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"Coming Events Cast Their Shadows"

Religion, Art, and Science are the three most important means of human education, and they are a trinity in unity which cannot be separated without distorting our viewpoint of whatever we may investigate.

True Religion embodies both Science and Art, for it teaches a beautiful life in harmony with the laws of nature.

True Science is artistic and religious in the highest sense, for it teaches us to reverence and conform to laws governing our well-being and explains why the religious life is conducive to health and beauty.

True Art is as educational as science and as uplifting in its influence as religion. In architecture we have a most sublime presentation of cosmic lines of force in the universe. It fills the spiritual beholder with a powerful devotion and adoration born of an awe-inspiring conception of the overwhelming grandeur and majesty of Deity. Sculpture, painting, music, and literature all inspire us with a sense of transcendent loveliness of God, the immutable source and goal of all this beautiful world.

Nothing short of such an all-embracing teaching will answer the needs of humanity. There was a time, even as late as Greece, when Religion, Art, and Science were taught unitedly in Mystery Temples, but it was necessary to the better development of each that they should separate for a time.

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

Such a state cannot continue. To avert a calamity, Religion, Science, and Art must reunite in a higher expression of the Good, the True, and the Beautiful than obtained before the separation.

Coming events cast their shadows before, and when the Great Leaders of humanity saw the tendency toward ultra-materialism which is now rampant in the Western World they took certain steps to counteract and transmute it at the auspicious time. They did not wish to kill the budding Science as the latter has strangled Religion, for they saw the ultimate good which will result when an advanced Science has again become the co-worker with Religion.

A spiritual Religion, however, cannot blend with a materialistic Science any more than oil can mix with water. Therefore steps were taken to spiritualize Science and make Religion scientific.

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

In the past centuries the Rosicrucians have worked in secret, but now the time has come for giving out a definite, logical, and sequential teaching concerning the origin, evolution, and future development of the world and man, showing both the spiritual and the scientific aspects; a teaching which makes no statements that are not supported by reason and logic. Such is the teaching promulgated by The Rosicrucian Fellowship.

THE *Mystic* ... LIGHT



Spiritual Alchemy

MAX HEINDEL

WHEN we expose a piece of iron to the air, the oxygen contained in the latter element oxidizes the iron and in time disintegrates it. This process is commonly known as rusting.

The blood comes in contact with the air every time it passes through the lungs, and as a needle is drawn to a magnet so does the oxygen of the inspired air coalesce with the iron in the blood. A process of combustion takes place, which is similar to the rusting or oxidization we observed in the iron exposed to air.

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

Experience has taught us that combustible material may be placed in a furnace and all conditions necessary to combustion may be present, but until the match is applied they remain unconsumed. Those who have studied the laws of combustion know also that a

forced draft carries with it great quantities of oxygen, which is necessary to obtain heat from fuel containing much mineral. The reason for this difficulty lies in the fact that minerals, being the lowest in the scale of evolution, vibrate at a correspondingly slower rate than the plant, animal, and man. It requires a maximum effort to raise their vibrations to such a pitch that combustion may liberate their spiritual essence, and oxygen is the accelerator in this process. Were the same amount of oxygen supplied to wood fuel, which is vegetable and which naturally vibrates at a much higher rate than mineral, the furnace would be in danger of destruction because of the intensity of the heat generated.

A similar process takes place within the body, which is the temple of the Spirit. This is the flame which kindles the inner fire and generates the spiritual product which passes outward from all warm blooded creatures as heat radiates from a stove. (Cold-blooded creatures are so low in the scale of evolution that they have as yet no life *within* themselves, but are worked upon by the Group Spirit from without entirely. It is the Group Spirit which generates the life-giving currents responsible for the animation in these creatures, and these currents pass inwards to sustain the

nascent life until it is able to respond and begin to send currents outward from itself.)

These radiant lines of force emanating invisibly to the physical sight from our dense bodies are our auras, as already stated, and while the color of each individual's aura differs from that of all other individuals, there is nevertheless a basic or ground color showing its status in the scale of evolution. In the lower races this ground color is a dull red, like the color of a slow-burning fire, indicating their passionate, emotional nature. When we examine people upon a somewhat higher rung of the ladder of evolution, the basic color or vibration radiated by them is seen to be of an orange hue, the yellow of intellect mixed with the red of passion.

By the spiritual alchemy unconsciously performed by them as they have traveled along the path of progress and learned to make their emotions subservient to mind in a measure, through many experiences in the school of life, they are gradually freeing themselves from bondage to the martial Lucifer Spirits and the war-god Jehovah, whose colors are scarlet and red; also by obeying consciously or unconsciously the unifying, altruistic Christ Spirit, whose vibrations produce a yellow color which is thus mingling with the red and will gradually obliterate it. The golden aureole painted by artists gifted with spiritual sight around holy men is a physical representation of a spiritual promise which applies to humanity as a whole, though it has been realized by only a few, who are called saints. After lives of battle with their passions, after patient persistence in well-doing, high aspirations, and steadfast adherence to lofty purposes, these people have raised themselves above the red ray and are now entirely imbued with the golden Christ ray and its vibration.

This spiritual fact has been embodied by medieval artists gifted with spiritual sight in their pictures of saints, whom they represent as surrounded by a gold-

en aureole, indicating their emancipation from the power of the Lucifer Spirits of Mars, who are the fallen Angels, as well as from Jehovah and His Angels, who all belong to an earlier stage of evolution and are the warders of national and race religions.

The Lucifer Spirits find expression in the iron in our blood. Iron is a Mars metal, difficult to start into high vibration, so difficult that it takes many lives of great effort to change the product of its combustion to the golden color which designates the saint. When that has been achieved the greatest feat of alchemy has been performed; *the base metal has been changed to gold*, the wonderful alloy of the Molten Sea has been made from the dross of the earth. All that then remains is to "pull the plugs" and pour it.

The natural golden color is the Christ Ray finding its chemical expression in the oxygen, a solar element, and as we advance upon the path of evolution toward Universal Brotherhood even those who are not professedly religious acquire a tinge of gold in their auras, due to the higher altruistic impulses common to the West. Paul speaks of this as Christ being formed *in you*, for when we have learned to mix the alloy by spiritual lives, when we vibrate to the same pitch as He, we are Christ-like, ready, as said, to pull the plugs of the crucibles and to pour the Molten Sea. Christ was liberated on the cross through spiritual centers located where the nails are said to have been driven, and elsewhere. One who has prepared the Molten Sea is also instructed by the Teacher how to pull the plugs and soar into the higher spheres, or as the Masonic saying is, "to travel in foreign countries."

This is in harmony with the dictum of Christ that to become His disciples one must leave father and mother. This is one of the hard sayings of the Gospel and generally misunderstood because it is taken to refer to our physical father and mother in the present life, whereas

from the esoteric point of view something very different was intended. To get the idea let us once more call to mind that the Lucifer Spirits by the introduction of iron into the system made it possible for the human Ego to become an *indwelling* Spirit, but continued oxidation of the blood renders the body undesirable as a habitation in time, and death ensues. Therefore, though the Lucifer Spirits helped us into the body, they are also truly the Angels of death, and the progeny of Samael and Eve are subject thereto, as well as the children begotten by her and Adam, for all are flesh.

The Sun is the center of life and rules the life-giving gas we know as oxygen, which coalesces with the martial iron. Therefore Christ, the Lord of the Sun, is also the Lord of Life, and when by spiritual alchemy, as has been explained, we become like Him, we are immortal and thus we leave our Father Samael and our mother Eve. *Death has no more dominion over us.*

That does not mean that death may not happen to the body of such people, but this body is entirely under their control, and a body used by such people usually lasts for many hundred of years unless it becomes expedient to take another body. Then by the same process of spiritual alchemy they are able to create an adult body for themselves and to leave the old body which they desire to discard for the new one, which they have made previously and fitted to serve their purpose.

The question will now probably arise in the reader's mind: "How can an Initiate create such a new adult body, ready to wear, before he relinquishes his old one?" The answer to this question involves an understanding of the Law of Assimilation, but it should be said in the first place that no one who has just become aware of the spiritual world and perhaps learned to function in the soul body recently is capable of performing this feat. It requires a vastly more spiritual development, and only those who

are very high in the scale of initiation at our present time are able to perform the feat. The method is, however, said to be as follows:

When food is taken into the body of anyone, be he Adept or ignoramus, the Law of Assimilation is that he must first overpower each particle and conform it to himself; he must subdue and conquer the individual cell life before it can become part of his body. When this has been done the cell will stay with him for a longer or a shorter time according to the constitution and place in evolution of the life that dwells within it.

The cell composed of tissue that has once been incorporated in an animal



body and been interpenetrated by a desire body has the most evolved cell life. Therefore this life quickly reasserts itself and leaves the body into which it has been temporarily assimilated. Hence one who lives upon a flesh diet must replenish his food supply very often; such material would therefore be unsuitable for the purpose of building a body that has to wait for some time before the Adept enters it. Food consisting of vegetables, fruits, and nuts, particularly when these are ripe and fresh, is interpenetrated by a great deal of the ether which composes the vital body of the plant. They are much easier to subdue and to incorporate into the polity of the body. Also they stay much longer there before the individual cell life can

assert itself. Therefore the Adept who wishes to build a body ready to wear before he leaves the old one naturally builds it of fresh vegetables, fruits, and nuts, taking them into the body which he uses daily, where they become subjected to his will, a part of himself.

The soul body of such a man is naturally very large and powerful; he separates a part of it and makes a mold or matrix into which he may build each day physical particles superfluous to the nourishment of the body he is using. Thus by degrees, having assimilated a considerable surplus of new material, he may also draw upon the vehicle he is wearing for material that can be incorporated in the new body. So in the course of time he gradually transmutes one body into the other, and when the point is reached where emaciation of the old body would be observable to the outside world and cause comment, he would have balanced matters so that the new body is ready to wear, and he can then step out of the old into the new.

But he does not do that merely for the purpose of living in the same community. It is possible for him by reason of his great knowledge to use the same body for many centuries in such a manner that it would still seem young, for there is no wear and tear upon it such as we ordinary mortals cause by our passions, emotions, and desires. When he does create a new body it is always, as far as the writer knows, for the purpose of leaving the environment in which he is at that time and taking up his work in a new place.

It is by reason of this fact that we hear of men like Cagliostro, Saint Germain, and others who one day appeared in a certain environment, took up an important work and then disappeared. Nobody knew whence they had come or whither they had gone, but everybody that knew these people was ready to testify to their remarkable qualities, whether for the purpose of villification or praise.

This transition of the Adept from the

dominion of death to the realm of immortality was foreshadowed in the daring leap of Hiram Abiff, the Grand Master-Workman of Solomon's Temple into the seething sea of molten metal and his passage through the *nine* arch-like strata of the Earth which form the path of initiation, and also in the baptism of Jesus and the subsequent descent from Golgotha into the subterranean region where his vital body is still kept awaiting the day of the final egress of the Christ Spirit at the Second Advent.



Today, we have considerable ability in working with the chemical, mineral substances; we mold them into houses, ships, and all the other things which evidence our civilization. We are masters of the minerals *outside* our body, but powerless to assimilate and use them *inside* our system to build our organs until the plant life has transmuted crystals into crystalloids. Our work with the minerals in the exterior world is raising their vibration and is paving the way for direct interior use. By spiritual alchemy we shall build the temple of the Spirit, conquer the dust whence we came, and qualify as true Master Masons prepared for work in higher spheres.

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When the threefold Spirit had evolved the threefold body and gained control of it through the focus of mind, it commenced to evolve the threefold soul by working from within. How much or how little soul a man has depends upon the amount of work the Spirit has done in the bodies.—*Max Heindel*.

I Shall Speak

I shall speak to you, my beloved,

When I am gone away;

I shall speak in the flowers of springtime,

And the blossoms to you will say,

"Remember, I always love you."

We share though we are apart

Companionship of the spirit,

Communing as heart to heart.

I shall speak to you, my beloved,

You will hear me at dawn and eve,

In the song of birds or in silence;

Then let not your spirit grieve.

Rather rejoice in the knowing

The hours that were given us here

Are eternal, and memory will hold them

As treasures forever held dear.

—DELLA ADAMS LEITNER

The Way Toward Brotherhood

FROM A TALK GIVEN IN OUR CHAPEL BY EDNA BACHMAN

AS STUDENTS of the Western Wisdom Teachings we are on our way toward Universal Brotherhood. We are on a journey, we have a destination, and we have a wonderful guide in the Teachings given us by the Elder Brothers of the Rose Cross through Max Heindel.

In the book *Teachings of an Initiate* (by Max Heindel) we learn that at various times and in different ways humanity has been given religions to spur them forward on the path of evolution. In each the central idea was just high enough to arouse the aspirations of the people to whom it was given, but not so high as to be beyond their appreciation, for then it would not have appealed to them at all.

Religions have changed as man has evolved; the ideal has been slowly raised until it has reached the present high stage embodied in the Christian teaching. Thus we see that the mass of humanity has been taken care of by the religions publicly taught in the country of their birth.

But the flower of religion is always given to the flower of humanity. There are always pioneers whose precocity demands a higher teaching. To them a deeper doctrine is given through the agency of the Mystery Schools of their country. When only a few are ready for such preparatory schooling, they are taught privately, but as they increase in number the teachings are given more publicly.

This is the case in the Western World at the present time. Therefore the Brothers of the Rose Cross, members of our life wave who are much more evolved than humanity in general, gave to Max Heindel a philosophy such as published in his various books, and sanctioned the launching of The Rosicrucian Fellowship to promulgate this

Teaching. The purpose of the Fellowship is to bring aspiring souls into contact with the Teachings so they may learn that by service here in the physical world they may show their sincerity and give assurance that they will use their spiritual powers in all walks of life for the upbuilding of humanity.

As an author plans a book in his mind before writing, so a Mystery Order plans a spiritual philosophy to meet the necessities of the people it is destined to serve. Max Heindel stated: "Our revered Founder and the twelve Elder Brothers whom he selected to aid him in the work centuries ago probably first made a retrospective study of the trend of thought during our era, and it may be, for milleniums before, and thus they were able to obtain a fairly accurate conception of the direction likely to be taken by the minds of future generations and determine their spiritual requirements. Be their method what it may have been, their conclusions were right when they judged that *pride of intellect, intolerance, and impatience of restraint* would be the besetting sins of our day; and they formulated their philosophy so that it satisfies the heart at the same time that it appeals to the intellect and teaches man how to escape restraint by mastering self."

Then the Brothers turned to Max Heindel, and after he had passed a certain test, they entrusted the Teachings to him. *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* was published in November of 1909, a little more than a year before the end of the first decade, which commenced a new cycle. Had it not been published before the end of the decade the opportunity would have been lost until the next cycle rolled around.

Mr. Heindel goes on to say: "I was up at six and toiled on till one, two, or

three in the morning for weeks amid endless confusion with tradesmen and the roar of Chicago about my ears, sometimes almost reaching the limit of nervous endurance . . . Had it not been for the support of the Brothers I must have gone under. It was their work, however, and they saw me through . . . I admire and marvel at its (*The Cosmo-Conception*) wonderful teaching more than anyone else . . . It does not even seem as if I have written it, I feel so absolutely impersonal in the matter." The book was the work of the Elder Brothers; it belongs to humanity.

Before the *Cosmo-Conception* was published, Mr. Heindel lectured five or six evenings a week in Columbus, Ohio, and Seattle, Washington. In all his meetings he invited open discussion in a question and answer period. Among the questions most frequently asked were: Who are the Elder Brothers? What is their origin? Do they function on this plane in a material body?

Mr. Heindel replied that the Elder Brothers belong to our life wave, but throughout many lives they have unfolded their spiritual powers to a very high degree. They are all Initiates — Adepts, in fact. Being free from the Race Spirits, they can form their bodies in whatever nation or country they may work in. Whenever necessary seven of the twelve take on a physical body to perform work in various parts of the world. They sometimes hold office in the community in which they live, but this is only for the purpose of giving a reason for their presence. Five of the Brothers do all of their work on the invisible planes.

The Head of the Order, Christian Rose Cross, works with world powers and governments. Most people do not realize what an important place the Brothers of the Rose Cross occupy in our Western civilization.

In writing to his students, Max Heindel said: "There has come to me a realization that the work of The Rosicrucian Fellowship is not our private work. It

is the work of the Elder Brothers and every member of the Fellowship." Thus we realize that a great responsibility rests upon us — first, to acquit ourselves well in order to do credit to the Teachings; and second, to stimulate others to wish to understand and embrace the Teachings. By all working together we can make Christianity a living factor



COMTE DE ST. GERMAIN

Philosopher, Freemason, diplomat, and Rosicrucian Initiate—The Count St. Germain was the wonder man of the Eighteenth Century.

in the land and hasten the establishment of Universal Brotherhood.

Most of us are ready to acknowledge that we are especially fortunate to receive these Teachings. It is not blind chance that brings kindred souls together in the same environment, for in many an age and many a clime we have worked together. Our opportunities and limitations are such as suit our individual requirements, as determined by our self-made destiny in previous lives. We may rest assured that in whatever

station of life we are placed it contains the lessons and experiences necessary for our development.

We well know that the keyword of spiritual development is *service*, and here is our main guide post on our way to Brotherhood. We must all learn our lessons in service to humanity, service to our younger brothers, the animals — service everywhere. We must emulate the admonition of Christ Jesus: "He who would be the greatest among you, let him be the servant of all."

In one of his *Letters to Students*, Max Heindel asked: "Has it ever occurred to you to inquire, dear Friend, what binds you to this Fellowship? You know there are no outward bonds, that you have taken no oath of allegiance, and that you have not been entrusted with any secrets. It cannot be the Teachings, for they are open to the whole world; neither is it the enrollment as a student which creates the inner bond... Rather it is the *service* which we perform and the earnestness wherewith we practice the Teachings, and become living examples to the world of that brotherly love which Christ spoke of as the fulfillment of all commandments."

But most important of all is the deep occult reason for *service*. Service, and especially *selfless* service, builds the soul body, the golden Wedding Garment without which no man can live in the coming age called the New Galilee. Moreover, as the soul body grows in luminosity, the inner vision is hastened, and the feeling of unity increases. Brotherhood becomes more of a fact, for the unifying power of the Christ within the aspirant becomes increasingly great.

There are other guide-posts we have been given to help us toward the attainment of Brotherhood. The two exercises, morning Concentration, and evening Retrospection, are powerful aids when performed conscientiously and persistently. In Retrospection the aspirant seeks to reproduce before his mind's eye the experiences of the day in reverse order, starting with the events of the

evening, then continuing with those of the afternoon and the morning. He judges his actions, blaming himself for wrongdoing and approving the good he has done. Retrospection is a powerful factor in shortening one's stay in Purgatory immediately after death. Max Heindel says that it is one of the most important teachings given in the Western Wisdom.

In Concentration the aspirant to the higher life, immediately upon awakening in the morning, begins to focus his mind on some chosen subject or object. When the proper condition of absorption is reached his senses become stilled and the centers of the desire body start to revolve. This exercise enables one to gain control of his mental power, to conquer his desire body, to diminish the quantity of the lower ethers of the vital body, and is essential to spiritual progress.

An evidence of the progress being made toward Brotherhood is the increasing amount of spiritual healing being done by religious groups. The healing work of the Fellowship is primarily and basically spiritual, carried on by Probationers who can function in their soul bodies, and directed by the Elder Brothers. They work at night while the dense bodies are asleep. The healing force comes from God, the Great Physician of the Universe. It is latent everywhere, and by proper concentration may be liberated and directed toward the sufferer. It goes forth daily from our Healing Department, our Chapel, and our Healing Temple. Applications for healing are constantly being received, followed by many testimonials of restoration to health.

As we progress toward Brotherhood we are also journeying into a New Age — the Aquarian Age, in which humanity will have embraced higher ideals of living. At the present time we are living in the pre-Aquarian Age, and we are subject to both the incoming new vibrations of Aquarius and the outgoing old vibrations of Pisces. The com-

bination of the two is resulting in much mental unrest and turmoil among the peoples of the world. Such a condition has always existed during the transition of one age into the succeeding one, so we should not feel discouraged, no matter what takes place. There is a reason for all that occurs, and the Higher Powers who guide our destiny see to it that progress comes out of it all.

The nucleus for the people of the New Age is being drawn from all nations where there are individuals who have learned to manifest the Christ Light within. Christ came to prepare the way for the emancipation of humanity from the guidance of the differentiating Family and Race Spirits, and to unite the whole human family into one Universal Brotherhood. All over the world the old system of paternal government is changing. Nations as such have had their day and are unwittingly working their way toward Brotherhood in accordance with the design of our Invisible Leaders, who are no less potent in shaping events because they are not officially seated in the councils of the nations. The ideal of Universal Brotherhood identifies itself with neither country nor race, for it is the Christ Principle that lifts all above differences in race, color, and creed.

Having been populated by a mixture of different races from many countries, the United States has become the melting pot" from which will descend the last of all the races in the Sixth Epoch or New Galilee. In that future New Dispensation the Christ Love will be the hallmark, the land will be a land of peace, and Universal Brotherhood and Love will bind all peoples of the world together.

The Rosicrucian Fellowship, as a group and as many different individuals, has a priceless heritage in the opportunity to spread the Western Wisdom Teachings in these crucial times. Max Heindel repeatedly told his students that they must be "up and doing," rendering selfless service, no matter where

they might be. To emphasize this he quoted the following well-known poem:

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



L A W

*Waterlily on the pool,
Gold-hearted, snowy star
Floating there, so pure, so cool,
Supremely fair you are.*

*Lying on the water's breast
Without a care or grief,
Sinking with the sun to rest
On smooth green satin leaf.*

*Did I know my being's law,
And knowing did I dare
To leave all else and follow that,
I too should be as fair.*

IRIS M. SMITH



Tests and Trials

ZINAIDA MOISEIEFF

IN THE Rosicrucian Fellowship Closing Hymn we find these significant lines:

*When temptations surge around you
With helpful thoughts we will
surround you,
Till your darkness turns to light again.*

Everyone who aspires to high spiritual ideals, who tries to live a better, nobler life, is tested and tempted before he is entrusted with the use of the latent spiritual powers which all aspirants are trying to develop and use for service to humanity. Through our study of the Western Wisdom Teachings we have learned that desire is the great tempter of human kind. In *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* (page 464) it is stated that: "Love, Power, Wealth, and Fame are the four great motives of human action and the great tempters also." Those who choose to enter upon the Path are tempted particularly at the time immediately preceding initiation.

Sometimes the Elder Brothers themselves are the ones who place temptations in the way of the pupil, and sometimes they work through agents. The more we grow, spiritually, the more subtle becomes the nature of the tests which are placed before us, and it is absolutely essential that we learn to stand firm for that which we have been taught is right. Courage must be cultivated, for the tests of the aspirant are not given in writings — they must be faced and handled in the everyday experiences by a fearless heart.

However, tests and trials are not to be feared, for they are the most effective means, at the present stage of evolution, of furthering us on the Path. They are not stumbling blocks, but rather stepping stones to a higher plateau of spirituality. It is our reaction to them that

shows where we are on the Path. We must learn to receive blame patiently, even gladly, as a means of growth, even though the blame seems entirely unjust. By keeping serene and purposeful through all manner of difficulties we give evidence to the Higher Ones of our strength. Also, by yielding to thoughts and feelings of resentment, jealousy, etc., we show where the weak spots in our character are, and where we will be most tested.

The highway to the life everlasting, the highway that finally brings us back to the bosom of the Father, is truly strewn with trials, which, in our eagerness to advance rapidly, we often do not observe. This eagerness is frequently responsible for many sorrows, disillusion, and disturbances both bodily and mental. There are no short cuts to spiritual advancement, although these are often offered by pseudo-teachers to the ignorant and unsuspecting aspirant. Many neophytes do not know the grave danger in leaving the physical vehicle to enter the invisible realms without preparation and the guidance of the Higher Ones. The invisible realm is just as crowded with impostors and charlatans as the Physical World.

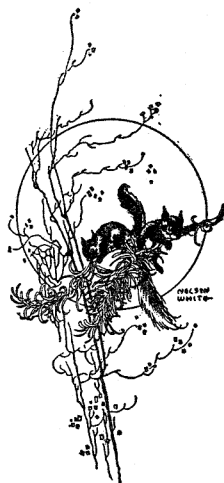
In all mystic dramas we find hidden spiritual truths. Each of them represents the path of the seeking soul with all its tests, trials and temptations. In the story of Faust we find two seekers after truth: Marguerite, the mystic, and Faust the occultist, who through the intensity of their temptations, sorrow, and suffering found the way back to the source of their being. Max Heindel put it this way: "We all as prodigal sons have left our Father in heaven; we have wandered afar from the realm of spirit, to feed upon the husks of matter, to gather experience and to gain individuality. Faust symbolizes the human

mind with its deep, mysterious workings. Marguerite represents the heart, the beautiful mystic path of faith. In Faust the true spiritual man was imprisoned, crucified beneath the power of intellectuality. But man cannot reach heaven by thought alone; he comes to earth to labor and evolve, not only intellectual faculties, but mystic and spiritual also. He must learn compassion, love, faith, and blend them, if he aspires to know the mystery of creation. All knowledge, in whatever direction it is used, must necessarily feed on life, which is primarily derived from the extracts of the vital body: that is to say, the sex force and the blood. All knowledge that is not thus fed and nurtured is dead and powerless. No books are of themselves sufficient. Only in the measure that we take that knowledge into our lives and nourish it and live it, is it of real value."

"Man is the heir to infinite knowledge. No power on earth, nor in heaven, nor in hell can obstruct his progress when he has earned the right to proceed. 'When the ears of the student are ready to hear, then cometh the lips to fill them with wisdom' is the Hermetic maxim. Our Elder Brothers, who function mostly on the invisible planes, are anxiously watching our growth. There is much rejoicing in their hearts when one of their younger brothers puts his foot upon the Path. He becomes from that moment the subject of their study and care. Every aid for his progress is readily given. Nor should one ever fear being overlooked. Such a thing is impossible. The doors of the invisible will be opened to him when he has acquired mental poise, the control of the desire nature, and when the purification of the physical body has been accomplished; all this requires the preparation of many lifetimes."

In the drama of *Parsifal* we see the struggle of the seeking soul for the supremacy over the lower desire nature. Parsifal, in his quest for the Holy Grail, was tempted by Kundry, who represents

the physical body or lower self. He felt the same dreadful agony as that of Amfortas, the fallen knight of the Grail, so he exclaims: "Amfortas, oh, Amfortas! I know it now — the spear wound in thy side — it burns my heart, it sears my soul. O grief! O misery! Anguish beyond words; the wound is bleeding here in my own side!" At last when Kundry tempts him a final time, the awakened Parsifal replies without hesitation: "Eternity were lost to both of us if I yielded to you even for one short hour; for the love that burns within



you is only sensual, and between that and the true love of pure hearts, there yawns an abyss, like that between heaven and hell!" Later when Parsifal enters the grounds of Mt. Salvat and was asked: "How did you come here?" he answered: "Through search and suffering I came." The true spiritual love of which Parsifal spoke is not an emotion, but an impelling force. It is a great redeeming power. True love, of its very nature, is selfless; man himself must generate this love before he is free.

In the fourth chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew we are told of the temptations of Christ Jesus. "When he had fasted forty days and nights, he was afterward an hungered. And when the tempter came to him, he said, 'If thou be the Son of God, command that these

stones be made bread." Christ Jesus, who had power over all the forces of Nature and knew the higher law, could have transformed the stones into bread to appease His hunger, but, at the same time He knew that He should never violate this higher law to satisfy self. This power could be used only for others. Therefore His answer was: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

The temptation pertaining to the mind came next: "Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning



thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone." In this temptation, Christ Jesus was taken out of the physical body into the inner realms, and again He knew that He could use all the supernatural powers He possessed to attract the attention, admiration, and homage of the world. But He triumphed over this temptation, as must every aspirant eventually do, and said: "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

The third temptation pertained to the inmost soul. "Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me." The "exceeding high mountain" refers to a very high state of consciousness, related to a still higher spiritual realm. Here Christ Jesus read in the Memory of Nature the records of the world's past, present, and future; He perceived the heavenly archetypes of all things manifest in heaven and

earth and the glories of all of them. Over all this He was being offered a position of complete supremacy.

But the Christ had chosen the path of sorrow and suffering to help a needy humanity. Therefore He said to the tempter: "Get thee hence, Satan, for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him." In like manner do the angels and other Higher Ones come to bless and strengthen everyone who gains a victory over the lower self.

Further trial came to our Great Way-shower, pointing out another "mile-post" on the Way to the Cross for every aspirant. This is embodied in His experience in Gethsemane. Max Heindel described it in these gripping lines:

"Having drunk the cup of sorrow to the dregs, being deserted by all, he experiences that temporary fear of being utterly alone, which is one of the most terrible if not the most terrible experience that can come into the life of a human being. All the world seems dark about. He knows that in spite of all the good He has done or tried to do the powers of darkness are seeking to slay him. He knows that the mob that a few days before had cried, 'Hosannah' will on the morrow be ready to shout 'Crucify! Crucify!' His relatives and now his last few friends have fled.

"But when we are on the pinnacle of grief we are nearest to the throne of grace. The agony and the grief, the sorrow and the suffering borne within the Christian Mystic's breast are more priceless and precious than the wealth of the Indies, for when he has lost all human companionship, and when he has given himself over unreservedly to the Father a transmutation takes place: the grief is turned to compassion, the only power in the world that can fortify a man about to mount the hill of Golgotha and give his life for humanity, not a sacrifice of death, but a *living sacrifice*, lifting himself by lifting others."

Tennyson As a Mystic

SHIRLEYANN O'NEILL

Part 2

THERE is no question of Tennyson's religious convictions or of his belief in the eternal verities, the immanence of God in man and the universe. Throughout his poems he assumes the existence of a great Spirit and recognizes that our souls are part of Him. The great problems of metaphysics and of man's origin and destiny occupied much of his thought, and he dwelt upon them with eager, intense interest. No sophistry could shake his belief in man's immortality, for without belief in this doctrine the human race, he was convinced, had not incentive enough to virtue; while all man's inspirations were otherwise meaningless. For the doctrine of evolution, in its materialistic aspect, he had nothing but scorn, for it was the Divine in man that was to conquer the brute nature within him, and, in the upward struggle, work out salvation.

The supremacy of the Spirit is the dominant theme of the entirety of Tennyson's works; the only reality for him was the Infinite. Man has shown himself greater than any material system. His existence may be a tiny spark of Being; it is a real spark, a part of a world which no immensity of space and time can render illusory. We are progressing towards God, not away from Him; He alone remains the reality of the universe. God, as affirmed by Tennyson, is perfect Truth, perfect Will, and perfect Love. To Tennyson the human earthly life is merely a stage in the onward progress of the Spirit; we come out of the deep and pass into the deep again. In this future life there will be no rest, no standstill; the progress is not arrested by death.

The Spirit merely passes into a larger, ampler life, a life but dimly conceivable to those left behind, but a life of upward

endeavour, accompanied by the revelation of larger powers, and the attainment of a deeper love. "Death's truer name is onward, utilised by God for His purpose." This firm belief is evident in his great poem of affirmation, *In Memoriam*.

We have but faith; we cannot know,
For knowledge is of things we see;
And yet we trust it comes from Thee,
A beam in darkness; let it grow.

This prayer of faith has as its very essence the recognition of a personal God revealed in Christ.

Speak to Him thou for He hears, and Spirit
With Spirit can meet,
Closer is He than breathing, and nearer than
Hands and feet.

Tennyson firmly believed in and found indications to substantiate his belief in the pre-existence of the soul. In one of his earliest sonnets he describes certain emotional states when he appeared to:

Ebb into a former life, or seem
To lapse far back in some confused dream
To state of mystical similitude;
If one but speaks or hems or stirs his chair;
Ever the wonder waxeth more and more,
So that we say "all this has been before,"
All this has been, I know not when or where.

Spirit was the ultimate reality of the world for Tennyson: and the spiritual principle is developing through change, towards an end. The forms of things are forever changing; each new law can be recognized as a higher imposed upon a lower.

Every temporary manifestation becomes inadequate as the Spirit advances towards self-consciousness and complete union with the Divine Essence within. There must be a progress, and a progress towards a unity. The world process must be conceived as the realization of an idea or purpose in the Divine Conscious-

ness. Tennyson knew there is but one pool of Universal Spirit from which all life is differentiated and individualized, and that through a series of earth lives in improving vehicles by which we gain experience in the school of life, we are seeking to transmute matter into Spirit and progress along the path back to our Divine Source. Tennyson refers to this pool of Universal Spirit and the human soul's antenatal experiences in the *De Profundis*.

Out of the deep, my child, out of the deep,
Where all that was to be, in all that was
Whirled for a million eons through the vast
Waste dawn of multitudinous eddying light
Out of the deep, my child, out of the deep,
Through all this changing world of
changeless law,
And every phase of ever heightening life,
And nine long months of antenatal gloom,
Thou comest.

In the story of Lancelot and Elaine in the *Idylls of The King*, Tennyson again affirms his belief in reincarnation. The knights of Arthur's court are depicted as jousting for nine diamonds. As each diamond was won it symbolized the victorious knight as taking one more step on the path to perfection. These diamonds had been found previously by Arthur in a place and under conditions that were very old and of the past. The use of these diamonds by Tennyson is deeply symbolical. In each of the kingdoms, it is said that mastery is reached when perfection has been attained on that particular plane.

In the mineral kingdom the diamond has reached mastery. Arthur found nine of these diamonds. In occult lore nine is the number of Initiation, the point at which the soul reaches complete realization of its true nature, its divine origin, and its oneness with the Divine. This high spiritual state had been attained by Arthur and the virtues represented by the diamonds, he had acquired during previous earth lives. Thus he found the diamonds all at once and did not have to struggle for them as did his knights. He simply took from out of the past that which was his own.

Thus does Tennyson speak to us on the pre-existence of the soul. Although he has been acclaimed as being essentially the prophet of his time, this belief he would have maintained in whatever age he had written. For he upheld it not only as being necessary for mankind in a certain stage of progress, but as being essential for the continual existence of the human race. He has depicted these Soul mysteries in a way no other writer has attempted. This knowledge of the Divine Essence within and the ability to contact this Spark of Universal Consciousness is beautifully expressed in the poem, *The Ancient Sage*.

If thou would'st hear the Nameless, and
will dive
Into the Temple-cave of thine own self,
There, brooding by the central altar, thou
May'st haply learn the Nameless hath
a voice,
By which thou wilt abide, if thou be wise,
As if thou knewest, tho' thou canst not
know;
For knowledge is the swallow on the lake
That sees and stirs the surface-shadow there
But never yet hath dipt into the abysm,
The Abysm of all abysms, beneath, within
The blue of sky and sea, the green of earth,
And in the million millionth of a grain
Which cleft and cleft again for evermore,
And ever vanishing, never vanishes,
To me, my son, more mystic than myself,
Or even than the Nameless is to me.
And when thou sendest thy free soul thro
heaven,
Nor understandest bound nor boundlessness,
Thou seest the Nameless of the hundred
names.
And if the Nameless should withdraw
from all
Thy frailty counts most real, all thy world
Might vanish like thy shadow in the dark.

Perhaps the most profound example of Tennyson's art as a poet and religious teacher is found embodied in the collection of twelve poems entitled, *The Idylls of The King*. These are essentially religious poems and in their entirety are deeply charged with Christian feeling and symbolism. These ancient Arthurian legends contained some of the most profound mysteries of the soul veiled in mystical and allegorical symbology, and although the meaning was obscure to many who attempted to interpret them, Tennyson, with his keen spiritual in-

sight and occult knowledge, was able to embody these mystical teachings in his poetry. These poems represent the finest expression of Tennyson's art and in them he reached the height of his poetic fame. In these splendid tales of knight-errantry we have the full flower of the poet's genius narrated in the true romantic spirit, but with an ideality and imagination quite Tennysonian, and with a spirituality in harmony with "the voice of the age" that reminds us that:

Our little systems have their day,
They have their day and cease to be.
They are but broken lights of Thee,
And thou, O Lord, art more than they.

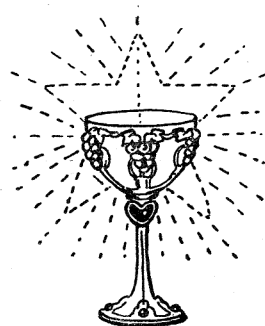
Tennyson knew that the salvation of mankind lay in the sacrifice of the lower nature to the light and life of the God within. This then was his purpose in writing *The Idylls*. He would affirm to his materialistic, doubting age the ultimate reality of the Spirit; he would show forth the kingship of the soul and how only through that kingship the lower nature in man is subdued.

It is not only a matter of accidental literary combination, but of the blending of a romantic story with a spiritual allegory, such as marks the whole course of the development of the old materiel in Tennyson's hands. The characters of the story cast shadows, and the shadows are its real theme rather than the forms and deeds of the men themselves.*

The story of Arthur and his knights is the story of the soul from its divine inception through the sufferings, trials, and sorrows of its journey through matter, of its victories and triumphs until it finally returns to its source, reunion with its Divine Creator. King Arthur of the ancient myth is used by Tennyson to portray the completely pure and sinless soul and recount all its experiences. Arthur's nature and ideals dominate the entire story and are felt in every episode even though he may not appear in the specific action. This then is Arthur, not

quite a king of dreams and shadows, not altogether a king of war and conquest. He stands as a great luminous background to the story of his knights, as a wide, bright sky that shows up against the breadth and brilliance of its purity the darker shadows that move before it. Tennyson's message to all those who possessed inner understanding was clear and unmistakable, shining as the jewels in the sword of Arthur the King

Arthur and his twelve knights with their many trials and temptations are symbolic of the journey of the soul through dense matter to regain union with its source, the Divine. Twelve is a number used extensively in all literature pertaining to matters of the soul or



spirit. There were the Twelve Tribes of Israel, the Twelve Sons of Jacob, the twelve gates to the Holy City, the twelve labours of the soul, and the twelve disciples of Christ. Twelve is the number which seems to apply especially to this particular period of manifestation on this planet.

In the science of numbers the number one represents God, perfection, harmony, order, and perfect man as God created him. It also symbolizes the straight and narrow path which the individual must follow to reach the Divine. It is the line of spiritual aspiration which must ascend from the heart of man to unite the human with the Divine. Two is the number of duality, the fall into matter. It is the number of separation from Divine unity. It is the number of

* Raymond Alden, *Alfred Tennyson: How To Know Him* (Indianapolis: Bobbs Merrill, 1917), p. 115.

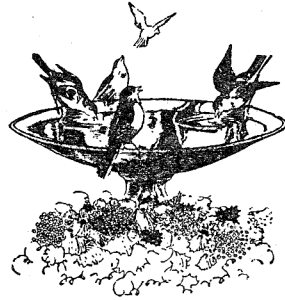
contrasts as good and evil, truth and error, joy and sorrow. Because of the contrast it is called by some as the beginning of evil. Thus the one and two combined to make twelve can be considered as the perfect, created man fallen into dense matter, enmeshed in it and ever striving and struggling to overcome the temptations and pitfalls of the sense-ruled life and find his way back to his source, union with the Divine. This is the keynote of life in this material world and that for which the knights, like all mankind, were striving.

Arthur and his knights are depicted as gathering about a "Round Table." There is much mysticism concealed in the fact that this table was round or in the shape of a circle. The circle, in the science of numbers, is the geometrical form from which all numbers proceed. It is also the circle of spirit, without beginning and without end symbolizing limitless time in eternity as well as unmanifested Deity. "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end." The circle begins in and issues from the Divine Principle, the Eternal Love manifesting as Eternal Life. In the minds of the ancient philosophers something of the Divine and mysterious has ever been ascribed to the shape of the circle, and wherever it is met in mysticism or occult literature this is its significance.

Some interpreters of the Arthurian legend attribute the round table to the fact that all the knights were equal once they had been accepted into the group. This is one explanation in the outer form but can also be given the inner interpretation that all seeking souls are equal in the sight of God. Thus, mystically, Arthur and his knights gathered about the Round Table, symbolize the twelve labours or struggles of all souls enmeshed in dense matter striving to rise above the condition in the outer, materialistic world, seeking once more union with the Eternal Love, the Divine Spark within all. Thus Tennyson portrays in verse the same teaching that

Richard Wagner expressed in the divinely inspired music found in his cycle of four music dramas, *The Ring of The Nibelung*.

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A GARDEN IS THE ANSWER

*A field of honeyed clover
And a whispering old tree
Give an afternoon of pleasure
On an August day for me.*

*A hilltop and a cedar
With a wind not far away
Content me when I'm weary
On a sad September day.*

*But January lingers
Like a ghost in empty rooms
While I recall June gardens
In a golden burst of blooms.*

*A garden is the answer
To a lonely person's prayer
For no matter what the season
There is always treasure there:*

*A scarlet-feathered aster
Or a rowdy tasseled weed,
A butterfly or snowflake . . .
Every beauty fills some need.*

—VEDA BURNAUGH COLLINS

MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

Taken from His Writings

THE VITAL BODY

THIRTY-FIRST INSTALLMENT

Relation of Vital Body to Spiritual Development

An Important Factor

(Continued)

WE should be very thankful for the material instrument which we have, for that is the most valuable of all our vehicles. While it is perfectly true that our physical body is the lowest of all vehicles, it is also a fact that this vehicle is the most finished of our instruments, and without that the other vehicles would be of little use to us at this time. For while this splendidly organized instrument enables us to meet the thousand and one conditions here, our higher vehicles are practically unorganized. The vital body is formed organ for organ as our dense physical body, but until it has been trained by esoteric exercises it is not a fit instrument to function in alone. The desire body has only a number of sense centers which are not even active in the great majority of people, and as for the mind, it is an unformed cloud with the great majority. We should aim today to spiritualize the physical instrument, and we should realize that we must train our higher vehicles before they can be of use. For the great mass of people that will take a long, long time. Therefore it is best to do the duty that is close to our hands. Then we hasten the day when we shall be able to use the higher vehicles, for that day depends upon ourselves.

We have all become so much more impregnated with materialism than we realize, and it hinders us in our quest.



As students of transcendental philosophy, we have accustomed ourselves to regard individual and intermittent life in an ethereal body possible of attainment for the few, but that the whole human race may live permanently for a whole epoch in the air! Truly, it made me hold my breath when I realized that the Bible means exactly what it says when it states that we shall meet the Lord in the air and be with Him for The Age.

When Christianity shall have fully spiritualized the vital body a still higher step will be the Religion of the Father, who as the highest Initiate of the Saturn Period will help man to spiritualize the dense body which was started in the Saturn Period. Then even brotherhood will be transcended; there will be neither me nor thee, for all will be consciously One in God, and man will have been emancipated by the help of Angels, Archangels, and higher Powers.

Effect of Prayer, Rituals, and Exercises

Prayer, rituals, and exercises are of value in spiritualizing the vital body. If, by continual prayer, we obtain forgiveness for the injuries we have inflicted upon others and if we make all the restitution possible, purify our vital bodies by forgiving those who have wronged us, and eliminate all ill feeling, we save ourselves much postmortem misery, besides preparing the way for Universal Brotherhood, which is particularly dependent upon the victory of

the vital body over the desire body. In the form of memory, the desire body impresses upon the vital body the idea of revenge. An even temper amid the various annoyances of daily life indicates such a victory, therefore the aspirant should cultivate control of temper, as it includes work on both bodies. The Lord's Prayer includes this also, for when we see that we are injuring others, we look about and try to find the cause. Loss of temper is one of the causes and it originates in the desire body.

Most people leave physical life with the same temperament they bring into it, but the aspirant must systematically conquer all attempts of the desire body to assume mastery. That can be done by concentration upon high ideals, which strengthens the vital body and is much more efficacious than the common prayers of the Church. The occult scientist uses concentration in preference to prayer, because the former is accomplished by the aid of the mind, which is cold and unfeeling, whereas prayer is usually dictated by emotion. Where it is dictated by a pure unselfish devotion to high ideals prayer is much higher than cold concentration. It can never be cold, but bears upon the pinions of Love the outpourings of the mystic to the Deity.

The next highest, the Life Spirit, prays to its counterpart, the Son, for its counterpart in the lower nature, the vital body: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

The vital body is the seat of memory. In it are stored the subconscious records of all the past events of our life, good or ill, including all injuries inflicted or sustained and benefits received or bestowed. We remember that the record of the life is taken from those pictures immediately after leaving the dense body at death, and that all the sufferings of postmortem existence are the results of events these pictures portray.

The vital body being the storehouse of the panorama of our life, our own

sins and the wrong we have suffered at the hands of others are there inscribed, hence the fifth prayer, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," enunciates the needs of the vital body, and be it noted that this prayer teaches the doctrine of the remission of sins in the words *forgive us*, and the Law of Consequence in the words *as we forgive*, making our own attitude to others the measure of our emancipation.

The Rosierucian Prayer is the kind of a prayer that lifts, that ennobles a man, and the more a man or woman cultivates that attitude of mind, and entertains those lofty aspirations, the more he or she is lifting the two higher ethers out of the vital body. The churches say, "pray, pray, pray," and they are well within the occult teaching, for in that way the vital body is worked upon by constant repetition of lofty aspirations.

That is the way everything acts that has only a vital body; so when we wish to act upon the vital body we must do it by this method of repetition. We have the four ethers present in our vital body and the two lower ethers take care of the physical functions, as we remember particularly from the lecture on *Spiritual Sight and Insight*. We saw there that the two higher ethers had to be taken out when we wanted to function in the higher worlds; and this repeated impact is what makes the division between the two lower and the two higher ethers possible. That is where the churches are still factors in spiritual development, because they tell the devotee that he must pray without ceasing. But we are not to pray selfishly, we are to pray unselfishly, and in harmony with the Universal God . . . Neither let us imagine that God is to be bargained with, as would seem to be the conception of some who are loudest at prayer meetings. There is a certain spiritual attitude attained which the mystic knows so well when he enters into his closet.

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Studies in the Cosmo-Conception

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

Constitution of the Earth

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Q. Is there a special significance attached to the number 9?

A. Yes. This number is the root number of our present stage of evolution.

Q. In what way?

A. It is the number of Adam, the life which commenced its evolution as Man, which reached the human stage during the Earth Period. In the Hebrew, as in the Greek, there are no numerals, but each letter has a numerical value. In Hebrew "Adam" is called "ADM". The value of "A" is 1; of "D", 4; and of "M", 40. If we add these figures, we get 9, the number of Adam, or humanity.

Q. Does the Bible shed any light on this subject?

A. Yes. In Revelation we find that the number of the beast which hinders is 666. Adding these figures we get 18, which comes to 9 (one plus 8). There again we have the number of humanity, which is itself the cause of all evil which hinders its own progress.

Q. Is there any further reference to this in Revelation?

A. Yes. Going to the point where the number of those who are to be saved, we find it to be 144,000. Adding as before, one plus four plus four, we have the number of humanity, showing that it will be saved practically in its totality, the number incapable of progress in our present evolution being negligible in comparison to the grand total.

Q. Will any of humanity be truly "lost"?

A. No, even the few who fail are not lost, but will progress in a later scheme of evolution.

Q. Is there any other significance attached to the number 9?

A. Yes. According to modern classification there are 13 steps in the animal kingdom: 3 classes of Radiates; three classes of Mollusks; three classes of Articulates; and four classes of vertebrates. If we regard ordinary man as a step by himself, and remember that there are 13 Initiations from man to God, or from the time he commenced to qualify himself for becoming a self-conscious Creative Intelligence, we have again the same number, 9. (13 plus one plus 13 equals 27; two plus 7 equals 9.)

Q. Is there still further significance to be attached to the number 9?

A. Yes. The number 9 is also hidden in the age of Christ Jesus, 33; 3 times 3 equals 9, and in a similar manner in the 33 degrees of Masonry.

Q. Does this conclude the significance of the number 9?

A. No. We have also the 9 months of gestation, during which the body is built up to its present efficiency; and there are in the body 9 perforations — two eyes, two ears, two nostrils, one mouth, and the two lower orifices.

Q. How does the advancing man gain entrance into the core of the Earth?

A. This is opened to him by the first of the four Great Initiations, in which he learns to know the mystery of the mind, that part of his being begun on Earth.

Q. To what stage has his mind then developed?

A. When he is ready for the first Great Initiation he has developed his mind to the degree all men will have attained at the end of the Earth Period.

Q. Is there further development?

A. Yes, all work done by him after that will be such as humanity in general will do in the Jupiter Period.

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WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Healing Miracles of Christ

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The Nobleman's Son

So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.

When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.

Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken, and he went his way.

And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth.

Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.—*John 4:46-53.*

As we have seen, the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke contain the story of the healing of Jairus' daughter, which occurs comparatively early in the Gospel narratives because it symbolizes one of the first and most important of the purification works to be accomplished. There is, however, no mention of this even in John, for his Gospel, the most deeply esoteric of the four, deals with work of still higher import. Instead of the raising of Jairus' daughter, John substitutes that of the Nobleman's son.

The Gospels as studied occultly reveal the path of Initiation in the Christian Mysteries, each character representing some particular attribute in process of development. The Nobleman's son is not mentioned in the works of Matthew, Mark, or Luke. The reason for this is

to be found in the fact that in the process of spiritual attainment, the feminine principle must first be lifted and restored from its fall, as noted in the restoration of Jairus' daughter. When this is accomplished then follows the establishment of its equilibrium with the masculine. The first three Gospels are concerned with the former, John with the latter.

The mystic wedding feast at Cana of Galilee with which John opens his Gospel contains deeper teachings regarding the harmonizing of these two principles within the body of the aspirant for Initiation. The Nobleman's son represents one who in his own life was demonstrating the work given by the Christ. The scriptures state that after this raising, the nobleman and all of his household became followers of Christ Jesus.

Throughout the Bible the deeper teaching is symbolically concealed beneath the literal record which forms the basis for most of the current creeds.

When the masculine principle (the head; Hermes) represented by the raising of the Nobleman's son, *who was not dead but at the point of death*, and the feminine principle (the heart: Aphrodite) typified by Jairus's daughter, *who was not dead but asleep*, are again in equilibrium, the Cross will no longer be the symbol of Christianity. It will be represented by the two upright pillars, the Yachin and Boaz that adorn the entrance of the Temple of Solomon and represent the Divine Hermaphrodite. The neophyte or candidate will no longer be the "Widow's Son" but will become the Master who has found the Light in the East.

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Windows on the New Astronomy

KENT LORIMER

Part III

MACROCOSM AND MICROCOSM

*In patterned fires across the evening sky
The stars, like guiding lights, through
space are swung.*

*And gazing toward the firmament on high,
We see the constellations far outflung.
So vast are all those circling orbs of light
As limned against the darkness deep and
still,
With awe we marvel at their starry night,
Thus moving in the universal Will.*

*Oh, come from hall and every cottage door
And stand beneath the tapestry of night,
Where glory shines on the celestial floor,
And streams of Life flow through the
worlds of light.*

*Then know the law for you to be the same
With all the worlds that swing in heaven's
frame.*

—Martha Norburn Allen
Rays from the Rose Cross,
Aug. 1965.

The Precession of the Equinoxes and the Aquarian Age

ACCORDING to astrologers, our planet Earth is now entering the portals of the Aquarian Age. What is this Aquarian Age of which so much is being said today? It is a technicality, in one sense, for the definition of the Aquarian Age is really a definition of a time segment of the great equinoctial cycle, called a Great Sidereal Year, in which the equinoxes seem to go backward through the zodiac at the rate of

about 1 degree in 72 years. If we divide the circle of the zodiac into twelve equal divisions, this means that each sign has 30 degrees; so that at the rate of 1 degree in 72 years, the vernal equinox requires 30x72 years to move backward through one sign of the zodiac. This approximates 2160 years. Actually it is a little more than that, nearer 2,165 years. The whole equinoctial cycle then requires about 25,920 years, during which time the vernal equinox leaves a certain degree of the zodiac and returns to it again, moving always backward through the zodiac.

The vernal equinox is that point where the Sun crosses northward in the spring over the celestial equator, at which time night and day are equal in length, as they will be again in the fall. (Equinox = equal night). But it is often said—using other words—that the ecliptic and the equator cross at the vernal equinox. The ecliptic is the Sun's path around the skies. Not only the Sun, but the Earth, Moon, and other planets of our solar system also circulate around the heavens in this path called the ecliptic.

The "path" is always there in the skies, marked out by the circle of stars called the zodiac. This path and the celestial equator always exist together, but the equator is purely imaginary. It is a mathematical invention like the equator of the Earth globe itself. No

one expects to find a line or a fence marking the Earth's equator. But on maps a line denotes it, and in astronomy a line drawn in the sky map denotes the celestial equator. We may call the equator in the sky a reflection or counterpart of the equator of the Earth globe. If the Earth's equator were extended outward to the sky, the place where it cuts the celestial sphere all around is the celestial equator.

But the Earth as a globe is not motionless and straight upright. It tilts on its axis, and wobbles like a top, besides moving around the Sun while the Sun moves around the center of our Milky Way galaxy. We are concerned here, however, only with the Earth's own motion, the wobble. It is also said to turn upside down occasionally, but again, that is not germane to the present discussion.

It takes almost 26,000 (nearer 25,920) years for the Earth to complete one wobble. As a result of this slow wobble, the Earth's equator tilts and so also the sky equator seems to tilt, and that is why each spring, when the Sun crosses the celestial equator going northward, it seems (from our point of view on Earth) to be about 50 seconds back from where it was the spring before, among the stars of the zodiac. Astronomers say that at present the Sun crosses the celestial equator in the spring in about 9 degrees of the constellation Pisces, that is, among (really in front of) the actual stars of the group called Pisces.

In very ancient times the constellations were not equal divisions, however; they were irregular, some covering a great deal of space, others less. Virgo for example was one of the largest.

At a very early time in history the Babylonians were already using twelve equal divisions of the zodiac because they had found that this was astronomically and commercially practical; but in religion, the old irregular divisions continued to be revered, and the Temple teachings of remote antiquity always

pointed to the mythic figures in the sky, rather than to the regular mathematical divisions of space.

Since ancient astronomers had their differences of opinion and method just as modern ones do, the boundaries of the signs were not always fixed in the same place, even where the mathematical divisions are concerned, because the mathematical process of counting off the degrees would not start in exactly the same place in every case. The Alexandrian school might use one set of figures, the Roman another, the Greek another, the Babylonian another, and so on. Nor was there universal agreement as to the rate of precession of the equinoxes. Probably the Hindu scriptures were as far off as any. An Indian text said that the rate of precession was 1 degree in 600 years — as against the more accurate figures of the Babylonians, Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans, whose calculations were close to the modern findings; which varied from 30 seconds of arc per annum to 45 or 47 seconds — and some historians have claimed that the Egyptians had actually produced a figure still closer to our own 50 seconds per annum.

Now what has the Moon to do with all this? The "wobble" of the Earth which causes this precession of the equinoxes is thought by most astrophysicists to be the result of the Moon's pull on the Earth, and so also is the equatorial bulge of our globe thought to come from the same source. We know that the Moon is the conspicuous cause of the tides of the ocean; but the entire solid body of the Earth globe is similarly pulled, and there are tides, therefore, in the globe itself, as well as in the atmosphere. Modern astronomers say that the Moon is slowly retreating from the Earth, and that some day it may set itself up in an independent orbit of its own, circling around the Sun between Earth and Mars; and that eventually it may work its way still further out into the solar system. If so, our precessional cycles would be changed, and our

"Ages" with it. (Which suggests that perhaps the Hindu calculation of 1 degree in 600 years may refer to some far distant past when the Moon was in a different position than now relative to the Earth, although modern astronomy knows of none that would give this figure.)

The traditional theory about the Moon is that it was once part of the Earth globe, and was torn out of the side of the Earth — perhaps by a passing comet — leaving the great basin which we call the Pacific Ocean. For a time the Moon was virtually touching the Earth; but century by century it retreated toward space, and is still retreating, according to one modern theory, as noted.

Max Heindel has stated that eventually the Moon will work its way out to the "graveyard" of our solar system, the asteroid belt, between Mars and Jupiter, and finally disappear altogether, either by disintegration or by expulsion into outer space—or both.

Another theory has it that the Moon was a space wanderer, caught in the gravitational net of the planet Earth. At that time, says the theoretical astronomer, the Moon was so close to the Earth that a man could have reached up and touched it with his hands, supposing there had been a man on earth at that time to touch it.

Science News has given the following synopsis of modern theories on the Moon's origins:

Almost every time a noted scientist opens his mouth to discuss the moon's origin, out comes a new theory or variation. Most, however, can be divided into three types: the "offsprings" theory, which holds that the moon was ripped from the earth in some primordial upheaval; the "twins" theory, whose adherents believe that earth and the moon originated together as a double planet; and the "capture" theory, in which the moon was formed separately and trapped by earth's gravitational field.

The offspring idea was first suggested by Sir George Darwin, son of naturalist Charles Darwin. He maintained that when the earth-moon mass was still fluid, solar tides wrenched the moon free and hurled it into its present expanding orbit.

According to other adherents, at first a huge bulge appeared on the spinning, un-solidified earth. Finally the rotational stresses became too great and a vast chunk tore loose, only to be pummeled by meteorites and wracked by volcanic eruptions which left whole regions buried beneath miles of dust. (The dust has long since packed itself firm, apparently, and poses no hazard to space vehicles.)

Some "offspringers" have said that the moon was indeed ejected from earth, but not until the original mass had cooled enough to have a thin crust. The resulting scar in the crust is now the bed of the Pacific Ocean. The Pacific is only a few miles deep, however, and generally regarded as an unlikely source for so huge an object as the moon. Moreover, some mathematicians claim that such a large mass could not have been whirled off into space without going to pieces.

Though the moon did not come from the earth, one noted authority believes, both originated from the same source. Dr. Gerard P. Kuiper of the Yerkes and McDonald observatories has described a huge "protoplanet," a nebulous mass moving around through the fringes of the sun while the sun was still shrinking to its present size and intense brightness. When the protoplanet, one of many, separated from the rest of the solar nebula, it was intensely cold, according to Dr. Kuiper, perhaps as cold as 40 degrees above absolute zero. As the sun reached its full brightness, the gase-

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ous "envelope" which had shrouded the earth and moon dissipated, leaving the two bodies perhaps as little as 2,500 to 5,000 miles apart, but gradually separating.

The opposition to both theories is awesome and international. Nobel laureate Dr. Harold Urey, leading British astronomer Dr. Patrick Moore, chief physicist at the Swedish Royal Institute of Technology Dr. Hannes Alfvén and others all believe that the moon was formed separately and was snagged by earth's gravity on the fly.

For one thing, says Dr. Urey, the differing ratios of the elements on the two bodies indicate that the moon could not have been part of the earth, or it would have been made of the same "mix." Furthermore, he adds, *the moon is probably older than the earth, perhaps by as much as 100 million years.* Originally the solar system was full of moon-sized bodies that hurtled around in space, colliding with each other, combining and dispersing, Dr. Urey believes. This would account for the puzzling fact that the moon is only three-fifths as dense as the earth.

"The moon is not earth's child," agrees Dr. Moore. In fact, he believes the earth-moon system should be considered as a double planet instead of a planet and satellite, since the moon is much too large to be ranked as an inferior body."

Lunar origin theories cover the full circle: exactly opposite to the offspring idea is that of Dr. Alfvén, who believes that not only was the moon NOT ever a part of the earth, but indeed that most of earth's continents were once part of the moon. Starting with a virtually ignored paper published in 1955 by an obscure German girls' school teacher, Dr. Alfvén paints a pretty lively picture of primordial earth.

As the moon sped by from spaces unknown, he says, earth's gravity caught it and swung it into a retrograde orbit, moving around earth in the opposite direction than it does now. *Then, as gravity tried to get the two bodies into a balanced relationship, the moon moved up over the poles instead of more nearly over the equator.* Tides were five miles high, and rolled around the earth in six hours, "polishing" the globe. The moon, looking twice as big as it does now, dominated the heavens.

Then, says Dr. Alfvén, came the most dramatic event in the history of the earth: the moon reached what is called the Roche limit and broke apart. More than half of the moon may have plunged to the earth. Dr. Alfvén believes, an event which could explain why the earth's crust is considerably less dense than its core.

But where did the moon come from? The same place as Mars. The moon was once a planet, Dr. Alfvén says, and condensed out of the same "cloud" as Mars, while the Earth, Venus and Mercury form another "genetic group."

If, as Dr. Urey and others believe, the moon is older than the earth's estimated 4.5

billion years, the riddle of its birth may hold the key to ever bigger questions, such as the origin of the solar system.

Another writer observes that,

During the Paleozoic era, 200 to 600 million years ago, the moon may have been 40 percent closer to the earth and tides may have risen 100 to 200 feet. Such huge tides could have formed the extensive sandstone and limestone formations that underlie much of North America, says Dr. C. Wroe Wolfe, Professor of Geology at Boston U.

—*Science Digest*, Jan. 1966.

If it is true that the Earth's wobble is the result of the interaction of influence between Earth and Moon, and this in turn is the cause of the precession of the equinoxes and the astrological "Ages", it is plain that our evolution has been profoundly influenced by the Moon. For one thing, the zodiacal Great Sidereal Year (complete equinoctial cycle) has not always been the same length, which means that the smaller cycles into which the Great Year is divided have also not always been of the same length as now, nor will they continue to be forever of the same length as now.

Changes are brought about not only by zodiacal cycles but also by actual changes in the solar system itself. There is, for example, an irregular variation in the Earth's rotation. And even if the outer, enclosing universe remained unchanged — which it does not — our zodiac would change in the course of long ages because the Sun and its planets are coursing around the center of the Milky Way (our galaxy), and this means that we move into new star neighborhoods as the aeons roll on.

The separation of the Moon from the Earth — or however it came into being — took place, according to the occult investigators, in what they term the Lemurian Epoch, in the early part of that Epoch. This was the time when the great Angel Jahweh entered human evolution, for He works only with planets that have moons. He is the giver

of the "seed of life", the Father of all races, therefore the "Race God", — in the Western Wisdom Teachings, designed for peoples who are brought up on the Bible and its Hebrew-Greek-Roman and Christian traditions, the name of the Hebrew "God" is taken, for Judaism was a Race Religion, and still is. But although we use the Hebrew title for this great Angel who is warder of the Seeds of Life, Jahweh or Jehovah is equally the God of all races, called by other names by other peoples.

Of course the Hebrews and Christians do not think of Jehovah as a mere national or tribal god. They think of him as "GOD" — the One Supreme Being, Creator of all things, the All-Father. And when they pray they think they are praying, and they mean to pray, to GOD, not to a Race Spirit or Angel. This is as it should be. It is always GOD, not to a Race Spirit or Angel to whom one prays, and the lesser concept gradually is absorbed into the true, high concept of the One Infinite Eternal Creator. Thus in time each race sloughs off the old and limited concepts and enters upon that universal consciousness which was taught by all illumined mystics and teachers, and was the dominant message of the Christ.

Mystics have seen an Intelligence in the solar orb; that is, they gazed at the Sun with physical eyes, but to the eyes of the Spirit another vision arose, which was the Archangelic Presence in the Sun. All religions have such an idea; even the Nordic seer, Swedenborg, saw the Lord "as a Sun", shining in the spiritual heavens. The outer physical Sun is His symbol in the world of space and time, and a "Ray" of the Consciousness of this Spirit descends into the Earth each year; and, doubtless, into the other planets also, as Max Heindel has observed, when they are ready for it. All of this is *mystical fact* — and is discerned clairvoyantly and intuitively. There is no outer correlation in physical science, but that does not mean that

there never will be. It is only a matter of *looking for the evidence in the right direction, and it will be found.*

Our word GOD comes from the Anglo-Saxon and means "Good", showing that these people worshipped a GOOD BEING, and deemed His Goodness a sign and token of Absolute Divinity, the supremely Good Being who rules the universe; but when "God" is invoked as protector of one European nation against another nation, then the "God" invoked is really "Jahweh", for the Moon God alone is the God of Race Religions. Since the Earth had no Moon until the early part of the Lemurian Epoch, the appearance of the Moon marks the time of Jahweh's entrance into the Earth's evolution, at which time our humanity began to show the separation into sexes.

Note that since Jahweh works with all planets having Moons, this must mean that His influence is felt not only on Earth, but on Mars (two moons), Jupiter (twelve moons), Saturn (ten moons), Uranus (four moons) and Neptune (two moons), and even Pluto, which it is thought may also have a moon or two, if it is not, in reality, an escaped Moon of Neptune as some astronomers suspect.

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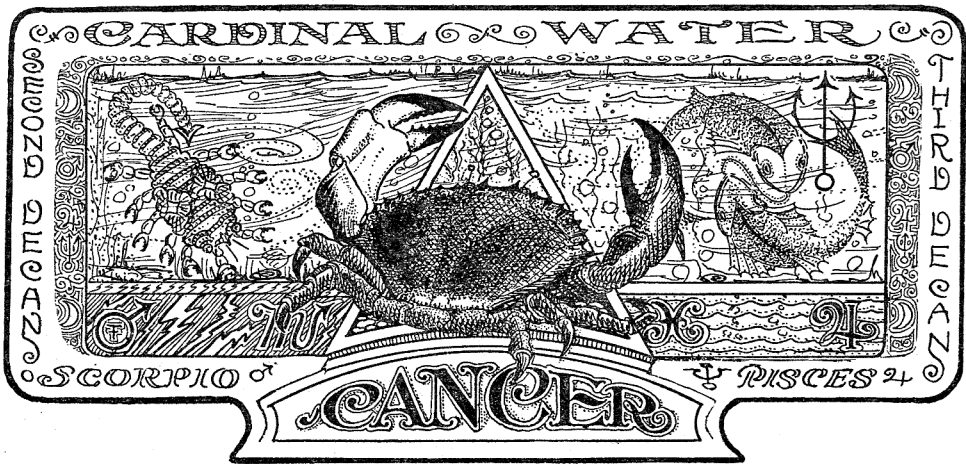
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The Children of Cancer, 1968

Birthdays: June 21 to July 23

FIRST of the water triplicity and fourth in the zodiac, the sign Cancer is a cardinal, emotional, and psychic sign. We therefore find that the children born when the Sun is in this part of the zodiac are of a changeable, receptive, and sympathetic nature, concerned primarily with fourth house matters: home, real estate, and material security in the latter part of life, as well as antenatal and post-mortem life.

The vitality of the Cancerians is usually rather low, so that even if not actually ill they may be somewhat dreamy and indolent. They prefer a peaceful existence and are usually hospitable and agreeable in the home if not required to do too much physical work. Seldom do they pick a fight, but can hang on tenaciously and speak up promptly when drawn into an undertaking involving a cause they have espoused.

The Sun in Cancer at birth tends to make the first part of the life barren of fruit, but favors success in the later years. Being inherently timid and retiring, the Cancer natives usually have

to strive diligently to make places for themselves in the world, though often urged forward by an inner desire for the approval of others.

Since Cancer is a psychic sign, many of these natives are interested in the occult and often have psychic experiences. They want and need friendship, but can be quite reticent about seeking it. Once acquainted, however, they can become quite dictatorial in directing their friends.

The restless Moon rules Cancer, and consequently those born under this sign usually make many changes in residence, position, etc. However, they are not actually fickle or flippant, their innate tenacity, conscientiousness, and caution keeping them properly oriented in most cases. A vivid imagination, a retentive memory, the power of mimicry, and a liking for children enable them often to become capable writers, actors, teachers, and parents.

In regard to health, the Cancerians need to give particular attention to proper diet, as well as to maintaining an even emotional status.

As the solar month opens, and lasting until its end, Uranus and Pluto are still in conjunction in Virgo, sextiling Neptune in Scorpio. This configuration indicates an inclination toward the occult or mystical side of life, and there may be direct touch with the spiritual worlds. It is also productive of dreams and visions of a prophetic and inspirational nature, and there is a highly developed intuition which amounts almost to mind reading. These natives are dreamers with the ability to bring their dreams into actual manifestation.

The Sun and Venus are in conjunction, also, as the solar month opens, and this lasts until July 16, making the native fond of music, art, and poetry. The love nature is strengthened and a happy marriage is favored. Jupiter sextiles this conjunction until July 2, adding benevolence, generosity, and friendliness to the nature, and strongly favors the acquisition of material means.

From June 21 to July 19 the Sun conjuncts Mars, giving energy and strength, both physical and mental, as well as a strong will, determination, and resourcefulness. The conjunction of Mars to Venus lasts from June 21 to July 2, adding ardency to the love nature. There is good earning capacity but a tendency to spend too freely.

Mercury sextiles Saturn from June 21 to July 14, and squares Uranus during this same period. The mentality has depth, good reasoning ability, and power of concentration, but may have a tendency to be erratic at times.

From June 21 to 23 Saturn and Mars are in square aspect, suggesting the need to cultivate unselfishness, cheerfulness, and consideration for others.

Mars sextiles Jupiter from June 21 to July 3, pointing toward enthusiasm and the ability to imbue others with the same feelings. The nature is noble, sincere, honest, and straightforward, and the health is strongly favored.

From July 6 to 15-16, Venus squares

Saturn, sextiles Uranus, and trines Neptune, indicating mental alertness, quick intuitive perception, and personal magnetism. There is a love for art, music, and poetry, and ability as an inspirational musician. The imagination is fertile, the emotions deep, and the nature inclined toward purity. However, care should be taken to avoid succumbing to a tendency toward jealousy, suspicion, and stinginess which may manifest at times.

The Sun squares Saturn from July 9 to 23, suggesting the need to cultivate unselfishness, optimism, and a feeling of unity with others.

From July 10 to 23 the solar orb sextiles Uranus, giving intuition, originality, and inventiveness to the nature. These natives can be channels for bringing to our ken methods of using Nature's finer forces; they are idealistic and high strung but usually self-controlled.

The Sun trines Neptune from July 8 to 23, intensifying the spiritual vibrations in the aura and thus favoring the possibility of developing the spiritual faculties. Ability as an inspirational musician is also favored.

From July 11 to 21 Mercury sextiles Jupiter, giving a cheerful, optimistic disposition, along with a broad, versatile and reasoning mind. Success in law and literature is favored.

Mars trines Neptune from July 17 to 23, intensifying the emotional nature and giving a leaning toward the study and practice of occultism. Ability to penetrate into the invisible worlds is favored.

From July 20 to 23 Mars sextiles Uranus, indicating an energetic, and ambitious disposition, an original, ingenious, and intuitive mind which is resourceful in the highest degree. Inventive genius, particularly in connection with electricity, may manifest in these natives. The vision is wide, the nature universal, and the outlook on life apt to be of cosmic dimensions.

Readings for Subscribers' Children

FRANCEL M. E.

Born October 22, 1961, 9:20 A.M.

Latitude 34 N., Longitude 117 W.

Signs on cusps of houses:

ASC, Sagit. . . 9.31	4th, Pisces . . 23.00
2nd, Cap'n . 12.00	5th, Aries . . 23.00
3rd, Aquar. . 17.00	6th, Taurus . 19.00

Positions of the planets:

Saturn 23.43	Capricorn . . . 2nd
Jupiter 28.39	Capricorn . . . 2nd
Dragon's T. 23.45	Aquarius . . . 3rd
Moon 13.13	Aries 4th
Part of F. . 23.40	Taurus 6th
Uranus 29.39	Leo 9th
Pluto 9.27	Virgo 9th
Venus 5.42	Libra 10th
Sun 29.04	Libra 11th
Mercury . . 29.13R	Libra 11th
Neptune . . . 10.36	Scorpio . . . 11th
Mars 14.19	Scorpio . . . 11th

With Sun, Moon, and four planets in cardinal signs, and common signs on all the angles, this child is apt to lead an active life. Mars, Neptune, and Uranus in fixed signs help to bring persistence and stability, but there is a definite need to cultivate more of these qualities.

The Sun and Mercury are combust, in the last degree of Libra in the 11th house. They sextile Uranus in Leo in the 9th, but square Saturn and Jupiter in Capricorn in the second. A rather complex nature is here indicated, since Sun and Mercury partake of the qualities of both Libra and Scorpio. Mercury's strength is not at its best when combust the Sun, and the square to Saturn and Jupiter suggests that this child would profit by definite mental exercises involving judgment, discrimination, etc. Careful selection of Fran-

cel's associates and friends would be of much help in developing the better traits indicated by the sextile of Sun and Mercury to Uranus. There is a progressive, humanitarian trend to the mentality, and the intuition is highly developed. In fact, this child will probably learn and reach correct conclusions more rapidly by intuitive perception than by the usual use of the mental faculties.

The Moon in Aries gives ambition and aggressiveness to the nature, and its trine to the ASC will bring out these qualities. However, the Moon opposes Venus in Libra in the 10th, so that there is a need for this child to be taught the wisdom of constancy in the affections, as well as of living a clean, moral life. There are apt to be many changes in the home, providing opportunities for learning to meet both pleasant and unpleasant conditions entailed thereby with equanimity.

Venus in Libra is essentially dignified and strong, giving musical and artistic ability, as well as happiness in marriage. However, the opposition of Venus to Moon (7 plus degrees) suggests difficulties in expressing the higher qualities of personal attachments. There is help to be had, though, in the distant trine (8 degrees) of Venus to Jupiter, if Francel will make sufficient effort to respond to the higher emotional qualities.

Saturn is well placed in the sign it rules, Capricorn, so that its best side is encouraged to manifest. Its conjunction with Jupiter, as well as its trine to the MC, also helps to bring out the desirable qualities of honesty, persistence, etc., but since they are in the 2nd house and square to Sun and Mercury, there are lessons to be learned in honesty, application, and wisdom in earning, and in spending the money earned.

NEFERTITI O.

Born June 9, 1964, 6:20 A.M.

Latitude 18 N., Longitude 70 W.

Signs on cusps of houses:

ASC, Cancer. 0.42	4th, Virgo ..22.00
2nd, Cancer 25.00	5th, Libra ..26.00
3rd, Leo22.00	6th, Scorpio 29.00
	Sagittarius Int.

Positions of the planets:

Dragon's H. ..3.18	Cancer1st
Venus4.25R	Cancer1st
Uranus6.13	Virgo3rd
Pluto11.32	Virgo3rd
Neptune ..15.44R	Scorpio5th
Saturn5.01	Pisces9th
Jupiter13.35	Taurus11th
Mars24.13	Taurus11th
Mercury29.42	Taurus12th
Moon8.18	Gemini12th
Sun18.28	Gemini12th
Part of F. ..20.22	Gemini12th

Venus in her first house, where it is trine Saturn and sextile Uranus and Pluto, indicates a lovely and loving little girl who will probably take advantage of the educational opportunities offered her in her early years. Venus in the first house also has the tendency to spread sunshine over the child's home and make the early life happy, bringing out the love for music and art, along with a desire for pleasure. It tends to give good general health and success, too, offsetting in this child's case a lack of vitality suggested by Cancer rising. This position gives a very fruitful imagination, and the sextile to Uranus makes for mental alertness and quick intuitive perception. Nefertiti may come in contact with the inhabitants of the unseen world, or at least take up some devotional phase of religion, which makes it essential that she avoid mediums and spirit controls at all times.

Venus trine Saturn makes her faithful and true, just and methodical, so she will be sought as a friend and adviser. Saturn rules the seventh house of marriage, bringing true love, but Saturn

can cause delays. On the other hand, Venus trine Uranus makes her exceedingly magnetic, especially to the opposite sex, and favors an early and happy marriage.

The Moon rules the ASC from the 12th house in Gemini, where it conjuncts the Sun, squares Saturn, Pluto, and Uranus. It is also intercepted, indicating delay in developments. When the Moon and Sun progress out of Gemini, the aspects will be more effectual. The condition of 12th house restrictions will further be relieved when the Sun by progression reaches the first house cusp near her thirteenth year.

The placement of the Sun and Moon in Gemini shows love for travel, and this, in addition to the Cancer ASC, indicates a life of much change. This tendency toward frequent change is further suggested by five planets and the Part of Fortune in mutable signs. This effect is lessened, however, by the presence of four planets in fixed signs.

Jupiter, Mars, and Mercury are in the 11th house, giving many friends — some wealthy and ambitious who will help her realize her ambitions. Nefertiti has a keen and critical mind, although at times generous. With her Sun conjunct the Moon she should guard against over-reaching herself in her desire to realize her ambitions in life.

The Sun in Gemini favors writing and travel; it also brightens the mind, and when it is necessary or expedient to travel, she will gain thereby physically and mentally. The Moon in Gemini makes her resourceful and able to cope with emergencies, as well as broad, liberal, and alert for progressive ideas which are taken up with avidity.

Although sociable and easy to get along with, this child could possibly use her talents best in work behind the scenes. She could serve well in the culinary arts. Due to many aspects, she will no doubt have an eventful life, having many challenges, therefore opportunities for soul growth.

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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.

Hostess, Teacher

EVANGELIA V. — Born August 1, 1949, 9 A.M. Latitude 38 N., Longitude 24 E. With the Sun, Mercury, and Pluto in conjunction in the fixed fiery sign Leo, and the Moon in the fixed watery sign Scorpio, this native has the stability and determination to succeed in whatever she may undertake. Their sextile to Neptune in Libra in the 1st house adds considerable spiritual understanding to help direct the activities constructively. The Sun squares the Moon, however, so there may be the need for inner adjustment which leads to the best expression of one's capabilities. Mercury rules the Gemini MC, and Mars and Uranus are in conjunction in the 10th, sextile Saturn and Venus in conjunction in Virgo in the 12th, and trine the Moon. Virgo on the ASC adds to the mental side of the nature. This native has some musical ability, and with training could become a proficient organist. She could also give fine service as a hostess or receptionist, as well as a teacher.

Engineer, Mortician

TOM T. — Born November 18, 1934, 1:43 P.M. Latitude 48 N., Longitude 119 W. In this chart we find Sun, Venus, Jupiter, and Mercury all in Scorpio in the 18th house, the two former and the two latter in conjunction with each other. The Sun and Venus square Saturn in Aquarius in the 12th, trine Pluto in Cancer in the 5th; Mercury and Jupiter sextile Neptune. Another dominant feature is found in the conjunction of Moon and Uranus in Aries intercepted in the 1st house, sextile Saturn, square Pluto. A third conjunction is that of Mars and Neptune in Virgo,

the former in the 7th, the latter in the 6th. No planetary aspects are made by this conjunction. The common-water sign Pisces is on the ASC. Since Sagittarius is on the cusp of the 10th house, and its ruler, Jupiter, is posited in Scorpio in the 8th, we look principally to the Scorpio-8th-house configuration for vocational possibilities. The conjunction of Jupiter with Mercury, plus their sextile to Neptune, brings a mental-spiritual influence to bear on the vocation. As an engineer, mortician, secret service man, law officer, or broker, this native could use his natural talents well.

Librarian, Int. Decorator

DOLORES G. — Born January 4, 1934, 5:25 A.M. Latitude 42 N., Longitude 88 W. This native has the Sun and Mercury in the Saturn-ruled, ambitious sign Capricorn, in the 1st house, the Sun trine Neptune in Virgo in the 9th. Mercury is unaspected save for a square to the MC. The Moon is in the fixed-fire sign Leo in the 8th, sextile Jupiter, trine Uranus, opposition Venus. Mars, Saturn, Venus, and the Dragon's Head are all intercepted in Aquarius in the 2nd house, indicating excellent earning capacity. Venus sextiles Uranus and trines Jupiter in Libra, suggesting musical ability. Jupiter in Libra in the 10th, is chief vocational indicator, and its sextile to the Moon, trine to Venus, and opposition to Uranus, point toward very successful vocational activities, although the opposition to Uranus is apt to bring unexpected and perhaps discouraging conditions at times. As an interior decorator, librarian, musician or dealer in music, or commercial artist, this native could give service of excellent quality.

Daily Thought and Guide

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

MONDAY—JULY 1

On this fine day we may reap much from the good we have sown in former days. "The grateful soul of the wise man is the true altar of God."—*Philo.*

TUESDAY—JULY 2

This Mars day favors serious study and work with electrical inventions. Steady effort and quiet endeavour along these lines will bear good fruit.

WEDNESDAY—JULY 3

Quietly attending to necessary duties will be best today. Impulsive actions may not turn out too well. Paying attention to this will teach us self-control.

THURSDAY—JULY 4

Today's aspects are very good. Gladly submitting ourselves in body and soul, utterly and completely to the light within, is the beginning of true life."—*Thomas Kelley.*

FRIDAY—JULY 5

On this fine Venus day we can show a generous disposition to all we meet. "The healthy understanding — is not to prove and find reasons, but to know and believe."—*Carlisle.*

SATURDAY—JULY 6

Today again our hearts will go out with the feeling of brotherhood to all mankind with real consideration. We will try to help where it is needed.

SUNDAY—JULY 7

This is the Lord's day, a day for Praise and Worship. Let us use it well and: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

MONDAY—JULY 8

Mixed aspects rule this day. It will be

well to finish our daily tasks quietly and faithfully and trust that "with all our getting we will get understanding."

TUESDAY—JULY 9

Another rather quiet day when we can pay attention to our own self-discipline; self-control is gained by doing our work faithfully and with poise.

WEDNESDAY—JULY 10

By being patient and paying close attention to our obligations we can make this an excellent day. There are also a few very high vibrations present; let us try to tune in on these.

THURSDAY—JULY 11

This Jupiter day is somewhat uneventful, but again as with yesterday, a spiritual knowing may be possible. Let us listen carefully.

FRIDAY—JULY 12

This is Venus' day but there is some Mars energy available; let us direct this into constructive channels. By taking out a little time to meditate quietly, we may hear the still small voice within.

SATURDAY—JULY 13

Today Neptune and Uranus indicate inner knowledge; it is a time for imaginative planning and service of a high order. Thank God for this privilege.

SUNDAY—JULY 14

The day of the Sun is dedicated to the worship of God, realizing that love is the fulfilling of the law.

MONDAY—JULY 15

On this busy Monday we question what we can do for our needy fellowman. We will have help from the stars for some of our problems.

TUESDAY—JULY 16

Today we may have flashes of intuition which help us with our work. Mr. Heindel tells us of: "The interior voice which always speaks in moments when decisions must be made."

WEDNESDAY—JULY 17

Mixed aspects make this an active day. The mind may be rather gloomy but if we go forth in faith and trust to new experiences and strive for added understanding, all will be well.

THURSDAY—JULY 18

This day is another active one with help from the planets. Our daily work will need close attention, and also, we will be able to be aware of spiritual things.

FRIDAY—JULY 19

This Venus day should be a most enjoyable one. The poet Byron wrote a fitting verse which expresses it: "There's music in all things if man had ears: their earth is but an echo of the spheres."

SATURDAY—JULY 20

Today rest and recreation are in order. Our hearts and the higher mind will give us strength and insight into some things that may have troubled us for some time.

SUNDAY—JULY 21

Today we should enjoy the fellowship of kindred minds and worship in the church or our choice. May we keep our mind on Him who made us all and thank Him for the care He bestows upon us daily.

MONDAY—JULY 22

Quietly working at our daily tasks, always keeping spiritual things uppermost, will be best today. Thoughtful consideration for others will bear good fruit.

TUESDAY—JULY 23

Again Uranus and Neptune send us very spiritual rays, and Jupiter reminds us of the many helpful services we can give. "Infinite is the help man can yield to man."—*Carlyle*.

WEDNESDAY—JULY 24

There are good spiritual forces at work again today, and if we are ready to use them much can be accomplished. But it is well to be careful for Mars may be overactive. God's love surrounds us.

THURSDAY—JULY 25

On this good active day let us listen carefully for the inner voice before we act. Our most valuable experience is gained in this way. Mars is very active and apt to push us too far.

FRIDAY—JULY 26

On this fine Venus day we also have the valuable help of Mercury in all that needs doing. It will be helpful if we heed the Bible verse: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

SATURDAY—JULY 27

Today we may be troubled over some things. But let us relax, first do what has to be done, thoughtfully and prayerfully, then leave it in the Lord's hands.

SUNDAY—JULY 28

This is a wonderful day for spiritual endeavour. Ovid gave us this deeply inspirational verse: "There is a God within us and we have intercourse with heaven. That spirit comes from abodes in high."

MONDAY—JULY 29

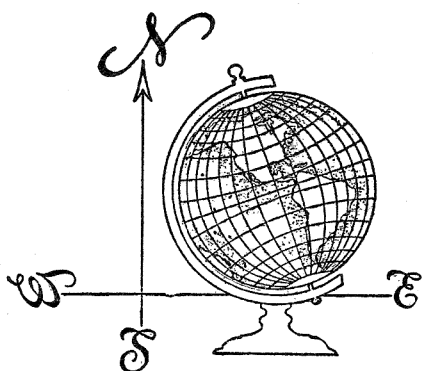
Many planets are in good aspect today. When action follows thought, much may be accomplished; Mercury is active and helping us.

TUESDAY—JULY 30

The good aspect between Sun and Moon today shows harmony between spirit and personality. Let us follow the urge to cultivate our mind; this can contribute much to our spiritual growth.

WEDNESDAY—JULY 31

July leaves us with good rays which encourage effort in several fields. We can look forward in faith and trust, realizing that God watches over us.



MONTHLY

News
INTERPRETED

Life in the Clouds of Venus

Although the surface conditions of Venus — high temperature and absence of moisture — make the chances of life there implausible, the clouds of earth's nearest neighbor planet present an entirely different picture. According to Dr. Carl Sagan of Harvard College Observatory and the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Mass., the essentials for photosynthesis — water, carbon dioxide and sunlight — are plentiful in the clouds.

Drs. Sagan and Harold Morowitz of the department of molecular biophysics at Yale University, New Haven, Conn., therefore speculate that organisms the size of ping-pong balls could be floating in the atmosphere of Venus, at a level just underneath the base of the clouds, which consist of water droplets at the bottom and ice crystals at the top.

Dr. Sagan believes that the main point is not that such life forms actually exist — there is no evidence for them — but that the possibility of some kind of living organisms should not be excluded. Because the "atmosphere is primarily carbon dioxide and nitrogen, a float bladder filled with hydrogen would be very effective," the scientists suggest. The bladder would be self-regulated to stay at a relatively fixed altitude.

An organism living just below or in the clouds of Venus, they speculate, would collect water either as rain or by contact with water droplets. Minerals blown up from the surface would be captured by the sticky underside of the thin-walled gasbag, then ingested by fluid uptake. Mineral requirements would be modest.

A model for such a life form can be worked out using biochemical mechanisms known on earth. Drs. Sagan and Morowitz say in the Sept. 16 NATURE. They report that the conditions in the lower clouds of Venus resemble those on earth more than any other extraterrestrial environment known.

It is even possible, they suggest, that life arose "under more moderate conditions on the surface of Venus in its early history...

then emigrated to the clouds." Neither the U.S. nor the Soviet Venus probes scheduled to arrive near Venus in October carry instruments for detecting biological forms.

—*Science News*, Sept. 30, 1967.

With all the satellites and planetary probes sent out from earth, evidence of life is still not forthcoming, and theories continue to be formed as to what kind of life does or can exist on the various bodies in space. Venus and Mars, our nearest neighbors, continue to occupy the center of interest, and astronomers continue to argue for and against life on these planets. The above news item is one of these many theories, others of which have been reviewed from time to time in these pages.

According to occult science, there are living beings of our own life wave (though more advanced) living on both Venus and Mercury. Concerning Mars, the information is more limited, though we are told that the life there "is of a very backward nature and that the so-called 'canals' are not excavations in the surface of the planet. They are currents, similar to those we know as the Aurora Borealis and Aurora Australis. Mars is said to be the home of the "fallen angels" described in the Book of Enoch, from which so much of western occult science has sprung. Mercury also figures largely in such ancient books as Enoch, and Venus is extremely prominent in the lore of the American Indians, some of whom have said that a white god came to them from Venus and that when

he departed he went out to sea in a ship which then burst into flames, and the god rose up into the sky and ascended directly upward to the planet Venus.

The beings on Mercury, especially, may be so far in advance of our own as to live in transparent or translucent bodies which would be visible only under special circumstances, for example.

How Old Is Earth?

Earth is 4,530 million years old, plus or minus 40 million years, according to a University of British Columbia geophysicist. The figure pares millions of years off earlier estimates.

The calculation depends solely on the relative amounts of lead and uranium isotopes in rock samples. It is independent of the ages of the particular rocks studied, Dr. T. J. Ulrych reports in the Oct. 13 *SCIENCE*.

He studied six samples of rocks—oceanic basalt—taken from the Atlantic and Pacific basins. The rocks that were themselves formed furthest back in time—1,230 million years, plus or minus 350 million years—were taken from the mid-Atlantic Ridge.

—*Science News*, 28 Oct., 1967.

The above item suggests that the earth is younger than was believed until recently. The age-limits vary from decade to decade, as new data come in.

Sun Pillar Patterns

Sun pillars are plume-like shafts of light occasionally seen directly above or below the setting sun.

The most common explanation of the pillars is that they are reflections of sunlight from ice crystals in the atmosphere.

Computations by University of Wisconsin physicists using one particular kind of ice crystal predict patterns that have some features of the actual observed pillars; but other features are in doubt.

The crystal shape used in the computations is a flat hexagonal chip floating more or less horizontally. Depending on the altitude of the sun and maximum angle off the horizontal assumed for the crystals, pillars of various heights and widths are predicted.

One feature in the computation that doesn't quite fit reality is the prediction that with the sun fairly high (about six degrees above the horizon) the pillar is quite short. Actually, some tall pillars have been seen with the sun that high.

Other possible explanations, Dr. Robert G. Greenler told the Optical Society of America annual meeting, are differently shaped crystals and the effect of distance and curvature of the earth.

But what he really needs, says Dr. Greenler, is more data. "Our predictions are better than our observations," he said, appealing for more pictures of the pillar.

—*Science News*, Oct. 28, 1967.

Students of the occult often observe rare phenomena of this sort, the sun pillars shooting up from the horizon, and think they are seeing something etheric. Books on meteorology report a number of similar "pillars" which are rarely visible, and which yet have been seen by many people who did not know what they were seeing.

The Vocabulary of Science

British University science students have poor vocabularies and find it difficult to express themselves. They resent having this pointed out to them and see no reason why they should try to improve.

These are some of the results of a survey by the Welsh College of Advanced Technology, Cardiff. More than 2,000 undergraduates, studying a wide range of subjects, took extensive vocabulary and comprehension tests.

In all tests, the scientists, engineers, and agricultural students, in descending order, did consistently worse than arts and social science students.

All the words were nontechnical and were chosen from newspapers and magazines. Many were from popular scientific journals.

Howlers abounded. "Dissemination" was defined as class distinction, cutting up animals for scientific research, removal of ovaries, leaving the church, and an injection to prevent childbirth. "Lucid" emerged as hard to find, lewd, dishonest, flexible and free from inhibitions.

Students who did badly were hostile in their comments. One science student said: "We don't need fancy vocabulary—we can do it in maths."

The deterioration in science students' vocabulary appeared to start when they began to specialize in science.—*F.C. Livingston*, *Science News*, 14 October, 1967 - Vol. 92.

Most of us know that it is difficult to understand technical language in any field. Not only in physics, but in the cosmetics industry, cookery, industry, or anything else. Each specific group develops its own vocabulary, and since most of these technicalities are "invented" arbitrarily, they have little meaning to anyone outside the specialist group which invents them. However, over and beyond this difficulty, which is

not insurmountable, is the fact that the scientific mind is not always a literary mind. For such people to write and speak clearly means that their teachers must give them needed help and discipline in the use of language during their youth.

No one expects a scientist to be a literary genius, although some of them have been, and are still, but everyone can learn to write good, clear, literate prose. A generation ago, every doctor or engineer was expected to be able to speak and write good English, or good whatever language he was using; but for the past twenty-five years or more, science teachers have not been very strict in the matter of requiring good writing from their students.

We all know elderly engineers, physicists, doctors, technicians of every sort, who have a good grasp on plain speaking; but the younger scientists and technicians have tended to become more and more careless. As the one student said, "We don't need fancy vocabulary — we can do it in maths." Yes, provided they live entirely in a world of scientists and mathematicians. The moment they step outside their own charmed circle they are illiterate and cannot communicate with other human beings. This is what language is for, to communicate.

Those who have grown up in the years when vocabulary was not stressed may believe that all scientists are like themselves, unable to talk clearly except in technicalities; but a little investigation will show that this is true only of the present half century, or even the present quarter century, and that the older generation could and did talk well and clearly, in addition to knowing and using the mathematical symbolism and technicalities of their calling.

Cosmic Rays, Magnetic Fields Aid Star Formation

The collapse of interstellar gas clouds leading to the formation of stars is due, at least in this galaxy, not only to the gravi-

tational fields of the clouds themselves, but to the actions of magnetic fields and cosmic rays, an astrophysicist declared.

Previous theories of star formation have centered on the idea that the clouds compressed themselves to stellar density almost entirely due to their own gravitation, says Dr. Eugene N. Parker of the University of Chicago's Institute for Nuclear Studies. Parker believes, without the magnetic fields and cosmic rays, "there would be no collapse in the gas to form new stars. Self-gravitation is just not enough."

In the disk-shaped galaxy which contains the earth, both the magnetic fields and cosmic rays tend to expand, but are held in check by interstellar gas. Because the galactic magnetic field is unstable, Parker says, it bulges out into irregular areas on the faces of the galactic disk. This leaves "low" areas where interstellar gas can concentrate into clumps that are dense enough for self-gravitation to take over. The cosmic rays, following the magnetic field lines, intensify this effect by creating turbulence that increases the bulging.

—*Science News*, Jan., 1968.

Astronomers as well as physicists are paying more attention to problems involved with cosmic magnetism. The magnetic fields in space are thought to form force-patterns in which the stellar systems are taking on formation. The occultist has long said that such a "field" or "pattern" of magnetism underlies the formation of the physical body of the human being, and of all living beings, and also maintains the organism in a living state. But of course occultists recognize that there is another kind of magnetism which pertains to physical conditions primarily, for magnetism and magnetic fields also pertain to non-living materials and physicists are including in their tables of elements not only atoms but particles, and now also magnetic charges or "monopoles," and "quarks." Their tables are not yet complete, there are still gaps to fill, but the tables do approach completion.

Occult science differs from the ordinary kind only in that it views all creation from a spiritual rather than a material standpoint. The phenomena are the same on the physical plane, but the occult view ranges farther and higher, in fields which the matter-scientist has only recently begun to explore.

Scientists like Kekule, who habitually saw pictures and diagrams of scientific phenomena, many of which he was able to prove out, are in fact occultists and clairvoyants. If these scientists would turn their attention to exploring, with mental vision, the star system in space, they might surprise themselves by glimpsing visions of a sort which are commonly found only in books of revelation, such as the Book of Enoch, and similar scriptures, in which great spiritual Beings are described, often in unusual language hard to understand until one has shared the vision.

"Intellectual clairvoyance" is often termed "Intuition" by physicists and psychologists; but the psychophysics of tomorrow will differentiate between the strictest intellectual vision, which is sometimes devoid of images, and the intellectual clairvoyance which is accompanied by images. Abstract thought deals with imageless concepts, as in mathematics. But each "germinal idea" automatically unfolds into an image in the "World" of Concrete Thought, when it has been focused through the Cosmic Mind and through the finite mind of the individual Ego. Intuition accompanies understanding, for it is the "teaching from within," from the true or Virgin Spirit, which is the Real Man, made in the image and likeness of God.

New information gathered by means of a new cosmic ray detector at General Electric Research and Development Center, Schenectady, New York, indicates that "iron and its two neighboring elements in the periodic table, manganese and chromium, are all just about equally abundant in low energy cosmic rays," says *Science News*.

The detector was developed by Dr. P. Buford Price, David D. Peterson and Dr. Robert Fleischer. It is an outgrowth of the discovery by Drs. Price and Fleischer, with Dr. Robert M. Walker of Washington University, St. Louis, that all electrically insulating solids can record heavy charged discovery by Drs. Price and Fleischer, with tracks, which register in minerals and glass as well as plastic, can be revealed by chemical etching.

Papyrus

Along the banks of streams and shores of lakes, in the marshy areas of the Middle East, grows a graceful grass-like plant that is now nearly extinct.

Few plants have better served mankind than this *Cyperus papyrus*, a member of the sedge family, Cyperaceae — for upon its stripped pressed stems were written valuable notes and books, as well as prosaic accounts of taxes and land sales, and miscellaneous everyday items of people living thousands of years ago around the Mediterranean. Today scraps of these writings are eagerly sought as clues to ancient civilizations.

Yet today the live plant is considered merely a weed. The narrow-leaved herb with fibrous roots, triangular shaped stems and small spiked flowers is often mistaken for grass, but has different characteristics—one of them being that the stems and leaves are dry and contain a lot of silica, and the edges are exceedingly sharp. It cannot even be used as fodder. The ancient Egyptians, however, found many uses for this plant. Garlands for shrines of the gods were made of the flowers. The woody root was fashioned into utensils or used for fuel; and from the stem came light-weight skiffs, sails, mats, cloth, cords — and most important, writing material. The tall stem was cut into longitudinal strips which were laid side by side and crossed by another layer of strips, then woven into a sheet which was soaked in the water of Nile. After this the sheet was hammered and dried in the sun, then smoothed with ivory or a shell. Several sheets were joined together to form scrolls — the chief writing material of the Mediterranean civilizations until the 8th or 9th centuries, when papyrus began to be replaced by paper—which also stole its name. Egyptians used papyrus some 29 centuries ago, and Greeks 4 or 5 centuries later.

Interest in papyrology — as the deciphering, transcribing and translating of papyrus writings is called — is kept alive today by a few devoted scholars. In the United States there are probably fewer than 10 active papyrologists, only one or two of them working full time, according to Prof. John Arthur Hanson, coordinator of an Institute in Papyrology which has held two summer sessions at Princeton University, drawing students from all parts of the United States to learn more about the tiny scraps of brown materials, often tattered and crumbling.

—*Science News*, 4 Nov., 1967.

Civilization is always indebted to "a devoted few" in every line of thought and activity. The "few" have pioneered and suffered for the "many". We still owe a debt of gratitude to the few

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Readers' QUESTIONS

Effects of Spirit Control

Question:

We are taught that a Spirit-control may use the medium's vehicles after death for centuries and thus keep him from progressing in evolution. How then does the Ego ever get those vehicles back, and how does the seed atom in the heart combine the Ego's own record and the medium's record?

Answer:

When a Spirit-control, or disembodied Spirit, gets possession of a medium's bodies in Earth life, it means that the former has effected an entrance into the aura of the medium in such a way that it can control him or her. It becomes able to force out a portion of the medium's etheric body at will and replace it with ether of its own. This enables it to manipulate the sense centers in the brain, and thus virtually have possession of the medium's physical body whenever it chooses. As Spirit-controls obtain influence over the medium through the vital or etheric body, they may therefore continue that influence as long as the etheric body remains in existence.

In regard to the condition after death, there are two general cases: first, that of the so-called "sin-body"; second, that of the normal etheric body, such as is possessed by the ordinary medium. The sin body consists of the interlocked desire and etheric bodies, the interlocking being due to depravity of some sort in previous lives. In such a case, after the death of the medium the Spirit-control is able to remain in possession

of the medium's finer vehicles until the purgatorial forces in the lower part of the Desire World completely dissolve the lower part of the desire body, at which time the lower ethers are dissolved along with it. Then the medium is freed from the influence of the Spirit-control. But this may take many centuries, because frequently the sin body is only partially dissolved between any two Earth lives, and therefore the Ego comes back to rebirth and finds it waiting for him; then he has to go through the same process again. In time, however, the force of repulsion in the purgatorial region will gain the upper hand, and complete disintegration of the desire body will take place. Then the medium is free to start on a new cycle, having shaken off the Spirit-control completely. It will never get its old desire body back again, but the mind will be freed, and when it returns by rebirth, it will have possession of its new vehicles.

The sin body is becoming much rarer than in earlier ages of evolution. But even when this factor is absent, the medium is likely to remain under the domination of the Spirit-control for a very long time after physical death, because the two higher ethers of the normal vital body persist until the Ego finally leaves the Desire World, and through these ethers the Spirit-control maintains its hold. Another serious danger is that an elemental may steal a medium's desire body, and thus keep the medium out of evolution for thousands of years.

After the medium has finally shaken off a disembodied Spirit, it will still have a susceptibility to Spirit-control when it comes back to rebirth because of the fact that his will was not devel-

oped enough in the preceding life to master the situation. Therefore there will be the possibility of the whole performance being done over again. The forces for good, however, are always operating and always seeking means by which Egos may be rehabilitated and helped to go forward in evolution. Therefore if the Ego manifests a sincere desire for better conditions, it is helped in various ways to shake off evil Spirit-controls and finally develop its will to the point where it can shut them out permanently.

The seed atom in the heart registers all actions and conditions during physical life regardless of whether the Ego or a Spirit-control has possession of the body. While the rightful owner is in possession, that fact is registered, and when the Spirit-control has possession, that also is recorded. The two records are consecutive but not combined. Records on the seed atom in the heart are made only during physical life. After death the records are made on the seed atoms of the higher vehicles. When a Spirit-control is in possession of these, the records show that fact.

Dangers from Studying Occult Philosophy

Question:

If a person is inclined to be high-strung and nervous, do you think there is any danger of his mind becoming unbalanced from a study of occult philosophy?

Answer:

No, we do not think so. On the contrary, we believe that the study of occult philosophy can be very beneficial.

The Rosicrucian Philosophy and philosophies of a similar character which explain the forces of nature that operate behind the scenes in the invisible worlds, and which the ordinary man does not

perceive, are purely educational in nature. There is nothing any more upsetting or unbalancing about these subjects when they are studied from the standpoint of gaining knowledge than there is in the study of chemistry or electricity, both of which deal with some of the finer forces of nature.

However, if the student begins to practice developing or breathing exercises which sensitize his finer vehicles, and thus admits forces from the invisible worlds for which he is not prepared, then he may incur the danger of becoming unbalanced in some department of his nature. Also, if one does not use discrimination in pursuing his daily activities and neglects his duties for the sake of delving into the finer departments of Nature, he may become one-sided in his development, which tends towards negativeness. As a result he may open himself up to some of the forces on the inner planes with which he is not equipped to grapple, and thus lose his poise. Furthermore, if one dabbles in spiritualistic phenomena, the ouija board, automatic writing, etc., he runs the risk of inviting into his aura disembodied entities which will have a very derogatory influence upon him.

On the other hand, when one exercises judgment and discrimination—just good, common sense—in studying occult philosophy, the same as he does in studying material science, only good can result, because the knowledge gained puts into his hands a weapon of great potency with which to fight the battle of evolution to far greater advantage than otherwise. With the knowledge that one obtains from occult philosophy one is able to advance in evolution at a much more rapid rate than before, because he is able to cooperate consciously with Nature, and therefore he avoids the ignorant violation of her hidden laws. He also performs work which will perfect his vehicles and unfold latent faculties which the ordinary man may not obtain for many lives to come.



THE VALUE OF ORANGES

IN the past there has not been sufficient appreciation of the nutritive value of citrus fruits, particularly oranges. Too long has the orange been considered a luxury fruit to be used only on special occasions, but research has shown the wonderful power exerted by this citrus fruit on the human body. As Dr. Walker has said, "From babyhood to senility no fruit has been known to have more generally far-reaching effect than oranges and their juice."

ORANGE INGREDIENTS: Analysis of this fruit reveals that it contains approximately 90 per cent water — pure water, free from impurities. It is very rich in vitamins A, B group, and C. Its mineral content includes calcium, iron, potassium, copper, magnesium, and silicon. Its organic citric acid and other acid salts, together with its carbohydrates make it one of our most valuable fruits.

VITAMIN CONTENT: Nutritionists generally agree that the orange is the greatest source of vitamin C. It has been estimated that one to three oranges daily will supply the body's requirement of this vitamin. In addition, the orange supplies in adequate quantities the very important group of B vitamins. It also has a rich supply of Vitamin A.

CITRIC ACID: The citrates are acid to the taste, but when burnt in the tissues an alkaline ash remains. Accord-

ing to Mr. Lester these acids do not increase the body's acidity but in fact have the opposite effect. Oranges stimulate digestion. The calcium, iron, and copper content is a valuable aid to other sources of these minerals. Manchester states "Oranges contain an enzyme that assists peptic activity." These acids retard bacteriological action in the mouth and stomach. Since the hydrochloric acid does not reach the maximum quantity until the age of twenty, it is considered that children and adolescents do not have sufficient acids for the digestive processes of a rich protein intake and at forty these acids decrease. It is therefore recommended that oranges are particularly necessary for the growing youth and those over forty years.

CARBOHYDRATES: The dextrose in oranges is easily and quickly assimilated. For those who desire a quick supply of energy there is no greater and faster means of generating it.

THERAPEUTIC VALUE: Orange juice must be considered an essential addition to the infant's food from the first month of life. The ascorbic acid of the juice is necessary because milk does not supply adequate quantities. The addition of this juice is a preventative of scurvy and other ailments of children.

It has been discovered that orange juice with its rich content of Vitamin C and other vitamins is beneficial in the

treatment of anemics. It has been suggested that Vitamin C would assist in the utilization of iron. It was found that after treatment with orange juice there is an increase in red corpuscles of the blood.

So many troubles are linked with digestion that it is therefore necessary to have a pure water supply, an adequate amount of minerals, vitamins, and carbohydrates which are not only tasty, but quickly assimilated and which do not distress the patient. In the case of



fevers where liquid quotas must be maintained, orange juice is always a welcome drink.

Investigation of a large number of pregnant women revealed that 70 per cent had a diet deficient in calcium and 98 per cent were deficient in iron. Many were short of Vitamin A and about 50 per cent had Vitamin C deficiency. It was further discovered that toxemia during pregnancy was more common among a group who had not received a supplement of vitamins. When it is considered that toxemia is the most common cause of death during pregnancy, and one of the causes of illness after birth takes place, it is essential to reduce these conditions by a liberal consumption of oranges.

TEETH: For the proper development of teeth of children Vitamin C is a must. The bacteriological effect of oranges in the mouth as before mentioned and their rich supply of Vitamin C make them a much desired fruit.

TO SUM UP: The beneficial effects of oranges as set out above in all diseases and as a preventive of disease proclaim them as wonderfood, furnishing a refreshing supply of water, together with a rich supply of minerals and essential vitamins. Many people find it beneficial to start the day with oranges, and on some days have oranges only.

—C. K. Milne in *Health and Vision*, Vol. 9, No. 3.

THE GREEN MAGIC OF PROVIDENCE

In the whole range of colors, there is none so soft and restful to the human eye as the welcome shade of *green*. That is why PROVIDENCE, the supreme artist, has spread it over the landscape with a prodigal hand. Upon the human mind it exerts a shooting influence, to the sick body it brings rest and healing.

Those who live near green parks and trees, or work amongst growing plants, derive benefit from the solar radiation imprisoned in the leaves during the hours of sunlight and released again with the coming of darkness. Vital forces are at work in the tiny laboratory of the leaf, where chemical processes are at work producing the "sparks of life" which we call vitamins, and stored in the recesses of the various cells. The green pigment which gives the plant its characteristic color, is second in importance only to the red hemoglobin which courses through the human blood-stream, conveying the vitamins, minerals, and life-giving oxygen to every part of the body. The green chlorophyll of the leaves is full of electro-magnetic energy, the healing power in the human blood-stream that has no equal in the successful treatment of physical and mental diseases.

The value of food can be measured by the green chlorophyll it contains, and grass is found to be the most potent source of vitamins known to science, while thin-leaved green vegetables rank highest in the scale of human nutrition.

Civilization has robbed man of his natural birthright and suppressed his primitive instincts, implanted deep in his being. At every opportunity man escapes from his self-made prison behind brick and stone walls of the city, and speeds away to the healing silence of the forest and distant green slopes and fields — his natural habitat. Here he finds healing and peace of mind and body that can be obtained from no other source. Man is anxiously trying to replace the trees, wantonly destroyed in the past, and bind with green grass the soil which is gradually being blown away by the wind.

—Lawrence in *Health and Vision*,
Vol. 9, No. 4, 1968.

MARIJUANA USERS CAN BECOME "LOST BALLS"

Many people are claiming that marijuana is not dangerous. Here are excerpts from a strong letter written by a former inspector of the division of narcotic enforcement of the California Department of Justice.

"I spent thirty years as a law-enforcement officer. I found in many cases marijuana users are dangerous. An experienced officer uses extreme caution in taking a user into custody. I know of at least five people whose deaths can be directly attributed to marijuana.

"What impressed me over the years was that after arresting some old main-line heroin shooter and booking him, I would find that his first arrest was for possession, use, or sale of marijuana. Once they have taken the step over the line to use heroin, they are 'lost balls.'

"I do not understand men like the doctor on the President's Crime Commission who urges that state and Federal penalties regarding marijuana be lessened because 'the danger in its use is not great' and 'there is no reliable evidence that marijuana causes crime.'

"Several years ago a doctor spent some time each morning at the city jail. The doctor examined the addicts and a

few times was called to court to testify. He informed the court that addicts were abused people to be pitied.

"One night when the doctor was on a call, an addict hit his head with an iron pipe, giving him a depressed skull fracture. He took the doctor's bag containing narcotics and prescription book, and his wallet. When the doctor recovered, his testimony was that the addicts were vicious, depraved, and so on, and urged that they be placed in escape-proof institutions." — *Listen*, Jan., 1968.

RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS

Spiritual ingredients:

Grace enough to acknowledge and forsake our sins.

Patience enough to continue working until some good is accomplished.

Charity enough to see only the good in our neighbor.

Love enough to desire to be useful in helping others.

Faith enough to make real the things of God.

Hope enough to remove all anxious fears of the future.

Physical ingredients:

Health enough to make work a pleasure.

Wealth enough to sustain a living.

Strength enough to do the thing before us.

—*Louise M. Brown*,
in *Today's Health*.

ROSICRUCIAN PRINCIPLES

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

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OUR PATIENTS SAY

Washington—May God bless you, one and all, at Headquarters. My hearing is gradually coming back to normal, a little at a time. I am very thankful.

Florida—Sufficiently high praise for you is beyond my capability. I find that simply mailing the letter each time I write you, with my customary prayer, "May God bless each person through whose hands this letter passes," seems to bring me some surcease of pain and more peace of mind. My ability to relax and sleep is enormously improved. I am more appreciative of the Visible and Invisible Helpers, and the Elder Brothers, than I can express.

Ohio—"Thank you" seems so inadequate for all the service you have given me. No words would be enough, but I know that you understand. I should like to stay a while longer with you.

Pennsylvania—When I asked you for the healing of my bursitis, I could not raise my hands above my shoulders, it was so bad. Then one night after my request to you, I was going to sleep when I felt something moving or touching me under my right arm. I awoke and it stopped. Then a short time later I felt long spooky hands enter my left shoulder, and then I felt them drawn out. The sickness left my shoulders and I've felt little or no pain since. I work hard and it does not bother me.

California—Wonderful progress! Sunday evening I was lying in bed ready for sleep when I saw the Moon, thinking how beautiful and clear it was. Suddenly it occurred to me that I was seeing the Moon round, clear, and concise for the first time in several years, instead of a misshapen blob! And without glasses! Such a wonderful discovery.

New Jersey—It is hard to believe that improvement of my health has been so great in the short time since I applied to you for help. I follow your suggestions, and when I get up on the third day after a two day fast in bed I do not feel at all tired.



Why the Rosicrucians Heal

AMONG all the foolish and fallacious nonsense which has been circulated concerning the Rosicrucians during the past centuries, there is one great truth: "Members of the Order aim to heal the sick and have superior means of accomplishing this benevolent purpose."

Earlier religious orders have sought to advance spiritually by castigating and abusing the body, but the Rosicrucians exhibit the tenderest care for this instrument. There are two reasons for their healing activities.

Like all other followers of Christ they are longingly looking for "the day of the Lord." They know that Lucifer, the false Light of Lemuria, implanted passion, inaugurating *begettal in sin*, and caused sorrow, pain, and death; also that Christ, the true Light of the coming New Galilee, inaugurated the *Immaculate Conception*, and preached the gospel of redemption from sin by *Love*.

Celibacy is expedient for the aspirants in the East, for those lower races are soon to die out, but it is contrary to the scheme of evolution for the West, because a new race is to be cradled here, and *generative purity* is therefore the watchword of the disciple in this part of the world. A new race is to be *loved* into existence, and thus the ills that now afflict humanity through generations of *begettal in passion* will cease; even death will at last be overcome in the New Dis-

pensation, because the ethereal purity of the bodies will obviate necessity for renewal.

Christians in all ages since the Gospel was first preached have yearned for that day when the Sons of Light shall be manifest. The Father alone, being Highest Initiate among the Lords of Mind, is able to foresee the time when the separative, self-seeking mind will yield to the self-negating, unifying spirit of love.—*Max Heindel*.

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

HEALING DATES

June..... 5 — 11 — 18 — 25
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Relax, close your eyes, and make a mental picture of the pure white rose in the center of the Rosicrucian Emblem on the west wall of our Pro-Ecclesia, and concentrate on *Divine Love and Healing*.

MISCELLANEOUS

OUR READERS SAY

Concerning the feeling of pain after death, and "destiny", I read the following interesting lines in the Question Department of the early *Echoes* (Dec. 10, 1914), printed by Mr. Heindel, in answer to the question, "Do you think it advisable to ask for treatment in such serious diseases as consumption, cancer, sclerosis, and the like, or should we accept these diseases as incurable, as the result of some cause in the past, and wait for a more efficient body in another life?" *Answer*: "Cancer and consumption are seemingly incurable, yet there is always a possibility that they may yield, and they certainly will yield if the force directed against them is sufficient . . . As for cancer, no one can ever tell when the debt of destiny which has caused the trouble has passed and there are many cases on record where cancer has been cured." This answer, it seems to me, pleads the case for heart transplant, or any other surgical or medical help.—M.F.

The idea here is that whenever the Lords of Destiny bring a sufferer to a healer, or to anyone who can help him, then it is the duty of that one to do ALL IN HIS POWER to bring about a healing, leaving the final outcome to God. As for pain after death, Mr. Heindel has said that it is similar to that felt under a deep anesthetic. It is not felt as pain in the ordinary sense of the word. We must remember, too, that a spiritual person, especially one with occult knowledge who has done his retrospection before death may awaken very quickly and break the last link with the body where it is joined at the "sides" in the Silver Cord, thus escaping any discomfort concerned with its disposition.—Ed.

As a subscriber to your magazine, *Rays from the Rose Cross*, for three years, I have developed a keen interest

in the philosophy of the Rosierucians. Am enclosing a check for a copy of your *Cosmo-Conception*, and should appreciate any further literature you have on the history of the movement. My mother and I spend much time discussing the various articles in your magazine, and we both feel that the answers your organization gives are logical and acceptable to both religion and science. I would like to be able to clear up many of the misconceptions and false ideas some people have for your organization, as well as learn more about your teachings myself.—C.M.

Your fine magazine is truly inspirational and interesting, even for a chap my age (19). I am studying astrology and making advancement. I of course find your astrology column interesting. In less than one and one-half years I will be a Probationer.—T.M.

I am indeed pleased in having started the subscription to your worthy publication for the coming two years. It is of much help in accounting for this "mighty turmoil" that has overtaken our evolving world, especially since 1960. I have not visited Mt. Ecclesia since the 1920s and 1930s, and am planning to see you this summer.—B.L.

I want to express my appreciation for your wonderful magazine. I look forward each month to my copy of the *Rays*, for each month seems to be better than the last. I just love them. One of your readers spoke about having a corner for stories about animals, and a suggestion for helping them in each issue. I for one think that a good idea, and if you should run out of ideas on animals, why not invite readers to send in little anecdotes or stories they have experienced with their various animals? God bless you all.—V.M.J. (*Happy to have any articles our members may wish to send us.—Ed.*)

Bought the Rosicrucian Fellowship magazine, *Rays from the Rose Cross*. What a beautiful and interesting magazine. Thoroughly enjoyed reading it. Am sending five dollars for two years. To each and every one a blessed Easter Day.—M.A.F.

Many thanks for the continued explanation of surgical transplants in the *Rays*. The article in the April *Rays* by Kent Lorimer is most helpful, as was the comment in March Readers' Question Department. Truly it is a privilege to live and work in this wonderful age, is it not? A friend remarked: "It is increasingly apparent that many souls are reaching the stage of illumination." Communication media of all kinds keep us informed of the evil doings of the world, but the forces for good are even more active. Spiritual growth and perception might be compared to a hearing aid. It magnifies not only the sound we wish to hear clearly but also the irritating background noises as well. We learn to seek the good in all things and to ignore or tolerate the lesser elements. With much love, and may you all be inspired anew at this Easter Season.—A.N.



PAPYRUS

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scholars who take the trouble to preserve for us the knowledge of the past. Much has been lost; and it is well that something is still preserved. Archeologists are recovering more and more — but still the picture of the past is not complete; and mankind needs that picture as a guide to future action, to know the causes of discord and failures of past civilizations so that he may save civilization today. God speed *the few!*

OUR PATIENTS SAY

Minnesota—The Invisible Helpers have done wonders for me. I am feeling very good for my age (64)—no aches or pain, and the cramping in the chest is slowly improving. I try to adhere to the vegetarian diet, and I drink plenty of pure grape juice. God bless all of you.

Pennsylvania—Thank you all so much for your wonderful understanding and sincere helpfulness, which is deeply appreciated; also for your prayers for my thumb, which seems to be so much better.

Illinois—Enclosed is a token of appreciation for your wonderful Healing Department, and for all the kindness shown in the past. As you can observe, I am improving greatly and becoming more firm in "going at it."

Oklahoma—We are still doing fine. My nerves are not bothering me any more. I am like a different person and it makes me feel so grateful. Just to know that I have the prayers of you wonderful people is so uplifting spiritually. The Invisible Helpers are with me each day, and we are so grateful for the diet. I would recommend it for everyone.

Illinois—I write again to express my deepest gratitude to you dear friends and the Invisible Helpers for the wonderful healing and inspirational gifts I am receiving—and with great improvement.

New Zealand—Thank you for the help I have received from you and the Elder Brothers. I am at last getting peace and beginning to be able to see what this is all about (ripe destiny). One of the greatest things is that I'm beginning to get my dreams back and realize just what a dreadful cloud I have been under. I do not think I could have escaped without you. Now I pray for guidance and am becoming interested in my home again. I like my new position and am told that I make people feel warm with my remarks. It is amazing how one can sow seeds.

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