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"An Even Balance --"

LET me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.—Job 31:6.

In the blending of head and heart is the true balance, the only safety.

Equipoise must be cultivated to aid in attaining and maintaining health.

It is the aim of the Rosicrucian Teachings to develop the mind and the heart equally.

All who desire to advance spiritually must cultivate equipoise, for without it the desire body will either run riot or congeal, according to the nature of the emotion generated by association with others.

The higher we attain, the greater would be the disaster of a fall; and only as we cultivate equipoise and self-reliance coupled with zeal of devotion, are we really fitted to go on.

Adepts may remain serene under conditions which would upset the ordinary aspirant, hence the latter should use discrimination and not expose himself unnecessarily to conditions subversive of soul growth; what he needs more than anything else is *poise*.

The whiplash of Saturn will not be long or often applied to one who uses self-examination to see wherein he is falling short and to find the fault that is causing him tribulation whereunder he is suffering In the course of years there will be evolved that most valuable of all the Ego's possessions: equipoise, which lifts the man who has it above the surging sea of emotions into the realm of eternal peace that passes all understanding.

Keeping a peaceful attitude in the industrial life is being done by many who make no pretense to spirituality, but who have found that loss of balance interferes with their ambition. So they set out to train themselves in the practice of equipoise. It has been the invariable experience of such people that they have benefited greatly. Their health has improved, their happiness also, and their business efficiency has increased. If such self-control can be attained by people in the world, and if so much benefit can accrue to them on that account under ordinary conditions of life, those among us who aim at higher and nobler things and who have been endeavoring to follow the Path for years ought to be examples of faith and hopefulness, ought we not? We ought to be towers of strength to those who have not had the great enlightenment which it has been our privilege to obtain.

—Max Heindel



Concerning Futurology

Part 2

IN the field of education, although the more enlightened educators are encouraging their students toward higher spiritual goals and are noting the physical, emotional, and mental differences between present-day children and those of past generations, they are hardly aware that, as revealed by occult science, actually a new race is being born. The Western Wisdom Teachings tell us that this new race may be known by their long limbs, their lithe bodies, their long and somewhat narrow heads, high crown, and almost rectangular forehead.

It is also known by occultists that the very constitution of man's physical body is changing, too, becoming less and less gross as he advances on the evolutionary path. Each dense, physical atom is interpenetrated by an atom of ether, and a gradual process of etherealization is taking place as man lives a cleaner, better life. The eating of pure foods, the direction of the emotions into higher channels, the thinking of altruistic, less selfish thoughts, and the doing of good deeds, not only accelerate the rate of vibration of the dense atoms, making them lighter and more sensitive, but also attract more of the light and reflecting ethers into the vital or etheric body. This process of etherealization will be hastened during the coming centuries prior to and during the Aquarian Age so that by the time the New Galilee (or Sixth Epoch) is ushered in, thousands of years hence, humanity will have a body so much finer and more ethereal than now that it will easily be responsive to the spiritual impacts of intuition. Thus we see how essential it is to teach clean, unselfish living to both children and adults.

Occult science further teaches that man himself, the indwelling Spirit, has a great deal to do with the actual construction of his body by his activities in the heaven worlds where the archetypes of all living things are formed. If he has patterned a body weak in a certain place, because of having broken the laws of Nature previously, and has suffered the pain incident to that weakness or disease, then he will tend to rectify his spiritual lack and try to build better in his next stay in the invisible worlds between Earth lives. Thus humanity is gradually learning by past mistakes to build better and sounder bodies at the same time that they are becoming more sensitive and ethereal.

Another change going on in man's physical body is that which involves the heart and the blood. The human being has two sets of muscles: the voluntary and the involuntary, the former under the control of the will and striped both lengthwise and crosswise. The latter take care of the functions not under control of the will, such as digestion and respiration, and are striped lengthwise only. The heart, a peculiarly essential muscle, is the only exception; it is not under the control of the will, yet it is beginning to show cross-stripes like a voluntary muscle. This means that in time the cross-stripes will develop fully and the heart will be under the Ego's control. What an exhilarating prospect! When that time comes one will be able to direct the blood where he wills and may refuse to send it to the parts of the brain where the selfish, luciferic forces are focused. By presently embracing altruistic ideals, trying to live cleanly and selflessly, we are building the cross-stripes in our hearts so that one day we shall have the power to send the blood only to the areas of the brain where the uplifting, mercurial influences are focused. Thus in time the desire nature will be conquered and the mind emancipated from its bondage to desire.

Man's blood itself is changing, being quite differently constituted now from what it was in the Lemurian Epoch when it was first acquired. It is the especial vehicle of the Ego, built by it, is the highest expression of the vital body, etches pictures on seed atoms, is the medium for the Ego's work on the nervous system, is the storehouse of all experience, absorbing pictures of the outer world, and performs other functions known better to the occultist than to the materialist.

The process of change taking place in the blood naturally accompanies the etherealization of the body previously described, the blood becoming gaseous instead of a fluid. Spiritual sight shows that unnucleated blood within the body is a gas. If we make a model steam engine and look at the way the steam works there, we shall see only the piston move backward and forward, driven by an invisible agent: live steam. Similarly, as the live steam direct from the boiler is invisible and gaseous, so also the live blood in the human body is a gas, and the higher the spiritual development of any Ego, the more ethereal it is able to make the blood.

Material science has found that crystals are formed in the blood of human beings and has noted differences in the crystals of the different races. The occult investigator knows that the blood of each *human being* is different from the blood of every other individual, and the distinguishing features are becoming more marked as the human being grows less and less dependent, more and more self-sufficient.

The occultist also points out that "this change in the blood is most important and in time, when it has become more marked, it will be productive of far-reaching consequences. It is said that 'Nature geometrizes,' and Nature is but the visible symbol of the invisible God whose offspring we are. Being made in His likeness, we are now beginning to geometrize, and naturally we are starting on the substance where we, the human Spirits, have the greatest power: the blood." Thus the mineral crystals are being formed in the blood, and they are to be used by the Ego as nuclei for future remarkable developments.

Along with the physical changes going on in man's body, there are also changes taking place in his faculties, including the five senses. At present each of these senses: seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling, and feeling, is accomplished through a specialized organ, but the time will come when these

faculties will be extended over the entire body, so that any part of the body will be able to perceive all things.

However, man has higher senses than the physical, and these, too, are developing, as one can hardly avoid believing in view of all the investigating and research going on and books being written about ESP, mental telepathy, visions, clairvoyance, etc. In the Soviet Union these higher faculties are no longer looked upon with doubt by trained material scientists, but are being carefully investigated and used by them.

The Western Wisdom Teachings inform us that the New Age we hear so much about these days, called the Aquarian Age because the Sun by precession is touching the aura of the sign Aquarius toward which it is moving, will be marked by a dryness of the atmosphere. The rest of the moisture in it will be eliminated, and visual vibrations, which are most easily transmitted by a dry, etheric atmosphere, will become more intense. Thus conditions will be particularly conducive to production of the slight extension of our present sight necessary to open our eyes to the etheric region.

This extension of physical sight is brought about by sensitizing the optic nerve. People who have developed this type of vision can see objects made of ether, such as Nature Spirits, Angels, and recently deceased human beings. It is similar to the X-ray in that it enables its possessor to see right through all objects, but it is much more powerful, rendering material objects as transparent as glass. Therefore one who has etheric vision finds it extremely easy to study anatomy and detect a morbid growth, a dislocation, or a pathological condition of the body. Think what it means to any medical man to possess this faculty, thus being able to study both anatomical structures and physiological processes without hindrance! Certainly it means a wonderful increase in accurate diagnosing. Also, since etheric vision enables one to see those who have left the body and still inhabit the ether and lower Desire World, the fear of death is removed.

Mention has been made of the body becoming more responsive to the impacts of *intuition*. This is an especially significant development, for the voice of intuition is gradually to take the place of the reasoning mind, being a truer guide than the mind-born reason. It comes about through the instrumentality of the Life Spirit aspect of the Ego, which is in touch with the unifying World of Life Spirit or Cosmic Wisdom, "and in any situation knows at once what to do and flashes the message of guidance and proper action back to the heart, which as instantaneously flashes it on to the brain through the medium of the pneumogastric nerve, resulting in 'first impressions,' which are always good, because drawn directly from the fountain of Cosmic Wisdom and Love." The voice of intuition becomes ever stronger with its use, so we speed our spiritual progress when we heed it.

Mention has also been made of the two higher ethers of the vital body being attracted by loving, unselfish living. This constitutes the building of the soul body, the vehicle which the Invisible Helper uses at night while out of the body, and which everyone must have to live in the future New Galilee or Sixth Epoch. This body is gradually being built by everyone who is responding to the Christ impulse, and Max Heindel states that it is "as real and tangible as the dense body of flesh and blood" to one who uses it on soul flights. He adds that within it "there is an intangible something cognized by the spirit of introspection . . . It is the sum of all

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THE *Mystic* ... LIGHT



Beings and Activities in the Desire World

MARY FORD

THE Archangels are the dominant Hierarchy of the Desire World, or Soul World as it is more popularly called, just as man is the dominant Hierarchy of the Physical World, yet shares that world with, say, hordes of insects that are largely unaware of his existence except their paths cross, so also in the Desire World there are teeming hosts of beings of all grades of intelligence and varying evolutionary states, Earth-man among them in the after-death state, in sleep, and in the initiatory labors.

In the lower regions of the Desire World, where Hell and Purgatory are located, the human beings there are not always aware of the Angels and Archangels in their midst, ordering and governing their existence. But in the higher regions of the Desire World, technically the *First Heaven*, they may become aware of higher beings, and receive, consciously, instruction and help from both Angels and Archangels, but especially from the latter, whose realm this is.

As there are microscopic lives in the Physical World, and as there are the elemental creatures of the etheric region, so in the Desire World there is a low-evolved class of life termed by occultists "elementals" or "elementary spirits." They are on the involutionary journey into matter, and they respond to but one tone on the cosmic musical scale; some respond to and feed upon, as it were, the minor

notes of the scale, and whenever there is sadness, gloom, or melancholy in the psychic atmosphere they gather there; and similarly those elementals which are actively aligned with destructive forces are attracted by every thought of hatred, every feeling of anger, greed, and despair. They assume various forms, depending upon the vibration which has called them forth, sometimes vaguely resembling animals, birds, insects, reptiles, and occasionally having even momentarily a human likeness. The Rosicrucian Teachings say little of these elemental beings of the Soul World because it has been found that neophytes who dwell much in thought upon such things tend to sink into lower states of mind by sheer force of suggestion.

Unlike the pests of the Physical World, which seem to breed whether or not man pays attention to them, these elementals derive food from the thought which is turned in their direction, as we see in the epidemics of hysteria which characterized the Middle Ages when witchcraft was widely and devoutly accepted as an article of faith. Ecclesiastical spells and charms failed to lay these evil demons; but physical science, with its emphasis on intellectual and material progress, ridiculed witchcraft into insignificance, and while it still exists today there is no question but that the psychic envelope of the planet is much improved.

But of course there are "good" elementals which respond to, and embody, the "major" chords and notes of the spiritual scale. They swarm in the mental and psychic atmosphere which is vibrant with good thoughts and feelings, with joy and hope and intelligent interest in all that pertains to constructive living.

It follows from all this that when the psychic atmosphere is beset with the low-vibrating elementals the cure is, basically, to "drain the swamps" — remove the torpid condition of mind and emotions which form a breeding ground for such elementals — turn the mind outward to spiritual space! Exorcisms do little good if the swamp is not drained, any more than malaria could be permanently conquered merely by spraying a few stray mosquitoes while ignoring the swamp where they breed.

Because of the fact that this low order of elemental soul life is found in the Desire World, and sometimes resembles the lower creatures of the physical plane, some investigators have concluded that all of the flora and fauna seen in the Soul World are "elementals," and further, that these elementals ensoul the animals, particularly, of the Physical World. Thus in ancient Persia it was believed that certain insects and noxious plants and dangerous animals were ensouled by demons.

It was also anciently believed that diseases were caused by demoniac intrusion upon the body; and modern clairvoyants substantiate this to a degree, when they say that harmful microbes and disease germs are "crystallized" thought forms of hate, fear, and despair. In this case one might say that a thought form of hatred is the "group soul" of a species of disease germs. Again, some seers have observed elemental forms embedded within diseased conditions of the body. It is far from healthy to let the imagination dwell on such matters. Exorcising the elemental of disease will not cure the disease, because it is the underlying condition that predisposes to disease which must be eliminated. When that is done

the elemental has no place to stay.

We may say further that there are thought-forms floating in the Soul World which are taken over by elementals, but again these tend to disappear as the life-force in the thought-form gradually dissipates into the psychic atmosphere.

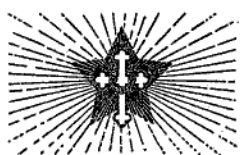
In addition to all this there are the forms of a multitude of creatures who are, for a short time, between embodiments. Some, like beetles or insects, are seen to crawl along for just a few moments before being absorbed by the Group Spirit of their species preparatory to almost immediate reembodiment on the physical plane. Higher life forms may stay in the Desire World for longer periods of time before being reabsorbed into the Group Spirit. In the Region of Hopes and Wishes — the highest region of the lower part of the Desire World or Purgatory — and also in the First Heaven proper — human beings may enjoy for a time the company of their favorite pets who have died. The beautiful birds of Paradise are real birds, and the Group Spirit may speak through them to the human Spirits with whom they share Paradise. We know that birds are dying every moment on the physical plane. They have their Paradise before returning again to Earth.

The flowers and plants of the Soul World are real, living creatures, like their counterparts on Earth. However, it is also true that thought-forms take the form of flowers among other things, and these are not to be confused with the true flora of the Soul World; just as in the Physical World we know the difference between paintings, photographs, and wax imitations of flowers and the real living flowers themselves. The thought-forms of flowers created by human thinking are life-like representations, and they contribute to the evolution of the plant kingdom.

Would it not spoil Heaven for us to think that the beautiful trees, plants, birds, and butterflies were "merely" thought-forms, and not real in the sense of representing a form of life evolving parallel

with our own? But the occultist knows that Heaven is a perfectly "real" world and that it is not a condition in which the Spirits drift about like grey smoke. It has both form and substance, but these are in what mathematicians term the "Fourth Dimension." It is said that it is mathematically feasible to postulate as many dimensions as needed for any given hypothesis. The occultist sees in the mathematician's fourth dimension the boundary lines, so to speak, of Paradise and Hell. The fifth dimension carries into the World of Thought.

Human beings in the Soul World appear as what they are: human beings in form; but, in the First Heaven, they are idealized versions of their former life in the physical body. Eventually they tire of this image and prepare to rise to higher planes. Then nothing remains but the



head, which is often seen by clairvoyants. This, too, disappears when they rise to the Second Heaven, where the Ego stays for centuries before returning to rebirth.

The question has been put as to whether the Nature Spirits on the physical plane have a more exalted intuitive concept of the progress toward God than human beings have. This would seem to be true to a degree of the most advanced members of the Nature Spirit life wave, but in general the Nature Spirits — and especially the kingdom of fairies — has been found to have an intelligence on a level with that of an intelligent or precocious domestic animal. Some birds navigate by the stars (assisted by the Group Spirits, of course), according to experiments performed in a planetarium, which most human beings cannot do without special training; and it is possible that they may also have a dim, overarching awareness of Higher Powers, as well as a degree of

primitive clairvoyance which reveals the gods to them.

Still, it is not quite the same thing as the wide-awake human philosophical concept of Deity and understanding of the Way of Life. So also with the Nature Spirits. They see the Angels who work with them in the ethers and in a kind of cosmic clairvoyance they are aware of the work they do in the universal scheme; but this consciousness of the cosmos is more the consciousness of their Group Spirit than of themselves. They do not belong to our line of evolution, and there may be differences which we do not understand, but there is also a basic similarity in that they are concentrated in the work with matter and to some extent, therefore, blinded to the higher planes.

In respect of the animal spirits which inhabit the Desire World it is well known that "ghosts" of animals have been seen and felt by many people. Some of the destructiveness of the poltergeist has been compared to the antics of a mischievous animal, and while ordinarily it is believed that elementals in "Hell" are responsible for these, or earthbound human Spirits of a malicious turn of mind, still it is also possible that animal spirits are sometimes involved. A faithful dog which has evolved to the point of near-individualization, so that it is to be withdrawn from evolution until the opening of the Jupiter Period when it can be truly human, may, for example, stand guard over the household of its master.

It was awareness of this fact that caused many primitive peoples to kill all household pets and put their bodies in the grave with the master of the household when he died. Sometimes this was carried so far as to include the women of the household, as shown in the tombs of the Kings of Sumeria. The custom of *sutti* in India evidently had a similar background of thought, and this custom continued even up into the twentieth century. Animal sacrifice in general stems from the same source: that when the animal was slain by the priest its spirit-form was seen to ascend into Paradise to the gods.

The Presence

M. MENDENHALL

IN serene silence we lift a quiet heart filled with praise and thankfulness to the Father. We allow the swell of adoring love to fill it to overflowing. What need to press our demands and wishes? "... Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear." —*Isaiah 65:24.*

When we come to the Lord filled with ourselves how much we miss! When we are full of our own needs and wishes there is no room for Him. Let us silence this demanding child in us and learn to empty ourselves. Only when we have done this can He enter and take possession. When He does, then do we find all of our needs fulfilled.

Perhaps the answer may be quite different from our expectations. Perhaps we may have to wait for what we felt must be done immediately. But all things fall into perspective when we sit in His Presence. Then we find thankfulness flowing as a river; for whatever our lot, when we are gazing at Him we realize we need nothing else, that truly His grace is sufficient for us.

When we are with someone we love it is not necessary to communicate verbally. Just the realization that the other is there is enough. When our love for the Father has grown to that point, then will we begin practicing the Presence. A constant awareness of the Divine Other will underlie all that we are doing or saying. The knowledge of this divine companionship will restrain us from the small or petty, the selfish or unkind.

But we seek Him for Himself, not for what He can do for us. Using the tools, Will and Imagination, we can glimpse the joy of living constantly in the Presence. By an act of will we make the decision to pattern our lives after His. By imagination, we picture that life, visioning what every thought, word, and action must be

to conform to that pattern. We see ourselves walking beside Him, we hear His thoughts to us and our thoughts to Him. We see ourselves doing for others what we know He would do, and we picture the joy of sitting silently in His Presence, just being aware that He is with us.

Then it is that praise and thankfulness fill our hearts and we are enfolded in a divine, inexpressible love. We realize that He is all we need. The cares and trials of daily life drop into their proper place, and the press of time is replaced with the expansion of eternity. He is in us, we are in Him, and the perfume of Holiness permeates the very air we breathe.

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Let me silent be;
For silence is the speech of love,
The music of the spheres above.

—*R. H. Stoddard*

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

—*Joaquin Miller*

Thou art, O God, the life and light
Of all this wondrous world we see;
Its glow by day, its smile by night,
Are but reflections caught from Thee!
Where'er we turn Thy glories shine
And all things fair and bright are thine!

—*Moore*

God's truth and faithfulness "are a great deep." They resemble the ocean itself; always there — vast, fathomless, sublime, the same in its majesty, its inexhaustible fullness, yesterday, today, and forever: the same in calm and storm, by day and by night; changeless while generations come and pass; everlasting while ages are rolling away.—*Richard Fuller.*

Christianity: What It Is and Is Not

K. WILSON JAMES, O.B.E.

"God is a spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

Christianity in its sublimity is, in essence, an acceptance of a way of life and as such cannot be rigidly restricted or contained by rituals or creeds. These rituals and creeds are, in fact, but the means of conveying and emphasizing certain of its basic truths. Christianity, moreover, is not and can never be exclusive.

The Western Churches, the pioneers of Christianity, are, undoubtedly, in the vanguard of its preaching and spread, and are doing and will continue to do a wonderful work in the world in the propagation of the gospel. Nevertheless, it would be a mistake to assume that the spread of Christianity is restricted within certain churches and religions. The work and teachings of other religious groups throughout the world should by no means be discounted, as they, too, though they might not realize it, are gradually coming under the universal influence of the Spirit of Christ and are increasingly practicing and advocating principles that are essentially and fundamentally Christian.

Christ is recorded as saying, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." (*John 12:32.*) It is to be noted that He stated quite clearly "*all men.*" Christianity belongs to *all* mankind and Christ came to take away the sins of the *world*.

The all-embracing power of Christ's Spirit completely covers the Earth, and its influence reaches all peoples, races, and religions, becoming more discernible every day. No matter if we be Christian, Mohammedan, Jewish, or of some other faith, this encircling Christianizing influence, like the universal rays of the Sun, is a force and factor in all our lives, real and inescapable, whether we are aware of it or not.

The Mohammedan, the Jew, and all others, while practising and worshipping within their respective religions, are in truth and in fact gradually becoming more and more Christ-like at heart and converts in spirit.

Christianity is a leaven that leavens the whole world. It will not in this age bring all men into one secular church, for diversity is one of the phases of evolution and is a factor in the process of humanity at the present time. It will, however, inevitably draw all peoples, religions, and creeds into a spiritual bond of universal understanding, unselfish love, and brotherhood consonant with the foremost precept of Christ that "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart — — and thy neighbour as thyself."

Ecumenism, with its bringing together of the churches, is now but in its infancy. It is destined one day to embrace all mankind. In time the various schools of religion throughout the world will recognize and acknowledge their common goal of worship, and universally accept and practice the fundamental, unifying, spiritual principle of Christianity: "Loving, self-forgetting service to others is the shortest, the safest, and the most joyful road to God."

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The present Christianity is not even a shadow of the true religion of Christ. That will remain in abeyance until all race feeling shall have been overcome. In the Sixth Epoch (the New Galilee) there will be but one Universal Brotherhood, under the leadership of the *Returned Christ*, but the day and the hour no man knows, for it is not fixed, but depends upon how soon a sufficient number of people shall have commenced to live the life of Fellowship and Love, which is to be the hallmark of the New Dispensation.

—Max Heindel.

Grandmother Teaches Math

BESS FOSTER SMITH

GRANDMOTHERS like to tell how children should be brought up and never miss a chance to relate how they did it. I am running true to form. I ran across the notebooks the other day that my boys made when one was in the fifth grade and one in the third.

They had been begging to learn to use a compass as they had seen high school students do. They had made circles with a string and piece of chalk, and rainbows on the blackboard in the kitchen since they could remember. Now they wanted to construct them with the compass. Being a former school teacher mother, I enjoyed experimenting on my own children, so during the summer vacation I promised them a regular course in geometry.

I had among my school books a mechanical drawing book with over fifty geometric problems drawn and worked out in it. I decided to use these as the basis for the venture. We got new long pencils, compasses, projectors, and rulers. The youngsters made me take time out every day, no matter how busy I was, to construct with them at least one new drawing.

Our first lesson was to bisect a given line. You just couldn't guess at the center, it must be cut into two equal parts. It was so easy when we learned how! You just put your compass at the end of the line and make a circle. The radius of the circle has to be over half the length of the line. Then you make a circle the same size at the other end and note where the circles cross each other above and below the line. Draw a line from one of these points to the other. Where it crosses the first line will be its center. This came true every time no matter whether you had a long or short line.

We soon learned that this line we drew at the center was perpendicular to the first line, or in other words at a 90 degree

angle. We could find it on our projectors. As soon as the words bisect, perpendicular, parallel, and other geometric terms came up we used them. It was surprising how quickly the children learned the use of the new words and enjoyed saying them. My fifth grader, George, copied his drawings with the solutions of the problems in his notebook using the symbols a , b , c , just as one does in geometry. The younger boy, Bob, put his pictures in his notebook but did not write out the solutions. He knew them, none the less.

We drew perpendiculars to a straight line, erected perpendiculars at a given point, inscribed a square in a given circle, constructed an angle equal to a given angle and divided a given line into equal parts. We drew a tangent to a point on a given circle and constructed a spiral that looked like a seashell. We made octagons in a given square and finished off beautiful quatrain designs (like church windows). On our pentagons we constructed five pointed stars. I gave them a final test asking for some originals and they both passed.

This was not only a good lesson for the boys but a good brusher-upper for mother's mathematics. It intrigued the child mind with ponderous thoughts. Everything was governed by exact law and order. The compass can teach many things: the endless circle which has always been a symbol of God; the square and triangle and pentagon which have measured men's thoughts since the world was young. Like Euclid, the child discovers the law that governs the third point of an equilateral triangle, and like Pythagoras, he will prove for himself that the square of the hypotenuse is the sum of the squares of the two sides. It is the search from the known to the unknown that stimulates their thinking.

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Psychic Research -- A Status Report

CHRISTINE LINDEMAN

Part 2

IT is noteworthy that a number of iron curtain scientists are quoted as urging that psychic research and potential must develop in the name of good, to be used for all humanity, and that there should be collaboration with colleagues in other countries to insure optimum results from their work. There is no doubt that parapsychology is of interest to the Soviet military. The value of telepathic communication in espionage or war is evident, as is the value of the fact, recently verified by Soviet experiments, that telepathic communications between two individuals can be intercepted by a third. Equally valuable in this context is the ability to influence unsuspecting individuals by thought power — another phase of research activity engaged in by the Soviets. It is certainly to be hoped, however, that the universal humanitarian attitude evidenced by the scientists will prevail over official self-interest.

A book by Dr. J. B. Rhine, Director of the Duke University Parapsychology laboratory and prominent psychic investigator, sheds some light on the status of psychic research in the United States. Originally published in 1953 by William Sloane Associates, *New World of the Mind* offers a survey of the type of work done by Dr. Rhine and fellow-investigators.

The research described revolves entirely around that designed to prove the existence of psychic phenomena, and not around practical applications of psi. Dr. Rhine comments that much of the intellectual skepticism with which parapsychology is regarded exists because these phenomena do not submit to physical explanation. However, he submits, psychic effects, far from being abnormal, "are lawful in their way, and quite as much so as any other occurrence in nature It (psi) operates with sufficient similarity

to other mental functions to indicate that it belongs to the domain of personality . . . it clearly is not physical The characteristic rationality of this lawful integration of psi with the personality as a whole is the answer to a lot of anxious doubts about its reality."

Dr. Rhine classes psi as a "normal" attribute — as distinguished from "abnormal" or "super-normal." He insists also, however, that "psi is profoundly unconscious . . . psi is simply not capable of being dragged into consciousness unconverted and direct . . . There are not even any good leads to conscious control in sight." This, certainly, is at variance with the attitude evinced by the iron curtain researchers who claim that psychic powers can be *trained*. It is also at variance with the Western Wisdom Teachings, which distinguish between voluntary and involuntary clairvoyance, and indicate that, eventually, all mankind will have achieved a state of voluntary clairvoyance — a state dependent entirely upon spiritual, altruistic, and selfless living.

Dr. Rhine suggests, as do his Soviet colleagues, that parapsychology is closely related to other sciences. Most important among these he considers to be physics, biology, and psychology. ". . . however nonphysical psi may be, parapsychology is definitely a field of natural science. The extension of psychology it denotes is no more *super-* or *preter-* or *sub-* or *extra-* natural than anything else that has ever been met in the sciences . . . It will become familiar and lawful enough as its full natural history is revealed by continued study." The Western Wisdom student is well aware of the truth behind this prediction.

Although no definite immediate programs appear to be envisaged for this purpose, Dr. Rhine does express concern with the practical uses to which psi might be put. He speculates that perhaps the

greatest benefit of psychic research to humanity is the information it might shed on the problem of free will — a field, he believes, neglected by investigators of mental phenomena. A belief that physical principles alone explain man and the universe, he argues, allows no room for "any hope for volitional freedom." On the other hand, "... psi gives man a charter to personal freedom . . . by making it clear that there are two comparatively distinct orders or types of lawfulness within him, that his mind, at least in the operations with which these researches deal, does not work on the mechanical principles of his environment." The existing knowledge of psi already negates the principle of determinism, and continuing research in this field will undoubtedly shed more light on the true nature and extent of free will. As the occult student knows, man does have free will to perform his actions and determine his destiny, and this freedom is limited only by the operation of the Law of Consequence which insures that "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

The value of free will to mental health is also underscored by Dr. Rhine, who points out that under the concept of volitional freedom, "which frees the human will from the bondage of materialism," it is conceivable that patients can, with treatment and counseling, be persuaded to change the attitudes and mental habits which contribute to their condition. Occult teachings indicate, of course, that this applies to physical as well as to mental health. Here, again, the study of psi can be expected to make valuable contributions.

In speculating on the effect of psi on moral conduct, and religion itself, Dr. Rhine makes an important point in the case for continuing study of this new science. Moral values, he affirms, "are not relevant to a physical world." Since psi, however, demonstrates that there are extraphysical factors involved in the human personality, and that life on Earth is carried on in more than a purely physical context, ethics receive a new connotation

in the scientific world. The social scientist can now deal with the values of moral life "in terms of his own principles." It is no longer necessary for him "to find a physical explanation before he can admit human values into the category of scientific data . . . the world of value may be explored in its own right."

As far as religion is concerned, Dr. Rhine indicates that since the study of psychic phenomena has already proven that there is an extraphysical element inherent in mankind, nonphysical, or spiritual, law is, by definition, thus made manifest. The prevailing materialistic concept of the universe is disproved and latitude is given for religion, "at least, if the minimal requirement of religion be a philosophy of man's place in the universe based on the operation of spiritual forces." Continuing study of psi, believes Dr. Rhine, will widen our range of understanding of extra-physical forces, and, "If . . . some kind of world of independent spirit agency can be discovered, as there is reason to think may be possible, its establishment would manifestly bring to religious life an incomparably greater meaning and potency." How long it might take for the scientific method to discover, or prove, the existence of the universal "spirit agency" which, the occult student knows, exists everywhere, which is the true reality, and of which we are all a part, is uncertain. It is encouraging, however, that one of the leading psychic investigators considers his field as one through which spiritual truths are, and can continue to be, made known.

Although Dr. Rhine's book was first published some years before the comprehensive review of Soviet bloc psychic research already discussed, some of his thinking therein is particularly relevant to any present comparison of western and Soviet research. It is Dr. Rhine's opinion that one weakness of the western world is the divergence of opinion over the very issue with which communism started out — the theory of the nature of man and the forces operating on human society. Granted, of course, that there are internal

differences among members of the Soviet communist bloc; nevertheless, common ideological fundamentals remain basic. This is not true in the West, however, and "In the present world struggle of ideologies the West cannot afford to let its people remain half physicalistic and half idealistic (that is, spiritualistic) in their philosophy. The moral force of a country can well be the deciding factor in a struggle . . ." It is essential, believes Dr. Rhine, for western leaders once and for all to resolve the *intellectual* issue with communism. If the communist insistence on a deterministic way of life is "phony," then the West must so prove it. However, warns Dr. Rhine, "nothing . . . but the authority of science at its best could carry world conviction . . . on such a point." In this regard, he believes that a broad program of sound research on the non-physical aspects in man could conceivably function as a much-needed unifying influence in the West "toward this root issue of materialism of which communism is only one bitter, prickly fruit."

In considering a positive ethic with which to counter communism, Dr. Rhine posits a goal "of the most fully perfected vision of living (which would dominate) the formulation of policy and practice and standards. Not some goal that is to be reached, then conventionalized, fixed, and secured for all time, but an advancing, progressive, adaptable concept that moves on ahead of man's growing capacity to appreciate the great potential of his experience." In his visionary mind, continuing study of parapsychology is likely to give us sufficient insight to formulate such a goal realistically. The goal, however, has already been formulated, in the esoteric teachings given to mankind by the Elder Brothers of the Rosicrucian Order, and it may be that a growing insight into psychic phenomena will help in "proving" the truth, the all-inclusiveness, and the universal applicability of these Teachings. The perfected vision of living, as presented by the Teachings, is centered around universal selflessness, loving service, and common brotherhood.

The progressive nature of our goal is indicated in the levels of accomplishment we are destined to achieve in the Aquarian Age, in future Epochs of the Earth Period, and later in the other forthcoming periods of evolution. In the more immediate present, it is the replacement of the materialistic outlook with the spiritual outlook — a change which Dr. Rhine himself appears to favor, and in the achievement of which the study of parapsychology is doubtless destined to play a decisive role.

Psychic research in the western countries appears, in several important respects, to be lagging behind that of the Soviet bloc. Although dedicated individual investigators, such as Dr. Rhine, Dr. Shafica Karagulla (see review of *Breakthrough to Creativity* in Feb. 1971, *Rays*) and others have made impressive contributions, the scope of their work is not nearly so wide as that of their Soviet counterparts. Western endeavor in this field must be conducted almost entirely with private — therefore limited — resources, without official sanction or funds, with sometimes inadequately staffed laboratories, and often without qualified young assistants who, eventually, can be counted on to carry on the work. Until very recently, too, western research has taken place amid skepticism, scorn, and condemnation, and even now, although the existence of psychic phenomena is more generally recognized and admitted to, parapsychologists still must often labor under the stigma of being "far out" or unworthy of serious attention.

In contrast, psychic work behind the iron curtain has official funds and blessings, academic respectability, and is attracting many young scientists. Psychical research is considered a separate and wholly new discipline and not, as often in the West, a rather dubious branch of psychology.

Western research, largely devoted to proving the *existence* of extra-sensory perception, has barely touched upon the possible uses to which ESP might be put. Soviet researchers, on the other hand,

are convinced that the phenomenon does unquestionably exist and that this fact, in itself, need no longer be proven. Most of their endeavors, therefore, are devoted to practical application of something which, they are already satisfied, is latent within, and available to, us all. It is in this regard, and in their endeavors to educate people to develop and utilize their psychic powers, that the Soviet investigators have left their western colleagues far behind.

In terms of both present and future well being, practical application of psychic ability is certainly the avenue along which research in this field should now be pursued. Let us hope that both official and unofficial climate in the West will improve sufficiently to permit the necessary extension of this research.

Unquestionably, the unfolding of psychic powers will increase in the coming years as we move toward the Aquarian Age, and insight into the source and potential of these powers will grow. As occult students, we know that they are, indeed, latent in all mankind, and that eventually their universal use to good purpose will enrich our lives and enhance our development to an unprecedented extent. How soon this takes place is up to us, individually and collectively.

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CONCERNING FUTUROLOGY

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human faculties, attributes, and concepts of good, immeasurably intensified. If everything else were taken from us, that prime reality would still remain, and we should be rich in its possession, for through it we feel the drawing power of our Father in heaven, that inner urge which all aspirants know so well."

From this brief consideration of the

future condition of man and his world we can see that there is glory ahead. No matter what the technological or material accomplishments may be, what really matters is the unfoldment of the inner powers of man, and that is entirely up to each and every one of us. Our task is to share this wonderful knowledge with our fellowmen, to teach it to the children and adults of the world, and, above all to discipline ourselves by using it in our daily activities so that the glory of God may manifest through us. So will be determined our future, and there can surely be no higher endeavor or greater privilege.

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GRANDMOTHER TEACHES MATH

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When we talked about triangles we tried to think of things that come in threes: the primary colors, the three kingdoms (mineral, vegetable, and animal), trilliums that we gather in the spring, and the trinity of God.

The square with its four parts equal is the basis for many forms: the four seasons, the four directions, dogwood blossoms or syringa.

The fives seem to be the favorite of flowers and also of people. There is the wild rose, the moon flowers, five fingers, five senses, and the fives in the multiplication table that are so easy to learn.

These thoughts give numbers a greater connotation in the mind all through life. Besides, these little lessons made high school geometry a snap course for the boys.

It was also a most beneficial exercise for mother, one I would advise for others. All it takes is a new pencil and compass and notebook to get you out of the feeling that you have too many duties. Circles widen one's horizons and bring into the right perspective many distorted ideas.

MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

Taken from His Writings

THE DESIRE BODY

(Thirty-Third Installment)



Spiritualization of Man's Desire Body

Preparation for the Higher Life (Cont.)

"**A**S above, so below, and as below, so above," says the hermetic aphorism, enunciating thereby the great Law of Analogy which is the master-key to all mysteries. When we use the centrifugal force of remorse to eradicate the acts of evil from our hearts during the evening exercise of retrospection, the effect is similar to the action of the water which removes the miasmatic poisoned ether from our vital bodies during the bath, and thus leaves room for an influx of pure health-promoting ether. After we have burned out the wrong-doings in the sacrificial fire of remorse, the poisonous substance thus eradicated leaves room for the influx of desire stuff which is morally healthier and better soil for noble deeds. The more thoroughly we are purged by this remorse, the greater the vacuum produced and the better the grade of new material we attract to our subtler vehicles.

But, on the other hand, if we indulge in regrets and remorse during every waking hour as some do, we are outdoing Purgatory, for though the time there is spent in eradication of evil, the consciousness turns from each picture when it has been torn out by the force of repulsion. Here, because of the interlocking of the desire and vital bodies, we are enabled to revivify the picture in memory as oft as we please, and while the desire body is gradually dissolved in Purgatory by the expurgation of the panorama of life, a

certain small amount is added while we are living in the Physical World, to take the place of that which is ejected by remorse. Thus, remorse and regret when continually indulged in have the same effect on the desire body as excessive bathing has on the vital body. Both vehicles are depleted of strength by excessive cleansing, and for that reason it is as dangerous to the moral and spiritual health to indulge indiscriminately in feelings of regret and remorse as it is fatal to physical well-being to bathe too much. Discrimination should govern in both cases.

As a vampire sucks the ether from the vital body of its victims and feeds upon it, so perpetual thoughts of regret and remorse concerning certain things become a desire-elemental which acts as a vampire and draws the very life from the poor soul who has shaped it, and by the attraction of like for like, it fosters continuance of this morbid habit of regret.

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 post-mortem 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 the 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 lowest aspect of the Spirit, the Human Spirit, next offers its petition to the lowest aspect of Deity for the highest of the threefold bodies, the desire body: "Lead us not into temptation."

"Lead us not into temptation" is the prayer for the desire body which is the storehouse of energy, and furnishes incentive to action through desire. An oriental maxim says, "Kill out desire," and the Orientals furnish good examples of the indolence resultant upon the attempt to do that. "Kill out your temper" is the foolish admonition sometimes given those who lose their temper. Desire or temper is a valuable asset, too valuable to be stunted or killed; the man without desire is like the steel devoid of temper — of no account. In *Revelation*, while the six churches are praised, the seventh is utterly anathematized for being "neither hot nor cold," a wishy-washy community. "The greater the sinner, the greater the saint" is a true adage, for it takes energy

to sin and when that energy is turned in the right direction, it is as much of a power for good as previously it was for evil. A man may be good because he cannot summon up sufficient energy to be bad; then he is so good that he is good for nothing, like the Nicolaitanes. While we are weak our desire nature masters us and may lead us into temptation, but as we learn to control our desire nature, our temper, we may guide it in harmony with the laws of God and man.

Desire is . . . the great incentive to all action, and in so far as the actions subserve the purposes of the Spirit, it is good; but where the desire is for something degrading . . . it is indeed meet that we pray not to be led into temptation.

When death has taken place and man finds himself in the Desire World, the magnetic powers of the seed atom are spent, the archetype is dissolving, and therefore the centrifugal force of Repulsion forces the desire stuff of the desire body outward toward its periphery. The matter belonging to the lower regions is thrown off first by the process of purification, which cleanses the man from all evil acts of his past life. This is the result of the same natural law that in the Physical World causes a sun to throw off matter which then becomes planets. To interfere with this law would be disastrous to any human being even supposing it were possible, which it is not. So it is useless to attempt to help anyone in that manner.

It is different with the Initiate who goes to the Desire World during life. Then the seed atom of the desire body forms a natural center of attraction, or gravitation, which holds the desire stuff in that vehicle to the accustomed lines. Also it is different with anyone who performs the scientific exercise given in the Mystery Schools. Such a person is constantly purging his desire body of the coarser matter so that at death he is not affected to the same degree by the centrifugal force of Repulsion as those who have not had this training.

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Studies in the Cosmo-Conception

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

The Drunkard After Death

Q. What is the state after death of the victim of strong desire?

A. Take the case of the drunkard. He is just as fond of intoxicants after death as before.

Q. How is this so without a dense body?

A. It is not the dense body that craves drink. It is made sick by alcohol and would rather be without it. It vainly protests in different ways, but the desire body of the drunkard craves the drink and forces the dense body to take it, that the desire body may have the sensation of pleasure resulting from the increased vibration.

Q. What becomes of that desire?

A. That desire remains after the death of the dense body, but the drunkard has in his desire body neither mouth to drink nor stomach to contain physical liquor.

Q. Would the atmosphere of a saloon avail him?

A. He may and does get into saloons, where he interpolates his body into the bodies of the drinkers to get a little of their vibrations by induction, but that is too weak to give him much satisfaction.

Q. Could he enjoy the fumes of whiskey?

A. He may and sometimes does get inside a whiskey cask, but that is of no avail either for there are in the cask no such fumes as are generated in the digestive organs of a tippler. It has no effect upon him, and he is like a man in an open boat upon the ocean, "Water, water, everywhere, but not a drop to drink"; consequently he suffers intensely.

Q. What finally is his lot?

A. In time he learns the uselessness of longing for drink which he cannot ob-

tain. As with so many of our desires in the Earth life, all desires in the Desire World die for want of opportunity to gratify them.

Q. Does he then leave this region?

A. When the drunkard has been purged he is ready, so far as this habit is concerned, to leave Purgatory and ascend into the heaven world.

Q. Can we say that God inflicts this punishment?

A. No. This proves that it is not an avenging Deity that makes Purgatory or hell for us but our own individual evil habits and acts.

Q. How long must we endure Purgatory?

A. According to the intensity of our desires will be the time and suffering entailed in their expurgation. It would have been no suffering to the drunkard to lose his worldly possessions. If he had any, he did not cling to them. Neither would it cause a miser any pain to be deprived of intoxicants. But a miser does care about his gold and the drunkard about his drink, so the unerring law gives to each that which is needed to purge him of his unhallowed desires and evil habits.

Q. Is such teaching supported in the scriptures?

A. Yes, it is the law that says, "Whosoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." It is the Law of Cause and Effect which rules all things in the three worlds, in every realm of Nature — physical, moral, and mental. The result may be manifest immediately or it may be delayed for years or for lives, but sometime, somewhere, just and equal retribution will be made.

—Ref.: *Cosmo-Conception*, 105-106

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Crowning Works of the Ministry

The Testing of the Three Pharisees

Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.

And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down and taught them.

And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his fingers wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go and sin no more.

Then spoke Jesus again unto her, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.—*John 8:1-12.*

The reason for the inclusion of the above incident in the Gospel of John is found in the words with which it is concluded: "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

With the realization of the oneness of all life, all misunderstanding and criticism, all censure and harsh judgment are swept away. In the understanding of the unity of all with God is born the true concept of brotherhood. All are a part of the great whole; every man shares the responsibility of another's failure or sin and is in part accountable for his weakness.

Every man's sorrow is our sorrow and every man's joy, our joy. With this consciousness is found a new meaning in His words: "If we walk in the Light as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another." This is a realization born of the Christ consciousness, and one who has touched it can never know separateness again.

Professor Caspar Rene Gregory of the University of Leipzig announced that after comparing many old Gospel narratives among the early Christian writings, he discovered on Mt. Athos that the probable mysterious sentences written upon the ground by the Master were: 1. Eldar killed his friend Modor in the wilderness. 2. Hiram cheated Buvar's widow out of her house. 3. Arvad's wife was compelled to yield to the power of Meoman.

The three Pharisees named were the most prominent in bringing the erring woman to the Christ. Each in turn slipped away as his name was written by Christ Jesus. The record of the sins of these men written in the sand symbolizes the transitoriness of physical existence, the life wherein all men sin and suffer. Sin in its true concept is ignorance; it is action contrary to cosmic law; it is, etymologically defined, missing the mark. Suffering in consequences of sin, is therefore the great enlightener. True wisdom is born of pain, the essence extracted from sorrow. "He that is without sin let him first cast a stone at her."

Filled with the great light of compassion that is born in the realization of the oneness of all, in the tenderness of His loving heart, the Master yearned over these men, who were groping blindly so far away from the true light, with the same infinite pity and compassion which He bestowed upon the erring woman.

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Using Astrology in Training Children

I.J.R.

Part 1

REGARDLESS of all the present-day problems concerning our young people, a truism we can all prove from our own observation is the familiar: "The child is father to the man."

If we wish the man to be worthy of admiration and respect, we must train the child wisely and well. The initiate Solomon said: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Note, however, that he said, "When he is *old*, he will not depart from it." Solomon realized that between childhood and old age one may follow many devious and forbidden paths, but when he is old he will revert to the teachings learned at his mother's knees and profit by them.

This should be a source of comfort to parents who see their children walking in the ways of selfishness and disrespect, of rebellion and drugs, after having been taught self-control, self-reliance, and unselfishness. Rest assured that training can never be lost, but the training should begin the day of the child's birth.

There are innumerable aids these days to effective training of children, but none more valuable than astrology. Even without being able to erect a child's horoscope one may obtain a great deal of help from the study of the different signs and planets and the characteristics indi-

cated by them. If we know the rising sign and the signs in which the Sun and Moon are placed, we can judge the basic character of the child and so help it more effectively to overcome its weaknesses and strengthen its good qualities, thus training it to be a successful citizen.

It is said that everyone may be placed in one of two classes: the helpers and the leaners. Surely we all want to see our children in the first class. These are the strong, self-reliant, alert, compassionate, and useful members of society.

Let us see how a knowledge of astrology can help us in the training of children.

Aries — This sign governs the head and brain. Children with Aries strong in their charts should always be taken aside and talked to about their faults and shown the unreasonableness of their action. They will usually respond to this approach, especially if it is based on kindness and love. The Aries child is a natural leader and pioneer and should be carefully watched lest he tyrannize his playmates. If Aries children are taught the great responsibility of their power and how to use it aright, they are of much help to their parents in training their younger sisters and brothers, who will readily follow them. They are apt to be too active; brain and body seldom rest, therefore, these children require a large amount of

sleep. Praise should be given them very discreetly, and they should never be compared with other children to their own advantage, for they are natural egotists. They are loyal to their friends, not apt to say anything against them even though they see their faults. Those who have the training of Aries children should be quite consistent in their behavior, for there are none quicker to see inconsistencies in their elders than they. Should these children show signs of headache or languor, their studies should be suspended for a time.

Taurus — The children of Taurus are basically amiable and kind, but should they fly into a temper it is best to leave them quite alone even if they scream and stamp their feet. However, if left with a kind, loving word, they will usually come as soon as their passion is spent and ask for forgiveness in their own delightful way. Best ruled and guided by their affections, they should be drawn, never driven, or they will become stubborn and dangerous. They should if possible live in rural surroundings and have an abundance of outdoor exercise. They should be taught early the disastrous consequences of giving way to anger.

Gemini — The natives of this sign are intellectual and changeable. They may be fond of a friend or a toy one day and not care for either the next. However, Gemini children are usually found showing a friendly spirit toward everyone. They do not have the strong antipathies which children of some other signs show, and they do not require such vigilant watching as the Aries and Taurus children. They should be given special training in persistence and steadfastness, all vacillating tendencies being checked. It is advisable to observe them in their treatment of their play-fellows, for if they are well dressed and have a charming manner, the Gemini child is apt to see nothing but what is admirable in them. Inclined to be highstrung and nervous, these children need to cultivate calmness, to keep their hands and arms still, and any tendency toward lung trouble or a nervous

disease should be dealt with instantly.

Cancer — The children of the sign Cancer are particularly sensitive and should be nursed and handled only by healthy, vital people. Ruled by the Moon, the Cancer natives are very receptive. Therefore their friends and associates should be carefully chosen from among the wholesome, high-minded. These children should be dressed plainly, as they are apt to be overfond of dress and jewelry. Their diet should be carefully chosen, as the digestive organs are easily affected and gastric troubles soon arise from an improper diet. Both Cancer and Aries children will profit by being taught to sit quietly for at least a few minutes every day, striving for the inner peace and poise they may have lost.

Leo — These children are the sunny, happy little ones, full of vitality and will power. Whole-hearted, enthusiastic, and possessing good memories, they are the most magnanimous of all. They are very fixed in their opinions, however, and obstinacy should be watched for and eliminated. They are fiery and passionate, and care should be taken not to arouse their temper. When trained by love and kindness, they will sacrifice everything for those who thus treat them. They should be guarded against over-excitement and trying to do too much, and care should be taken to protect the head and neck in very hot weather so as to avoid sunstroke. These natives are very fond of entertaining their friends, and unless their tendency to overdo their hospitality is curbed it may degenerate into extravagance and possibly dissipation.

Virgo — Virgo children are the shyest of all, and their excessive timidity often makes them appear awkward. Preferring to be unnoticed, they should be taught fearlessness and encouraged in every possible way. Taught by an understanding person, they advance rapidly. In fact, the Virgo child needs only guidance in his studies, for he imbibes knowledge readily and without any great effort. Sad and

sordid things should be kept from them, for if they hear a gruesome story they are apt to dwell upon it and frighten themselves by wondering if the same thing will befall them. As far as possible they should take their meals at home in the midst of harmony and peace. Possessing perhaps the finest critical faculty of all the signs, they should be trained to use it constructively and kindly, never in anger and spite. Since Virgo rules the intestines, sluggishness in this quarter should be carefully guarded against, or various disabilities may result. These children are often quite capricious in regard to food, but may have an intuitive knowledge of what is best for them. They should not be made to eat what they dislike, but encouraged to eat what is best for them.

Libra — Children of Libra are graceful and courteous; there is no need to teach them deportment or politeness, for they naturally understand and practice both. They usually possess beautiful, expressive eyes, as well as a well-formed

body, since Venus is their ruler. Prone to be swayed by every passing emotion, these children should be given special training in keeping poised — balanced. Since Libra is the sign of partnership, these children feel the need of a friend or partner — one who will share their joys and sorrows. Companions they should have, but they should be wisely selected. Pleasure-loving and fond of beauty, even luxury, these children should be taught simplicity and frugality. They cannot endure quarrels or disagreements and will go out of their way to avoid them. They are apt to become ill if forced to listen to harsh words and actions; harmony is their greatest desire.

Scorpio — Scorpio children, ruled by Mars, are opposite in basic nature from the Venus-ruled Librans. They will sometimes provoke dissension by annoying remarks, and seem to enjoy it! This tendency should of course be modified as much as possible, or it will bring unhappiness and dislike from others. These are clever children, however, often asking the most awkward and difficult questions of their elders. They possess the faculty of probing to the bottom of a matter, and can keep a secret very well indeed. Nature and Nature Forces appeal to them and they often have considerable inner understanding. They should be taught at an early age the sacredness of the creative force, and that the keynote of their Sun sign is *re-generation* through pure, helpful living. Well trained, they make excellent dentists and surgeons, and when spiritually awakened the most successful clergymen.

Sagittarius — Ruled by the great benefic, Jupiter, the children of Sagittarius are kind and genial, jovial and merry, favorites among their companions. If anyone is hurt or in trouble, the Sagittarian will always be ready to help, partly because he is naturally kind and wants to help, but also because he doesn't like long faces and tales of woe. It doesn't matter to him whether the one in difficulty is clean or dirty, rich or poor. Their Christ-

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like ministrations should of course be encouraged and commended, but this should not be overdone and their fondness for approbation and perhaps exaggeration, thus encouraged. They should be taught to think before they speak so that they will be sure to be truthful, and not too blunt and abrupt. Fond of sports and animals, they are apt to be found among the hunters — the more evolved with only cameras. Travel has an especial appeal to them, but they should be taught that we can never run away from ourselves!

Capricorn — The children of Capricorn are among the most difficult to understand, being very reserved, yet they crave most to be understood. They are very reliable and practical. Although quiet and taciturn, when they do speak it is to the point, and what they say receives attention. They crave to be left alone to do their own work in their own way and resent interference of any kind. A quiet word of reproof should be given when necessary, but punishment is apt to bring to the surface revengeful thoughts from Capricorn children. They possess the unusual qualifications of self-analysis and self-censure, and if left quietly alone will take themselves to task for their faults. The sign Capricorn is typified by the goat, which, in its natural habitat, ascends to great heights, balances itself upon narrow ledges of rock, and stands there, all alone, serene and contented, surveying the distant landscape. Similarly, the Capricorn native likes to go away quite alone, away from all its companions, and not be questioned when it returns to them, and he will regain his poise if allowed to do so. The Capricorn child is ambitious and likes to associate with its elders, with those in authority, and with the heads of affairs. When he grows older, his greatest success often comes a long distance from his birth place. As some one has said:

"Far from the land where the native was born,
Lies success for the man under
Capricorn."

Capricorn children are self-centered more than selfish, and should have their thoughts diverted from themselves to their friends and playmates. They should be taught to consider how a word or action affects others, not themselves. The tendency to self-pity should be eradicated while young so that they may grow up to be genial and happy. They possess a keen sense of justice, which must be studied and never treated lightly. As a rule they have a great esteem for their parents and grand parents — for parenthood generally. One often sees a father or mother and a Capricorn child close companions, neither desiring any other friend.

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The Children of Libra, 1971

Birthdays: September 24 to October 24

Second of the airy triplicity, the cardinal sign Libra has the basic note of active mentality.

However, Libra is the 7th house sign, and thus governs partnerships of all kinds. It is ruled by Venus, the planet of personal love, dealing with the mate and the family. Therefore we find that as a rule the Librans are more interested in marriage and the partner than anything or anyone else. This can be an obstacle on the spiritual path, for personal love is apt to be limiting and fraught with such pitfalls as jealousy, resentment, etc.

The symbol of Libra, the scales, aptly describes its natives, for they are likely to be either up in the clouds of enthusiasm and happiness or down in the depths of melancholy and discouragement. Perhaps their hardest lesson is to learn balance and stability, but being sensitive to their mental and emotional surroundings, this they often find quite difficult to do.

The Librans, however, because of their venusian rulership, usually radiate a harmonious vibration and attract friends readily. Art and music appeal to them, and they are frequently able to perform well in these fields. Since Libra is the

exaltation sign of Saturn, and the latter gives a constructive element to the art of Venus, those born under this sign often excel in architecture and the finer branches of decorative construction. They may frequently be identified by their fastidiousness in dress, with especial attention being given to pleasing color combinations. The saturnian influence of Libra often works out through the legal profession, too, to make lawyers.

As the solar month is ushered in and lasting through to its end, Jupiter and Neptune are in conjunction and opposed by Saturn. Therefore all the children born during this period will need to cultivate a more tolerant, trustful attitude toward others, as well as a determination to live an active, purposeful life.

The Sun and Venus are in conjunction, also, as the solar month begins, but this beneficent aspect lasts only until the 28th. It tends to call out the artistic and musical abilities, strengthening the love nature and favoring happiness in marriage if in the 7th house.

From September 24 to October 8, the Sun trines Saturn, endowing the native with method, foresight, and organizing, executive, and diplomatic ability, along with the moral stamina required for the

successful conclusion of a project.

The Sun sextiles Jupiter from September 24 to October 5, an excellent augury of health, wealth, and happiness. The nature is cheerful, friendly, and generous, as well as trustworthy, tolerant, and kindly. Good health, recuperative power, and financial plenty are all favored.

From September 24 to October 3, the Sun and Neptune are in sextile aspect, intensifying the spiritual vibrations, so that the native can more easily develop his spiritual faculties. Inspirational musical ability is also favored.

Venus trines Saturn from September 24 to 28, indicating one who is faithful and true, just and methodical. Honest and trustworthy, simple in taste, and of unimpeachable morality, these natives will experience esteem, honor, health, and easy circumstances.

From September 24 to October 6, Venus and Mars are in trine aspect, pointing toward an ambitious, aspiring, and adventurous nature, amorous, and extremely demonstrative in affection. There is an abundance of energy, good earning capacity, and the probability of an early marriage.

Venus conjuncts Uranus from September 24 to October 3, a configuration which, because of several favorable aspects to Venus at the same time, indicates mental alertness, quick intuitive perception, and a love for art, music, and poetry.

From September 24 to October 18, Mars and Uranus are in trine aspect, giving an energetic and ambitious disposition, an original, ingenious, alert, and intuitive mind which is able to cope with great difficulties. The inventive genius of these natives is apt to express itself in connection with electricity, airplanes, etc. They are idealistic and dreamers, but also have a practical side which enables them to bring their dreams into actualities.

Mercury sextiles Jupiter from September 28 to October 5, one of the finest assets in life, for it gives a cheerful, optimistic disposition, along with a mind that is broad, versatile, and able to reason

correctly. Honest, sincere, likable, and fond of travel, they have a special flair for both law and literature.

From September 29 to October 16, the Sun and Uranus are in conjunction, suggesting a nature that is highstrung, nervous, and of uncontrolled emotions. Impulsive and unreliable, these natives will need to make special effort to acquire poise, respect for the conventions, and control of the emotions.

The Sun and Mars are in trine aspect from September 30 to October 24, giving a super-abundance of energy, a strong constitution, and the ability to endure hardships. There is also a dauntless determination and courage to face the greatest odds. The disposition is apt to be frank and blunt, but these natives are among the foremost factors in the world's work.

From September 30 to October 7, Mercury trines Saturn, imbuing the flighty mind with seriousness, depth, and the power of concentration. The forethought and profound reasoning ability of these natives insure success in whatever vocation they may pursue. Their patient persistence, caution, and diplomacy make them invincible in the long run. They are in demand for responsible positions in secret societies, the church, politics, and governmental affairs. Absolutely honest and just, they make excellent judges.

Mercury and Uranus are in conjunction from October 4 to 11, tending toward an original, independent, and intuitive mind, but the direction this tendency will take depends upon aspects of these planets to others in the horoscope. A literary or scientific career is indicated.

From October 6 to 13, Mercury trines Mars, giving a keen, resourceful mentality. The native is enthusiastic over any proposition that appeals to him, and he has the ability to enthuse others and impress them with his views. He is an indefatigable worker in any cause that arouses his sympathies, but he is no visionary, being interested only in concrete matters. There is a love for debate and argument, along with an inexhaustible fund of wit and good humor.

Readings for Subscribers' Children

VERONICA M. G.

Born September 4, 1959, 9:39 P.M.

Latitude 33N27, Longitude 112W04.

Signs on Cusps of Houses:

ASC, Taurus 15.48	4th, Leo0.00
2nd Gemini14.00	5th, Leo27.00
3rd, Cancer ...7.00	6th, Libra3.00

Positions of Planets

Moon28.51	Gemini2nd
Venus8.24	Leo4th
Sun12.25	Virgo5th
Pluto24.20	Virgo5th
Dragon's T. ...21.46	Virgo5th
Uranus3.00	Libra6th
Mercury9.04	Libra6th
Jupiter9.07	Libra6th
Neptune26.10	Scorpio7th
Mars20.37	Sagitt.8th
Part of F.2.14	Pisces11th
Saturn8.47R	Taurus12th

This little girl's chart shows Taurus on the ASC, and its ruler, Venus, in Leo, sextile Uranus, Mercury, and Jupiter, a strong indication of musical and artistic ability, as well as of a pleasant, lovable (though fixed) personality.

The Sun is posited in the common-earth, mental sign Virgo intercepted in the 5th house, square Mars (in Sagittarius in the 8th), trine Saturn and the ASC. Since the square of Mars has an 8-degree orb, it is not so powerful, but may manifest at times of stress in display of temper or resentment against authority. The trine to Saturn is more powerful (having an orb of four degrees), and indicates such splendid traits as method, foresight, and organizing, executive, and diplomatic ability, along with the moral stamina needed to succeed in bringing projects to a conclusion. Honorable, kindly, and considerate, Veronica will merit the friendship of her associates, and can do well in political,

judicial, agricultural, or mining positions.

The Moon is also in a mental sign, Gemini, and in the 2nd house (of finance), but squares Uranus and Pluto, opposes Mars. This sign position of the lunar orb points toward a wide-awake intellect, a fondness for literature and science, and resourcefulness, but the aspects to the planets mentioned suggest the need to give this child early training in maintaining poise, tolerance, and humility. Her finances are apt to fluctuate, no doubt to her great annoyance, but it is quite possible that Veronica brought with her into this life the need to learn the illusory nature of material things. She should be taught that our good deeds are all of value that can be taken with us when we pass on to another life. To help keep her in good health she needs plenty of fresh air, so the habit of daily walks out in the open would be excellent for her to cultivate.

The conjunction of Uranus, Mercury, and Jupiter in Libra (in the 6th), sextile to Venus (as mentioned above), is a strong indication of talent in music, art, and poetry. This configuration also bespeaks a quick, intuitive mind, capable of reasoning correctly, and having a progressive, humanitarian trend. Since Uranus rules the Aquarian 10th house, she will likely direct her vocational efforts into a New Age cause of some kind which involves music or art. Or it may be that she will render selfless service in some cause other than her vocational activities. Venus in the 4th portends a happy home life, and particularly in the latter years.

Neptune in Scorpio in the 7th sextiles Pluto, pointing toward a desire to delve into the secrets of Nature, as well as a strong spiritual influence in partnerships. Energy, enthusiasm, inspirational perception beyond the realm of reason, and success in whatever is undertaken are also favored. This is a good position for those who work in scientific or occult research.

ROBERT E. H.

Born January 20, 1959, 1:58 P.M.

Latitude 32N45, Longitude 117W10.

Signs on Cusps of Houses:

ASC, Gemini 19.03	4th, Virgo0.00
2nd, Cancer ..12.00	5th, Libra2.00
3rd, Leo4.00	6th, Scorpio ..11.00

Positions of Planets

Uranus14.55R	Leo3rd
Pluto3.38R	Virgo4th
Dragon's H. ..17.01	Libra5th
Part of F2.58	Scorpio5th
Neptune6.52	Scorpio5th
Jupiter27.16	Scorpio6th
Saturn1.41	Capricorn7th
Mercury14.38	Capricorn8th
Sun0.07	Aquarius8th
Venus17.02	Aquarius9th
Mars22.11	Taurus12th
Moon14.02	Gemini12th

Since eight of the twelve houses are occupied by planets in this chart, Robert will have a variety of experiences in this incarnation, dealing with many departments of life. Gemini on the ASC indicates adaptability, though, so that he is likely to enjoy having "many irons in the fire."

The Sun is in the humanitarian sign Aquarius, in the 8th house, sextile Jupiter in Scorpio in the 6th, trine Mars in Taurus in the 12th, but square Neptune in Scorpio in the 5th. Here we have pictured a strong, mentally energetic individual, possessed of a friendly, jovial, and generous nature. Trustworthy, and having good judgment and executive ability, Robert will prove himself well fitted to help others. A strong constitution and good health, as well as dauntless determination and a strong will are all his, too.

Mercury, planet of the concrete mind, is posited in Capricorn in the 8th, unaspected save for a semi-sextile to Venus. This sign position of Mercury tends toward a critical and penetrating but somewhat suspicious mind, along with a

thoughtful and diplomatic disposition. Persistence and a love for science (particularly chemistry), as well as practicality and thriftiness, are also indicated.

The Moon, another indicator of the mind, in Gemini in the 12th, conjunct the ASC, sextile Uranus, trine Venus, bespeaks a wide-awake intellect, fond of literature and science, resourceful, broad, liberal, and alert for progressive ideas which are taken up with avidity. Robert will be attracted to literary occupations, such as newspaper reporting, so that he may gratify his restless mind and inordinate love for travel and meeting new people. He has a vivid imagination, too, is original and inventive, and his charm and persuasiveness as a conversationalist could be used to advantage in salesmanship. Being quite attractive to the opposite sex, he should be taught concerning the disadvantages and probable unhappiness resulting from clandestine affairs.

Saturn is well placed in the sign Capricorn, and since it is also well accepted, we would expect Robert to be honest, dependable, and staunch as the Rock of Gibraltar. He has strong determination, too, and will no doubt achieve success regardless of possible obstacles.

An important configuration in this child's horoscope is the square of Mars in Taurus in the 12th to Venus in Aquarius in the 9th. He is apt to be quite stubborn and extravagant at times and inclined to dissipation. His parents should give him careful instructions in regard to the sacredness of the creative force so that he can, if he will, escape the unhappy experiences and suffering that always follow gratification of the lower desires. Being quite mentally oriented, he should be taught that use of the mental powers in creative writing is an excellent form of transmutation.

Robert has some very fine qualities and considerable ability, so that with proper training and encouragement he can become a useful channel for the Higher Ones to use in ushering in and establishing the New Age concepts.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE ADVICE

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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.

Librarian, Lawyer

RICHARD J. J. — Born September 17, 1946, 0.12 P.M. Latitude 41N52, Longitude 87W39. With the Sun and four planets in the 9th and 10th houses, and the Moon, Uranus, and the Dragon's Head in the 7th, this native will be active before the public eye. The solar orb conjuncts Mercury (combust) in Virgo in the 9th, squares Moon and Uranus, in Gemini, pointing toward a need to cultivate stability and poise. Neptune, Mars, and Jupiter are in Libra in the 10th, the last two in conjunction, trine Moon and Uranus, which are in conjunction. A quick, wide-awake intellect, fond of literature and science, resourceful, progressive, and intuitive is here indicated, so that this native would feel more at home in mental endeavor, where he could best use his talents. The position of Neptune in the 10th, in conjunction with the MC, sextile Saturn, Pluto, and the ASC, points toward interest and ability in the occult arts. Whatever his vocation, it will have a strong spiritual "flavor." He could give excellent service as a librarian, lawyer, secretary, stationer, or as a salesman (of art goods, jewelry, linen goods, picture frames, manicure supplies, etc.).

Organist, Engraver

TRINA C. S. — Born July 31, 1956, 8:40 P.M. Latitude 29N43, Longitude 95W13. With the Sun and three planets in Leo, and the Moon and Saturn also in fixed signs, this native seems to have plenty of stability, determination, and persistence, although the sign Pisces is on the ASC and common signs are on all the other angles. The Sun conjuncts Uranus, which sextiles the Moon in Taurus and squares Neptune in Libra. The solar orb is in the 6th house, as are Mercury, Pluto, and

Jupiter. Jupiter, which rules the Sagittarian MC, is in the mental sign Virgo, conjuncts Pluto, sextiles Venus in the literary Gemini in the 4th. Mars is in Pisces in the 1st house, sextile the Moon, trine Saturn, but square Venus. Mercury is in Leo, sextile Neptune (interest in the occult), trine the MC, square Moon and Saturn. This native should have musical ability, and if she has had training could be a successful organist or teacher of music. She could also use her natural abilities in stenographic work, engraving, bookbinding, and probably also in connection with animals — a pet stock dealer or assistant veterinarian.

Secretary, Teacher

CASSANDRA J. B. — Born May 17, 1957, 8:50 P.M. Latitude 34N06, Longitude 117W18. With Sagittarius on the ASC, the Moon in the 1st house (in Capricorn), and Jupiter in the 9th, this native likes to travel. However, the Sun and Mercury in Taurus (in the 5th) and three other planets in fixed signs give needed stability. Mercury trines the Moon and sextiles Mars, indicating a keen, practical mind, along with a retentive memory. The Sun trine Jupiter, the latter ruling the ASC, bespeaks an outgoing, friendly, and cheerful personality, which will serve her well in whatever vocation she chooses. The ruler of the Libran MC is Venus, which is posited in Gemini in the 6th, sextile Uranus in Leo in the 8th, trine the MC, opposing Saturn in Sagittarius in the 12th. Cassandra has an excellent mind and has considerable natural talent along literary lines. She could serve well as a stenographer or secretary, as a teacher, or in editorial work. She would probably be happiest in a position which would give her some opportunity to travel.

Daily Thought and Guide

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

FRIDAY — OCTOBER 1

Optimism and general good cheer should prevail today, but let us be careful to avoid negative or mediumistic influences, particularly in the evening hours.

SATURDAY — OCTOBER 2

We are likely to encounter Saturnian obstructions this morning, but "patient persistence in well doing" helps us conquer all obstacles and cultivate soul power.

SUNDAY — OCTOBER 3

"A world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers, and like a homestead without a garden. It is the joyous day of the whole week."—*Beecher*.

MONDAY — OCTOBER 4

Various troublesome influences occur throughout the day, so it is well to remember that the stars impel but do not compel. "... the more highly man becomes developed spiritually the less he will allow the planets to dominate him..."—*Max Heindel*.

TUESDAY — OCTOBER 5

Christ Jesus commanded us to "love one another," and if we observe this commandment in thought and deed as well as in word we will live lives of fulfillment, joy, and contentment.

WEDNESDAY — OCTOBER 6

A quiet day. We should be able to perform duties without undue hindrance. The enjoyment of good literature would be a profitable evening pastime.

THURSDAY — OCTOBER 7

"Today is not yesterday: we ourselves change; how can our works and thoughts, if they are always to be the fittest, continue always the same? Change, indeed, is painful; yet ever needful; and if memory have its force and worth, so also has hope."—*Carlyle*.

FRIDAY — OCTOBER 8

Mixed influences prevail during the day, but evening hours are well suited to research and study, particularly along occult and scientific lines.

SATURDAY — OCTOBER 9

The enjoyment of wholesome pleasures this afternoon will be enhanced by the company of good friends. Sharing temporal or spiritual delights with others who are also appreciative increases the joy.

SUNDAY — OCTOBER 10

We should have abundant mental energy with which to consider intellectually, as well as emotionally, the significance of the Lord's day. If we listen carefully to the sermon this morning, we might unearth new concepts for meditation.

MONDAY — OCTOBER 11

Unsettled and vacillating conditions this morning might tempt us to give in to the "Monday blues." If we do our work steadfastly, however, we should be able to accomplish the day's objectives.

TUESDAY — OCTOBER 12

The pursuit of spiritual and philanthropic activities is favored today, and Saturn will help us keep on an even keel.

WEDNESDAY — OCTOBER 13

The importance of cultivating our imaginations cannot be overemphasized. Imagination has been responsible for all the inventions of human civilization, and Max Heindel tells us that ultimately "Imagination will be the spiritualized faculty directing the work of creation."

THURSDAY — OCTOBER 14

Enthusiasm transmutes chores into rewarding occupations. If we remember to do everything "unto the Lord," and do only that which is constructive, it should not be hard to labor with enthusiasm.

FRIDAY — OCTOBER 15

The state of our health speaks clearly of what we are and what we have been. "What a searching preacher of self-command is the varying phenomenon of health!"—*Emerson*.

SATURDAY — OCTOBER 16

As we enjoy the vivid beauty of the autumnal landscape, let us renew our dedication to the Cosmic Christ, Who is even now returning to earthly imprisonment for our sakes.

SUNDAY — OCTOBER 17

Splendid spiritual vibrations abound on this Sabbath day, and the satisfaction of our morning worship will be augmented this afternoon if we endeavor to bring comfort and cheer to those less fortunate.

MONDAY — OCTOBER 18

It should be easy to begin this work-week on a note of ingenuity, progress, and attainment. A good start to any endeavor is often half the battle.

TUESDAY — OCTOBER 19

The temptation to be dilatory might be great today. It would be well to heed H. W. Shaw's warning: "The greatest thief this world has ever produced is procrastination, and he is still at large."

WEDNESDAY — OCTOBER 20

Decisiveness and determination are worthy qualities as long as they are not permitted to run rough-shod. They must not be used as excuses for ill-mannered behavior or intolerant attitudes.

THURSDAY — OCTOBER 21

Restraints imposed by rules and regulations might seem more than usually annoying today, but Lucretius reminded us that "All things obey fixed laws." Our objective is to learn to live "above the law," in true Christian brotherhood.

FRIDAY — OCTOBER 22

"A face which is always serene possesses a mysterious and powerful attraction: sad hearts come to it as to the sun to warm themselves again."—*Joseph Roux*.

SATURDAY — OCTOBER 23

Those able to respond to the higher vibrations of Uranus will find this a good

day for launching original, imaginative projects, and for occult study.

SUNDAY — OCTOBER 24

"The miracles of earth are the laws of heaven." — *Jean Paul Richter*. Today, in thankfulness to an omniscient Deity Who has ordained these laws, let us rededicate ourselves to their observance.

MONDAY — OCTOBER 25

The mercurial occupations — literary, clerical, and those involving travel — are favored today, as are other endeavors requiring concerted mental effort.

TUESDAY — OCTOBER 26

Taking time to appreciate and absorb beauty, in both natural and man-made manifestations, is essential to emotional and spiritual growth. A life without beauty is barren indeed.

WEDNESDAY — OCTOBER 27

The beneficent Jupiter should make it easy, today, for us to experience the affection and friendship for our fellow men which we must eventually learn to make a permanent part of our natures.

THURSDAY — OCTOBER 28

The temptation to speak ill of someone else can be minimized if, before speaking, we honestly admit to, and analyze, our own faults.

FRIDAY — OCTOBER 29

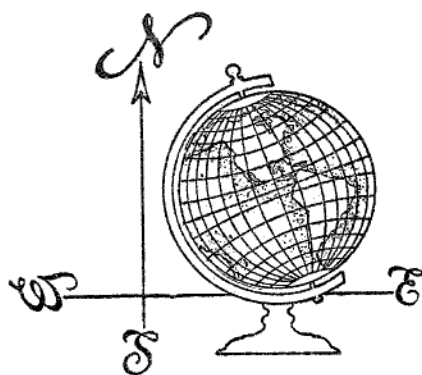
Mixed vibrations occur today, but the Sun exerts a steadying influence and if we remember to look for the "divine essence within" those we encounter, all will be well.

SATURDAY — OCTOBER 30

Splendid influences from Venus and Mercury help make this a day of accomplishment and profitable relaxation. This evening might well be devoted to enjoyment of the fine arts.

SUNDAY — OCTOBER 31

With Neptune, Saturn, and Jupiter all well-aspected, we can end the month on a highly spiritual, humanitarian note. "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these . . ."—*John 14:12*.



MONTHLY

News
INTERPRETED

Legislation to Protect Seals

Legislation was introduced in the Senate and House yesterday to protect baby seals from slaughter by prohibiting the importation of their pelts for coats.

Sen. Fred Harris (D-Okla.) announced the introduction of the legislation, cosponsored by five other senators and five House members, at a press conference in the Capitol, where color films were shown of the killing of seals in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the northwest Atlantic and Alaska's Pribilof Islands.

Joining Harris at the press conference, Rep. David Pryor (D-Ark) declared that the legislation was concerned not only with conserving the mammals but with calling "a halt to the spiral of brutality which is too much within us all throughout the work today."

The bill further provides that this country initiate negotiations with other countries for international agreements ending the killing of all ocean mammals

The importing of all ocean mammal products would be banned. The United States is the world's biggest market for seal fur and a soft suede leather made from the skin of bears. Individuals and ships under U.S. jurisdiction would be prohibited from killing them. An exception would be made for the Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts of Alaska who hunt for subsistence living.

While aimed mainly at rescuing seals, the bill would protect all sea mammals — whales, otters, porpoises, walruses, sea lions and polar bears and has expressed concern over the depletion of seals in the once-huge rookeries on Commander Island.

—*Washington Post*, March 24, 1971.

This article, written by Elsie Carper, describes one of several pieces of humane legislation before Congress at the time of this writing. Others, introduced by Senator Birch Bayh, would ban the use of poisons to kill wildlife on United States public

lands, and ban the use of several kinds of particularly cruel traps.

It is gratifying, and certainly a sign of progress, to note this legislative interest in the welfare and benevolent treatment of animals. It is doubtful whether such proposals would have been given serious attention by any but a handful of lawmakers even as recently as a decade ago.

Vocal public interest and support, of course, contributes greatly to the introduction and potential passage of bills such as these. The widely-publicised and unbelievably brutal pictures of baby seals being clubbed to death for their pelts aroused the ire of thousands of citizens who have made their views known. Ecological realities and understanding of the significance of maintaining a "population balance" among all species of wildlife engage the attention of thousands more. Primarily, however, it appears that humanity in ever-increasing measure is responding to the benign vibrations of the forthcoming Aquarian Age which are even now making themselves felt. Sensitive individuals are increasingly repelled by cruelty in any form, whether to man or animal, and this heightened awareness is having, and will continue to have, tremendous universal impact.

Organized support of any legislation is likely to achieve better results than individual, haphazard support. The Committee for Humane Legislation, Inc., (11 West 60th St., New York 10023), has been established for just this purpose, and is actively lobbying on behalf of the legis-

lation mentioned. The Committee is also urging the consideration of other proposals now securing House and Senate sponsorship which would, among other things, offer additional protection to wildlife on public lands, protect fur-bearing animals, and eliminate the deplorable practice of vivisection in school science classes.

As increasing numbers of citizens voice their support of such measures, we are sure that ever more humane laws will be enacted, culminating, eventually, in prohibitions against the slaughter or inhumane treatment of any living creature, for any reason whatever.

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Increase in Mysticism Alarms Cleric

An article in the *Los Angeles Times*, March 7, 1971, by Dan L. Thrapp, entitled "Increase in Mysticism Alarms Cleric," should be of particular interest to occult students. It discusses opinions expressed by the Rev. Ralph L. Moellering of the Missouri Synod Lutheran church about what he calls the current "rising addiction to mysticism."

Pastor Moellering is particularly concerned with widespread current interest in demonology, witchcraft, and black magic. He believes that these manifestations "appear 'where people are turned off from institutionalized religion and a vacuum opens up.' The 'vacuum' occurs because man . . . is 'incurably religious,' and if he does not follow a sound and viable religion, he may turn to something farther out that seems to meet his need."

The Pastor is quoted as saying: "'We are experiencing a return by some to the mystical, which I think is another aspect of neofundamentalism . . . Here we see a segment reaching back into their own early Christian tradition, and trying to find something effective for their own lives!! . . . 'It could be a prelude to the coming back to religion, not perhaps in the traditional form, but toward a more

authentic expression of faith, or it could spend itself in all kinds of diverse ways, far out and irrational and finally untenable.'"

Continuing, Pastor Moellering cited many notorious instances of indulgence in devil worship, satanic orgies, and black magic, and his concern for people who espouse this perverse form of "religion" is well founded. The harm that may be done to unsuspecting Egos ensnared by the lure of this type of "supernaturalism" can easily remain with them long into their post-mortem existence and, conceivably, in future incarnations on Earth. "Fooling around" with demonology in any form is far more dangerous than most people probably realize. (See "Playing With Fire" in June, 1970, *Rays*.)

Pastor Moellering is certainly correct in assessing the danger of the various forms of demonology now so plentiful. It is regrettable, however, that he appears to equate these practices with mysticism. Mysticism, defined by one dictionary as "the doctrine or belief that through contemplation and love man can achieve a direct and immediate consciousness of God or of divine truth without the use of reason or of any of the ordinary senses," represents the "heart side" of human development, and has traditionally existed in a positive spiritual context. It is true that mysticism is held suspect in orthodox circles; this does not, however, render it synonymous with black magic.

Astrology is also cited by Pastor Moellering as "'by far the most prevalent temptation for the majority of our people, also no doubt some churchgoers.'" He does not appear to equate this "temptation" with the harmful practices enumerated above, but is, at the same time, evidently unacquainted with the significance of spiritual astrology. It would appear that he is disturbed by the materialistic abuses of astrology — and rightly so — but he does not go farther, as do enlightened occult students, to recognize that spiritual astrology and the practice of this sacred science are something quite different from the distortions now being

foisted on the general public by those who use astrology as a source of revenue and self-aggrandizement.

The article ends as follows: "In this day, (Pastor Moellering) concluded, 'more than ever the resolute Christian faith is essential.' Christians 'should take the lead in exposing the folly and futility of following erroneous and perilous paths in the hectic search for spiritual fulfillment.' We can, he said, attain the 'peace that passes all understanding,' without 'negating the intelligence with which we have been endowed'."

We certainly agree with Pastor Moellering that Christianity must assert itself in the face of evil in all its forms, and also with the implied corollary to this statement — namely, that only by *living* and *practicing* their beliefs will professed Christians be able to "expose the folly" of "erroneous and perilous paths." The Pastor, however, is speaking strictly within the confines of his orthodox beliefs, and we would expand his context to suggest that esoteric Christianity, with its advanced spiritual teachings, might offer a certain meaning and enlightenment to some who are engaged in the "hectic search for spiritual fulfillment" which orthodox Christianity is unable to provide. Certainly we should not "negate the intelligence with which we have been endowed," and the Western Wisdom Teachings, geared specifically for those who are seeking the Truth more along intellectual than emotional lines, present a logical, scientific explanation of the universe and man's role therein. Furthermore, they do so while at the same time stressing brotherly love and selfless service to humanity — the fundamentals upon which true Christianity is based — as the essentials without which individual spiritual fulfillment is impossible.

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Repellent to Mosquitoes

Fact to file for next summer: Mosquitoes would sooner die than put up with garlic!

Word comes from the University of California at Riverside, where scientists tested a crude extract of garlic on five species of mosquitoes. In every case, the mortality rate was 100 per cent. The how and why of this lethal reaction is now under study by biologist Eldon L. Reeves and colleagues. Garlic is becoming so popular in the U.S.—in dog food as well as people food — that production has been climbing at a remarkable rate. Within five years production rose from 39 million pounds to 84 million pounds.

—National Health Federation
Bulletin, February, 1971.

MOSQUITO-EATERS

Mosquitoes, a perennial plague of mankind, have had reason to feel pretty sassy lately. The malaria-carrying insects are becoming increasingly resistant to standard insecticides. And insecticides in general, because of their insidious ecological consequences, have fallen from favor.

Drs. Eldon Reeves and S. V. Amonkar of the University of California at Riverside have found another weapon — two species of algae that kill mosquito larvae. The two researchers discovered the larvicidal algae in Orange County, Calif. They found that concentrated extracts from the algae killed mosquito larvae within hours. The algae, *Cladophora glomerata* and *Chara elegans*, release toxic substances that attack the lining of the larva's alimentary canal, they explain. They are especially effective against *Aedes aegypti*, a disease-carrier, as well as four other species of mosquito.

In addition, says Dr. Reeves, there would be relatively little risk of the insect developing a resistance to a botanical larvicide. Further, he continues, there should be no adverse effects on fish or aquatic insect predators. The insects and fish that live in mosquito habitats are very healthy in the presence of these active compounds at levels that suppress mosquito development."

—Science News, July, 1971.

Here are other answers to the problem of toxic and ecologically destructive pesticides. Might it not be possible to spray or otherwise treat mosquito breeding grounds with some sort of garlic or algae compound — as is now being done with pesticides? Furthermore, since these plants have such definitive results against mosquitoes, is it unreasonable to suppose that extracts from other herbs or plants might have a similar effect on other insect pests?



BOOK REVIEWS

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"Born Again -- the Truth About Reincarnation"

Born Again — The Truth About Reincarnation, by Hans Holzer. Doubleday & Company, Inc., Garden City, New York, 1970.

THE idea of rebirth — long scoffed at or denounced as heresy in the Western world — is today receiving renewed and extensive consideration. One of the foremost researchers in this field, and a leading parapsychologist, Hans Holzer, has substantiated and proved the accuracy of recollections of past lives which have been unearthed from the subconscious memory of many of his subjects.

Although we cannot condone the method used by Mr. Holzer to obtain most of his findings — regression into previous lives by hypnosis — the findings themselves and his conclusions concerning them are of interest to the esoteric student. Mr. Holzer approached his studies with an open mind, desirous of proving the possibility of rebirth if he could, but not convinced that the phenomenon actually did or did not exist. During the course of his work, however, he determined to his own satisfaction that rebirth or, as he prefers to call it, reincarnation, is a fact.

Reincarnation in another human body, the author has come to believe, explains the seeming injustices of life: the contrasts between rich and poor, healthy and chronically ill, fortunate and unfortunate, and the like. Under what he terms a possible "law of just retribution," man would indeed eventually reap what he has sown, and even an individual of dubious character and behavior who appears able

to "get away with things" in the present lifetime would eventually have to suffer the consequences. "Whereas in orthodox religions the deity has decided to punish or to elevate a person, in reincarnation . . . it is man himself who makes his later life. In a way, then, reincarnation gives man the power of free will and of decision making, which orthodox religions have deprived him of." Here, of course, the occult student recognizes the Law of Consequence, which does, as the author theorizes, "set up a system . . . of compensation, extending even to minor and seemingly unimportant details of our life."

Mr. Holzer speculates on the possible consequences of general public acceptance of rebirth as a fact, and concludes that it would have a salubrious effect upon human conduct. The knowledge of "accumulating karma" would deter a person from committing an evil deed now, because he knows that he would have to pay for it later. Although this does not yet represent the ideal of doing right for its own sake, it at least constitutes a restraint on immoral behavior, an initial step in the achievement of universal brotherhood and the practice of true Christianity. This, the esoteric student knows, will take place during the Aquarian Age, as will universal recognition of the fact of rebirth. Furthermore, as Mr. Holzer also suspects, the common attitude in the Western world toward death will undergo a complete metamorphosis when humanity learns to accept the fact that "death" is merely the beginning of a new phase

of life and not an end of life or, even, the gateway to something completely unknown.

In this book the author describes, often verbatim, sessions with a number of subjects as they revealed to him their memories of past lives. He shows how he was able subsequently to verify the historical and biographical details they supplied, details which were not likely to be part of information in their conscious or unconscious memories, considering their present backgrounds, education, and interests. A particularly enlivening account is that of an English woman, now residing in California, who, Mr. Holzer believes, lived, previously as Katherine Parr, last wife of Henry VIII. The lady in question is herself quite unwilling to make such a claim, but the intimate details of Katherine Parr's life which she has been able to recall under hypnosis were sufficient to convince the author.

He also discusses two instances of remembered events between lives. One case involved a woman who had formerly lived as the wife of a British officer stationed in India, and had died shortly after being brutally treated during a native uprising. She described a "brilliant and beautiful" light which seemed to guide her after the transition, and "communication" during which she was "told to be good and to be compliant and I would learn why the terrible things had happened to me, and that I must learn that no matter how cruelly I had been treated, or how senselessly, savagely, that I must treat it all with love, love, love . . . Yes, receptivity and acceptance, not just a stupid compliance, you understand. They said, if I did that, I would grow." This might well have been part of the purgatorial experience of which the Rosicrucian Philosophy teaches, and certainly the emphasis on love and consequent growth coincides with the esoteric teaching that the quality of compassion is a necessary adjunct to spiritual development.

The "former" Katherine Parr also remembered a voice from "a clear, bright, bright light" after she had passed on,

which gave her a choice: "... I could go on farther, or try to help." Again: "We could will things for people. We could help sometimes, but not always. Sometimes you would want to prevent something terrible from happening." Here it certainly appears that she was describing a period of service that she had performed on the inner planes, and it might be that the reference to going "on farther" had to do with entry into the Second Heaven. In any case, these glimpses of life after death have an authentic ring to an occult student who is familiar with what does take place on "the other side."

In spite of the significance of Mr. Holzer's findings, we believe it imperative to stress that hypnosis is disavowed in the Western Wisdom Teachings. The author admits that "regression experiments" are potentially dangerous and should be undertaken only by a qualified person. It is easy to see, from the purely material point of view, why the awakening of memories of former lifetimes might have hazardous psychological consequences for the individual concerned. In addition, hypnosis deprives an individual of free will; he is completely under the hypnotist's control. It is obvious that an evil hypnotist could use his subject to fulfill his own nefarious schemes. Even in a case such as the present, however, in which Mr. Holzer sincerely believes that he is doing good and maintains a clearly humane attitude toward his subjects, the person hypnotized, nevertheless, loses his free will — the very free will which Mr. Holzer himself associates with reincarnation — and he is at the mercy of another Ego. This is contrary to the scheme of evolution, in which each Ego is destined to develop his own will, and, thereby, his own latent creative potential.

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Psychic Photography: Threshold of a New Science? by Hans Holzer. McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York, 1969.

Mr. Holzer has, for the first time, as—
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Readers' QUESTIONS

Milk as Food

Question:

There does not seem to be the slightest doubt that all the children in the world are fed with cow's milk. This product must in all probability be saturated with the animal vital body which, in turn, must inevitably infuse in us the animal instincts of the beast. Is this correct? Consequently, is it advisable to continue with such food? Mothers no longer feed their own babies.

Answer:

Max Heindel had this to say about milk: "A weak mother should not nurse her child, but obtain, if possible, milk fresh and warm from healthy, well fed cows, or better still, goats, for fresh milk is supercharged with the ether of the animal and has a vital energy not appreciated by the chemist who makes a merely physical analysis of its chemical constituents . . . milk is obtained by a vital process and has a greater quantity of ether than any other food . . . Milk should never be drunk as one may drink a glass of water. Taken in that way, it forms in the stomach a large cheese ball, quite impervious to the action of the gastric juices. It should be sipped . . . It will then form many small globules in the stomach, which are easily assimilated. Properly used, it is one of the best possible articles of diet . . . Milk requires a gastric juice that is widely different from almost any other kind except that required for the digestion of starchy foods, and is not readily digested with any food other than cereals . . . Milk, which is an important food for the occult student, contains no earthy

matter of any consequence and has an influence upon the body possessed by no other food . . . The use of milk has a tendency to put him (man) in touch with the cosmic forces and enable him to heal others."

In considering these statements, we should keep in mind that Mr. Heindel was referring specifically to un-processed, unadulterated milk, which is much more difficult to obtain nowadays than it was fifty years ago. The processing, and often adulterating, which milk undergoes before being made available in our present-day food marts changes it to such an extent that what Max Heindel said can hardly apply to it. However, if a person is able to obtain fresh milk from healthy, well-fed cows or goats, as Mr. Heindel indicated, then he can safely take his advice, provided, of course, the person's digestive system tolerates milk. Some people seem to be allergic to milk.

We should remember, too, that the "animal instincts" would come through the desire body, not the vital body. Therefore only those who eat the desire-infused flesh of animals have to cope with that influence.

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Teachings of Christ and of Jesus

Question:

Were the teachings of Christ and of Jesus very different? Surely there must have been a vast difference between the two, owing to their origin and power.

Answer:

Certainly there was a vast difference

in the evolutionary status of Christ, the great Archangel, and Jesus, a member of our human life wave. However, the teaching that Jesus gave before his body was taken over by the Christ Spirit was quite in line with the teaching enunciated by Christ Jesus. Jesus was a member of the Essenes and was therefore brought up in the initiate Wisdom. As is being revealed more and more by the Dead Sea Scrolls found in 1947, much that Christ Jesus taught is identical or quite in accord with teachings given by the Essenes. Jesus was no doubt the most advanced member of the human life wave and possessed great wisdom. Nevertheless, the wisdom of the Christ Spirit was much greater, His teachings leading the aspirant into the Greater or Solar Mysteries.

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Effects of Asteroids

Question:

Since asteroids are, in a sense, planetary bodies, they must surely assert a large influence over the Earth. Should they not be calculated as they go through the zodiac forming aspects with other bodies, and considered in individual horoscopes, as planets are?

Answer:

The real source of influence from any planet is the planetary Spirit within that vehicle. Occultists tell us that asteroids are fragments of the former moons of Mercury and Venus. These moons outlived their usefulness when the beings residing on them retrieved their lost estate and could return to the parent bodies. Since the moons are no longer needed, the planetary Spirits who once ensouled them have left. Thus, with the source of planetary influence gone, the influence itself is also gone. Asteroids have no astrological bearing either on the Earth or on individual horoscopes.

Difficulty in Concentration

Question:

I am having considerable trouble with the concentration exercise. Have other students mentioned this, or is it my particular problem?

Answer:

Many students, even "old-timers," experience difficulties in concentration, so you are certainly not alone in this regard.

The purpose of the concentration exercise is to discipline the mind so that it will learn to focus exclusively on one subject, regardless of external distractions.

We are told in the *Cosmo-Conception* (p. 487), "Thought force is the most powerful means of obtaining knowledge. If it is concentrated upon a subject, it will burn its way through any obstacle and solve the problem. If the requisite amount of thought force is brought to bear, there is nothing that is beyond the power of human comprehension. So long as we scatter it, thought force is of little use to us, but as soon as we are prepared to take the trouble necessary to harness it, all knowledge is ours."

By faithful performance of both concentration and retrospection we are gradually purifying our finer vehicles, which means — whether or not we are conscious of it — dredging up long-forgotten problems from this life, as well as difficulties from past lives which remain to be dealt with. This can be a painful and arduous experience, and problems with concentration are but one of the effects.

Anyone who has diligently performed the morning exercise is well aware of the unwanted, extraneous thoughts that have crept, unbidden, into his mind and interrupted his efforts. The answer, as the esoteric student is so often admonished, is persistence, which if consistently applied, will have eventual success. Do not be concerned if your *apparent* results in any exercise — even prayer and meditation — vary; it is the continued effort that counts, and variation is to be expected.



New Insight into Magnesium

DIANA DUPRE

THE vital role of magnetism in human metabolism, and its symbiotic relationship to other minerals and nutrients ingested into the body, is only now beginning to be explored by scientists. Until recently, magnesium was the "forgotten mineral." Nutritionists knew that it was essential to human development, but very little research had been done to establish the nature and characteristics of its performance, or the quantity required for maintenance of health.

A book written by J. I. Rodale with Harold J. Taub, entitled *Magnesium, the Nutrient that Could Change Your Life*, sets forth a number of surprising, and largely unknown, facts about this vital food element. First printed in 1968 by Pyramid Books, New York, this work cites references from recent studies by a number of physicians and researchers to show that magnetism is a significant factor in the prevention and treatment of such varied conditions as heart trouble, nervous disorders, offensive body odor, gallbladder diseases, glandular malfunctions, and tooth decay. On the basis of continuing and still inconclusive research, some doctors also believe that this mineral might prevent or control kidney stones, epilepsy, polio, and alcoholism.

Magnesium "activates some 30 enzymes in the body; it takes an active role in the

metabolism of protein, fat, and carbohydrates; it influences the action of some of the vitamins and hormones." It has been determined that calcium, phosphorus, and magnesium, the primary minerals essential to health, are so interdependent that too much or too little of one in the body will cause the effect of the others to decrease proportionately. Although nutritionists and physicians have in the past been aware of the importance of calcium and phosphorus, they have paid too little attention to magnesium, with the result that a deficiency of this mineral has, in many people, brought about reduced activity of the other two as well.

Other recent studies have shown that magnesium, which acts as a nerve relaxant while simultaneously contributing energy to the body, is essential to emotional stability. Several scientists have postulated a link between magnesium content in the body and the tendency towards suicide. "... successful suicides probably had highly active adrenal glands just before their deaths . . . depressed patients — those most likely to commit suicide — also have more adrenal hormone in their blood than do normal persons," said one. Since magnesium is essential in controlling hormone activity, the connection here becomes obvious.

It is still not known precisely in what

way magnetism works to bring about its beneficial prophylactic and therapeutic effects. On the basis of certain findings already made, however, Mr. Rodale inquires: "Could this be because of the fact that magnesium increases the intestinal flora and enables the body to absorb more nutrients from the food, and thus improve the nutrition to a particular organ that is sick or in a process that is defective?"

Magnesium, claims Mr. Rodale, "is the only electrolyte found in higher concentration in the spinal fluid than in the blood." (An electrolyte has been defined as: any substance that dissociates into ions when dissolved in a suitable medium or melted and thus forms a conductor of electricity.) In terms of physical science, knowledge of the high concentration of this mineral in the spinal fluid is important in determining overall magnesium deficiency, and in balancing the stimulating effects of body hormones. Magnesium relaxes the system, thus regulating the hormones, allowing them to achieve a happy medium of output. In addition, Mr. Rodale points out that magnesium is a prime component of the pituitary secretions which regulate the functions of the other glands.

To the occult student, this information is of potentially even greater import. He knows that the so-called "spinal fluid" is in truth a gas, and that it is the spinal spirit fire which, enkindled after lifetimes of pure, self-sacrificing conduct, and proper exercises, will set the pineal and pituitary bodies in motion, thus enabling us in a positive manner to see into the worlds beyond the physical. It appears obvious, therefore, that magnesium, highly concentrated as it is in the spinal fluid, is in some way fundamental to the kindling and functioning of the spinal spirit fire and, thus, to spiritual development. Although we as yet do not know *exactly* what the occult significance of magnesium is, we may be sure, on the basis of this information, that the significance exists.

The amount of magnesium contained in a given food depends on the magne-

sium content of the soil in which it was grow. Because of this some medical experts theorize, certain areas of the world have a much lower incidence of specific diseases than others. According to one hypothesis, for instance, the rate of cancer among the population of Egypt is only one-tenth that of Europe because European foods contain too much potassium and too little magnesium, while in Egyptian soils more magnesium than potassium appears. For this reason, among others, Mr. Rodale advocates organic gardening, with the use of magnesium-rich dolomite as a soil amendment. Sea-water, too, is rich in magnesium, as are products derived therefrom, such as kelp.

Magnesium is found in raw, green, leafy, vegetables, but magnesium salts in plants are so soluble that cooking them in high heat, or even blanching them, removes most of this mineral, while some other nutrients, such as calcium, remain largely unaffected. Whole cereals, especially corn, contain high levels of magnesium, but again, processing and refining of these foods remove much of the mineral. Raw nuts and seeds are also excellent sources. Mr. Rodale also suggests that a dolomite supplement, which supplies a good balance not only of calcium and magnesium but also of many trace minerals essential, in minute quantities, to proper nutrition, be taken daily.

An official minimum daily requirement for magnesium has not yet been established. One doctor, however, who has achieved splendid results with this mineral, suggests 600 milligrams a day, and Mr. Rodale appears to support this conclusion.

As occult students, we cannot agree with two points which Mr. Rodale makes. He deplores the vegetarian diet because, he claims, it results in an unfavorable balance of minerals in the system. He also advocates that, in addition to dolomite, a daily supplement of bone meal be taken. Certainly he is correct in his insistence that a proper balance of all nutrients be

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FROM OUR PATIENTS

Washington—The beautiful letters and diet helps have been received. They are truly an inspiration! I feel like a new person after using the cleansing broth and fasting, as you suggested. Last week I felt well enough to go job hunting and started work immediately after. God bless all of you for your unselfish work for humanity.

California—Thank you for your kind letter of instructions on blood-cleansing diet. Have had the operation postponed, and am feeling better each day. God bless you.

Arizona—After two months on the diet I can honestly say I've noticed a marked improvement. Thank you for all your efforts. Am still trying, still hoping, still praying.

Oregon—I personally note the evening visits of our dear Helpers. Apparently I am asleep and awake alternately at night to an extent where I always seem to note their presence and their ministrations. This makes me very happy and grateful to be the recipient of such wonderful help. It is sometimes difficult to realize that such a wonderful thing could happen to a "guy" like me.

California—I am conscious all the time of a lot of healing taking place in my body. I always know when they have made contact with me during the night by my feelings next morning.

Arizona—Thank you for your continuing fine work. There is a notable improvement in spirit and attitude, and I'm sure the body has no choice but to "tag along behind."

California—My youngest son (16) actually saw himself surrounded by Invisible Helpers on the morning of the earthquake. This past week has truly been a beautiful, mystical, spiritual week for this household.

Arizona—Am so grateful to write thathas had a few "whole" nights' help. He has been up the last two nights, but we attended our Rodeo and I think he was in too much wind. He seems better in general, and I thank you so much.



Fulfilling the Conditions

Part I

I*f ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.—John 15:7.*

Here is a definite promise given us. Why doesn't it always work? What is wrong?

Let us look at the first part of the promise. "If ye *abide* in me, and my words *abide* in you . . ." A dictionary definition of *abide* is: to stay; to dwell.

We see, then, that more is involved here than just asking for what we want. There is a condition to fulfill. If we study the promises as they are given in the Bible we will discover that this is true of all of them — something is required of us. As we consider what it is, we see that it is a whole way of life.

If we *abide* — stay — in the Christ Consciousness, we lift ourselves out of the negative into the positive. The positive consciousness of the Christ within illumines, blesses, and heals.

When we first begin to work with our thoughts, the effort to keep them Christ-centered may be tremendous, but as time passes and we persevere, we find that it is possible.

As we learn the art of thought substitution, it becomes easier. That is, when we find ourselves dwelling on the negative, we do not struggle in an effort of will, while chastizing ourselves for slipping into this condition. We merely substitute posi-

tive thoughts for the negative ones; abandon what we had been thinking, and turn our thoughts into channels which are positive, helpful, and healing. The simple act of quietly turning aside and beginning a new train of thought is most effective.

Constant vigilance is necessary to learn this art, but just a week of diligent practice can change one's whole life.

If it is true that thoughts are things, that "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he," then working with the consciousness in which we dwell, must, in time, change every facet of our being.—C.R.

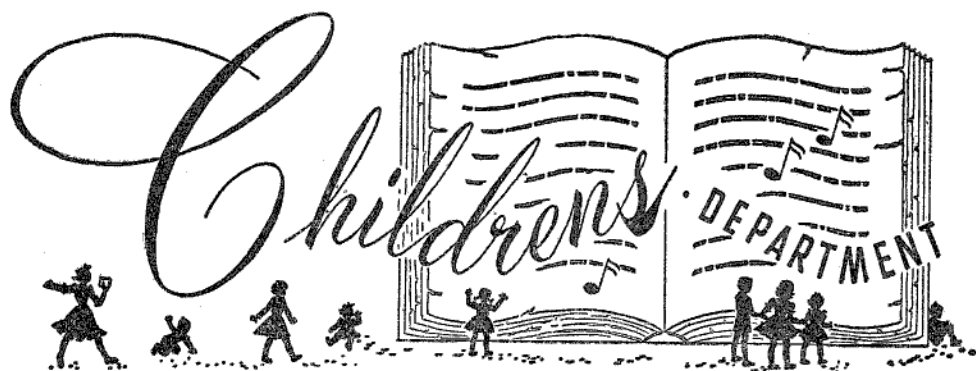
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Butch and the King

DAGMAR FRAHME

Part 2

THE King turned and strode majestically into the jungle. Butch stood watching him, unable to move. He wanted to turn and run home as fast as he could. He wondered if the King was going to put him in jail, or maybe spank him. Butch shuddered. That big paw looked as though it could hurt plenty!

"Come along, I'm in a hurry," said the King sternly, without stopping or turning around. Almost as though he were being pulled, Butch started to follow. The King went on a long way, Butch trailing behind. He was getting tired, and very scared, when the King stopped in front of a thatched hut hidden in the jungle. Two zebras guarding the door raised their forepaws in salute, and the King entered, followed by Butch, dragging his feet.

"This must be the jail," thought Butch — and then looked around in surprise. Seated at a round table in the middle of the room were a number of people whom Butch recognized. Mr. Lion, his teacher, was there, and Grandfather Elephant, Mr. Rhinoceros, the librarian, John and James Eland, who owned the grocery store, and Pete Parrot's uncle. Also present were a zebra, an ostrich, and a mouse.

When they walked in, Grandfather

Elephant rose. "Good afternoon, your Majesty. The Council members are all here and we can start at once."

"Good afternoon, gentlemen," said the King, shaking Grandfather Elephant's paw. "I asked our young friend to come today because I think he can learn something from our meeting. Sit down over there, Butch," he pointed to a stool in the corner, "and keep your ears open."

Butch did as he was told. He wondered why these people were here, what kind of a meeting this was going to be, what he was supposed to learn, and if his teacher was going to give him a test about it later. But most of all he wondered why the mouse didn't run away when the King came into the room. Silly old mice were supposed to be afraid of lions, weren't they? How come this one wasn't?

"The first item on our agenda," Grandfather Elephant was saying, "is the problem of the hyenas. We have had many complaints that they are keeping other animals awake at night. One of their representatives is waiting to give us their side of the story."

"Call him in," said the King, and Mr. Hyena entered, shook hands with everyone in the room, and sat down. Butch watched, puzzled. Why all this fuss about the hyenas' side of the story, he wondered. He had often heard his parents and other

grown-ups complain about their noise. Why didn't the King just command them to be quiet? After all, he was a lion *and* a king, and they were only hyenas.

Mr. Hyena spoke for a long time, explaining that hyenas slept during the day and did their feeding and scavenging at night. He knew they made noise — especially the children — and was sorry about the disturbance, but hyenas were made the way they were made, and did their work better at night.

"Thank you, Mr. Hyena," said the King when he had finished. "Yes, you do have a problem, but perhaps we can reach a compromise. Do any of you gentlemen have an idea?"

Everyone was quiet for a while, and then Pete's uncle spoke. "Couldn't we all pitch in and help the hyenas build themselves a village a little farther away? Not so far that we can't still be neighbors, but far enough that we can't hear them at night. If all the men contributed just a few days next month, we could get a nice village set up in no time."

"Good idea," said the zebra, "and I for one would be more than willing to help." The others nodded agreement.

"What about it, Mr. Hyena," asked Grandfather Elephant. "Would your people be willing to move if we fixed up a modern town for you?"

"I don't see why not," Mr. Hyena smiled. "My wife has been wanting to move to a new house for a long time, and I'm sure some of our other ladies feel the same way. I think we'd all feel a lot freer if we knew we weren't disturbing you, but could still be friends."

"Splendid!" said the King. "Then it's settled. We'll have the architects start work on blueprints right away, and post a work schedule at the grocery store where all the men can sign up. I'll donate a week of my time once the building starts. I'm pretty good with a hammer and nails, if I do say so myself," he smiled, and everyone chuckled.

Butch could hardly believe what he was hearing. Not only did the King not order the hyenas to be quiet, but he even offered

to help build their village. That was no way for a lion to behave — and it was certainly no way for a king to behave!

"The next item has to do with the water hole," continued Grandfather Elephant. "I have a complaint signed by Mr. Gazelle that we elephants, and also the Rhinoceros family" — he grinned sheepishly at the librarian — "splash so much it makes it hard for the smaller animals to drink. I suppose that's true, but we're so big we can't help splashing, and I don't know what we can do about it."

Butch was more puzzled than ever. Why was that such a problem? Elephants and rhinos were much bigger than gazelles, so if they wanted to splash, why shouldn't they? The gazelles would just have to get wet if they wanted to drink — they were lucky that the elephants let them drink at all. Here the King and his Council were talking as though this was something important. Why didn't the King just command the gazelles to stop complaining?

"Then it's agreed that we will set up a schedule," the King was saying. "The gazelles and smaller animals will be allowed to drink first, and afterwards the elephants and rhinos can come and splash around as much as they like."

"Boy," thought Butch, "that sure sounds crazy to me — making the biggest and strongest animals drink after everybody else. And Grandfather Elephant isn't even protesting. It's a good thing nobody is trying to tell the lions when *they* can drink!"

"The last thing we must consider," said Grandfather Elephant, "concerns lions on the prowl. We all know that lions stalk quietly through the jungle, and we all know why, but a group of our mothers have said that their children have been frightened by lions stalking around where they play, and have asked if something could be done."

"Ho!" thought Butch. "Now we'll see something. The King certainly isn't going to let anyone tell him how we lions can do our stalking!"

"Yes, and they are right," Butch was amazed to hear the King saying. "I have thought about that many times myself."

"Huh?" thought Butch. "Why should the King even care about non-lions being scared? Lions can do anything they want. It's just too bad about everybody else."

"I have a suggestion, your Majesty," said the mouse.

Butch stared, flabbergasted. A *mouse*, trying to tell the King, who was a lion besides, what to do! Why didn't the King just gobble him up right there?

"Why don't we set aside areas in the jungle as playgrounds for the children, and ask the lions not to do their stalking



there? It would keep the children more confined, and still give the lions plenty of room."

"That sounds like a perfect solution, Mr. Mouse," the King smiled. "I'm glad you thought of it. Do you gentlemen agree?"

The other council members nodded their heads; there was a little more talking, and the meeting was over.

"Well, Butch," said the King, "I can see that you are very surprised at what you have seen and heard here today. I want you to go home now, and spend the rest of the afternoon thinking it all over. After supper I will come to your house and ask what you learned. Oh, don't worry, your parents know that I'm coming," he smiled, seeing the look on Butch's face. "I spoke to your mother a few hours ago, and she knows exactly where you are now, and what I plan to do later."

Butch felt rather numb as he started home. The King had known what he had been up to all afternoon, and had even managed to tell his mother. And then the King had done all those strange things at the Council meeting, and even let a *mouse* tell him what to do. What did it all mean? Butch walked very slowly — thinking and thinking and *thinking* harder than he had ever thought in his whole life. He was thinking so hard when he got home that he was only a little bit surprised that his parents didn't scold him. He was thinking when he washed his paws for supper, and when he ate, and he was still thinking when the king knocked at the door. Father let him in, Mother served coffee and cookies, with a big glass of milk for Butch, and for a while the grown-ups talked.

Then the King turned to Butch. "Now, young man, are you ready to tell me what you learned today?"

Butch swallowed the rest of his cookie, and wiped his mouth carefully with his napkin. "I think — I think that what I learned was that there shouldn't be anybody in the world who is so big or so important or so strong that he won't listen to other people. People should talk things over with other people, so that they can do things that are good for *everybody*."

"Good, Butch, that is just what I was hoping you'd learn," said the King, "But now I'm going to ask you a much harder question. Do you *believe* what you have learned, and do you think it is right?"

Butch thought again for a long minute, and suddenly his face brightened. "Yes, I do — I *really* do. I never thought before what it would be like if I was a mouse or a gazelle or a hyena. I always thought as long as I was a lion it didn't matter about anybody else. But if I was something besides a lion, it *would* matter awfully. I'm glad I'm a lion, but it's important to think about how people who aren't lions feel too, so we can all live together and be friends."

"I'm very glad to hear you say that, Butch," the King smiled. "You can be a big help to our community if you go on

believing those things and acting on them. Now, young man, I understand that you are the captain of a very good neighborhood baseball team. Do you think I can come and watch a game some time?"

Mother poured more coffee, Father beamed at Butch, and Butch, feeling warm and good all over, sat down on the couch right next to the King and started telling him about the big game they were going to play next weekend.

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"BORN AGAIN —"

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sembled 50 psychic photographs, made under supervised test conditions which eliminated the possibility of fraud. The pictures show etheric energy patterns, strange magnetic fields, and people known to have passed away — including such luminaries as Presidents Kennedy and Lincoln, and Catherine the Great.

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NEW INSIGHT INTO MAGNESIUM

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included in the daily diet. These nutrients can be obtained from sources other than meat or meat products, however, if the person is willing to make the effort to do so, and to consume food in as close to its natural state as possible. For physical reasons alone, it is unwise to ingest the toxins prevalent in animal flesh into the human body, where they certainly do no good and can and do cause considerable harm. In addition, the spiritual reasons for a vegetarian diet, ultimately more important than the physical reasons, should be obvious to anyone convinced of the sanctity of all life, and are made very clear in literature published by the Rosicrucian Fellowship.

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