereal soul-body, a temple or house eternal in the heavens, not made with hands, and without sound of hammer, when its nakedness is clothed with that house (see Cor. 4:5), then the neophyte receives "*the word*," the open sesame to the inner worlds and learns to travel in foreign parts in the invisible worlds. There he takes soul-flights into heavenly regions and qualifies for higher degrees under more direct instruction from *The Grand Architect of the Universe*, who fashioned both heaven and earth.

Such is the temperament of *the widow's* sons inherited from their divine progenitor Samael and given by him to their ancestor Cain. Their past history is a struggle with adverse conditions, their achievement is victory wrested from all opposing forces by indomitable courage and persistent effort, unchecked by temporary defeat.

On the other hand while Cain, governed by divine ambition, toiled and tilled the soil to make two blades of grass grow where there was only one, *Abel, the human progeny of human parents*, felt no urge or unrest, himself a creature of Jehovah through Adam and Eve; he was perfectly contented to tend the flocks also created by God and to accept a livelihood from

their divinely begotten increase without labor or exercising initiative. This docile attitude was most pleasing to the God Jehovah, who was extremely jealous of His prerogative as Creator. Therefore He cordially accepted the offering of Abel obtained without effort or initiative, but scorned the offering of Cain because derived through his own divine creative instinct akin to that of Jehovah. Cain then slew Abel, but did not thereby exterminate the docile creatures of Jehovah, for we are told *Adam knew Eve again and she bore Seth*. Seth had the same characteristics as Abel and transmitted them to his descendants, who to this day, continue to trust to the Lord for everything, and *who live by faith and not by work*. By arduous and energetic application to the world's work the Sons of Cain have acquired worldly wisdom and temporal power. They have been captains of industry and masters of *statecraft*, while the Sons of Seth, looking to the Lord for guidance, have become the avenue for divine and spiritual wisdom. They constitute the *priestcraft*. The animosity of Cain and Abel has been perpetuated from generation to generation among their respective descendants. Nor could it be otherwise, because one class as temporal rulers aim to lift humanity to physical well-being through conquest of the material world, while the Priesthood in their role as spiritual guides urge their followers to forsake the wicked world, the vale of tears, and look to God for comfort. One school aims to turn out *master workmen*, skilled in the use of tools wherewith they may wrest a livelihood from the earth, which was cursed by their divine adversary Jehovah. The other produces *master magicians*, skilled in the use of the tongue in invocation, and by the use of the tongue they gain support from the toilers here and pray themselves and their charges into heaven hereafter.

About the future in store for the Sons of Cain and their followers, the

temple legend is also most eloquent. It states that from Cain descended Methuselah, who invented writing, Tubal Cain, a cunning worker in metals, and Jubal, who originated music. In short, *the Sons of Cain are the originators of the arts and crafts*. Therefore when Jehovah chose Solomon, the scion of the race of Seth, to build a house for his name, the sublime spirituality of a long line of divinely guided ancestors flowered into the conception of the magnificent temple called Solomon's Temple, though Solomon was only the instrument to carry out the divine plan revealed by Jehovah to David. But Solomon was unable to execute the divine design in concrete form. Therefore it became necessary for him to apply to King Hiram of Tyre, the descendant of Cain, who selected *Hiram Abiff, the son of a widow* (as all Free Masons are called because of the relation of their divine progenitor with Eve): Hiram Abiff then became Grand Master of the army of construction. In him the arts and crafts of all the Sons of Cain who had gone before had flowered. He was skilled beyond all others in the work of the world, without which the plan of Jehovah must have remained forever a divine dream, and could never have become a concrete reality. The worldly acumen of the Sons of Cain was as necessary to the completion of this temple as the spiritual conception of the Sons of Seth, and, therefore, during the period of construction the two classes joined forces, the underlying enmity being hidden under a superficial show of amity. It was, indeed, the first attempt to unite them, and had that been accomplished the world history from then on would have been altered in a very material manner.

The Sons of Cain, descended from the fiery Lucifer Spirits, were naturally proficient in the use of *fire*. By it the metals hoarded by Solomon and his ancestors were melted into altars, lavenders and vessels of various kinds. Pillars

were fashioned by workmen under the direction of Hiram Abiff, and arches to rest upon them. The great edifice was nearing completion when he made ready to cast the "Molten Sea," which was to be the crowning effort, his masterpiece. It was in the construction of this great work that the treachery of the Sons of Seth became manifest and frustrated the divine plan of reconciliation. They tried to quench the fire used by Hiram Abiff with their natural weapon, *water*, and almost succeeded. The incidents which led up to this catastrophe, their meaning, and the sequel will be related in the next chapter.

THE ROSICRUCIAN METHOD OF CARING FOR THE DEAD

The body is kept without disturbances in a quiet room, at a low temperature (without embalming) for three and one-half days *immediately following death*.

Cards of instruction for the care of one's body after death according to The Rosicrucian Fellowship method will be sent free of charge to those requesting them. Since some states have laws requiring embalming within a short time after death, it is safest to leave specific instructions for the desired care and disposal of one's body.

In filling out our "In Case of Death" cards, it is necessary for the member to use his own handwriting for the card to have any legal standing. It is also a great help if the name of the desired mortician is placed on the card.

If there is no mortician, at present, in your city equipped to handle the dead according to the Rosicrucian method it would be wise to contact the morticians there and arrange with one of them to handle the dead according to our methods. If your mortician needs more definite instructions as to exactly how the body is to be cared for, the information may be obtained from Headquarters.

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

"Put on the New Man"



Put off the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

. . . . put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

—Ephesians 4:22-24.

In his eagerness to encourage the zeal of the early converts to Christianity as they endeavored to follow the sublime precepts taught by Christ Jesus, the apostle Paul frequently advised them concerning the putting aside of numerous traits of character which impeded their spiritual progress. The followers of the new doctrine were in need of practical instruction and encouragement in overcoming the ways of the carnal self, for many of them were "weak in the faith." St. Paul, having been through intense suffering to gain his high degree of attainment, knew from experience the nature of the inner trials and agony necessary for the laying aside of the "old man" and putting on the "new man," and could advise lovingly and understandingly.

But just what constitutes becoming "new" in the spiritual sense used by St. Paul? First of all, there must be an acknowledgment that the higher way of life is preferable, and then a definite dedication to living according to the spiritual precepts given us by Christ Jesus. There follow certain definite scientific procedures (as indicated in the Western Wisdom Teachings) for us to embrace, in training the mind and mastering the desire nature, would we become "new" spiritually.

To invite the newness of spirit into

our being requires constant use of the will in restraining hasty, destructive thought and speech, and in substituting friendliness, good-will, consideration, love, and service, for selfishness, intolerance, jealousy, hatred, and indifference. In short, we conquer the lower desires, become selfless, and thus permit an inflow of *spirit*—the essence of newness and progress. Thus we become new men ready for the imminent new age of brotherhood.

Today, on the material plane, the old is passing rapidly. The new is just as rapidly taking its place. With the coming into our possession of increasing understanding concerning the forces of nature, climaxed by the secret of unleashing atomic energy, we have been brought face to face with the questions, "Are we ready to handle such power? Are we fit custodians?" All over the world leading thinkers are endeavoring to answer these questions, and the majority are doubtful as to our readiness. Before his passing Thomas A. Edison pointed out that the next step for mankind must be a spiritual one.

Each day, each week, each month brings us new opportunities for progress into the newness of spirit by careful control of our thoughts, words, and deeds. Each passing year presents us an inviting new book of unwritten pages, whereon we may make the blots of the "old man," or we may inscribe upon them indelible records of efforts to achieve new spiritual heights. *Now* is a propitious time to meditate upon these inspired words of the inimitable St. Paul, seeking renewal of our minds in the spirit, building with love and service the golden wedding garment of those "in Christ," and thus "put on the new man."



Astrological Light On The Bible

PART I

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THE study of astrology may be tremendously deepened and its acceptability to many people greatly increased by a comprehension of the stellar references given in the Old and New Testaments. So, too, the study of the Bible may be made infinitely more interesting and spiritually productive by an understanding of the astrological allusions it contains. In fact, much of the Holy Scriptures is closed to those without the astrological key.

In Christianity, as in all other world religions, the passage of the Sun and planets around the circle of the zodiac is a fundamental teaching. The symbolic references in our Bible to the solar system are innumerable, some having their meaning quite apparent, others being more veiled. Among the more commonly understood are: Jacob and his twelve sons and one daughter (the twelve signs of the zodiac—Simeon and Levi sharing the sign of the Twins, Gemini and the feminine sign Virgo being allotted to Dinah, the daughter) by four wives (the four phases of the Moon); the twelve tribes of Israel; the story of Samson (the Sun and his hair its rays); Jonah and the Whale; the seven-branched candlestick; and the Seven Spirits before the Throne, the "four and twenty elders," the "four beasts,"

and the "seven seals" of Revelation.

Also, the plan of our solar system has been used again and again as a basis for structures built by ancient peoples who knew of the true cosmic relationships. Perhaps the most famous of these is the Great Pyramid of Gizeh, the plan of which, we are told in occult philosophy, was patterned after the initiatory procedures given in the Mystery Schools—those esoteric institutions established for the pioneers of the human race. The procedures in the Mystery Schools were in turn patterned after the various cosmic changes taking place in what our astronomers and astrologers call a Sidereal Year—a period of time lasting 25,868 years.

To gain a clearer understanding of the many astrological implications in the Bible it will be helpful first to review briefly the findings of occult science in regard to the origin and future development of our solar system.

In the Western Wisdom Teachings it is taught that the planets—habitations for evolving life and form—become suns after the beings living on them have become sufficiently evolved. When these same beings have reached an even greater development, the sun breaks up into a zodiacal group—the womb of another solar system. In this manner

myriads of Divine Beings hitherto restricted to their sun become free to act from a larger number of heavenly bodies. From these they can influence, according to their evolutionary needs, the beings inhabiting the solar system that comes into existence within their boundaries. The sun, as the central body of the solar system, following a prescribed course through its zodiacal signs, throws off from itself the beings not evolved enough to remain in such a high rate of vibration. Thus the planets are born.

Each planet takes its place the proper distance from the parent sun, providing the rate of vibration needed for the progress of its inhabitants, and begins to revolve in a measured rhythm—a rhythm timed by the Wise Ones under whose guidance the evolution of the solar system takes place. All is based on law and order—a magnificent, stupendous scheme of things.

Thus by studying the nature of the signs of the zodiac in relation to the periods of time required by the Sun and planets to pass through each one, we may know the history of our humanity, and also get an indication of what the future holds in store for us. Just as the Sun, passing direct among the zodiacal signs, brings about the seasons of the year, so does it by Precession of the Equinox (a slower, backward movement taking about two thousand years for each sign) produce the great changes in our evolution—the birth and death of races, nations, and religions. The state of humanity and the Earth itself during each two-thousand year period takes on a coloring from the sign through which the Sun by precession is at that time passing.

Astrologers divide the twelve signs of the zodiac (Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, and Pisces) into six pairs of opposite signs having complementary characteristics. To consider these mighty spiritual Beings in their

religious, as well as evolutionary aspects, we begin the division with Cancer and Capricorn, they being the solstitial points where the Sun reaches its highest and lowest declination. (Also, these two signs, ruled by the Moon ((fecundation)) and Saturn ((death)), respectively, are considered by spiritual astrologers as the Gates of Life and Death—turning points in the human Spirit's evolutionary journey.)

The six pairs of opposite signs are divided again into two sets of three pairs each, the first set being Cancer-Capricorn, Gemini-Sagittarius, and Taurus-Scorpio. In these three pairs of signs may be read the history of human evolution and religion in the early, middle, and last third of the misty Atlantean Epoch—that great period of time immediately preceding our present Aryan Epoch, and the latter part of which we find referred to in the Old Testament stories. (Here it is well to recall that in evolution there are spirals within spirals, recapitulations taking place in both epochs and races. Thus the Atlantean Epoch of course lasted much longer than the six thousand years it took the Sun to pass by precession through the signs Cancer, Gemini, and Taurus.)

In the other three pairs of signs may be found the key to man's development during the whole of the present Aryan Epoch. This Epoch covered three periods or ages: the Aryan Age, coming under Aries-Libra and extending from Moses to Christ; the Piscean Age, which takes in the two thousand years just passed under Pisces-Virgo Catholicism; and the Aquarian Age, to extend through the two thousand years immediately ahead of us.

The signs dealing specifically with our own times are those of the fixed cross: Taurus-Scorpio and Leo-Aquarius, often mentioned in our Bible, particularly in Revelation where the "four beasts" are prominent. There are also many allusions in the Christian Religion

to the two pairs of signs adjacent to Leo-Aquarius: Aries-Libra and Pisces-Virgo. These three pairs of opposites symbolize man's development during the present Aryan Epoch.

Now let us go back to the last expression of the Taurus-Scorpio period of time, the Atlantean Epoch, the end of which we read about in our Old Testament. This Epoch lasted for millions of years, during which humanity was slowly evolving necessary spiritual and physiological characteristics under the direction of the guiding Hierarchies.

However, it was during the Atlantean Epoch that man acquired a rudimentary mind, became an indwelling Spirit, and began to exercise a measure of free will. By the time the latter third of the Epoch was reached, most of humanity had lost the spiritual sight they had formerly possessed and had become extremely selfish, living in a consciousness focused on the immediate family and material possessions. The acquisition of land and cattle was their chief objective, as is made exceedingly plain in the Old Testament. The Bull they properly worshipped, emblematic of the fixed-earth sign Taurus, which denotes physical strength and personal affection, aptly symbolized that which they needed to live in and conquer the material world—a task they had had set before them.

This worship of the Bull was not peculiar to the Atlantean Epoch only, however. It had been begun during earlier sidereal years under the solar precession through Taurus and continued to the comparatively modern times of Atlantis, as previously mentioned, when the Sun by precession went through Taurus the last time. Similarly, when the Sun by precession entered the sign Aries, the Religion of the Lamb was inaugurated, and it will prevail in successively higher phases until the Sun by precession enters Aries again, having completed another sidereal year. (Thus we note, in passing, that the Christian Religion is destined to last at

least twenty thousand years longer.)

The ending of the Atlantean Epoch and the beginning of the Aryan Epoch, or the ending of the Taurus-Scorpio influence and the beginning of the Aries-Libra influence, marked the time for a new religion to be given to humanity, now spiritually and physiologically prepared for a step upward. However, there is always an overlapping of the incoming and the outgoing religions—a time when the vibrations of both pairs of signs are felt. This is advantageous in that it makes possible a natural adjustment to the new conditions by most of the race, but there are always some advanced enough to embrace the new teaching whole-heartedly, while some less adaptable cling to the old. Thus there are varying degrees of both religions in effect during the transition time from one period (and religion) to another, and this pull of differing forces sometimes results in confusion for those not well oriented. This is evident today in our transition from the Piscean to the Aquarian Age.

Nevertheless, both the people and the land of Atlantis had been evolving, so that when the foggy atmosphere of that time began to settle and the air to clarify, the more progressive of humanity had grown embryonic lungs and were seeking the higher portions of the Earth, where a less dense atmosphere prevailed, long before their fellow members of the race. They wondered in the "wilderness" seeking the "promised land," their growing lungs all the while fitting them to live under the rarer atmospheric conditions they were destined to inhabit.

In the meantime the condensation of the heavy fogs of Atlantis brought on floods, covering a period of three-fourths of a million years. The last of the three principal floods, indicated in Genesis in the story of Noah, descended some ten thousand years ago, at the time when the Sun by precession entered the watery sign Cancer.

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So it was that the "seed race," the fifth of the Atlantean Races (called the Original Semites), were led from "Egypt," the part of the continent where the materialistic religion of the Bull still held the people in thrall, to a "promised land" above the water which had inundated their less aspiring brethren. These pioneers were instructed to dedicate themselves to the ideals of the new Aries Religion. Those who did not do so—and unfortunately there were some—acted contrary to the law of progress and became a source of great trouble to their Divine Guides.

In the Old Testament, dealing with the end of the Atlantean Epoch, we find many references to the Taurean Bulls, as well as to the Arian sheep and goats. Only these were used as sacrifices, which were required until the coming of the Christ. Also, the principal characters of the Old Atlantean Dispensation were shepherds (Arian), and later Christ came as the Great Shepherd.

In the New Testament, however, dealing with the New Dispensation, we find the fish prominent, the disciples of Christ being called to be "Fishers of Men." This was because the Sun by precession was now approaching the cusp of the sign Pisces, the Fishes, and a new phase of the Christian Religion was being ushered in. When Christ Jesus spoke of the time when the Son of Man (Aquarius) would come, He referred to the now imminent Aquarian Age, where another, still higher, phase of the Christian Religion will prevail.

(To be continued)

FROM AN OLD ENGLISH BOOK

In earth, in ocean, sky and air,
All that is excellent and fair,
Seen, felt, or understood,
From one eternal cause descends,
To one eternal centre tends,
With God begins, continues, ends,
The source and stream of good.

—Author unknown.

Daily Thought and Guide

These daily meditations are based partly on the planetary hours of the day, daily aspects and vibrations.

WEDNESDAY — July 1

It pays to be calm and collected. Let us be of good courage for the Moon moves quickly and the tension will cease. He promised, "I will be with you always."

THURSDAY — July 2

Today as the tension lessens and the mind can control our actions we should also pay attention to feel the love in our hearts. If we are able to do this we will have a fine day.

FRIDAY — July 3

We can have our moments of illumination if we sit quietly for a few minutes, even if we are weary and languid. Aspirants to the higher life will lift their souls by contemplation on sublime subjects.

SATURDAY — July 4

Today the planets bestow their blessings upon us. Seeming obstacles are removed and our actions can be coupled with understanding and affection. Let us reach a helping hand to others.

SUNDAY — July 5

A receptive mind and a retentive memory is in order. This day will be successful if it is used for literary work or travel. If you commune with Nature today you will be closer to God.

MONDAY — July 6

In Matthew we read: "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Abundance for all is our prayer today; for the needs of the day as well as for the treasures of the spirit.

TUESDAY — July 7

Today we watch and wait. Routine work and a prayerful heart will be in order. "The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in."

WEDNESDAY — July 8

Today we experience mixed vibrations but Staurm will be standing by. As character is built by experience we welcome days like these and know that the Father is with us.

THURSDAY — July 9

This being a day of action we should be reminded that our actions should follow thought. "All that a man does outwardly is but the expression and completion of inward thought."—Channing.

FRIDAY — July 10

Service is the keynote for today and we all know that "Loving, self-forgetting Service to others is the shortest, the safest, and the most joyful road to God."

SATURDAY — July 11

"The heavens declare the Glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork." This day we can realize the truth of it. Heart and mind can express and reflect God's splendor and glory.

SUNDAY — July 12

Lofty, inspiring thoughts coupled with a kindly, sympathetic nature will multiply your friendships today. We go forth into easier circumstances as we learn our lessons, we also get more mellow by the end of the day.

MONDAY — July 13

“The marching orbs in circle dance” and their harmonious course resounds throughout the years in Divine order. Harmony and order on the physical plane are reflections of the march of the heavenly bodies.

TUESDAY — July 14

Mixed vibrations will keep us on our toes today but both the Sun and the Moon will stand by. Let us respond and know that the Father bestows His Blessings on us, always.

WEDNESDAY — July 15

Today our Individuality can express easily through our personality and we can let our light shine. All's right with the world today and we thank our maker.

THURSDAY — July 16

Daily trials and tribulations can best be dealt with by taking them to the Lord in prayer. “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord.”

FRIDAY — July 17

Body, mind and spirit are in tune today and we can enjoy life to the fullest. In the words of Bulwer-Lytton: A sense of contentment makes us kindly and benevolent to others. We are fulfilling our proper destiny and those around us feel the sunshine of our own hearts.

SATURDAY — July 18

The planets vie today to make it a day of accomplishment in many ways. As the day progresses let us look within and know the reality of the deeper things in life.

SUNDAY — July 19

This day of the Sun can be used for the healing of the sick as the Moon is helping those who have personal magnetism. Noble and generous thoughts flow easily forth in universal friendship.

MONDAY — July 20

Today it behooves us to look for the silver lining of the clouds, and try to understand that we all fall short in some department of our life, “Watch and Pray.”

TUESDAY — July 21

Today there will be a great urge for action, but it is a time for routine work only. How comforting it is to read in the Bible “I will lift up mine eyes to the hills.”

WEDNESDAY — July 22

Upon action and reaction follows the deepening of the mind, resulting in spiritual power. How fearfully and wonderfully the Father expresses in His creation.

THURSDAY — July 23

Most of the planets are harmonious today and much can be accomplished, but with all of our getting let us get wisdom.

FRIDAY — July 24

This day can be a busy one and it will be easy for us to show kindness and benevolence to our neighbor. However, Saturn is giving us a challenge—we must prove all things and hold on to that which is good.

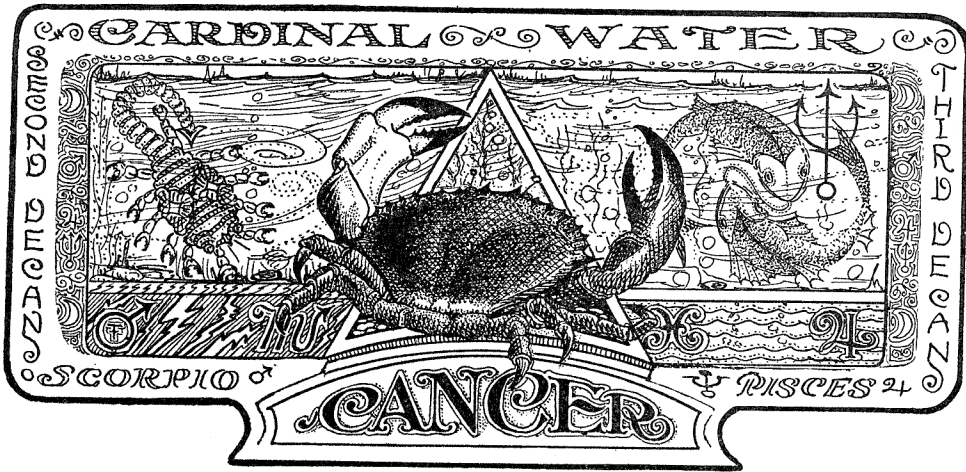
SATURDAY — July 25

Our head and heart unite today and right thought and good feeling will make it a good day as we realize a sense of Brotherhood with all mankind, we know that we are our brother's keeper.

SUNDAY — July 26

A wonderfully active day, this day of the Sun. We should use the great power of endurance wisely today as it will be easy for us to be full of faith and courage. It will be good to contact many friends.

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The Children of Cancer, 1959

FRANC HAMMER BAIRD

Birthdays: June 21 to July 23

THIS year the Sun enters Cancer at 3:50 A.M. June 22 and remains there until 2:46 P.M. July 23, G.M.T. Every child born during this period will be a native of Cancer and will partake of some of the general characteristics of this sign.

Cancer is the fourth sign of the Zodiac. It rules the fourth house of the horoscope, which has to do with the home environment and the end of life. Cancer is the great Mother sign.

It is the cardinal water sign, feminine and fruitful in nature. It is ruled by the Moon, the planet of fecundation, which controls all form, fertilization, gestation, nutrition and growth.

In the human body Cancer rules the breasts, the stomach, and the foods which are put into the stomach. The Moon has much to do with the digestive system and its functions. Jupiter rules the arterial blood stream which absorbs nutritive material from the food taken into the stomach and distributes

it throughout the body. Therefore Jupiter is exalted in Cancer.

Cancer people are good cooks and homemakers; they like to eat and drink, but must guard against over indulgence in this respect. The Cancer nature is strongly domestic; they have a great love for family, home, mother, and country.

Cancer children are loving, kindly and sympathetic. They are impressionable, sensitive and emotional in all of their reactions. They feel rather than reason. Cancer people come nearer to understanding the heart of humanity than any other sign.

A crab, a little slow crawling persistent creature, is the symbol for Cancer and, like the crab, Cancer natives are also slow and persistent. They are noted for their tenacity and they persist in anything they attempt until it is completed even in regard to life itself. Although these children are inclined to be frail and delicate in childhood, they cling to life and are found in the majority among those who live

to be very old even though they may suffer from digestive disorders.

Cancer children absorb knowledge without much study, they have retentive memories and vivid imaginations. They are quite psychic and interested in occult subjects. Cancer natives are super sensitive, easily hurt and likely to fret and worry. Due to the restless nature of the Moon these children are changeable, dreamy and moody. They are especially susceptible to the new and full moons. The keyword for Cancer is "I feel"; the keynote is "patience"; the watchword is "sympathy." The speech is picturesque; the intellect is retentive; the temperament is emotional, psychic and superstitious. The Cancer motto is protection; their best quality is tenacity; the worst is touchiness. The individual who has the Sun in Cancer, well aspected, will express the positive qualities of the sign. He will be cautious, truthful, economical, persistent, sympathetic, and self-reliant. He will be magnetic and conscientious, but when the Sun is afflicted in this sign it brings negative qualities into manifestation such as restlessness, fear, and over-anxiety; these natives may be moody, sentimental, disorderly, indolent or greedy.

The jewel allotted to Cancer is the emerald; silver is the metal; a white lily or rose is the flower and Monday is Cancer's day of the week.

During this entire solar month Saturn remains sextile to Neptune and trine to Pluto with Neptune and Pluto sextile each other. These aspects bring out the best qualities of each of these planets and make available profound spiritual impulses. The children born during this month may or may not develop these qualities which produce honorable, self-reliant, determined men and women, who have the ability to delve deeply into occult and mystical subjects and to succeed in worldly affairs. Many children born during this

month are *destined* to fulfill a mission in life, and *all* have a natural inclination for research into the mysteries.

This month begins (June 22, 23, 24) with a group of planets, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Uranus, and the Sun all in parallel. This is similar to the conjunction as the planets in parallel combine their energies as they do in the conjunction. Children born during this period should have general success, good fortune and social prestige. Their memory and mentality should be above the average; their dispositions jovial, humanitarian and generous. These children will be magnetic and will attract hosts of friends.

June 22 to 27, Mercury trine Jupiter is one of the finest planetary aspects for it broadens the mind and makes the native cheerful, optimistic and philosophical. These children will be benevolent and versatile in their pursuits. Their judgment is excellent. They should be educated to follow one of the higher professions. They are qualified to be successful clergymen, lawyers, judges or authors. This aspect favors travel.

June 22 to July 5, Mars conjunct Uranus and Sun parallel Pluto gives a somewhat eccentric, erratic disposition with a tendency to indulge in violent outbursts of temper, but it *unfolds* spiritual revelations, gives some mechanical ability and brings opportunity for *universal* service.

Between June 24 and 30 parallels form between Mars, Jupiter and Uranus. This increases vitality, gives ingenious mechanical talent and good earning power, but these children need special and patient training to help them overcome stubborn, headstrong dispositions. They are strong-willed and resent restraint. They may seem eccentric and behave unconventionally.

June 25 and 26, Mercury parallel Saturn helps to counteract some of the above tendencies for it deepens the

mind, gives foresight and practical ideas. It injects an element of practical reasoning ability into the ingenious mentality of these children.

Mercury parallel Pluto, June 27, 28, 29, improves the memory, gives a talent for speech and an interest in intellectual pursuits. June 24 to July 6 Venus is square Jupiter. This gives the native a love for luxury, but limits his ability to satisfy it for he is lacking in good judgment and business ability. Children born under this should be taught the value of money, and some may have to guard against a disposition to drink. June 27 to July 7, Mercury square Neptune often causes a certain mental confusion, a lack of memory and a tendency to dream or drift along rather than to *do* things. Children born under this aspect find it difficult to distinguish between truth and fiction and are therefore often considered untruthful. This also gives a liability to fraud, deception and slander.

Children born between June 28 and July 17 while Mars is square Jupiter, which is said to be the "signature of a gambler," will have to be taught to curb reckless, extravagant habits and to be conservative.

They must learn to be honorable in transactions and to control appetites in order to avoid blood or liver complaints in later life. July 7 and 8 the parallel between Mercury, Jupiter and Uranus is helpful in this case for it broadens the mind and gives a cheerful, optimistic, philosophical mind. This favors travel, law and literature; gives an ingenious trend to the mind, but indicates extreme nerve tension.

July 4 to 13, the Sun is parallel Saturn, which is not favorable for health for it has a tendency to lower vitality. On July 9 Venus is parallel Neptune. This deepens the emotions, increases imagination and indicates some musical talent.

July 4 to 19, Venus conjunct Pluto

gives a great love nature and power to express sympathy for mankind; at the same time Venus is trine Saturn giving tact and diplomacy. These children will be loyal, faithful, and true, their morals above reproach. They will be honored and esteemed; their health and finances should be good.

July 5 to 23, Mercury conjunct Uranus gives an erratic and unconventional disposition. Some of these children will have extremely impractical ideas and violent tempers.

July 6 to 23, Venus sextile Neptune gives a deep emotional nature, a fertile imagination, a soul for music and inspirational talent.

July 6 to 23, the Sun trine Jupiter is the most fortunate aspect for general good fortune and success throughout life. It bestows a jovial, sunny, benevolent and philosophical nature. It indicates a broad mind, good judgment, executive ability and favors a professional career. There is a promise of "health, wealth and happiness." This aspect produces the pillars of society.

July 15 to 23, Mars is trine Saturn, producing capable, determined and energetic natives who are endowed with executive ability and an enterprising spirit. These are the children who will become esteemed citizens and who will rise in their community.

The Sun parallel Pluto from the 13th to the 19th unfolds spiritual revelations and brings opportunity for world-wide service.

A HEALING PRAYER

A prayer of healing

Pure and white

Devout with holy thought--

Up it soared

To the land of light

'Till the heavens were heard to sing;

Then down it dropped

To a cry below

With balm for a suffering soul.

—RUTH MILLER.

Reading for a Subscriber's Child

GEORGE

Born May 12, 1955, 11:40 A.M.
Latitude 37 N 39, Longitude 121 W.

Cusps of houses: 10th, Taurus 2; 11th, Gemini 22; 12th, Cancer 25; Ascendant, Leo 24:03; 2nd, Virgo 17; 3rd, Libra 15.

Positions of the planets: Venus, Aries 22:02; Part of Fortune, Aries 28:10; Sun, Taurus 21:17; Mercury, Gemini 10:58; Mars, Gemini 21:19; Dragon's Tail, Gemini 28:24; Jupiter, Cancer 24:30; Pluto, Leo 24:18; Neptune, Libra 26:13 retrograde; Saturn, Scorpio 17:38 retrograde; Dragon's Head, Sagittarius 28:24; Moon, Capricorn 25:34.

This little boy was born with the Sun in the fixed earthy sign Taurus. This makes him kindly, affectionate, ardent, and dependable. He should be placid, good natured, and consistent; with much latent strength. He is practical, materialistic, fixed and somewhat stubborn.

The distribution of planets in the signs gives him initiative, fixity of purpose and adaptability. He has spiritual qualities, inspiration, intelligence, feeling and practical ability. The majority of the planets are above the earth which indicates an ambitious, objective and successful life. Five of the planets are angular which adds to their power of expression.

Rising on the Ascendant is another fixed sign, the fiery Leo. This gives George a proud and regal outlook on life. It makes him intuitive, ambitious, idealistic, loving, and loyal. He should present a noble, dignified and stately appearance without any inhibitions.

The Sun, all important in every horoscope, and also ruler of the Ascendant

in this chart is highly elevated in the 10th house, and sextile to Jupiter and Uranus. This indicates that this boy will rise to an elevated position and guarantees success and recognition in the world of affairs. Leo rising, Sun in the Midheaven and Venus, ruler of the Midheaven, in Aries trine to Pluto, makes George a "leader of men."

This is a powerful chart. It indicates a strong Ego, old in experience, who has generated a great deal of power in previous lives. The Sun's strong position and many close aspects both favorable and unfavorable bring the expression both the good and the bad qualities of Taurus.

The Sun sextile Jupiter and Uranus; trine the Moon in Capricorn gives George physical strength, inner harmony, and a strong determined will power; makes him philosophical benevolent, friendly, and jovial. These aspects activate the best qualities of the planets. They make him practical and popular, self-reliant, serious, systematic, ambitious, and thrifty. George is or can be patient, persistent, responsible, and trustworthy, these qualities if developed will bring him general success and public esteem. They offer him health, wealth, and happiness.

Mars with Mercury sextile Venus, and Pluto make this boy mentally alert; this intensifies his love nature and gives him power to express sympathy for humanity; it makes him adventurous, popular, amorous, and a free spender.

George will find life active and interesting, but not always easy. There are many obstacles to be removed and temptations to overcome and some frustrations. The best quality of the sign Taurus is stability; the worst is selfish obstinacy. Both of these qualities may manifest in George's disposition. He

must guard against greed and prejudice. He must cultivate a broad viewpoint. He must observe conventional standards in his love life by avoiding all clandestine affairs, secret or perverted practices. Venus opposite Neptune both square to Moon, Uranus, and Jupiter inclines to over self indulgence. These influences give him a desire for luxury and a tendency to over eat or to indulge in liquor. He must be taught to control these lower desires—to eat, drink and be merry, which could have a very unfavorable effect upon his health causing functional disorders of the kidneys and digestive organs. These Cardinal sign planets in affliction, including Neptune unless controlled may cause financial losses and scandals.

George carries through life two heavy crosses. The Moon, Jupiter, Uranus, Venus and Neptune form a Cardinal cross while Sun opposite Saturn in square to the Ascendant and Pluto form a T-cross in fixed signs. To some extent these two crosses counter-balance each other, as the Cardinal influence activates the fixed tendencies and the fixed influence stabilizes the impulsive action of the Cardinal signs.

These crosses are representative of many mistakes by this Ego over a long period of evolution. Only a very old Ego would be permitted to undertake such a heavy load of karma in one lifetime.

The Rosicrucian philosophy teaches that a fixed arrangement of planets such as is found here is the result of having repeated the same mistakes throughout a series of incarnations, intensifying certain negative influences which have become fixed as stubborn qualities in the character and crystallized as physical weaknesses in the constitution which may result in ailments of the throat, generative organs, or the heart. Due to this fixity the destiny is now more difficult to liquidate, the qualities are harder to transmute, and several incarnations

may be required before it is accomplished. George's ability to successfully meet life's problems is indicated by the strong will power and good fortune resulting from Sun sextile Uranus and Jupiter. Many friends will be attracted to him and will be of assistance to him in his career.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE HEART SIDE

A good way to develop the heart side of the nature and gain added soul growth is to read a devotional each day from "The Imitation of Christ" by Thomas á Kempis. Put your whole heart into it and pray over thoughts that particularly interest you. One of the Christian saints will soon come to help you and your problems of the day will be answered in your devotional for the evening. By the time you have finished the book you will have gained a great inner peace.

Horoscopes for Subscribers' Children

Should you wish to avail yourself of a possible opportunity to have your child's HOROSCOPE delineated in this department, subscribe to this magazine for one year, and accompany your subscription with an application for a reading. RENEWALS count the same as a subscription. Readings are given for children up to 14 years of age. They include a general character, health, and vocational analysis.

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BE SURE to give: Name, Sex, Birthplace, and Year, Month, Day (of month), and Minute of birth, as nearly as possible. Also please be sure to state if *Daylight Saving Time* was in effect.

NOTE: We give horoscope reading ONLY in this magazine.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE ADVICE

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

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

DIANA D.

Born December 22, 1942, 10:25 A.M.
Latitude 38 N, Longitude 122 W 42.

Cusps of houses: 10th, Sagittarius 6; 11th, Sagittarius 27; 12th, Capricorn 20; Ascendant Aquarius 19:40; Pisces intercepted in 1st house; 2nd, Aries 5; 3rd, Taurus 10.

Positions of the planets: Uranus, Gemini 1:29 retrograde; Saturn, Gemini 7:24 retrograde; Moon, Cancer 1:48; Jupiter, Cancer 22:44; Pluto, Leo 6:45 retrograde; Part of Fortune, Leo 21:11; Dragon's Head, Leo 28:04; Neptune, Libra 2:02; Mars, Sagittarius 4:58; Sun, Capricorn 0:17; Venus, Capricorn 9:16; Mercury, Capricorn 12:07; Dragon's Tail, Aquarius 28:04.

In order to be of service in vocational guidance, the 6th, 10th, and 2nd houses which represent employment, accomplishment, and remuneration, must be given special consideration, but as the Sun is the focal point in every horoscope, its influence must not be overlooked. The Sun is the symbol of the incarnating Ego, the individual, its sign, aspects and house position indicates the basic nature and general characteristics of the native, his will and natural inclinations.

In Diana's horoscope the Sun, Venus and Mercury are rising high in the 11th house, in the active, earthy sign, Capricorn. This indicates an ambition for a career and recognition in public or professional life. She is serious, proud and determined. She is practical and indus-

trious. She has executive ability and organizing faculties. With the assistance of friends and those in authority Diana should achieve her hopes and wishes and rise in the world in early life. She is worthy of this esteem for she is careful, prudent, faithful and honest. This strong Capricorn influence favors civil service or government employment, or possibly some branch of real estate as Capricorn suggests real estate and Saturn, its ruler, is in the 4th house.

Six planets: Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, and Neptune all in Cardinal signs and the Moon opposite the Capricorn planets and square Neptune indicates an emotional and unsettled disposition which causes Diana to be impulsive and restless. It makes it more difficult for her to obtain proper employment and to keep a position. This is especially so as the Moon is discordant to Mars and Neptune. Diana is somewhat of a dreamer, easily irritated and dissatisfied regarding her salary. Diana must learn to control her emotions and cultivate patience, inner harmony and stability of purpose. She must give serious consideration to the opportunity before accepting a vocation.

In this horoscope considerable interest is focused through the 6th house of health and the sign Cancer. The home environment, the mother, family and health conditions are of major importance to this girl and may cause frustration or interference in her professional life. Diana must protect her own health, watch her diet, and control emotional outbursts in order to avoid functional disorders of the digestive organs and the kidneys.

Because of the 6th house activity and Jupiter, ruler of the 10th, in the 6th, exalted in the sign Cancer which rules foods, Diana would do well to study home economics, nursing and hygiene, and could successfully follow a vocation of this sort. She could become an excellent dietician or manager of a health food store. She has natural healing power and discrimination regarding diet and care for the sick. Her ideals are high. Pluto in Leo in 6th house gives her an inclination for willing and universal service. Pluto sextile to both Saturn and Neptune and trine to Mars emphasizes her high ideals and lends strength of purpose, gives her intuition, and a natural inclination for scientific research.

This girl might be interested in making a career for herself by introducing better living, health, and domestic conditions in foreign lands. With Sagittarius, the sign of travel, on her professional 10th house, Diana could make an excellent profession as a visiting nurse or as a government employee, giving instruction in home economics, preserving foods, teaching home nursing, etc.

Diana's earning power is somewhat limited due to the opposition between Mars, ruler of her 2nd house of finance, and Saturn the planet of Karma in the 4th house. She is karmically bound to home and mother, and financially obligated. She may have to deprive herself in order to render financial help in the home. She may resent this obligation which she may feel rightfully belongs to another (possibly a brother) and is unjustly imposed upon her, but as we know Karma is never unjust, but is the result of previous mistakes. "As we sow so shall we reap" and Saturn is the reaper. Her Karma must be liquidated as indicated by Saturn's position in the horoscope either through suffering, sorrow and forced conditions or through willing, loving, self-sacrifice.

SERVICE, THE KEY TO A HIGHER LIFE

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but cease to grasp the essence of their true meaning. Yet if we would relax the daily tensions and open ourselves to the permeating forces of these great currents, our lives would be enriched and the higher qualities of the spirit would manifest through us.

We are repeatedly cautioned not to isolate ourselves, but to go out in the world and give people of the abundance that is ours. Yet often we limit that abundance or let it waste. Only by giving can we experience the satisfaction and joy of true fellowship.

There are times when we gradually fall into a state of indifference toward the affairs of others, feeling perhaps that there is little use in becoming involved in situations that seem too complicated or remote. By assuming an attitude of unconcern we hold back the active participation needed to promote unity in the human family. Some adopt a reserved attitude, afraid to let their true feelings show for fear of appearing over sentimental. How much better to assume an unsophisticated attitude and practice simple kindness, small unpretentious acts go far in paving the way to further service.

To spiritually help a friend it becomes necessary to bring him within the radius of our own spiritual light, letting him walk beside us and slowly awaken to a greater consciousness of his spiritual legacy and the ability to use it in solving his life problems.

Max Heindel gave us the pattern to a useful and constructive life, so let us hold fast to the golden key of Service and if possible, open the way to others who would tread the Higher Life.

The only important decision we have to make, is to live with God—He will make the rest."



Cancer Conditions and Hydrotherapy

A. J. HAWORTH, D.C.

CANCER is known to occultists as the sign of the womb of nature or the sphere of the soul. When the mystic Sun of Life passes through this fruitful watery sign the seed-atom of the physical body is planted in the mother. The Moon, ruler of Cancer, exerts its influence in the activities of the procreative female organ, and is therefore a potent factor in the health of the woman and in the building of the fetus in the uterus. It controls puberty, the menses and menopause, as well as the stomach and breast, which of course determine the nourishment of both the mother and offspring.

The Moon also has great bearing on the general health of both sexes and is therefore a most potent factor in healing. In fact it could be regarded as the giver and taker of life in the dense body, acting as a medium for the Sun's life forces. Being ruler of the body fluids, it indicates, if afflicted, dropsy, menstrual trouble, stomach disorder, lymphatic, and synovial fluid deficiencies, and even nervous and mental disturbances. Eye trouble may also come, due to its connection with the Sun.

The healer can do no better than to watch the Moon's daily position and to remember that it has the greater influ-

ence during the first part of life. Operations should not be performed at the changes of the Moon's phases, when it is in the part of the body under consideration, or while it is waning.

It is well to advise nervous and hysterical people not to sleep with the Moon shining on them. When the Moon is at its full, there is much more pressure on the fluids and nervous system. Changes in the physical, mental, and emotional bodies are to be expected every seventh day of the Moon's cycle, starting at the time the illness began. Transiting squares and oppositions have a very noticeable bearing on pathology, for the Moon rules acute diseases. Stimulants must be decreased during the waxing moon and sedatives increased, and vice versa for the waning phase. Best results are obtained when treatments are given during the time Jupiter or Venus is well aspected to the radical Moon, and when the daily position of the Moon is well aspected to either Jupiter, Venus, or the Sun.

Aspects of the Moon to the Ascendant and sixth house are to be especially watched. When the Moon or Sun is within orb of the Pleiades (Taurus 29), the Ascelli (Leo 6), or Antares (Sagittarius 8), eye trouble can be expected,

especially when Uranus, Mars, or Saturn is also in one of these vital spots.

Cancer on the Ascendant does not give a rugged body. These people are apt to suffer from Moon afflictions as well as by reflex from Capricorn, ruler of the knees. This can produce eczema, erysipelas, dropsy, and indigestion. Cancer personalities who have the Sun in Cancer are stronger, but they are timid and retiring. They need sympathy, though they are trustworthy, peace loving, adaptable, and active. They are discrete and kind to others, but the restless nature gives frequent change of residence and jobs and may work hardships on the body and general health.

Color therapy with green dominant gives the best vibrations for the Cancerians. If a silver ring or amulet with an emerald or black onyx is worn it will enhance the personality vibrations. Clothing, as well as home decorations in the greens, is desirable.

It is taught by the Rosicrucians that all body afflictions, be they acute or chronic, arise in the invisible realms. Acute conditions come more from violations of Nature's laws in the present life, while the chronic conditions can be traced to previous lives. In the affliction we may find a certain lesson to further our spiritual development if we truly seek it. A life of cruelty, sex abuse, wrong diet, or any pronounced negative quality is sure to reflect in the dense body sooner or later.

Recognizing the above law of God, we find not only understanding of why we suffer certain outward circumstances, but we find the remedies if we will study the teaching of the Elder Brothers. As we slowly progress toward the Light we begin to see the great wisdom of God, and the meanings of the various practices of the students and probationers who try to follow the teachings. For example, we have healing services when the Moon is in a Cardinal sign once a week. Special meetings are held at the

New and Full Moon. In fact, the student may guide his daily and hourly meditations by favorable positions of the Moon. He begins important projects when the Moon is increasing in a fruitful sign, and the day will come when conception will be carried out at the proper phase of the Moon in the sign when it is strongest. It is then that birth and life on earth will be free from pain.

People with Cancer and or the Moon strong in their charts like the water. They enjoy living near a stream or some body of water. Bathing and all kinds of water therapy are especially beneficial to their composite being. The human body is made up of three-fourths water, and it would be hard to deny that hydrotherapy is good for anyone. Most people do not even drink enough water. A very good rule is to drink all you want between meals but little during meal time. Water is the best solvent in Nature, and it is most important that we drink plenty that is free from earthy matter—distilled water.

Water is one-third oxygen and provides this all-important element to tissue which may not otherwise get it, due to congestion of lungs, blood circulation, etc. Cancer people like the running-water bathing—showers and whirlpool baths. The fixed Scorpio does better in pools and tub baths, and the Pisces children vibrate best to beach bathing in salt water, and to mineral baths. Overbathing in hot water (more than three times a week) may tend to sap the vital body of chemical and life ethers.

Colonics and enemas are fine internal baths and do much to correct the health of the large colon and the digestive tract in general. Even dry baths with a rough towel cleanses the pores and help skin circulation. We recall that the skin eliminates more poisons from the body than any other excretory organ. Foot bathing in alternating hot and cold water

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Try Expanding Your Horizon

JEAN MEDINA

IN a newspaper editorial recently the writer read the following: "You've got a mole in your backyard—a small furry thing with no eyes and little brain—and he lives out his entire life intent upon his own problems and the bulbs and roots that he can eat. And he doesn't suspect that you exist at all. And your backyard is also the entire world of millions of insects. Some of them are so small that they resemble scale, and you could stare at them through a microscope for hours and you wouldn't detect movement. Yet they have rudimentary ganglia that serve as brains and they handle their tiny problems satisfactorily. But not only do they not know about you—they're not even smart enough to know about the mole."

All these forms of life are aware of only that microscopic portion of the cosmos which is within the grasp of their intelligence. And, where they are capable of considering at all, they are doubtless sure that their species is the most important article of Creation.

So it is with man. And this is just where most of our trouble starts with its resultant sickness and discordant conditions in our lives. We must learn to look up and away from our own little lives and surroundings and think about the eternal process of creation which is constantly bringing new power and

glory to the universe. We must become aware of God's magnificent, orderly and meaningful Plan for mankind; so much more meaningful than we are capable of comprehending at this stage of our development. But we can strive to understand and to ever keep in mind the truth "For the Firmament showeth His handiwork."

We are told in books that the ancients looked at the stars a great deal and the old philosophers and prophets pondered on them, thus widening their outlook on life. We must shift our awareness from the phenomena of the senses to the eternal verities of life which are not of the earth but of the spirit, if we wish to solve our problems of sickness and sorrow. We must begin to put first things first and seek to find the rule God has given us for health, happiness and security. We must begin at the beginning, and the very first words of the Bible tells us where to find it: "In the beginning God"

God's law is ever harmonious and constructive. It is only when we go against it that we get into trouble for when we work in harmony with His law we come under His all-wise and benefic influences. However, it sometimes happens that we are not able to stay within God's law through ignorance of it. Then we must say with Browning

we "Welcome each rebuff, that turns earth's smoothness rough" for such rebuffs stab us into action and we learn through our mistakes and the will is aroused to overcome and the mind to learn discrimination and the emotions are thus held in balance. What one of us would, if given the chance, give up that we have learned through suffering? Having learned that to indulge in any desire, word, action, or thought we must expect its effect upon our physical being either for good or for bad, health or sickness, we are more alert as to the quality of the desires and the thoughts we harbor within. Thus we progress. It is well to know that every good thought builds up the body and every destructive one tears it down.

The Law of Equation rules the Universe, rules healing as well. When we have broken the laws of nature too many times we have to transmute and balance that wrongdoing by a proportionate effort of right doing and thinking. We have to build within ourselves the power to respond to the healing forces. The inability to respond to the Invisible Helpers lies in us, not in them, and it is the law that we have to do that preparation ourselves; no one can do it for us. Let us not emulate the mole but lift our eyes and become conscious of God's wonderful world—and seek to understand it.

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:

June	7—14—20—27
July	4—11—18—24
August	1—8—14—21—28

DAILY THOUGHT AND GUIDE

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MONDAY — July 27

Today favors action in higher realms of consciousness and lessons learned now will be good for our soul. May the end of this active day find us thanking God for His goodness.

TUESDAY — July 28

A day to try our souls. If we live it constructively we will gain strength and stamina for future times. Love for family and friends will help us to gain balance.

WEDNESDAY — July 29

Be still and know the power of God in our daily lives. Much can be done in the Silence so let us have faith and trust.

THURSDAY — July 30

The calm of our minds and the constructive actions of today will give good results:

"God blesses still the generous thought;
And still the fitting word he speeds,
And Truth, at His requiring taught;
He quickens into deeds."

—Channing.

FRIDAY — July 31

The aspects of this Venus day are good and can lift us to heights of love and bring wisdom and understanding. We realize that God's laws rule the universe and this knowledge brings us peace and happiness.

THE TRAVELER

Though bound by fetters forged with
tender love,
To hold fast my feet that long to stray,
I travel far,
Wing-borne by thought,
To distant lands whose dark night is
my day,
And on beyond the farthest star,
Through space where only God and I
Can find our way.

—RONA MORRIS WORKMAN.



GOLDEN SHOES

CLARE ALGER

ONCE upon a time in a land far far away and quite different from ours today, lived a little girl near a most unusual Garden. Its loveliness was visible to her only through the bars of a great iron gate, always closed. To pass through that gateway and to admire the beautiful homes, trees, and flowers within was her dearest wish, but never did she find the gate open, nor see anyone on the other side who might invite her in. She must gain entrance, but how could that be done? The little girl regarded this as the gate to the Land of Enchantment. Indeed, many others thought so, too. Above the entrance were the words, "The Garden of Accomplishment" and this verse:

Happy or drear
The way that ye choose,
Enter not here
Without golden shoes!

The little girl, called Faith, wondered what the words meant and asked a Dear Friend, "Cannot I buy a pair of golden shoes and go into the Garden whenever I wish?"

"No, my child. The kind of shoes that one buys finds no entrance within those

gates. Only people whose work is superior, who through sacrifice and persistence accomplish something worth while may wear golden shoes. When earned they appear as if by magic, sometimes when least expected. Whether the work is developing one's power for service or perfecting some talent, not a great many realize a hard-won goal. Now, with your determination and talent for music I believe you could earn the shoes money cannot buy. You love music; why not work hard and earn golden shoes?"

You see, while it was necessary to work in that land, the rewards were always sure. Golden shoes to the dwellers in the Garden meant far more than a million dollars to us, for accomplishment there was more valuable than money.

The little girl, having no parents, brothers or sisters, lived with an elderly aunt. She was kind to Faith, and loved the gentle mannered child as her own. When Faith's large brown eyes glowed in appreciation of some small kindness her aunt was reminded that this was an expression of a beautiful soul. Ever since she was old enough to sit at the piano she wanted to play, and to encourage this ambition her aunt gave

daily instruction. Later when she had progressed sufficiently, Faith was to study at a well-known conservatory.

Now that the little girl had caught a glimpse of the Garden through the gate she was determined that some day her real home should be in that Garden. Many times while wandering alone to admire through the bars of the gate the lovely paradise beyond, she felt convinced anew that the joy of living in the Garden of Accomplishment would be worth all it cost in effort and time. Although progressing rapidly in music, she realized endless work remained ahead. Real musicians were not quickly made. Like anything else worth while it would require years of work and study to become expert. Yet she loved and valued it above everything else that she might accomplish.

One day as Faith was peering through the gate a beautiful woman within, walking among the flowers, looked her way. She came quickly to the gate, and much to the girl's embarrassment, opened it and invited her in.

"Oh, I—I dare not! See, I have no golden shoes!"

"No matter, child, you may come for a little visit with me." She extended a hand in welcome.

The lovely woman was wearing golden shoes as dainty and graceful as a fairy's might be. It was breath-taking to be so near to her! Yet, being timid and a bit self-conscious, she would have rushed away, had not the Beautiful One, as Faith named her, taken her by the hand and led her gently inside.

Faith caught her breath upon beholding the Garden in plain view. What a glorious sight it was with the bewildering masses of many colored flowers! It was as though Nature's paint pots had been upset in mid-air by winged elves. The homes usually had one type of flower predominating: one a mass of pink roses, another daisies, still another lilies, poppies, or chrysanthemums, with vines or ivy clinging to the walls

of the houses. Each home had a name over the door, such as Imagination, Beauty, Vision, Perseverance, Devotion, Talent. Faith liked particularly the home called Imagination, the one with the pink roses, her favorite flower. She could only gasp in wonder, as anyone might who had been suddenly transported to Fairyland.

"I knew you would like that one, dear. It belongs to an author of well-known books."

The pink roses, elusively fragrant, spilled everywhere. Great banks of them, massed against the white stone vine-covered house, presented a lovely contrast to the glossy green leaves on the walls. The verandah, overhung and festooned with pink buds and blossoms, the pink flanked walks, large rose beds in shades varying from palest to deepest pink, vied with each other for admiration. Faith thought nothing could rival this loveliness until they stood in the adjoining garden.

This was called Beauty. Its flowers were gorgeous chrysanthemums of every imaginable shade—tiny yellow ones bunched on slender stems, others white, pink, lavender, and a combination of gold and red. The larger varieties also were of many colors, a single flower on a stem, some as large as Faith's head. She bent over and touched her happy face to a golden chrysanthemum the exact shade of the Beautiful One's shoes. A fountain with colored lights playing upon the sparkling water sounded like gentle rain pattering against a window pane.

"This home belongs to a great architect who has designed many magnificent buildings. The inside of his home would convince anyone of its creator's perfection in his art. Another time you shall see it and also the people who live here. The owners of these homes are away sometimes; they go back and forth doing their work, but you see this is their real home. The shoes of men and women entering the gate become

golden when they have earned a home here." The Beautiful One spoke quietly.

Faith, now more at ease, smiled and expressed her childish delight in the little ways she knew.

"This is the home of a noted landscape gardener who creates handsome parks and gardens. Come, let us visit the lovely sunken garden," continued the Beautiful One.

She opened the flower-encircled gate. Before them was what seemed to the girl a real paradise. The slopes leading to the lower garden were covered with rocks and sparkled like crystal. Atop the slopes were promenades with gay archways at intervals, marking the stairways of stepping stones that wound their way down the slopes to the level ground. Between the rocks nestled all sorts of plants unknown to Faith, many with gorgeous flowers. The green leaves, graceful ferns, foliage-like feathery fans, and the brilliant flowers appeared studded with jewels as the sun caught the glint on the rocks between. The sunken surface presented a veritable fairyland graced in its center with a Rain-Fairy fountain of gleaming white marble. As though flying in a circle, a group of winged fairies turned on a pivot. Each held in her hand a tiny sprinkler from which issued little streams of water. Above and surrounding the fairies a heavy mist formed in rolling eerie clouds that floated away into space. One could imagine the fairies gathering the heavy mist in their sprinklers and spilling it out as rain. Faith could scarcely look away from this fascinating scene, watching the daintily poised figures turn round and round, spilling the rain from their tiny receptacles.

Every home they visited presented some unique arrangement of house or garden. Each seemed for the moment lovelier in some respects than the others, and truly, Faith did not know beauty could be represented in so many ways. She was told briefly of the accomplishments of the various owners, whether in art, literature, science, education, re-

ligion, business—all were here represented. Each had his beautiful home in the Garden of Accomplishment. The types of homes varied, of course, but Faith thought the most attractive were those in the artists' group.

She wanted to ask a great many questions, but feared to break the spell which was now complete. She would enjoy to the fullest each moment with her wonderful companion and guide.

"This is my home," said Beautiful One as they stopped before the loveliest place Faith had ever seen, the sort she herself would want. Clinging ivy overhung and caressed the low, rambling house of colored rock. All around vari-colored iris raised their graceful heads. Peeping here and there from banked shrubbery were pergolas, bird-baths, stone benches, and in a sheltered corner a rock-bordered lily pool, all reached by winding flagstone walks with grass growing between. The name above the door was lovely—Harmony. Harmony—that was it! To make music such beautiful harmony that one could visualize some story the notes expressed! She must learn to do that. It would be easier if, as now, the Beautiful One were always near.

As they sat on a bench near the lily pool Faith thought the Beautiful One more fascinating than ever in these surroundings. She told the child her name was Lady Success. When she smiled Faith wanted to touch her and say, "Oh, how lovely you are!" But of course she was too timid to do anything like that. Rather, although thrilled in the presence of Lady Success, she hoped her admiration was not too evident. How long might it still be before she, too, would earn a place here and enjoy this one's companionship! The little girl sighed, and was beginning to feel uncomfortable in her little black shoes which now seemed shabby and old.

Strains of music wafted toward them, soft, now swelling, like the yearning in her own heart. Never had any music

thrilled her as much; a heaven of contentment and peace came nearer as she listened to the tones which finally trailed off fainter and fainter, slower and slower, and softly! died away. In her desire to catch and interpret every note she had almost forgotten the dear one who was watching with interested eyes.

"Lovely, but how sad!" whispered Faith, seeing the questioning look.

"What did the notes say to you, dear?"

"It seemed to me that first came an angel's call to a child who was to leave the earth for her home in heaven. Then after she has gone, the mother's long waiting and sad memories repeated in the melody, and at last—with that high octave—came the angel's call for her! At the end the tones faded gently away as she closed her eyes."

"If that is what it meant to you, dear child, you have a most interesting imagination. While that is not quite the interpretation the composer intended, yours, I think, is beautiful!"

The little girl, now completely entranced, was hoping for more music when the Beautiful One said, "Come, my child, I must go now. If you are patient and determined to succeed I may some day see you again. Until then we must say farewell."

She led Faith slowly to the gate and pressed her hand in farewell. The child expressed her thanks, and reluctantly passing through to the gray world outside, she felt suddenly lonely, a feeling akin to homesickness never before experienced. The gate closed softly and Lady Success was gone. When the ordinary streets appeared again, the wonderful experience seemed like a dream.

Turning homeward, she saw her Dear Friend walking ahead and hurried to relate the adventure in the Garden. The Friend understood far better than the child knew. Faith felt strangely excited and happy, now that Lady Success had mentioned another meeting in the future.

"Every day I can look forward to seeing her again. Do you think it will be a long, long time before I might earn golden shoes?"

That will depend mostly upon yourself. I can help somewhat, your aunt and others also. Be patient, my dear, and who knows—some day—but have you told your aunt anything about the Garden?"

"No, I shall tell her all about it to-day."

Her aunt, very sympathetic, seemed to understand without much explanation. She knew, since Faith was like her mother, success was probable. To her the experience did not seem strange, as it would to us in this land where so much is different.

"Your mother, if she had lived, would be very anxious for you to accomplish something with your musical talent. She was a musician, too. There is enough money left to complete your studies at the conservatory. She would be pleased that you are doing advanced work and preparing for your recitals."

Faith did not remember her parents who had died when she was a baby. She imagined her mother might be like the Beautiful One.

"But, auntie, I should miss you if I lived in the Garden!" said Faith, as though she had not thought of that before.

"You may always visit me, you know, dear, and I am sure that you will be happier there if you are fortunate enough to earn golden shoes."

The girl did not see the Beautiful One again, although she walked often to the gate and looked in. Her longing to be in the Garden might have brought sadness and loneliness had it not been for the pleasure she derived from her understanding of music and her growing skill. Perhaps the Beautiful One did not know; Faith sometimes wondered whether she might not have forgotten altogether. Nevertheless, she worked all the harder. Her aunt en-

couraged a reasonable amount of play and companionship with other children so that she might be a happy, normal child. Whenever the necessity arose of sacrificing pleasures for her music, it was no struggle to forego the pleasures. And the soul of the little girl grew as she advanced toward her goal.

Years passed. The little girl had grown into young womanhood. Having learned to compose beautiful music and to teach others, she had gained honors at the conservatory. She loved especially to play the haunting melody heard that day long ago in the Garden. Once when she played it before an audience tears fell from many eyes unashamed. But it had taken years of study and practice before she could play so exquisitely. She did not know that Lady Success had slipped in and out of the hall unnoticed. The time had not yet come.

One day as Faith was chatting with the same Dear Friend the latter suggested that they walk toward the Garden. For a long time she had not been there. Except for the barred gate visible in the distance the whole experience might have been a childhood dream.

As usual the gate was closed. How significant were the words this day—"The Garden of Accomplishment." And the verse:

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Faith had approached dreamily, forgetting the Friend while gazing at the words and thinking regretfully of her black shoes. She touched the gate which to her surprise opened as if by magic. When she turned, startled, to grasp her Friend's hand she had disappeared. Faith trembled before the open gate. This, the long-desired moment, with the gate wide open, found her alone, transfixed with awe. Two big tears caused her to look down in dismay—she did

not wish to cry. The tears fell upon her black clad feet, and to her great astonishment they did not appear black at all, but golden in color! Her golden shoes! The moment had indeed arrived.

If only the Beautiful One would come and see her golden shoes! Never in her life had delight been so real, yet she stood hesitating, hardly daring to enter alone. No, not alone now, for someone was coming quickly toward her. As though in answer to the unspoken wish that Lady Success might see her golden shoes, none other than the adored one, more beautiful than ever, stood before her and was speaking.

"Faith, my dear, I knew you would some day wear golden shoes. Welcome to our Garden home!" A sweet inviting smile and open arms welcomed her.

And so it happened that Faith, supremely happy, in golden shoes like those worn by Lady Success, advanced shyly and was clasped in loving embrace!

CANCER CONDITIONS AND HYDROTHERAPY

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is one of the best remedies for leg trouble and poor circulation. Hydrotherapy is about the oldest and safest form of natural therapy, going back to the Roman times, and the watering resorts of Europe and the Western World are heavily patronized by the young and old.

Finally, let us remember that the body is the temple of the living god in us—the ark which contains the "manna," the human Ego, which is learning to use the "rod of Aaron"—spiritual force, in the spinal cord. We have free will, full sway, to make changes in the physical expression of the Ego, and the changes we make freely by wise application of the law will prevent much human suffering and render the body a fit channel for service to our fellowman. A sound body will make it easier to develop a soft heart and sane mind.

VEGETARIAN

RECIPES

AVOCADO SURPRISE

Halve a large avocado lengthwise and peel. Fill cavity with a mixture of cream cheese, nut meats, and minced ripe olives. Put the halves together and chill. Cut crosswise and serve with desired dressing.

AVOCADO-ORANGE SALAD

Dice equal amounts of ripe avocado and peeled orange. Add a little salt. No dressing needed as avocado and orange form their own dressing. Serve on lettuce.

SALAD COMBINATIONS

1. Combine $\frac{1}{2}$ cup each of raisins, chopped apple, boiled soybeans, chopped celery, and mayonnaise or desired dressing. Serve on crisp lettuce.

2. Combine $\frac{1}{2}$ cup each of soy bean cheese, raisins, chopped apple, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped nuts, favorite dressing if desired. Serve on crisp lettuce.

3. Combine $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups cooked soy beans, 1 cup finely diced carrots, 1 teaspoon finely cut onion, 1 cup diced celery, 1 cup shredded cabbage, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup French dressing. Serve on crisp lettuce.

MIXED SALAD

Slice or chop 1 large tomato, add 2 chopped cucumbers (with rinds left on), 2 grated carrots, some new onions chopped fine, young radishes cut in half, water cress and lettuce. Top with a generous amount of salad dressing or mayonnaise and serve with rye crisp and cream cheese.

STUFFED TOMATO SALAD

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mato pulp with 1 cup cubed celery, 1 large cucumber (diced), $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cubed avocado, and mayonnaise thinned with lemon juice. Heap the mixture back in the tomatoes and serve with any desired dressing.

FRUIT SALAD

Garnish individual salad plates with lettuce. Slice oranges, bananas, and pineapple separately on each plate. Add grapes and strawberries or cherries. Top each serving with a tablespoon of whipped cream.

CABBAGE SALAD

Grind cabbage fine, add can of shredded pineapple and 1 diced apple. Stir 1 tablespoon of honey in small amount of mayonnaise thinned with pineapple juice. Mix dressing with salad.

PEAS AND POTATO LOAF

Add to $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups split peas which have been cooked to a mush 1 tablespoon grated onion and $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups mashed potatoes. Stir 1 cup thick white sauce into $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups bread crumbs and add to the pea mixture. Season to taste with salt, paprika, and 1 tablespoon of butter. Shape into a loaf, brush with melted butter, and bake 20 to 30 minutes in a slow oven.

VEGETABLE ROAST

In a round baking dish put a layer of sliced cold or raw potatoes, a layer of thinly sliced onion, another layer of potatoes, a layer of grated cheese then a layer of potatoes, one of onions and one of bread crumbs and another of cheese. Over all pour sweet milk. Bake about 45 minutes.

TOMATO TOAST

Heat 2 tablespoons of oil. Brown in it 1 to 2 tablespoons onions cut fine. Then add 2 tablespoons flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup peanut butter, salt to taste, paprika, and 3 cups tomatoes. Cook to thicken, season, and serve on squares of toast.

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