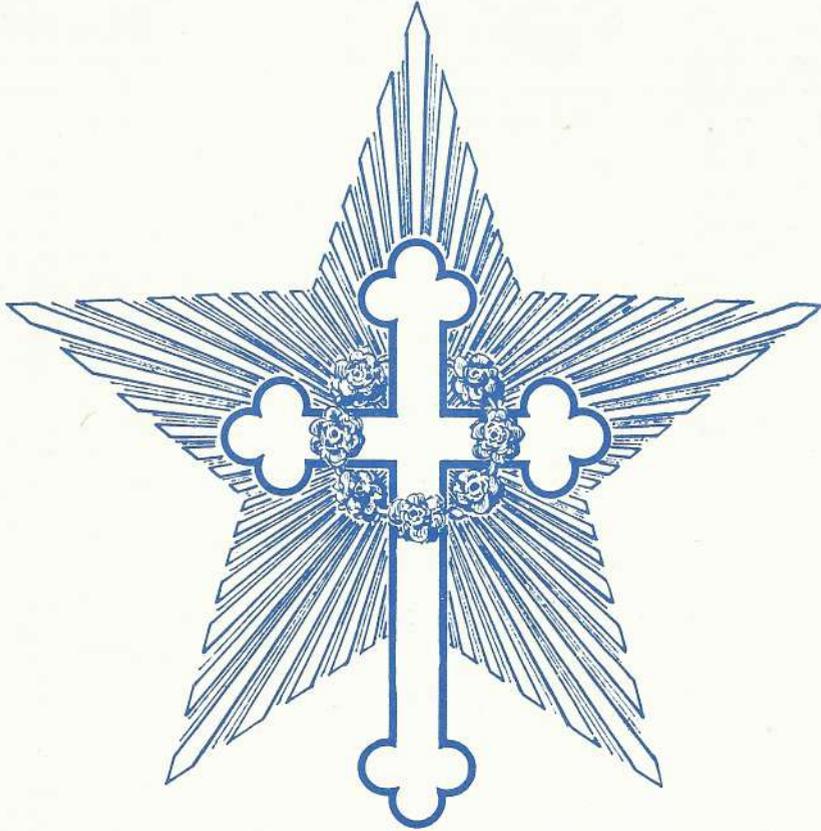
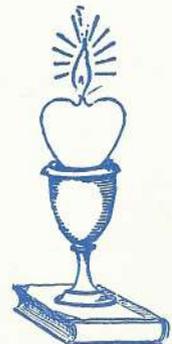


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## Virgin Spirit

I am old  
 I am old  
 I existed beyond the time  
   when the first hour was tolled.  
 Back past the day when the first  
   soil was tilled.

I am old.  
 I am old.  
 I existed past the fury  
   of waves and of storm.  
 Far past the seething and boiling  
   of liquid and warm,  
 Where I tossed and I turned  
   and forgot I was ONE.

I am old.  
 I am old.  
 Burning with light for a day,  
 Burning so vitally  
   my body was white,  
 I cannot remember how long  
   or how bright.

I am old.  
 I am old.  
 And the germ that I was,  
   that I am  
 Was divided.  
 And the slow revolutions  
   began and united,  
 And broke; and recited:  
 I am old.

I am old.  
 Rushing now forward,  
 Rushing now onward.  
 And by the light that I was  
 I realize what I am  
   so old,  
 here so young  
   going on.  
 I am old.

—Michael Miles



## Earnestly

O Lord, my Lord Creator, most earnestly  
 my heart would seek Thy face  
 within Thy holy house once more,  
   to see Thy glorious grace,

Apart from thee I long and thirst,  
 and nought can satisfy;  
 I wander in a desert land  
 where all the streams are dry.

The love — kindness of my Creator  
 is more than life to me;  
 so I will bless Thee while I live  
 and lift my prayers to Thee.

— A Student



“Over time thou hast no power.  
 To redeem a world sunk in dishonesty  
 has not been given thee.  
 Solely over one man in the world thou  
 hast a sovereign, an absolute power:  
 Him redeem, him make honest.”



# EDITORIAL

## The Law of Love

**A**ll laws may be melded into the one law of love. Love is the area and the circumference. Love is All.

If all our thought, speech, and action were measured by love, what a blessing we would be to the world! Such a blessing was the Christ Who came not to condemn, but to teach the love of the Father.

All through the Bible this unstinting, unconditional love shines through. What is lovelier than the image evoked by the 91st Psalm? It tells us that His angels shall have charge over us and "they shall bear thee up in their hands lest thou dash thy foot against a stone."

Such is the all-inclusiveness of love. Love gives of itself completely, asking and expecting nothing in return. Its reward is in itself. St. Paul says, "Love never fails."

In *Gleanings of a Mystic* Mr. Heindel writes, "Men and women have already learned through holy, helpful lives to lay aside the body of flesh and blood, either intermittently or permanently, and to walk the skies with winged feet, intent upon the business of their Lord, clad in the ethereal 'wedding garment' of the new dispensation. This change may be accomplished through a life of simple helpfulness and prayer as practiced by devoted Christians, no matter with what church they affiliate, as well as by the specific exercises given in the Rosicrucian Fellowship. The latter will prove barren of results, unless accompanied by constant acts of love for *love* will be the keynote of the coming age as *Law* is of the present order. The intense expression of the former quality increases the phosphorescent luminosity and density of the ethers in our vital bodies, the fiery streams sever the tie to the mortal coil, and the man, *once born of water* upon his emergence from Atlantis, is now *born of the spirit* into the kingdom of God. The dynamic force of his love has opened a way to the land of love, and indescribable is the rejoicing among those already there when new invaders arrive, for each new arrival hastens the coming of the Lord and the definite establishment of the Kingdom."

Love, in its limitlessness, yearns toward each of us, longing to embrace, enfold, and protect. But "love is not arrogant or rude." It will never force itself on anyone. In patience it waits for us to make the first move. And even while waiting it bestows upon us all possible blessings which do not infringe upon our free will.

As we turn to accept the beauty and bounty of love, we long to be love too. We see that this is "the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:14) We begin to walk the path of love. And here we learn a paradox. Love, which meekly gives all, asking nothing in return, is power!

# THE Mystic ... LIGHT

## Transfiguration

LOUISE SAMMONS

**T**he Bible is replete with occult truths which are hidden in various garments. The esoteric student who possesses these truths has discovered the key that unlocks Pandora's box which contains the hidden pearls of wisdom.

The Old Testament is only a historical volume to the average student of philosophy. For example: the story of the wandering of the Children of Israel and the dealings of a certain God with them is exciting reading as Bible history; but there is also a spiritual significance that is far more important than just a historical record of the ancient people and their experiences.

The same holds true of the New Testament. The four Gospels were written in such a way that only those who have the right key to the inner meaning, can unveil the beautiful panorama of spiritual, redemptive love and progress concealed within its pages.

It would be difficult to explain to many Bible students that the four Gospels are not at all the biography of Jesus the Christ, but that they depict dramatically and in symbol the incidents in the path of attainment. They are, in truth, formulæ of initiation of four different mystery schools which set forth the experiences everyone must eventually pass through on the way to truth and life.

The various important steps, as outlined in the life of our Savior, form the general plan of initiation for humanity as

they gradually unfold the Christ Spirit within.

There were three of the innermost circle of the Christ who had reached the *initiatory pinnacle*, and our Scripture gives a beautiful account of their high contact with the Memory of Nature. The three Disciples were: John, the best-loved – in other words the most spiritually advanced; James, the first to lay down his life for the new religion of Christianity; and Peter, the Rock – symbolizing the power of faith and works upon which the Christian religion has been built. The Scripture reads, "He took them into the High Mountain." This, Mr. Heindel explains, is a mystic term meaning initiation.

Mr. Heindel did not take up the Scriptures and interpret them according to his personal understanding. The information which he obtained is actually garnered by means of Spiritual vision and personal contact with the Region of Concrete Thought where the Initiate can read the true records of the Memory of Nature.

One of the important points which he brought out when writing about the Transfiguration is that during the initiation the disciples saw for themselves that rebirth is a fact, for Moses and Elijah, who were expressions of the same spirit, were talking with Christ Jesus. This emphasized what He had told them when speaking of John the

Baptist, "This is Elijah who was for to come."

It becomes increasingly apparent as we read the Gospels that in private Christ Jesus had taught rebirth to His Disciples, but the theory of rebirth was actually to be an esoteric teaching for perhaps thousands of years, known only among the few pioneers who fitted themselves for the knowledge—the few who were pushing ahead to the stage of development when these truths will again be known to man. (*Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*)

It is of the very highest significance that the real work of Christ Jesus took place subsequent to the Transfiguration.

Following His return from the Mountain, he prepared for the last phase of His ministry on Earth by appointing 70 men as messengers and sent them two by two into every city and place where he himself would come.

In places where they were received they were to stay and heal the sick and preach the message. To those who did not accept them, they were instructed to shake the very dust off their clothing. The Gospel of Luke states that the men returned from their journeys joyously saying, "Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name."

The power to cast out demons was central to the ministry of Christ Jesus. The New Testament is full of imagery about demons—the power of evil. Phrases such as principalities and powers, messengers of Satan, the father of lies and deception, the Anti-Christ, the evil one, the adversary and the destroyer—all speak of the firm belief in the cosmic dimension of the power of evil. In short, the one thing we *can* be certain of is that evil is for real and it is personal, and it affects us as individuals.

One of the amazing aspects of today's interest in the pseudo-occult is that even the people who deny the existence of God, believe in and seem deeply influenced by the devil.

And we should point out that the devil was not a Christian invention. One

of his most persistent forms—that of the horned, winged creature with claws—dates back at least as far as ancient Mesopotamia. In the Old Testament the devil was Satan, the Hebrew word for adversary, as in the Book of Job.

Modern man laughs at the old Cornish prayer: "From Ghoulies and ghosties, and long legged beasties and all things that go bump in the night, Good Lord, deliver us."

It might be a good idea to revive that prayer for the ghoulies and ghosties seem to have become active again.

Seriously, a wave of fascination with the unseen forces has become noticeable throughout our country. The impact of seances, Satan cults, witches, and drugs is felt in all parts of our land.

It hardly seems consistent in this super-scientific, super-technological world of 1974 that the whole subject of supernatural evil and power is being re-examined by both the public and the intellectual community.

This interest is also reflected in our recreation. The appearance of novels and movies like *The Exorcist* serve as indicators of the interest in evil spirits and demon possession.

So it may not have been just coincidental that the writers of the Gospels set obsession apart as an entirely different malady from any other encountered. Consequently the casting out of demons occupies a conspicuous place in the healing ministry of Christ Jesus.

Among the individual healings recorded in the New Testament, seven are demoniacs: five men, one boy, and one girl. In each of these cases the Christ used different and specific methods in obtaining cures which are well worth the careful study of the aspiring student.

It is noteworthy that all the obsessing entities knew the Christ, recognized His power over them, and acknowledged themselves subject to Him at all times. (Mark 1:23-26)

The first account of exorcism occurred on a Sunday in Capernaum of Galilee in the Synagogue while Christ was teach-

ing. The Scripture reads: "There was a man with an unclean spirit who cried out 'Let us alone, what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth. Have you come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.'" Jesus commanded, "Hold thy peace and come out of him." The demon tore his victim and cried with a loud voice but came out of him.

This healing was spontaneous and no doubt startling to the crowd in the Synagogue. The demon could not bear the high vibrations of the Holy Presence and had to reveal himself, and so met his destiny. (Matt. 9:32-33)

In the case of the deaf and dumb demoniac, the possessing demon controlled the man's organs of speech and hearing. As soon as the demon was cast out the evil spell was broken and the man could speak and was his normal self again. But the Pharisees couldn't stand that! They said, "He casteth out devils through the Prince of Devils."

The book and motion picture *The Exorcist* have made headlines in the news for a long time and many people are horrified because it was taken from an authentic case of obsession. But there is a record of a phenomenal exorcism which has remained as a historical fact in Bible history and I wonder why some enterprising writer has not woven a story around it to shock the world into acknowledging the Divine Powers of Christ.

It is the most unusual of the Biblical exorcisms recorded, that of the man of Gardera whose demons identified themselves as Legion. This healing must be of special importance since it is described in Matthew, Mark, and Luke with slight variations in accordance with the phase of development each writer desires to emphasize.

The incident occurred on a day that Christ and his disciples decided to cross over to the west side of the Lake of Tiberius. The area was composed mostly of limestone cliffs which were full of caves that were used to bury the dead.

When the obsessed man saw the Christ he ran and prostrated himself before him crying, "What have we to do with thee thou Son of the most High? I beseech thee torment me not." Christ recognized the extent of the man's great trauma at once and commanded, "Come out of him evil spirit." Then he asked what would, on the surface, seem an unusual question: "What is thy name?" The demon answered "We are Legion, for we are many."

They begged permission to enter into a herd of swine on a nearby hill and the impact of their entrance caused the swine to go plunging down a steep place into the lake where they perished.

There are several important points in this exorcism which should be brought out. The most important is that as soon as the demons were exorcised the transformation was instantaneous and complete. From a wild demented beast whom all feared and shunned, the man changed into a normal human being. Following the holy men down to their boat he asked only that he might remain with them. But the Christ told him to go home and show his family and friends the wholeness and unity which God had given him. No easy task, for many times home and friends present the greatest challenge for anyone who has been cleansed and has become a follower of Christ on the upward path.

Another point to consider is that the Christ was instructing the Disciples in a far more advanced method of exorcism at this time. He was showing them that as soon as the exorcist had the name of a discarnate, it was completely under his power and had no choice but to obey, and in *this* exorcism the Disciples were being given secret instructions in the power of the vibrations concealed in names and how this power may be used for exorcism as well as for healing and upliftment.

Last, we should consider the phenomenon of the destruction of the swine, which takes us back to ancient Egyptian symbolism. In that dynasty swine were

symbolically identified with Mars, the lower or passionate nature of man, and this extraordinary account hides in symbolism the power of the Christ to return the evil spirits to their own low element, symbolized in the herd of swine.

It would be no speculation, I am sure, to predict that the curing of obsession or the casting out of devils will become one of the chief ministries of healing in the New Age.

Paul admonishes us to pray without ceasing, or in other words to keep one's self enveloped in an aura of prayer. This is most necessary for the aspirant for the legion of negative thoughts, words, and deeds constantly being generated and set into motion on Earth find embodiment on the lowest plane of the Desire World and can be picked up by anyone who has not been trained to control or destroy their impact. —

And perhaps in this sense, legion becomes a mirror of man's inner struggle which can be calmed only by the power and strength of the re-creative spirit of Christ Jesus. The intellectual approach to this dilemma of confusion and complexities only frustrates the efforts to overcome them or rise above them.

The Rosicrucian Philosophy has been introduced to the Western World because its people have become so enmeshed in intellectuality that its aspirants can only enter the Path when their reason has been satisfied. Mr. Heindel has written that it is an arduous task to cultivate in the avowed intellectualists the compassion which must blend with their knowledge and be the guiding factor in the use of it.

And that is what the Rosicrucian method of Initiation aims to do—to bring the candidate to compassion through knowledge. The teaching seeks to cultivate in him the latent faculties of spiritual sight and hearing at the very start of his career as an aspirant to the higher life.

It teaches him to know the hidden mysteries of being and to perceive intellectually the unity of each with all, so

that at last, through this knowledge, there is awakened within him the *feeling* that makes him realize his oneness with all that lives and moves; which puts him in full and perfect tune with the Infinite.

There are three important steps to attainment: when the Student takes the first step he attracts the attention of the Teacher; when he stands upon the second step at the time of his admission to Probationership and takes the solemn obligation to serve humanity by the sacrifice of the lower self to the Higher, his Aura is blended with that of the Teacher.

At the point of his Discipleship he takes the third step where there must be no turning aside. The Path of Discipleship has been compared with the church steeple, narrowing toward the summit where the cross stands alone against the sky. This marks the supreme testing place of the aspirant and the great problems of spiritual discipline are almost overpowering at times as he continues working consciously and unconsciously UP toward that grand climax which, in the history of the noblest of all who have trod the Christian Mystic Path, is spoken of as the Transfiguration.

The Transfiguration represents an actual occurrence wherein a process of transmutation takes place within the body of the Initiate. The essence of experiences gathered upon the head path, and the union with the heart, produces a radiant light throughout the body.

This view gives us a deep insight into the Transfiguration reported in our Scripture today. We should remember that it was the vehicles of Jesus which were transfigured temporarily by the indwelling Christ Spirit. To quote Mr. Heindel, "The Transfiguration as revealed in the Memory of Nature reveals the Christ's body as a dazzling white, thus showing His dependence upon the Father, the Universal Spirit."

"There is nothing on earth so rare and precious as that extract of the human body, the Christ within, but when the *inner* Christ has grown to full stature, He

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# The Realm of Christian Mysticism

Michael Streich

**W**herein lies Christian mysticism? Is it attainable through the silent prayers of such saints as Theresa or with the extreme self denial of a John of the Cross?

In truth, Christian mysticism is a realm open to any who would embrace the conditions necessary, namely that state of the heart and mind whereby the Spirit of God and Christ can gain full and absolute control of being. It is thus a state of particular bliss, but one which is not only recommended but commanded. St. Paul called a mystic by some, tells his listeners to "be holy" even as God is holy. He talks, in his epistles, of that special divine reality which is Jesus Christ.

Quite obviously, for any Christian, mystic or not, Christ will be the ultimate goal toward which men strive and from whom grace is received. It is this grace, this unifying grace, which, when applied to human lives, causes such surrender and selflessness that unity with the Saviour results.

The person who strives for what St. Paul calls "wholly sanctifying" is in fact achieving this mystical bliss in union or marriage with Christ. It is, in laymen terms, the total freedom of the Spirit of God to work through the spirit of man and thus subject the entire being of man to a holy and serene peace. While the personality of the person is not hindered or changed, it is enriched and filled by a power unknown to the normal workings of the soul. This is the unity that caused St. Francis to preach to animals; he was within a realm totally removed from the system of the world. His intellect had surpassed the world and had mingled with the Spirit of God in a higher plane of mystical worship. Like Moses who had seen God face to face in the burning bush or atop Mount Sinai, St. Francis opened his being unto God so

that his subordinate spirit might be filled in union with the Spirit of God. That is the process of yielding and being sanctified in the process.

Is this experience for a few elect individuals, or can all men enjoy the bliss of this mystical unity? This question has plagued scholars for centuries. It can be argued that if the "church" is a mystical body, its members must be of sanctifying caliber. Whereas this mystical body is invisible, it must also be in union with the real head, Christ. Christian mystical experience is then twofold: to surrender to Christ totally and be filled with God's Spirit, and to join others in the willing membership of this physical though invisible unity, also led by the Spirit of God.

Mystical experience, searching for a reality, can find it in Christ. Once found, it must be a process of yielding totally to Christ and subordinating the will of the cosmos to the will of the divine. Therein is Christian mysticism; and therein lies bliss.

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Remember that your higher Self becomes invincible when once it withdraws into itself and calmly refuses to act against its will, even though such resistance may be wholly irrational. How much more, then, when its decision is based on reason and circumspection! Thus a mind that is free from passion is a very citadel; man has no stronger fortress in which to seek shelter and defy every assault. Failure to perceive this is ignorance; but to perceive it, and still not to seek its refuge, is misfortune indeed.

—*Marcus Aurelius*

# Symbolism of the Rose Cross

H.D.W.

Symbolism is the medium by which Spirit tries to express itself to the mind of man. It is our means of communication one with another. A word is the symbol of an idea and so all literature, music, art, drama, and many other things are the symbolizing of ideas which one mind wishes to convey to others.

To many of us the word "God" means a great deal, but we do not worship the word, rather the ideal which the word calls to mind. The Arcana of the ancient mysteries were never revealed to the people except through the media of symbols. Symbolism filled the dual office of concealing the sacred truths from the un-initiated and revealing them to those qualified to understand the symbols. Symbolism is the language of nature and when approached with reverence the wise may pierce the veil and learn the deep meaning which could not otherwise be understood without the symbol.

It is known that an emblem that has been used for years gradually takes on some of the vibrations of the service in which it is used. It also gives them out again, so that a sensitive can feel the vibrations. The ideal back of the symbol may be of great spiritual value in the lives of those who use it understandingly.

The word Rosicrucian means "Rose Cross," that is, a cross crowned with a single rose upon it. Christian Rosenkreuz, who takes his name from this cross, founded the Mysterious Order of Rosicrucians with the object of throwing occult light upon the misunderstood Christian religion and to explain the mystery of life and being from the scientific standpoint in harmony with religion.

The Rose Cross, the emblem of The Rosicrucian Fellowship, is symbolical of God in manifestation showing the end and aim of evolution.

The relations of the plant kingdom, the animal kingdom, and man to the life

forces in the earth's atmosphere are symbolically represented by the cross.

The mineral kingdom ensouls all chemical substance of whatever kind and some regard the cross to be first a symbol of that kingdom. The lower limb of the cross is a symbol of the plant kingdom with its root in the chemical mineral soil. We are told that the group spirits of plants are at the center of the earth. From these group spirits flow streams or currents of force in all directions to the periphery of the earth, passing outward through the length of plant or tree.

The horizontal limb represents the animal principle, for the head of the animal is bowed to the earth; its spine is in a horizontal position and through it play the forces of the animal group spirit which encircle the earth.

Man is represented by the upper limb and it is said that he is the inverted plant. As the plant takes its food through the root so man takes his through the head. Man is the only being upon the globe who stands erect; therefore the perpendicular line is the symbol of his divinity, and he receives the highest spiritual vibrations from the Sun.

The cross also signifies the descent of man into matter. The lower arm represents the physical body; the horizontal line is a symbol of the vital body and the desire body or emotional nature, and the upper arm stands for the mind. It is upon this cross of matter that the spirit of man is crucified and we remain upon this cross until our day of liberation when we become sons of God. So long as our ideals remain materialistic the cross is black, but as we spiritualize our ideals in service to others the cross becomes white.

The Rose Cross has three half circles at the end of each arm, making twelve in all. This is the symbol of the cosmic man of which the human is the micro-

cosm. It represents the twelve hierarchies which today are manifesting as signs of the zodiac, teaching man to govern his fourfold vehicle.

In the zodiac one may read as in a book the history of humanity during past ages, and may also discover a key to the future. Max Heindel always advised students to study the stars because this science is an aid to the understanding of occult teaching; also the study strengthens memory and intuition, faculties which are valuable to those who aspire to the spiritual life.

The golden five-pointed star radiating out from the center of the cross symbolizes the mystic wedding garment of the soul which each human being is weaving for himself from the loving unselfish deeds performed in the body. As the human cross grows whiter the golden star becomes more luminous until it attracts the attention of one of the Great Ones who will put the man or woman in touch with the mystery school, where he or she will make a much quicker growth in spiritual power than when alone on the path to God. The star is gold, near to the color of the Christ love, which must be the motive of action. We must develop the soul body before Christ can be born in us. Yellow symbolizes the Son or Christ, the second aspect of Deity.

Back of the Star and the Cross is the Infinite Field of Blue which is a symbol of pure spirit. This is the first aspect of Deity, the Father, whence came forth all manifestation.

Hung upon the cross is the wreath of seven red roses, the symbol of the divine creative power, and as the life of man is in the blood so we must cleanse and raise the vibrations of the blood by a life of active service before we can attract the Teacher to us. As the rose is the highest product of the flower world, so the human being who transmutes the lower desires into the altruism of the life spirit of Christ principle has attained the highest human achievement.

The esoteric meaning of the cross is

very ancient, for the cross has existed as a secret symbol thousands of years before the Christian Era, being found in the ancient cave temples of India and Egypt long before Christianity was known. No one can be a real Christian unless he practically realizes in his soul the meaning of the symbol of the cross. Some initiates declare the Rose Cross to be the ancient and true symbol of the mysteries.

Max Heindel tells us in the *Cosmo-Conception* that within the symbol of the roses and the cross is hidden the solution of the world mysteries. The mysteries which were withheld and hidden before the fall of the Roman Empire are again, through the roses and the cross, to be given out to the world. The emblem is a wonderful source of inspiration in meditation, for true wisdom is always generated within.

Therefore we look upon the emblem of the Rose Cross as an ideal, because the seven red roses symbolize the cleansed blood, the white rose shows the purity of life, and the golden radiating star is a symbol of compassion, helpfulness, and spiritual uplift which radiates from every servant of humanity.

May we let the true spirit of the Rose Cross descend into our souls spiritualizing the mind and emotions, inspiring us to live up to the ideals of the Christ as expressed in our Temple Service, the ideals of love and fellowship. This lofty goal we aspire to reach that we may radiate the Christ force of healing represented by the Golden Star behind the Rose Cross.

And all about us on every hand lie waiting the opportunities for service which, lovingly rendered, will bring the glowing red roses in all their beauty and fragrance clustering around the arms of the roughest, heaviest cross. The cross symbolizes the pathway, rugged perhaps, but leading ever up to the heights until at last it leads us into the light of God, where we grasp with joy unspeakable the deathless, pure white rose of perfect attainment.

## GLOSSARY OF BIBLE AND MYTHOLOGICAL TERMS

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"But as we have forgotten the divine Word and would be unable to now comprehend its meaning, the Father speaks to us in the language of symbolism, which both hides and reveals the spiritual truths we must understand before we can come to Him. ...each God-given symbol has a deep meaning which could not be learned without that symbol."

—Ancient and Modern Initiation

**Cave**—Indicates something hidden. Found in the center of the body from which emerges a spiritual force. It can be used for degeneration. When transmuted and used for regeneration it becomes the Neptunian Spinal Spirit Fire.

**Chief Shepherd**—Reason.

**Child**—Daughter, a product of the heart. Son a product of the mind.

**Christ**—See the Cosmo-Conception. Christ is the "sun" of the soul giving out the light of truth to the personality (moon) which shines only by derived light.

**Christ, Body of**—Positive life force.

**Christ, Blood of**—Negative life force.

**Church**—Spiritual centers that must be awakened within the body.

**Circumcision**—An act of sacrifice of the lower expression of the body for the sake of the Spirit.

**City**—High or low state of consciousness, depending upon the circumstances.

**Clay**—Indicates temporary conditions.

**Cloth**—Symbol of the degree of perfection of the Vital Body.

**Clothing**—Similar to above. One described as naked would indicate a lack of spiritual development. (Lack of Aura)

**Cloud**—Spiritually located in the heavens. Coming as a cloud would indicate a spiritual manifestation.

**Coat of Skins**—Other bodies besides the physical.

**Colt**—A new awareness or new phase of

the life force within. Wisdom.

**Communion Cup**—Signifies the source of the life force in the body. To drink worthily was to use this water of life in regeneration, and to drink unworthily was to spend the water of life in sensuality or physical gratification.

**Conceive**—Coming into a new and higher state of consciousness.

**Concubine**—Lower emotional nature.

**Confinement**—Involution.

**Copper**—Ruled by Venus, love. Uranus is the higher octave.

**Corn or Wheat**—Resulting higher qualities, the spiritual germs of which have been sown in the lower nature where they have matured and borne the "Fruit of the Spirit" in the higher nature of the Soul.

**Cross**—The physical body. Note that upon the cross of the Christ was placed the four letters: I.N.R.I., which identify the four elements, (water, fire, air, and earth). Refer to the Rosicrucian Philosophy in Questions and Answers. Page 256

**Crown**—Halo shown on the heads of saints. Identifies an advanced ego.

**Crown, Golden**—Power or authority of the newly spiritualized mind. See Ps 21:3

**Crucifixion**—Overcoming the physical environment so that we can function in the higher worlds.

**Daniel**—Demonstrated mastery over the lower nature. The lions (lower nature) could not harm him.

**Darkness**—Ignorance.

**Daughters of Men**—Ordinary people or emotions.

**Daughters or Daughter of a King**—Higher ideal of the heart or emotional nature.

- David---Beloved of God. He became so by keeping sheep, (living the pure life) which resulted in the slaying of the giant(lower nature, lust, etc.) and conquered enemies (lower faculties within).
- Dead---Refers to our *dead* lower natures (dead to the Spirit).
- Death, First---To the world through Initiation.
- Death, Second---Death of the body. This death has no power over the Initiate.
- Desert---Place of preparation.
- Devils---Evil spirits, sin bodies or the lower nature.
- Die---Become immune to sin and the influence of the lower planes.
- Dogs---Ungoverned passions.
- Donkey---When ridden signifies control of the lower nature and the transmutation of this energy so that it works for us. This also indicates humility.
- Door---Opening to new opportunities. Christ is the door to God.
- Dove---Pure or holy thought or spirit. Symbol of the immortal spirit of God that descended upon Jesus at the baptism.
- Dragon---Lower nature.
- Dungeon---Name given to the body, which is a place of confinement.
- Dwarfs---In the myth of Snowwhite and The Seven Dwarfs, reference is made to the seven centers in the body that must be spiritualized. See the Cosmo, page 67.
- Eagle---Symbol of regeneration. The sign of Scorpio signifies three levels of activity: *degeneration*, *generation*, and *regeneration*. The Eagle emerges from the eighth house sign of Scorpio. Bible reference to the Eagle and the eighth house sign is always in terms of *regeneration*. Birds also indicate the power of thought.
- Earthquakes---Shaking within the body that takes place as the vehicles are released.
- East---To the East, a spiritual descent. From the East, a spiritual ascent.
- Eden, Garden of---Spiritual planes of consciousness formerly possessed by present humanity.
- Elias---Enlightenment.
- Egypt---Spiritual darkness. When Abram went into Egypt to dwell, he suffered from a temporary spiritual famine.
- Elijah---Spiritualized emotional nature that comes before spiritual consciousness.
- Esau---Earthy.
- Esoteric---Religion of the chosen few who are worthy to be leaders.
- Eunuch---One who has cut off the lower use of the life force and has regenerated the body.
- Eve---Feminine principle.
- Evil---The opposite of live!
- Exodus---Way out of sin. (Sin is no knowledge of Divine law)
- Exoteric---Religion of the masses.
- Famine---Spiritual famine. Lack of any faculty that needs to be developed.
- Fasting---Abstention from sense impressions and all external aide while relying upon the indwelling spirit.
- Father---Ego. In the Prodigal Son story, God is the Father.
- Father's House---Heaven.
- Feast---Spiritual realization.
- Feather---Truth. We must remember that truth today may be supplanted by a higher truth tomorrow. (Feathers are moulted and replaced)
- Feet---Foundation. See Brass. Feet of clay indicate an insecure foundation.
- Field---Lower consciousness. Where experience is gained. Our productiveness.
- Fig---Fertility or growth. When Christ cursed the fig tree, he was referring to *our* productiveness.

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# The Angelic and Archangelic Life Waves

## Part 4 – The Archangels

**T**he Archangels are exalted Beings who were human during the Sun Period of Evolution – a time in the Earth's history when mankind was yet plant-like. Since then we have advanced two steps: through the animal and to the human stage of development. The present Archangels have also made two steps in progression since that time: one in which they were similar to what the Angels are now, and another step to their present status as Archangels.

During the Sun Period, the Archangels became experts at building bodies of desire stuff, the densest matter of that Period. Their desire bodies, differing from ours in shape as well as consistency, are used by them as vehicles of consciousness in the same manner as we use our physical bodies. Therefore, they are able to guide and teach such less evolved beings as man and animal how to mold and use a desire body.

The Angels worked alone with man in the Hyperborean Epoch of the Earth evolution, when man had only a dense and vital body. In the Lemurian Epoch, when the desire body was added, the Archangels also took a hand to help the infant human Spirit to control its future vehicles. They neutralized the desire body so that it was sexually active only at certain times of the year. At those times, the Archangels withdrew their restraining influence over the desire body. Then the Angels marshaled humanity into great temples where the generative act was performed at the times when the constellations were propitious. When propagation had been accomplished, the desire body was again neutralized, and, in consequence, there was no more pain connected with parturition than is the

case with animals at present, where similar conditions obtain.

In the latter part of the Lemurian Epoch and the beginning of the Atlantean, man's brain and cerebro-spinal system were sufficiently evolved that the link of mind could be given, and the human Ego began slowly to draw into its bodies. It became an indwelling Spirit in the middle of the Atlantean Epoch, fully conscious of its outside environment.

The Archangels are expert manipulators of forces in the Desire World, and these forces move all the world to action. Therefore the Archangels work with humanity industrially and politically as arbitrators of the destiny of peoples and nations. They are Race and national Spirits, as they unite whole nations by patriotism or love of home and country. They are responsible for the rise and fall of nations; they give war or peace, victory or defeat, as it serves the best interests of the people they rule. This we may see, for instance, from the book of Daniel, where the Archangel Michael is called prince of the children of Israel. Another Archangel tells Daniel that he intends to fight the prince of Persia by means of the Greeks.

We are grouped in families, tribes, races, and nations and in addition to our individual destiny we are tied by the family and national destinies because we are under the guardianship of the Angels and Archangels who act as family and Race Spirits respectively. It is these great Spirits who imprint on our seed atoms the racial form and features of the physical body. They also implant the national loves and hates in the seed atom of our finer vehicles, because the Race Spirit broods like a cloud over the land inhabited by its wards, and the latter draw all the materials for their

finer bodies from this atmosphere. In this Race Spirit, as a matter of actual fact, they live and move and have their being. With every breath they breathe in this Race Spirit, so that it is absolutely true that it is nearer than hands and feet. It is this Race Spirit which imbues them with love and hate for other nations, thus determining the unfriendly and distrustful relations which obtain between certain nations and the trust and confidence which exist between others.

The work of the Race Spirits is readily observable in the people they govern. The lower in the scale of evolution the people are, the more they show a certain racial likeness. This is due to the work of the Race Spirit. One national Spirit is responsible for the swarthy complexion common to Italians, for instance, while another causes the Scandinavians to be blond. In the more advanced types of humanity there is wider divergence from the common type, due to the individualized Ego, which thus expresses in form and feature its own idiosyncrasies. Among the lower types of humanity such as Mongolians, native African Negroes and South Sea Islanders, the resemblance of individuals in each tribe makes it almost impossible for civilized Westerners to distinguish among them.

America has no Race Spirit as yet. It is the melting pot wherein the various nations are being amalgamated to extract the seed for a new race; therefore, it is impossible to arouse a universal sentiment which will make all move as one in any matter. This new race is beginning to appear, however. Its members are recognizable by their long arms and limbs, their lithe bodies, their long and somewhat narrow heads, high crowns, and almost rectangular foreheads. In a few generations it is possible that they will be taken in charge by an Archangel, who will begin to unite them. This itself will take generations, for though the pictures originally stamped in the old race bodies have faded from sight with the advent of international marriages,

they are still effective, and the family connections of America with Europe may be traced in the Memory of Nature found in the Reflecting Ether. Until this record has been wiped clean the tie with the ancestral country is not entirely broken, and the colonies of Italians, Scots, Germans, English, and so forth remaining in various parts of this country retard the evolution of the new race. Probably the Aquarian Age will be here before this condition has been entirely overcome and the American race fully established.

Angelic Beings do not have such bird wings as they are shown to have in pictures, but there are some classes of Beings in the spirit world which have wing-like appendages. These are not for the purpose of flying or moving through space, but are currents of out-welling force that may be hurled in one direction or another, as we use arms and legs.

Thus an Archangel who is impelling the armies of two nations to battle may send out a current of spiritual force in one direction, numbing the soldiers of one army with fear, and may send another force to imbue the opposing army with added courage, thus influencing the battle in a manner little dreamed of by the combatants.

As there are varying grades of intelligence among human beings — some qualified to hold high and lofty positions entirely beyond the ability of others — so, too, it is among higher Beings. Not all Archangels are fitted to govern a nation and rule the destiny of a race, people, or tribe, and some are not fitted to rule human beings at all. Since animals also have a desire nature, however, these lower grades of Archangels govern the animals as Group Spirits and evolve to higher capacity thereby.

Among animals, where the separate spirits are not individualized and self-conscious, the resemblance is not only much more marked physically than it is among human beings, but it also extends even to traits and characteristics. The biography of one man will be different

from that of another of the same species, for, in general, their characteristics and reactions are similar. What we call "instinct" is in reality the dictates of the Group Spirits which govern the separate individuals of their tribes telepathically, as it were.

The ancient Egyptians knew of these animal Group Spirits and sketched many of them, in a crude way, upon their temples and tombs. Such figures with a human body and an animal head actually live in the Desire World. They may be spoken to, and will be found much more intelligent than the average human being.

The chief Initiate of the Archangelic life-wave is the Christ. Far too much information of esoteric significance about this magnificent Being is available in Rosicrucian Fellowship literature to be condensed into this brief article. Suffice it here to say the following:

The Christ, who appeared on Earth in the physical body of the man Jesus for three years, entered our Earth after

His crucifixion and has, since that time, been our indwelling planetary Spirit. He influences men's desire bodies from *within* – contrary to His brother Archangels, the Race Spirits, whose influence must come from *without*. The Christ, utilizing His own sublime vehicles plus the physical and vital bodies of Jesus, is the only Being possessing all twelve vehicles which bridge the gap between the World of Life Spirit and the dense Physical World – thus He is the one direct intermediary between man and God.

When mankind has evolved sufficiently to practice the *true* Christian religion founded by Christ – the religion of brotherly love, compassion, and service to humanity which is still a far cry from the orthodox Christianity prevalent today – he will have been freed completely from the influence of the archangelic Race Spirits and the angelic family spirits, and achieve a universal unity one with another which can, at this point, only be imagined.

## A True Story

A STUDENT

It seemed to be a perfect Saturday as I ambled down the country road several months ago. The early morning Sun was warm and soothing. Horses and cattle grazed peacefully, and here and there farmhouses dotted the landscape. Not a person was in sight.

Suddenly my reverie was shattered by a chorus of menacing barks and growls. On a small incline to the left of the road stood four dogs, their faces distorted by ugly snarls. Theirs were not the warning barks of good watchdogs who alert passerby that they guard property off limits to strangers. Theirs were the snarls of what could only be called vicious beasts.

In a flash, I was aware of many things. I understood that the dogs could easily rip my skin to shreds, yet felt no fear

and was vaguely surprised that this should be so. I made a hasty and necessarily informal plea to the Group Spirit to bring his charges to heel. I experienced a tremendous sensation of all-prevailing Light.

It took the dogs only a few seconds to reach me, but I had already begun to speak to them calmly. "Good dogs," I told them. "Good dogs. You don't really want to hurt me. You *are* good dogs."

"Good dogs, good dogs," I repeated as they began to pull at my clothes with their teeth. They tugged this way and that but, strangely, not a rip or tear appeared in any garment. I noticed blood trickling down my legs, although I felt no pain. The wounds may have been

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# A Restatement of the Mysteries

Alice M.C. Holden

**A** secret teaching concerning man, whence he came, his future development and evolution, the nature of the world he has inhabited and much else, has been contained in the secret books of all civilisations. Abraham was a Chaldean Prince, versed in the Teachings; Moses knew the wisdom of the Egyptians; the Jews of the exile studied the Mysteries of the Babylonians, who had absorbed the teachings of the Sumerians. Knowledge from all these civilisations influenced the religious teaching of the Jews, who also had their secret books.

Difficulties arise in understanding these teachings because no sacred scriptures are written plainly, but always in code and by myths and allegories. The truths must be hidden from the profane and only one who is fitted may find the path. Also every Sacred teaching had its own terms and names and methods of describing processes. Therefore they can only be understood with the right key.

For many centuries the church held that Christianity was a completely new conception and that the teachings were given by Christ. Scholars have long known that this is not so and this fact has been borne out by the discovery of the Essene library of the Dead Sea Scrolls, which show that most of the teachings were present in Judaism. The Essenes were the guardians of the esoteric, or secret, teachings.

The Jews occupied a very special place in the important event planned to help man's evolution. The great Christ Spirit had long sent His messengers to guide early religions and was now to come Himself to give a special impetus to the world's progress, as well as to provide the supreme pattern of the way man should tread the path of initiation. The knowledge of His coming was specifically given to Esdras on the Field of

Ardath, in the time of the captivity. Preparation for His coming was to be made in accordance with the various prophecies. That He was rejected by certain sections of the Jews was due to other complications which had arisen in the interval.

The coming of Christ gave a tremendous impetus to man's development. His followers demonstrated the faculties latent in all men and the powers acquired through initiation. They developed super-human powers which will eventually be normal for all men. Before Christ, only the few had been able to gain initiation, but He made it possible for all who lived the life to eventually reach the goal. In His time there was a great increase in the number who had achieved initiation. Some of these called themselves Gnostics or "Knowers," gnostic meaning knowledge.

The discovery of the Gnostic library at Nag Hamadi, in Egypt at about the same time as the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls (1947) throws light upon the early Christian centuries. By these discoveries we now have direct evidence of the Essene Teaching (before Christ). We have the New Testament (in the time of Christ) and the Gnostic library (after Christ). Therefore knowledge concerning the time of Christ has greatly increased. The Gnostics understood that the secret teachings of all religions were basically the same, though couched in different myths and allegories. Therefore they did not wish to repudiate the teachings of the different races and peoples. At this time also the Christian Teachings were welded together by Greek learning as they also had their mysteries and their sacred books, the Illiad and the Odyssey.

But the church of Rome became richer and so more influential and the various Roman wars made Rome suspicious of these interpretations, which were

no doubt difficult to understand. A well defined religion was needed for the Empire so gradually Gnosticism was regarded as heresy and eradicated by the Roman Church. Eventually the meaning of initiation was lost, in spite of the fact that it is the main subject of the Bible from beginning to end.

Having discarded the Gnosis, the church had to embark on persecution to stamp it out and the Gnosis was driven underground. In 1313 AD to preserve the Mysteries, a great initiate, Christian Rosenkreuz, founded his order of the Rose Cross, a secret society which was able to instruct those who were seeking the Knowledge. There were of course other agencies such as the Alchemists, whose "turning base metal into gold" was really a blind to hide their true work of transforming materially minded man into the spiritual adept. The physical world is never without the influence and assistance of the superphysical realms and all who work for man's development.

The loss of the Gnosis has meant that the world has become more and more materialistic in outlook. Religion, for the most part, has not knowledge to answer the difficult questions. Science has little sympathy with anything it cannot directly investigate.

Around the beginning of this century the Brothers of the Rose Cross decided that the time was ripe to give out to the world some of the Teachings which had been kept secret. They chose as their messenger Max Heindel and gave him instructions to write the *Cosmo-Conception*. This book may be thought of as the Teachings of the Mysteries written in language which can be understood. The terms are carefully chosen and the very difficult concepts are made as clear as possible. The scope of the book is wide. It gives the seven fold plan of evolution of the God of our Solar system and enumerates all the great Hierarchies of Beings which assist. It shows how man enters the plan as spirit and with the help of the Great Hierarchies of Beings he acquires vehicles, including the physical body,

to enable him to function in the different states of matter.

It describes his present evolution by means of the two great laws: 1) the law of Rebirth, 2) the law of Cause and Effect. It describes the changes which will take place in this physical world, making it impossible for him to function in the present body.

As this change takes place in the constitution of the Earth so man has to adjust himself and perfect what is known as "the golden wedding garment" so that he can function in an etherialised earth. Finally we are led to understand the tremendous fact that we have to take our place among the Great Hierarchies who have all developed within the aura of the God of our Solar system. As they have given us every assistance so we will help the groups below us in evolution and so play our part in God's great plan.

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## TRANSFIGURATION

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will shine through the transparent body as the Light of the World."

If we carefully study the life story of Christ Jesus as it is given to us by his Disciples, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, we shall find that He has given us light upon every problem that we, as aspirants, will meet upon the Path. By shedding His great spiritual Power upon us, He calms the storms of emotional excess, heals the great sickness which is ignorance, restores the sight of those blinded by materialism, casts out the demons of hate and greed, and overcomes the last great adversary which is the fear of death. And that is the true meaning of redemption, overcoming man's estrangement from himself, from others, and from God.

# MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

*Taken from His Writings*

## OCCULT PRINCIPLES OF HEALTH AND HEALING

(FOURTEENTH INSTALLMENT)



### Disease

*(Continued)*

#### *Specific Cause of Disease – Insanity*

From the occultist's standpoint there are four classes of insanity. Insanity is always caused by a break in the chain of vehicles between the Ego and the physical body. This break may occur between the brain centers and the vital body, or it may be between the vital and desire body, between the vital and desire body, between the desire body and the mind, or between the mind and the Ego. The rupture may be complete or only partial.

When the break is between the brain centers and the vital body, or between that and the desire body, we have the idiots. When the break is between the desire body and the mind, the violent and impulsive desire body rules and we have the raving maniac. When the break is between the Ego and the mind, the mind is the ruler over the other vehicles and we have the cunning maniac, who may deceive his keeper into believing that he is perfectly harmless until he has hatched some diabolical, cunning scheme. Then he may suddenly show his deranged mentality and cause a dreadful catastrophe.

There is one cause of insanity that it may be well to explain, as it is sometimes possible to avoid it. When the Ego is returning from the invisible world toward re-embodiment, it is shown the

various incarnations available. It sees the coming life in its great and general events, much as a moving picture passing before its vision. Then it is given the choice, usually, of several lives. It sees at that time the lessons it has to learn, the fate it has generated for itself in past lives, and what part of that fate it will have to liquidate in each of the embodiments offered. Then it makes its choice and is guided by the agents of the Recording Angels to the country and family where it is to live its coming life.

This panoramic view is seen in the Third Heaven where the Ego is naked and feels spiritually above sordid material considerations. It is much wiser than it appears here on Earth, where it is blinded by the flesh to an inconceivable extent. Later, when conception has taken place and the Ego draws into the womb of its mother, on about the 18th day after that event, it comes in contact with the etheric mold of its new physical body which has been made by the Recording Angels to give the brain formation that will impress upon the Ego the tendencies necessary to work out its destiny.

There the Ego sees again the pictures of its *coming* life as the drowning man perceives the pictures of his *past* life – in a flash. At that time the Ego is

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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.*

## Helps in Purifying the Bodies

Q. What help is given humanity toward the attainment of self-mastery?

A. There are three helps given toward conquest of the lower nature. The first help is race religions, which by aiding humanity to *overcome the desire body*, prepare it for union with the Holy Spirit.

Q. How does this union operate?

A. The full operation of this help was seen on the day of Pentecost. As the Holy Spirit is the Race God, all languages are expressions of it. That is why the apostles, when fully united and filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke with different tongues and were able to convince their hearers.

Q. How was this state attained?

A. Their desire bodies had been sufficiently purified to bring about the wished-for union and this is an earnest of what the disciple will one day attain to—the power to speak all tongues.

Q. What is the second help?

A. The second help which humanity now has is the Religion of the Son — the Christian religion, the object of which is *Union with Christ* by purification and control of the vital body.

Q. How does man work on the vital body?

A. The fundamental principle in building the vital body is repetition. Repeated experiences work on it to create memory. The Leaders of humanity, who desired to give us unconscious help by certain exercises, instituted prayer as a means of bringing pure and lofty thought to work on the vital body and enjoined

us to “pray without ceasing.”

Q. Why is this necessary, since God is omniscient and must know our needs?

A. Truly God is omniscient and requires no reminder of our needs, but if we pray aright, we lift ourselves up to Him, thus working upon and purifying our vital bodies.

Q. Wherein do we not “pray aright?”

A. We are generally much more concerned about temporal things than we are about spiritual upliftment. When we ask for material or personal aid we are praying to the Race God who fights the battles of His people, gives them increase of flocks and herds, fills their granaries and caters to their material wants. Such prayers are not even purifying and are from the desire body.

Q. What prayer helps us to pray aright?

A. Christ gave to humanity a prayer that is, like Himself, unique and all-embracing. In it there are seven distinct and separate prayers; one for each of the seven principles of man — the threefold body, the threefold Spirit, and the link of mind. Each prayer is peculiarly adapted to promote the progression of that part of composite man to which it refers.

Q. What is the third help?

A. The third help to be given to humanity will be the Religion of the Father. We can have very little conception of what that will be save that the ideal will be even higher than Brotherhood and that by it the dense body will be spiritualized.

Reference: *Cosmo*, pp. 432–435

# WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

## Parable of the Sower

Behold a sower went forth to sow.

And when he had sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside, and the fowls came and devoured them up.

Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth; and forthwith they sprang up, because they had no deepness of earth; And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up, and choked them.

But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. —

Matthew 13:3-8

In this parable Christ Jesus referred not only to the spiritual truths which humanity in general had such need of at the time of His three years' ministry, but He also gave a description of different types of people and their reactions to His teachings. The attitude of the first three classes which He describes accounts for the fact that such a large part of humanity were at the point of retrogression when the Christ Ray came into the earth as its indwelling planetary Spirit.

There were then, as now, many people who have made so little effort and progress along spiritual lines that they do not understand when someone talks to them of the spiritual laws underlying existence. Since the time, aeons and aeons ago, that the virgin spirits were differentiated within God and started in their dip into matter, many have exerted their divine powers so slightly and become so enmeshed in materiality that they have lost the realization of being spiritual beings and respond little to the voice of the Higher Self. The subversive forces are in constant action to lead this class, which constitutes those who "received seed by the wayside," away from the uplifting influences which could place them among the more advanced.

There is another type of people who

are unstable, not having the fixity of purpose or strength of character to retain spiritual teachings and pattern their lives by them, even though they may accept the truths when heard. They listen freely to all teachings which may be promulgated, but they do not discriminate and make their intellectual conceptions a part of their basis for daily living. They do not allow the "word" to take "root" in their beings, and they therefore constitute a "stony ground," where "seed" withers away.

A third class of people have become so engrossed in their material pursuits and selfish desires that they do not permit a knowledge of spiritual truths to interfere with their sensual manner of existence. They live in their emotions and desires: eating, drinking, and making merry. Their homes and lands, their "getting and spending," their personal vanities, etc., occupy their time and thoughts. The "thorns," or lower nature, choke out the "seed" and prevent its growth.

Happily, there is still another type of human being, as referred to in the parable: those who "hear the word." These are the ones who listen to the voice of the Higher Self, the Christ within, and endeavor to live according to the spiritual truths given out to humanity as a pattern for progress by our Elder Brothers. Their daily lives are filled with thoughts and acts of love and service to others, in emulation of Christ Jesus, the Ideal for present humanity. Thus do they prepare themselves for the New Age nurturing the "seed" until it grows and flowers into a glorious, luminous fruitage: the Golden Wedding Garment, or soul body, the evidence of the Christ within.



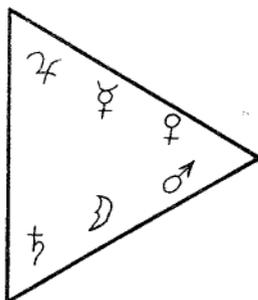


## God Geometrizes

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Lest any have failed to note the beginning of the weaving of a pattern, it might be well to trace it briefly:

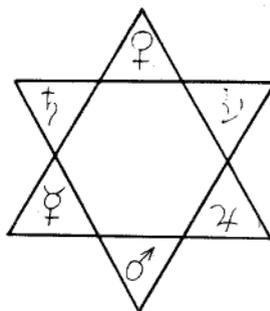


Realm of Abstract Thought  
 Realm of Concrete Thought  
 Emotional Realm  
 Purgatorial Realm  
 Etheric Realm  
 Dense Physical Realm

The formless realities of the third heaven are dimly reflected in the solid substance of the dense physical realm, wherefore the symbol for Saturn is an inversion of the symbol for Jupiter. The archetypes of the realm of concrete thought are reflected in the vital bodies of the etheric realm; the thought form is reflected in the living form, to which Saturn must add substance ere it becomes a body visible to the physical eye. So, too, is mercurial man an inverted lunar plant. That the peace of the realm of

attraction is balanced by the pain of the realm of repulsion in the desire world is well known.

The student is now in a position to put two and two together and construct for himself the next geometrical symbol, the six-pointed star:



Let us walk softly here, for we approach the central truth not only of astrology but of life itself – the sublime mystery of sex. This is a difficult subject, because male and female are clearly differentiated only in their physical expression, though the true significance of sex is spiritual. When humanity ceased to be hermaphrodite, it became the function of man to give and of woman to receive the vital force. This implies something far broader than the relation between man and wife. The birth of an idea, no less than the birth of an infant, results from the reception and the expression of the universal life force. To absorb this life force is a feminine

capacity, to exude it a masculine ability.

What is it that makes a man effeminate or a woman mannish? If the student ponder that, he will realize that in their effects masculine and feminine forces are inextricably interwoven, and only in their causes are they distinguishable. An effeminate man is neither typically masculine nor typically feminine, but the things which make him effeminate are feminine.

Life is sustained by food; when we digest a potato, we absorb its vitality and adapt it to our own use. To absorb and to adapt, these are lunar functions, hence the Moon is said to rule the stomach. Digestion alone, however, does not sustain life. If you sever an artery, all the food in the world will not save your life, but the coagulation of the blood may do so. This healing process is due to the cohesive force of Venus, the preserver.

That Venus and the Moon are feminine is generally recognized, but somehow or other, the third member of the feminine trinity, Jupiter, is traditionally regarded as masculine. There is nothing masculine about the functions of the planet which is said to rule the circulatory system. The circulation of the blood is as necessary to the sustaining of life as is digestion. It is through the activities of these three feminine planets that we are by Nature created. Note that the functions governed by them are passive functions over which we have no conscious control.

What of the other three planets? Mars is the great consumer of vitality. As the engine burns coal to produce power, so Mars burns up the vitality absorbed by the Moon, and circulated by Jupiter, to produce energy. If energy be directed, it can be turned to useful work, just as the power of an engine can set the wheels of industry humming. Mars is said to rule the muscular system; Mercury the nervous system and the brain, which direct the activities of the muscles.

Mars and Mercury alone cannot effect anything. An engine made of ordinary

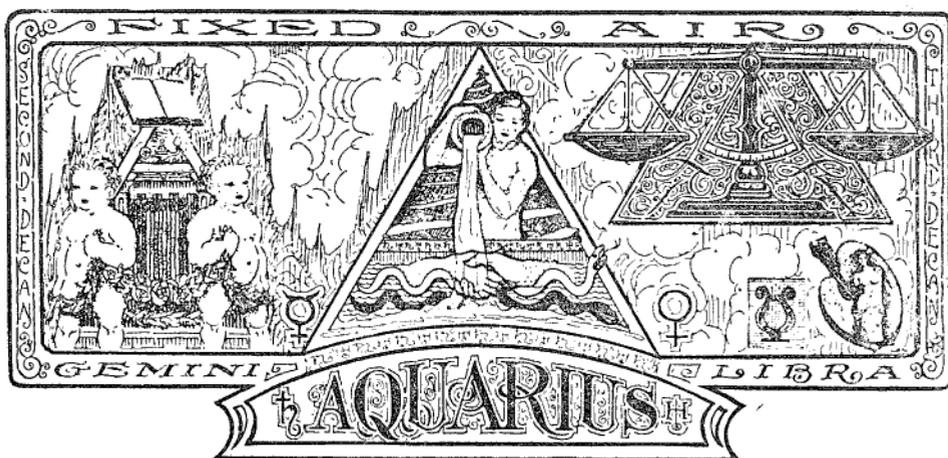
rubber could do no work – its component parts must possess rigidity. Saturn, which is said to rule the bones, supplies the force which makes it possible to tense the muscles, or to plant the foot firmly, or to hold an object in one's grasp. The functions governed by Saturn, Mars, and Mercury, are active functions. By means of them man has the ability to create, whereas through the operations of the Moon, Venus and Jupiter he is himself created.

The plant, absorbing life from earth, water, air, and sunlight, grows, then bears fruit and dies. In the exercise of his creative powers man (or woman) gives forth the universal life force more rapidly than he can absorb it; thus he grows old and dies, or rather his physical body does so. This is the true significance of sex. In the process of involution or self-unfoldment whereby God manifests Himself in creating the universe, He is the Great Father. In the process of evolution whereby He draws into Himself all that He has created, He is the Universal Mother.

The Rosicrucian student is aware that a man's dense body is positive and his vital body is negative, whereas the opposite is true of a woman's body. This is but part of a greater law. From the material point of view the lower half of each world is positive, the upper half negative. From the spiritual point of view the reverse is the case. Mercury, Mars, and Saturn, corresponding to the lower mental, lower desire, and lower physical worlds, are the causes of man's descent into physical existence, and it is man, physically positive, who is best fitted to express their forces. The Moon, Venus, and Jupiter draw humanity upward, and it is woman, physically negative but spiritually positive, who is best fitted to receive the impress of their forces.

The downward urge and the upward yearning may be illustrated very simply. Through Mercury we form the archetype of something to be created; through Mars we

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## The Children of Aquarius, 1975

**A**quarius is a fixed air sign, and its physical analogy is the atmosphere. Its ruler, Uranus, in Greek mythology, was the God who was the sky, among whose children were the twelve Titans. There is no way that one can enclose the atmosphere in a container, and likewise, one would be hard put to pin an Aquarian down. In its positive manifestation, the Aquarian is a humanitarian who believes in the right of everyone to have an equal opportunity to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." It is of no use to try and get him to hold to a one-sided view through argument, for just when you think that he has been won over, you will find that he is of the same opinion still. The only thing that can encompass the atmosphere is the cosmos itself, so that only those ideas which are founded upon unbiased reasoning, those of universal conception, will appeal to our Aquarian. He it is who searches for a more religious science and a more scientific religion, where both of these important factors in the development of man can stand upon equal ground. If he seems to be somewhat eccentric at times, perhaps it is because he sees with a broader vision than we who are still concerned with our own self-interest. Albeit, he will

always be kindly disposed toward us, for brotherhood is another one of his ideals.

When the influence of Aquarius manifests negatively, fixed air becomes stagnant air. An idea once accepted, which is an accomplishment in itself, will be expounded over and over again to all who are within earshot. The negatively-oriented Aquarian, too, is averse to being pinned down, and is rebellious toward all things that do not give him free scope to exercise, or do not agree with, his own particular predispositions. Instead, like stagnant air, they limit themselves. For although they assume their ideas to be humanitarian and universal, they are really caught up in a thought pattern that provides its own self-justification, and thus admits of no argument from the outside, nor change from the inside.

That part of the esoteric constitution of man which is ruled by Aquarius is the superconscious mind, which is the storehouse of all the faculties that we have gained in our past involution and evolution. This accounts for the intuitive nature of many who are under the influence of Aquarius, for a flash of intuition is a momentary contact with that superlative source of knowledge

and insight. The power of the super-conscious mind derives from the fact that the faculties stored there are not just dead knowledge, but knowledge that has been made alive by being infused with the heart principle, the feeling nature. Uranus is the principle of impersonal feeling and refinement, by which the external garb of an idea is by-passed, and the inner significance perceived directly. Its action in this respect may be likened to a bolt of lightning out of the blue sky.

As the Sun is passing through the sign of Aquarius, the Christ Spirit is imbuing us with the impulse toward universal friendship, where we shall regard all persons as worthy of our due consideration, which must come to pass in some measure before He can manifest among us again, as the Prince of Peace.

On January 21 a solar orb, square to Uranus, begins with two fixed signs involved making these children very high strung and impulsive without regard for conventionalities; impatient of restraint upon their affairs. They must be taught self-control and use of this dynamic force for worthwhile achievements. The trine of the Sun to Pluto gives a nature strong with vital power and regeneration which will be the positive avenue of effort and a balance for the erratic uranian impulses. During a part of this period, from Jan. 24 to Feb. 8, the Sun is also making a sextile to Neptune which is a very inspirational and visionary aspect, giving a love of the occult. This aspect makes possible an approach to divinity.

Venus trines Uranus from Jan. 27 to Feb. 5 making these children exceedingly magnetic, attracting helpful friends and possibly a favorable marriage partner. They will have the capacity to appreciate Art and music and also a sense of spiritualized love. From Jan. 30 to Feb. 18 Venus sextiles Mars adding to their attractiveness and giving them a healthy, integrated emotional nature, the capacity to enjoy activity and to work cooperatively. However, Venus is square to

Neptune from Feb. 1 to Feb. 13 and these children should be taught to be honest in their dealings with other people and never to speculate or take unnecessary chances; to be careful that they are not deceived by or deceive others through manipulation of emotions. From the period of Feb. 13 to Feb. 18 Venus is conjunct Jupiter giving testimony to a very generous and sympathetic nature with a mind set on high principles and a love of music which should be encouraged.

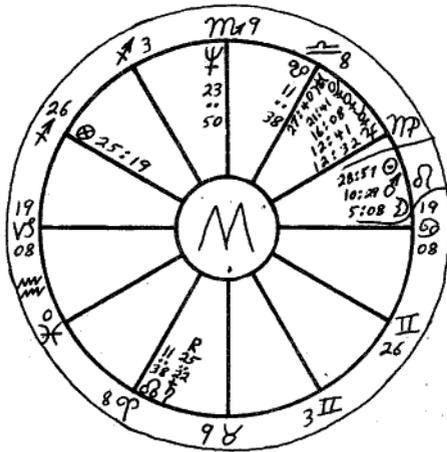
From Jan. 21 to Jan. 31 Mercury is conjunct Venus in a fixed sign and this aspect makes these natives cheerful and determined in their views and mental pursuits. Mercury is sextile Neptune from Feb. 9 to Feb. 18 and trine Pluto from Feb. 11 to Feb. 18. These children are endowed with a Neptunian faculty of inspiration and intuition for they will be able to give the reasons for their beliefs. Pluto's aspect to Mercury will produce a mental hyper-sensitivity and a quick perception into any situation.

Saturn is trine Jupiter from Jan. 21 to Feb. 3. Although somewhat weak by sign, the good aspect to Jupiter helps to fortify Saturn's ability to perform his responsibilities and these children will be productive with a potential to grow and develop along their chosen lines of endeavor. From Jan. 31 until Feb. 16 Saturn opposes Mars. These natives will have the opportunity to balance an oft-time harsh and selfish nature with a more thoughtful consideration for others. Habits of this type should be inculcated into these children early in life.

Mars is sextile to Uranus from Jan. 21 to Feb. 2 and squares Pluto from Jan. 26 to Feb. 11. During the period of the sextile these natives receive a dynamic intensity for expression through creativity. The emotions will need to be curbed so that this creative impulse will not become destructive. The square to Pluto will intensify the need for right expression and outlet of emotions and energy.

Jupiter is square Neptune from Jan. 21 to Feb. 25 indicating, again, a sensitive child and the need for early training in regard to the emotions.

## Readings for Subscribers' Children



Ahab L.  
Born August 21, 1968, 5:19 P.M. PDST  
Latitude 34N03, Longitude 118W27

In Ahab's horoscope there is a stellium in Virgo in the 8th house. The planets involved are Jupiter, Mercury, Venus, Pluto and Uranus. Mercury is essentially dignified and exalted in Virgo, and Pluto is accidentally dignified by being in his natural house. Pluto is also the one planet in the stellium that conjuncts all of the others. Thus these two planets have a prominent place in the chart.

Traditionally, the 8th house is said to be the house of death; but if we are really going to understand the 8th house, we must understand death. Physical death is that point we reach when our Dense Body is no longer of any use to us, and if we are going to continue our evolution, we must discard it and begin to function on a different level. That is, we have reached the end of one phase of our development and it is time to take a new direction. The 8th house then, rules all those other times in our life when we have exhausted our possibilities in a given direction, and must therefore re-focus our consciousness into a new channel.

Thus, for Ahab, it appears that there will be an intense mental effort to analyze and understand everything that comes into his life. He will develop his mind till it is as sharp as a razor's edge. It is true that there is a lack of air sign emphasis, but the strong Virgo emphasis more than compensates. However, Virgo being an earth sign, and with Capricorn rising, we can see that Ahab will be very practical and scientific in his thinking, demanding a proof of everything. If this is not supplied to him, he will either reject it, or seek out the matter for himself. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," will be his manner of approaching life. The purpose of all this intensity of mental effort, from the larger point of view, is that Ahab is not satisfied with the accepted ways, but has reached a point where he must know for himself. He is seeking a new direction in his own life.

We also see that Ahab may have quite an interest in health and healing. Aside from the Virgo stellium, Pluto-ruled Scorpio is on the 10th house cusp, Neptune deposited therein and ruling the 2nd house, and Mercury is ruling the 5th and 6th houses. With these configurations, Ahab would do better as a research doctor, or one who deals with health matters in an indirect way, rather than directly with those who are ill. He may deal with pharmaceuticals, chemical analysis, laboratory work, pathology, health foods, etc.

There are also indications of working in the fields of writing, publishing or teaching. Saturn, the ruler of the ASC, is in Aries in the 3rd house, trine to the essentially dignified Sun in the 7th, and both of these are trine to the Part of Fortune. Mars, the ruler of the sign on the cusp of the 3rd house, is conjunct the Moon in Leo in the 7th house. Thus Ahab may profitably come before the public in presenting his ideas through literary endeavor. It is also likely that



in the 1st, in Scorpio, trine to the MC. All other affairs in this horoscope are under the dominion of the stellium in Aquarius. Of the planets in Aquarius, Mars and Saturn are conjunction and parallel, while all of the others, Sun, Mercury, Venus, Dragon's Tail, Moon and Jupiter, are mutually conjunct, trine the ASC and the Part of Fortune, and square Neptune.

Nadina is so strongly marked with the characteristics of Aquarius, that most of the tendencies mentioned in this issue under the delineation of the sign of Aquarius, both positively and negatively, will apply to her directly. In addition, we must focus on the influence of the 4th house. In the abstract, the 4th house rules conclusions, outcomes, and endings of most matters, tradition, (family and cultural especially), heredity, and conditions of the home, or personal environment. The 4th house is also a house of inner activity.

The combination of the Aquarian influence with the 4th house shows that Nadina will be able to give something of herself to others. She will be able to attract a large number of people to herself, for the trines to the Libran ASC, and the Part of Fortune, give an extremely pleasing personality, and one who will seldom lack for anything she needs, for there will be friends and well-wishers aplenty to aid her in that direction. She will be able to feel at home and in command in practically any circumstance. Her immense self-confidence and unruffled exterior are two of the things that attract other people to her. Because of her capacity to quickly and efficiently evaluate any situation, Nadina will be in a position to aid many. She can afford to be generous in this direction, and generally is. In summary, we can say that for Nadina, home means more than just a family circle, it means the circle of humanity.

Because of the air sign emphasis, we may suspect that Nadina will have some literary or speaking abilities. The 18th degree of Aquarius is said, by

some astrologers, to be a "literary" degree, and Nadina has Venus, Moon, Jupiter and the Dragon's Tail there, trine to the Part of Fortune in the 18th degree of Libra. Through the mass media, she may become a popular individual, and attract many varied people and conditions to herself, which would have the effect of producing an Aquarian home, right where she is.

These tendencies we have been discussing are likely to increase as Nadina grows older, due to the 4th house influence.

As aforementioned, the popularity and success which Nadina is likely to experience will put her in a position to be able to help many people. It will also put her in a position to mislead many. Neptune in the 1st house, square to the Aquarian planets, shows a strong temptation to do just that. It is always easier to rest on the laurels of our past achievements than to exert ourselves to make fresh advances — to appear to be something than to actually be it. The trine between Neptune and the MC shows that Nadina could make a lot of spiritual progress in this life, but the question is, will she choose to do so? The influence of the Dragon's Tail gives a tendency to take the easy way out, to drift with the tide of popularity. The question she should ask herself is not whether she has done well enough to suffice for the moment, but whether she could do better. She should further beware that her popularity is founded upon the fact that she has something substantial to give to others to make them better people, and not upon the fact that she has an overwhelming personality. Retrograde Mercury ruling the 9th and 12th houses shows that she must discipline herself in this direction or suffer limitation. Pluto and Uranus, both retrograde and in the 11th house, indicate that many of Nadina's hopes and wishes lie in dealing with large numbers of people, individually and collectively. She must be careful though, because although the ideal of impersonal regard for others is

exactly an Aquarian ideal, the above-mentioned retrogrades, the mutual reception between the Sun and Uranus, both in the signs of their detriment, and the Neptune influence, show the danger of warping this ideal in such a way that an outward appearance of impartiality is maintained, while the personal self becomes glorified. We must learn to help all those who come our way. We can without distinction, in such a way that they become able to better help themselves, and do it all to the glory of God. In so doing, we are successfully combining the ideals of Leo and Aquarius.

The most difficult problem that Nadina will have to work with, and the one which, if overcome, will do the most to alleviate the problems delineated above, is a difficult self-concept. To lead one's-self astray is a dangerous thing indeed, for if we cannot recognize when we are deceiving ourselves, how will we be able to recognize when we are doing the same to others? Thereby we lay up much sorrow for ourselves. To best deal with this situation, the exercise of retrospection is highly recommended. When this exercise is practiced consistently and conscientiously, we develop the ability to judge ourselves accurately, and we also build the conscience that prompts us to abstain from that which we judge to be wrong, and to do that which we judge to be right.

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There is little benefit and no virtue to knowledge without practice.

For man's greatest actions are performed in minor struggles. Life, misfortune, isolation, abandonment and poverty are battlefields which have their heroes — obscure heroes who are at times greater than illustrious heroes.

—Victor Hugo

## GOD GEOMETRIZES

(Continued from page 70)

receive the power and the desire to create; and through Saturn we are enabled to materialize thought and desire. Through the Moon we are enabled to image in our minds things external to ourselves, to receive impressions; through Venus we yearn to make these impressions a part of ourselves by tranquil meditation; and the broadening, uplifting force of Jupiter fulfills our aspirations and makes soul growth possible.

The astrologer is wont to call Mercury the messenger of the gods. However, it is ridiculous to attribute to Mercury weakness of will. Is it not called the planet of mind? To have a mind of one's own — to decide things for oneself — nothing else so clearly expresses the purposeful nature of Mercury. Combined with Mars it gives an iron will to do; combined with Saturn it gives a rocklike will not to do. Of all planets this is at once the most misunderstood and the one most needful of understanding, for this is man's own planet, and without such understanding we cannot hope to follow the sage's advice, "Man, know thyself!"

As Mercury gives man will, the power of self-determination and self-direction, so the Moon lends him willingness, the capacity for being ruled and directed. It is Mercury who makes man self-conscious of his own individuality, and therefore selfish. It is the Moon which, blinding man to self, gives him the sympathy that enables him to feel what others feel, to know instinctively that all life is one, and which therefore makes him unselfish. The student is asked to think well on this, for rightly understood it is the key to the basic relation between man and woman. It explains why man was born to rule in material things, and why his superiority is illusory. It explains the Catholic instinct to adore the "Mother of God," and why the most ancient traditions represent Lilith, a woman, as preceding Adam, the first man.

# VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE ADVICE

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

*place of birth, year, day of month, hour. No reading given except in this Magazine and ONLY FOR PERSONS 14 TO 40 YEARS OF AGE. -- Editor.*

Robert P.M.

Born June 30, 1949, 11:40 A.M. EDST  
Latitude 42N15, Longitude 71W07

In Robert's horoscope there is a group of three planets around the MC. The Sun, Uranus and the Cancer MC are mutually conjunct and parallel, and Venus, the ruler of the ASC, is in the 10th house. The Moon, ruler of Cancer, is in Virgo in the 11th house, conjunct Saturn, ruler of the sign on the cusp of the 4th house, which is the Moon's natural house. The Moon-Saturn conjunction is sextile to the Sun-MC-Uranus conjunction. There are a number of suitable occupational fields indicated by these configurations. Real estate matters look favorable, as does the food industry, or the movie industry. A wholesale or retail supplier of goods to the public is also a favorable possibility.

There are cardinal signs on the angles in Robert's chart, five planets in cardinal signs, and the same five planets in angular houses. Putting this together with the foregoing indications, Robert could succeed in executive or supervisory positions in the occupational areas listed. For example, he could be an executive of a real estate agency, the proprietor of a health food restaurant or store, or connected with a distributor that supplies natural products to such places, or a director or executive in the movie industry. The latter occupation is specifically indicated by the Sun conjunct Uranus, the Sun being the natural 5th house ruler, and Uranus ruling the 5th house in this case.

Uranus is in the 9th house, along with Mercury and Mars, which are conjunction in Gemini, and trine Neptune, in Libra in the 1st house. Neptune is ruling the 6th house. This configuration indi-

cates work circumstances which require a degree of mental agility and diplomacy, but also forcefulness. This, of course, is an asset in any type of executive position, where one must handle personnel matters in a manner that is fair to all. As a matter of fact, the strong mercurial tendencies, along with the Cancer emphasis, could give success as a personnel director. The Neptune element would help, once again, in the movie industry. The imaginative element of Cancer also enters here.

Pluto, ruler of the 2nd house, is sextile to Neptune, Mars and Mercury, lying midway between the trine that these three planets make. Pluto is in Leo in the 11th house, once again indicating opportunities for financial success in the employment situations listed above, where leadership is required. The Part of Fortune is also in the 2nd house, sextile Jupiter in Capricorn, in the 4th house, and square Saturn and the Moon. The former aspect promises financial success through maintaining fair-minded and open-handed dealings with everyone, giving all their due earned. The latter aspect warns against an avaricious attitude that puts money ahead of people as a possible cause of financial restriction.

Other sources of difficulty that Robert must deal with in order to realize his best are shown first by Venus opposition to Jupiter. This shows a self-indulgent attitude. Robert needs to be aware of the rightful demand that others have on his time, especially his family. Neptune square the Sun and the MC should remind him that if he would maintain his position of respect and authority, he must not let a vain and over-bearing attitude undermine him. "But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing." (2 Thess. 3:13)

Georgiana F.  
 Born February 2, 1955, 4:02 P.M. PST  
 Latitude 47N37, Longitude 122W20

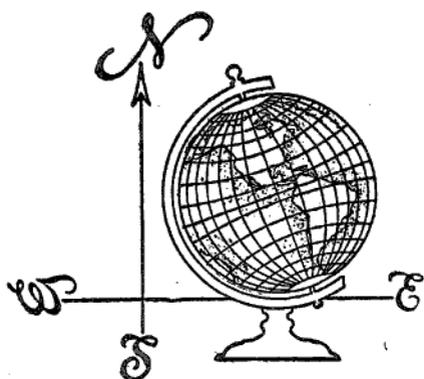
This horoscope has so much energy in it that it makes you want to get up and run around the block a couple of times before you sit down to read it! The essentially dignified Mars is conjunct the Aries MC, in a critical degree, four minutes away from an exact sextile to the Sun, which is the ruler of the ASC and the sign on the cusp of the 2nd house, in Aquarius in the 7th house. Mars is trine to, and the Sun sextile to, the Part of Fortune, in Sagittarius in the 5th house. Aside from the Part of Fortune being in the 5th house, Saturn, ruler of the 6th house is there in Scorpio, as is Venus, in Sagittarius. Venus is trine to Pluto, in Leo and the 2nd house, and sextile to Mercury and Neptune. As a matter of fact, there is a whole string of sextiles in Georgiana's chart: Moon sextile Pluto, Pluto sextile Neptune, Neptune sextile Venus and Venus sextile Mercury. This is also a very energetic pattern. We further note that this horoscope has seven planets plus the ASC and MC in the elements of fire and air.

Whatever occupation Georgiana chooses, it will probably be one that involves lots of energy, leadership, and personal interaction or co-operation with others. An occupation that involves the outdoors would be good, and since teaching is also indicated, a physical education teacher would seem very favorable. Georgiana has both the requisite mental qualities and physical abilities for this. Any type of outdoor work would make her feel at home though. The 5th house conditions indicate that she could work with children too, so that she could work as a camp supervisor for a church, a school, or some other organization. All sorts of occupations where the physical body plays a part are denoted: Sports, gymnastics, physical culture, and with Jupiter and Uranus conjunct and parallel in Cancer, in the 12th house, trine

Saturn, perhaps even a physical therapist in a hospital. There is another possibility too, and that is the classical dance. This is also an occupation that requires the development of co-ordination between mind and body.

This latter maybe a good occupation for more reasons than one, for it will also help Georgiana to develop more of the feminine principal in her, and this may be needed. Even if she does not choose it as an occupation, she may do well to take it up on the side. Now there is absolutely nothing wrong with anyone of the female sex taking up the culture and training of the physical body. As a matter of fact, it is to be admired. But when it is done out of a failure to identify properly with the feminine sex, then it is not right either. Georgiana has both of her feminine planets, the Moon and Venus, in opposition to one another, from the 11th to the 5th houses, and both intercepted. This fact, together with the predominance of masculine elements noted, indicates the possibility of such a thing. Georgiana should emphasize to herself the co-operative factor that sports can bring out in people, and not the overly competitive attitude, for this too, is a feminine principal. With Neptune square to the retrograde Uranus and Jupiter in the 12th house, and the ASC, she should be careful that she does not identify too closely with the physical body, but learn to look upon it as a useful instrument of the Spirit, the temple of the indwelling God.

Sometimes the dynamic energy of Mars will manifest as impetuosity, and with Mercury in the 8th house, opposition to Pluto, and ruling the 3rd, Georgiana should be careful of any money-making schemes, either of her own devising, or those advocated by others. If she disciplines herself to channel her pioneering spirit into constructive channels, she will not have any need for schemes, for she will make her way through her own efforts and merits.



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## Where Do We Go From Here?

IOWA—An associate professor at the University of Iowa College of Medicine who recently conducted a study of nearly 80 near-fatal encounters with death has published some astounding facts about what it would be like to die.

Dr. Russell Noyes discovered in his research that many of the victim's recollections follow a distinct, almost predictable pattern.

The professor believes there are three stages to dying and he has broken the stages into three different chronological divisions including resistance, review and transcendence.

In the first stage, Doctor Noyes explains, the victim's realization that death is imminent precipitates a violent struggle to gain control of the situation so as to remain alive.

If the victim does not overcome the situation, there follows a period of passive resignation to death, which in turn leads to a sensation of profound tranquility.

At this point Doctor Noyes explains, the person may experience a peculiar split between the body and mind. This state would permit a person to watch his own death with a feeling of detachment. Because the victim at this time has ruled out a future for himself, the victim switches his concentration to a review of the past. Pleasant memories flash through his mind in rapid succession.

About one-third of Doctor Noyes' interviews actually entered this "review" stage of death before regaining consciousness, but a similar number of patients came still closer to death and onto the third stage, transcendence.

Doctor Noyes discovered that in this final stage, the victim feels as though he had slipped beyond boundaries of past and future.

—Probe, Fall 1974

Thank goodness for Doctor Noyes' report! It's time for something like it!

Max Heindel says in the *Christianity Lectures* (page 78) "We have studied the phenomenon of birth, and have evolved a *Science of Birth*. We have qualified obstetricians and trained nurses to minister in the best possible manner to both mother and child to make them comfortable, but we are sadly, very sadly, in need of a *Science of Death*. When a child is coming into the world we bustle about in intelligent endeavor; when a lifelong friend is about to leave us we stand helplessly about, ignorant of how to aid, or worse, worse than all, we bungle, and cause suffering instead of helping."

There are many accounts of death and life after death by psychics and mediators. We admit that we are prejudiced, but we think the best of those accounts are scattered throughout Max Heindel's writings. There are several later writers who give reports, and we think the one given by Ann Ree Colton, *Men in White Apparel* (1961) gives a more detailed account. Mrs. Colton knew Mrs. Heindel.

The Fellowship has a free brochure called "The Science of Death." We shall be glad to send a copy to anyone who wants one. We quote from it here.

"Death, so called, is but a passing of the spirit into a larger sphere—a birth. It should be prepared for with the greatest care. The physical body is but a vehicle which the spirit uses to gain experience in this school day of life. ...man's body is fourfold, consisting of the physical or dense body, the vital body, the desire body, and the mind or mental body. At what is called death the

spirit withdraws with the two higher vehicles which are tied to the etheric and physical bodies by a slender cord."

## Energy Help—

### —From Kelp

Just about the most efficient way to store solar energy is by the ancient and natural process of photosynthesis. Green plants operate at an efficiency that turns energy managers green with envy. The energy crunch has prompted a spate of proposals to capitalize on this bounty by farming plant crops for some kind of more-or-less direct energy extraction—by burning them as fuel, for example, or converting them to more useful organic fuels.

Now there is a pilot project under way to utilize the energy potential of the fastest growing plant known—kelp, the giant seaweed. Under the sponsorship of the National Science Foundation and the Navy, the world's first marine-energy farm is taking shape near San Clemente Island off the Southern California coast. Three thousand full-grown kelp plants are being fastened by skindivers to a rope-network raft that covers seven acres and is anchored 40 feet below the surface in 300 feet of water.

Marine biologist Wheeler North of Caltech, who is chief scientist for the project, explains that its aim is to see whether man can farm the kelp by growing them on artificial bottoms anchored in deeper water than the kelp ordinarily grow in. "If we can grow these plants in sufficient quantity," he says, "they might provide us with a vast amount of petroleum-like products for generating food, fuels, and electric power."

Dr. Howard A. Wilcox of the Naval Undersea Center, San Diego, is project manager of the kelp farm. He predicts that operation of a 1000-acre farm by 1980 will be proof of the concept, and that by 1985, a practical, 100,000-acre farm could be in business.

He expects 10 percent of the kelp grown to be used for food, 30 percent for fertilizers and plastics, and 60 percent for natural gas and other fuels. Methane has been produced from kelp in the laboratory, and could be generated commercially by microbial action, as it is now being produced in some sewage-treatment plants.

Last month we reported on kelp as a source of energy. More details are available and we are glad to share them.

In terms of the almost astronomic figures that the energy commission gives out, these totals of geo-thermal, solar,

wind and marine energy producers are almost infinitesimal. But they do bolster our shocked economic sensibilities. Somehow we feel less at the mercy of greedy monopolies and surer of our survival in a more intimate and less complicated world.

## 2nd Cocktail Might

### Feed a Starving Child

Harvard nutritionist Jean Mayer says Americans could feed millions of starving people by limiting themselves to one drink at cocktail parties.

Most alcohol is made from grain, and Mayer said Americans drink enough beer and cocktails each year to feed 40 million to 50 million people.

"I'm not preaching prohibition. I'm just preaching moderation," Mayer said. "It would be better for our health, it would be better for our pocketbooks and it would be better for our consciences.

"The phrase, 'Have a drink and starve a child' could reduce the enjoyment of alcoholic beverages."

Mayer is the director of the United Nations Task Force on Children's Nutrition....

Mayer said there is enough food in the world to keep people from starving in Africa and Asia. But he said Americans will have to eat and drink less so that others have what they need....

*Telegraph Herald* (Dubuque, Ia.)  
Nov. 11, 1974

Our only disagreement with Mr. Mayer's suggestion is that he *isn't* "preaching prohibition"! "Moderation" in liquor consumption is perhaps less objectionable than excessive drinking, but there is no escaping the fact that human beings must learn to stop drinking *entirely* before they can begin to make significant spiritual progress.

It is appalling to learn how much grain, vitally needed for food, is wasted to produce alcoholic beverages. Perhaps this humanitarian appeal will have more effect on some people than do pleas that they stop drinking for their own sakes.

# BOOK REVIEWS

## "Beyond Stonehenge"

*Beyond Stonehenge*, Gerald S. Hawkins  
(Harper and Row), 1973. \$10.00

Gerald S. Hawkins is first an astronomer, then an astro-physicist and an astro-archeologist - as well as being a first rate writer! In conjunction with the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and with the support of the National Geographic Society, Professor Hawkins studied the measurements of Stonehenge in 1964 and fed them into a computer. The first five chapters of this book give a resume of that work.

By using carbon 14 dating the team found that the first work done at Stonehenge was begun about 2,000 B.C. and that there were three distinct periods, ending in approximately 1500 B.C. pre-dating any Druidic action by more than a thousand years. The stones accurately marked the equinox, solstice, new moon, full moon, eclipses and the path of the moon's nodes. But Mr. Hawkins says of the digital electronic computer: "The most to be extracted from the computer was the advantage of time compression and the basic numbers associated with the problem. It could be no substitute for the heritage of ritual and thought process that went along with the life-absorbing early environmental work."

Other stone placements in England, Scotland and Ireland were visited and astronomical sightings were taken. Then Mr. Hawkins and his associates were sent to Peru to check the lines on the desert at Nasca.

The lines on the desert at Nasca are hardly noticeable from the ground.

But from an airplane they extend for miles in elaborate designs: huge 200 foot lizards, a strange beaked creature, flowers and always geometrical lines. The thousands of pieces of pottery fragments found there and tested by the carbon 14 method were dated from 100 B.C. - 100 A.D. and definitely Pre-Inca.

Mr. Hawkins writes (page 149) "work left untouched for 2,000 years - lines to measure, to study, and to base calculations on. The computer had searched for an astronomical purpose and failed. The lines were not made to point to the heavens or the horizon, were not roadways or footpaths, would not irrigate, and do not mark anything buried in the desert subsoil. Maybe tomorrow's graduate student, with or without computer, will go over the data and find a fresh insight into the mystery."

But when the author visited Machu Picchu (discovered in 1911) he found that it was a temple complex and not a city. Here was the *intihuatana* (literally the Sun's hitching post) intact. "I studied and took measurements of the device. The post, or vertical gnomon, was one foot high with a slanting top. The western face of the stone was cut into with slanting and horizontal planes, so that the edges were straight and ran in various directions. ...Without doubt this was a prehistoric instrument. The shadows cast by the sun or moon could be read to  $\frac{1}{2}$  centimeter, corresponding to an angular error of about  $\frac{1}{4}$  degree for the longest shadow line. The solstice, equinox, and displacements of the moon could be observed. At this altitude Venus also

would cast a shadow." (page 164)

Because the Inca stone was not constructed on principles of present-day science the author has had to work out his own methods of checking and he is still working on the solution. Other places were visited and measurements taken, Cuzco, the Island of Coati, the Island of the Sun at Lake Titicaca. It all makes fascinating reading for the layman.

There are chapters on the Indian mounds in North America and the Mayan civilization in Central America and Mexico establishing definite astronomical relations. Because of the destruction of all historical and social records by the Spanish Conquistadores we have no way of knowing how the people of these ancient civilizations thought. When we impose our present day logic and reason on those stone records we have only confusion. The neolithic men who built Stonehenge are just as incomprehensible to us. But because of the cultural debt we owe to ancient Egypt as it falls into its appointed place with the pre-historic Aryan India, Persia, Greece and Rome we find an altered view.

Gerald Hawkins visited the Great Temple of Amon-Ra, Karnak, Luxor, Egypt, the "god of gods, lord of the thrones of the two Egypts." The earliest temple there was built about 2,000 B.C. on the east side of the pylon, but the view from there was blocked in 1480 B.C. when Thutmose III built his Hall of Festivals. On a wall of this Hall of Festivals Mr. Hawkins came upon an inscription which was dated 840 B.C. It read: "One climbs the *Aha*, the lonesome place of the majestic soul, the high room of the intelligence which moves across the sky; one now opens the door of the horizon building of the primordial god of the two countries in order to see the mystery of Horus shining." (page 208)

The glyph used for *Aha* could be read as a place of combat as well as the old battlefield between Upper and Lower Egypt in old Cairo. The men "climbed a stairway - steep, narrow, without sides -

into a small open-to-the-sky chamber, the so-called High Room of the Sun. There was a square altar of alabaster in front of a rectangular aperture in the wall. This roof temple was dedicated to Ra-Hor-Akhty, the sun-god rising on the horizon. The wall carried a picture of the pharaoh, facing the aperture, one knee to the ground, making a gesture of greeting to the rising sun: Make acclamation to your beautiful face, master of gods, Amon-Ra..." (page 209)

This alabaster altar was directly aligned to the midwinter sunrise. Mr. Hawkins writes, "I began to draft a paper for a scientific journal: 'And so we see at Karnak it is the extreme southerly sunrise that is marked. There is a correspondence with the marking of the winter solstice in the great trilithon at Stonehenge. This has double significance. The sun overcomes the powers of darkness in a combat in the underworld each night, and overcomes the threat of the solstice each year. The new god is born free in victory at dawn on Midwinter's Day....'" (page 210)

Astro-archaeology began 20,000 years ago with the cave paintings and carvings on ivory tusks. Man was as interested in numbers and geometry then as now. Perhaps our space technicians learned their fundamentals in those incarnations when man punctuated the year of the seasons with sun and moon datings. Sun worship was not confined to the ancient Persians as we were once taught but was practiced over the entire Earth.

This is a big book, 7½ by 10 inches, 319 pages with many outstanding photographs. Many absorbing topics dealt with in the book, such as what makes a civilization and how much longer our civilization will continue, are not mentioned here for lack of space. Thor Heyerdahl and Immanuel Velikovsky enter these pages, but you will have to read it for yourself to get a true picture of the breadth and scope of the author's work.

# Readers' QUESTIONS

## The Occult and the Rosicrucian Philosophy

I am in fellowship with a group of sincere Christians who view the occult as the deception of Satan and warn strongly against having anything to do with the occult. I understand that the Rosicrucian Fellowship teachings are considered occult and, although I am not yet familiar with them in depth, they do not appear to me to be in any way "satanic." Would you please express your views on this?

*Answer:*

The "occult," generally speaking, refers to that which is hidden, secret, or considered "supernatural" from the purely physical point of view. The occult, as does everything else, has its negative as well as its positive aspects. Unfortunately, because the negative aspects are being given so much emphasis, the entire world of the occult has a "bad name" in some circles.

We believe, however, that the Rosicrucian Philosophy, or what we call the Western Wisdom Teachings, brings before mankind all that is most positive – most uplifting – concerning the nature of the universe, God, and man himself. According to these Teachings, man is inherently god-like, having latent within him all the characteristics of deity. The purpose of evolution is to develop from an innocent, static being into an omniscient, omnipotent dynamic being such as is the solar God Whom we worship.

Man's evolution has already been in progress for untold aeons and at its present stage is characterized by repeated rebirths on Earth, that we may learn needed lessons on the physical level before moving on to more spiritual worlds. Countless more aeons will go by before humanity in general does achieve god-hood.

As we gain increasing knowledge on the evolutionary path, we are expected to use it in service to our fellow men. We *must* gain knowledge, spiritual as well as physical, in order to evolve and knowledge, in and of itself, is not evil. The desire to learn anything, whether it be occult or physically obvious, is not unworthy, provided the use to which that knowledge is to be put is honorable. The temptations which we must learn to resist are those which encourage us to use any knowledge for selfish, self-aggrandizing purposes, or for purposes of harm to a fellow creature.

The Rosicrucian Philosophy is an esoteric Christian philosophy. That is, it gives a much broader interpretation of the fundamentals of Christianity than do the teachings of the orthodox Christian churches. Primary emphasis is placed upon the doctrine of universal love, which Christ Jesus brought to mankind.

## Scarcity of Female Artists

*Question:*

Why have there been so few female artists and musicians?

*Answer:*

We believe that the scarcity of female artists and musicians stems from the fact that these fields of endeavor have traditionally been part of the "man's world." As has been true also in the case of other professions, women were generally prevented by custom or prejudice from making contributions in artistic fields. Then, too, women in their role as mothers and homemakers have not had sufficient time to devote to such activities. We are confident that, as women are more and more allowed to take their place in the world as men's equals, we will see increasing contributions by women in cultural fields. Here their innate imagination and spirituality will find particularly fertile areas of expression.

## Death by Fire

*Question:*

I have always had an irrational fear of dying by fire, and can't seem to talk myself out of it. Why would I have such a fear and what can I do about it? What happens to a person whose vital memory is destroyed when he is burned to death?

*Answer:*

First of all, we must remember that the Ego, the divine spark of God, is indestructible. No Ego who dies by fire or in any other violent way is lost or destroyed. Destruction of the physical body and two lower ethers occurs, but this occurs eventually after every death.

It is true that an Ego who dies a violent death cannot view the post mortem panorama properly and thus loses the benefits of experiences in the life just lived. (We assume this is what you mean by destruction of the "vital memory.") This loss, however, is eventually made up in the following manner. The

Ego is caused to die in childhood during his next life, and is thereupon sent directly to the First Heaven where he is given instruction in the very types of lessons from which he would have profited had he been able to view the panorama and undergo subsequent purgatorial and First Heaven experiences. Thus strengthened, he is again reborn on Earth, armed with the essence of the experiences which he had initially lost, and is equipped to progress accordingly.

Many people seem to have "irrational" fears of violent death or other catastrophe, which, if we could see the Memory of Nature, would be explained by the fact that they suffered similar experiences in previous lives. As do all fears, they impede positive thought and action and inhibit soul growth. The more a person tries to and can transmute fear with the help of prayer, optimism, and the substitution of positive activity for impassivity, the more he will be able to live usefully and evolve spiritually as well as mentally, physically, and emotionally. If we picture ourselves at all times surrounded by the Christ Light, it is easier for us to realize that no physical, or any other danger, can harm the Ego — which is, as we know, a part of God Himself.

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To love means to commit oneself without guarantee, to give oneself completely.... Love is an act of faith, and whoever is of little faith is also of little love.

—Erich Fromm

He who knows nothing, loves nothing. He who can do nothing understands nothing. He who understands nothing is worthless. But he who understands also loves, notices, sees.... The more knowledge is inherent in a thing, the greater the love....

—Paracelsus



## A New Look at Vitamin D

Olivia Barnett

**T**he research work of two Canadian physicians, Drs. Carl Reich and John Bennett, on the natural form of vitamin D has shown it to be both safe and therapeutically useful in a variety of conditions. Note that this is the *natural* form of that vitamin, referred to as vitamin D-3, though it acts more like a hormone.

There are over twenty different plant sterols which may be "activated" by exposure to ultra-violet light or by chemical reaction and which are said to have "vitamin D activity." Ergosterol is one such plant sterol. It should be considered a synthetic form and is called *vitamin D-2* or irradiated ergosterol. This is the form which is now used to "fortify" many of the foods we eat such as: dairy milk, canned milk, powdered milk, cocoa, ready-to-eat breakfast cereals, margarine, and many of the multi-vitamin supplements. It is the opinion of one writer that this hormonal imposter of vitamin D-3 should be referred to as a growth-promoting, age-inducing, *unnatural* synthetic steroid hormone, a sister to the compound known as DES or diethylstilbestrol. DES was used for years by cattle feeders as a growth stimulant to fatten their animals. It was banned by the FDA because it is known to be cancer causing, although, through a legal technicality, that ban has been lifted. With a history such as this it is

obviously something to be avoided rather than used in the mistaken idea that it is a healthful supplement.

The limited point of view that vitamin C is the anti-scorbutic factor, thiamine the remedy for beri-beri, niacin for pellagra, and vitamin D for rickets is no longer acceptable. Increasing knowledge about the method of action of these essential nutritional factors shows clearly that every known vitamin factor and essential mineral and trace element performs an important function in *every living cell* in our bodies. It is no longer accurate to think that a vitamin performs only one function.

Vitamin D-3 has been classified as the calcifying vitamin. Research shows that these properties of vitamin D-3 are mediated via *hormonal* mechanisms. Thus it has been referred to as the *calcifying hormone*. But this, too, is a very limited viewpoint.

"Vitamin D-3 is the parent chemical which gives rise to a number of hormonal derivatives which control blood calcium to phosphorous balance. All muscular activity is directly dependent upon calcium transfer, and, in fact, the presence of appropriate levels of calcium in the bathing medium of *every cell* is essential for appropriate cellular function."

The body has a highly functional system of conduits such as: the arteries and arterioles, the intestine, and the bronchi

of the lungs. When health prevails and mineral balance is good, the smooth muscles encircling these body conduits are in continuous rhythmic motion, performing their vital functions of transporting blood, oxygen, food, and waste. A mineral balance which is less than optimum may cause these healthful, rhythmic contractions to be replaced by uncontrolled spastic contractions. Dr. Reich calls these illnesses the "Spastic-Conduit Diseases."

These diseases may be classified as direct or indirect vitamin D-3 and mineral deficiency diseases: Directly due to deficiency influences causing ionic misproportion in the conduits themselves. Indirectly mediated via the autonomic nervous system.

Using primarily vitamin D-3 in combination with other nutrients Dr. Reich has treated nearly 10,000 cases of chronic asthma with results far above those of orthodox therapy with drugs. The beneficial effects of exposure to sunshine are also encouraged.

It has now been discovered that vitamin D-3 must be metabolized to other chemical entities which are the true active forms of the vitamin. These newly-discovered forms are produced in one particular organ of the body and then poured into the blood stream to be carried to the site of their activity elsewhere. This is a characteristic of hormones, not vitamins. Consequently vitamin D-3 has been re-classified as a *steroid hormone*.

Some of the illnesses which respond to vitamin D-3 are those involving the joints (osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, bursitis); the bones (rickets, osteomalacia); the lungs (bronchial asthma, pulmonary tuberculosis, pulmonary pneumonia); the eyes (myopia, cataract); the heart (coronary spasms); the skin (eczema, psoriasis, acne, burns, wounds); blood, nerves, and muscles (nervous and muscular hyper-excitability, spasmodophilia, convulsions and some forms of schizophrenia).

The vitamin D-3 deficiency diseases

which we are most aware of - rickets, osteomalacia, and infantile tetany - are mineral transfer diseases which may be indirectly attributed to a lack of solar ultra-violet radiation which results from the many problems of industrialization and city life such as smog, big city shade, etc.

"As these factors which decrease availability of the healing rays of the sun - the source of all physical life on this planet - become more prevalent, and with no common food to supply this important nutrient, the likelihood exists that vitamin D-3 deficiency diseases are among the most prevalent illnesses in this and other industrial societies."

All of this research and information is a further incentive to us all to make certain that we get plenty of exercise in the open air and sunshine, and seek out those foods which are rich in natural vitamin D-3, (sea greens, egg yolk, spinach, etc.) carefully avoiding the "enriched" varieties which can actually prove detrimental to health.

*National Health Federation Bulletin Oct '74*

## Triticale

**A** new plant being hailed as a "super-food" is the first cross of wheat and rye ever successfully developed by man. Triticale (pronounced trit-i-kay-lee) is the product of 100 years of effort to produce such a cross and is expected to help solve the world protein shortage, particularly in underdeveloped countries.

Dr. Fred Elliott, crops and soil professor at Michigan State University, sees triticale as the plant which will tide us over until population controls work and says that one could live on it alone. Research is continuing in order to develop better strains, but the current types are indeed miraculous. Protein content ranges between 12 and 22%, averaging 15-17%, and it can withstand droughts, poor soil, and is disease and

pest resistant, eliminating the need for harmful, chemical sprays.

But most important, triticale is a complete protein, with quality ranging between 2.5 and 4.0. This is compared to eggs at 3.5, milk at 2.7 and soy flour at 2.04. It has an extensive root system which helps the high mineral content as well as the vitamins and nutritional values present in other grains ( A, E, iron, niacin, etc. ). It can be grown in the extreme north as well as nearly tropical regions and to top all this off, the yields are 25-50% greater per acre than wheat.

At this time triticale is available in some health food stores in the form of flakes, flour, pancake mix, puffed, whole grain, and even sprouted. It can be made into light bread using only triticale flour, without the need of the addition of wheat flour. Ag-grow has developed a brand named "ry-wheat" and is publishing a book of triticale recipes.

#### DISEASE

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already partially blind to its spiritual nature, so that if the coming life seems to be a hard one, it will oftentimes shrink from entering the womb and making the proper brain connections. It may endeavor to draw itself out quickly and then, instead of being concentric as the vital and dense bodies should be, the vital body formed of ether may be drawn partially above the head of the dense body. In that case the connection between the sense centers of the vital body and the dense body are disrupted and the result is congenital idiocy, epilepsy, St. Vitus Dance, and similar nervous disorders.

#### A TRUE STORY

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caused by claws instead of teeth.

"Good dogs," I repeated, "good dogs," and after a minute or so it seemed to me that the dogs had lost heart for their venture. They were continuing without enthusiasm, I was convinced, and only because, on the basis of previous conditioning, it seemed to them the thing to do.

I continued to talk to them soothingly for perhaps another minute, while their snarls and barks lessened in intensity. Suddenly - silence. The dogs, as if on cue, stood still. Their expressions were no longer ugly. It was as if a terrible rage had departed from them and they now appeared as "ordinary dogs." Still as if on cue, two of the dogs turned and walked up the incline down which they had run so viciously only a few moments before. They paused at the top to regard me once more, and disappeared from sight.

The other two remained motionless until I took several steps down the road. Then they silently took positions on either side of me, and as I went on my way, they accompanied me. I continued to talk to them, and received occasional response in the form of a tentatively wagged tail or an alert, but friendly, look directed at my face.

Finally, one dog abruptly turned and walked off into a meadow. The other escorted me for several hundred more yards. Then he stopped, and I went on. After a moment I turned to look at him, still standing in the middle of the road. "Good dog," I called out once more. He wagged his tail, and went off about his business.

I returned to the motel and washed my legs with soap and water - all that was at hand, and as it turned out, all that was needed. The wounds, not large, were scattered about the backs of my legs. They healed in a few days, painlessly and faster than have more minor injuries.



## Fidelity

**T**he dictionary tells us that to be faithful is to be constant and loyal. It suggests qualities of stability and devotion; long-continued, steadfast fidelity.

James says that "The prayer of faith shall save the sick."

We see, then, that loyalty, devotion, and steadfast fidelity to the highest we know will weigh heavily in the scale for healing.

What does this faithfulness imply? It implies that we live in the awareness of what we are thinking, saying, and doing at all times. Faithfully we screen our thoughts and our words; loyally we make sure that they are positive and loving; steadfastly we treat others as we wish to be treated; constantly we refrain from gossip and criticism.

We know that negative thoughts and actions act adversely upon the body, actually weakening and destroying cells and tissues, preventing rebuilding and replacement with healthy material.

James further tells us to "pray for one another that ye may be healed." When the desire to help and serve our neighbor is strong enough that we are willing to forget self in our concern for another we find that we, too, have benefited from our prayer. It is impossible to give "loving, self-forgetting service to others" without in some way reaping good in our own lives.

The constancy of our faithfulness to believe in the Christ and His teachings

enough to practice them in our daily living can become for us a sure refuge. Gradually as we grow in the strength to live more closely to the highest we know, we will find that we also have the strength to help others more effectively, for James also tells us "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

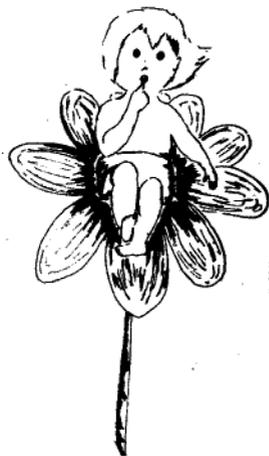
As we walk the path to purity we are more and more eager to develop within ourselves dependable, steadfast fidelity to the Christ within. Develop that loyalty and faithfulness which will shine forth, illumining our lives and encouraging others to become faithful to the highest within them also.

—C.R.

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

February... 6 -- 14 -- 21 -- 27

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



# Childrens Department



## The Trial

DAGMAR FRAHME

A rabbit dressed in overshoes knocked upon my door. He wiped his feet and entered, and sat upon the floor. He motioned to a cushion which I placed behind his head; then leaned against a hassock while he ate a slice of bread.

He chewed each bite one hundred times, then swallowed thoughtfully. "There is no doubt," he said at last, "that you must come with me."

"Come where?" I asked, annoyed, because I had no wish to go outside into a world that was all covered up with snow.

"That you will learn all in good time. Now get your coat and hat." The rabbit rose with dignity, although he was quite fat.

"I'm staying here," I said, "and I don't care for your sharp tone. I'll thank you to remove yourself and leave me here alone."

"I'm sorry," said the rabbit, "that you show such lack of sense. Nonetheless, you'll come with me. There's no need to be tense."

"You have your nerve!" I said, and stamped my foot upon the rug. "You think you're something, don't you? Well, you needn't be so smug. I'm staying here. I'm staying home. I'm staying where I am. And if that's not quite clear to you, I'm telling you to SCRAM!"

The rabbit sighed and shook his head, a frown upon his face. "Your manners are deplorable, your conduct a disgrace. It is too bad that I must use persuasion, but I fear your attitude leaves me no choice." And then he yelled, "COME HERE!"

At once the door burst open and into the house there came 500 mammoth rabbits. Each one he called by name. "Throckmorton, I am glad you've come. McPherson, how are you? Elijah, good to see you. Nathaniel, what is new?"

I looked on in amazement as they settled everywhere — chairs and sofa, rug and floor, and all about the stair. Each one clad in overshoes, each one large and white, each one fierce of countenance — it was indeed a sight.

"Now then, my friend," said Marcus — for that was, I learned, his name — "I hope that we won't have to long continue with our game. My brothers here are able to transport you from this room. Will you now join us quietly, or must we lower the boom?"

I looked at him and looked at them, and saw that he was right. These rabbits were enough to give most anyone a fright. They glared at me and bared their teeth and stamped their front paws hard — and so I shrugged, and donned my coat, and went into the yard.

One by one they followed me, Marcus in the lead. "At last you're showing reason. Now let's get up some speed."

He hopped just once - a three-foot jump - and turned around and said, "You do that too. Three feet at once - that way you'll get ahead."

"I cannot jump. I'm not a hare. Why can't I simply walk?"

Behind, a voice emphatic said, "Do what you're told. Don't talk!"

One hundred rabbits on the left, one hundred on the right, the rest behind, all menacing - no human saw my plight. And so I jumped - a feeble hop - and landed in a drift. No moment's pause was given me. "Get up!" they yelled. "Be swift!"

I raised myself out of the snow. My feet were cold and wet. The snow was drifting down my neck - my stomach was upset.

"Get going!" came the order. There was just no escape. "If you would look before you leap, you'd be in better shape."

On and on they forced me, moving hop by painful hop. Over stumps and snow and rocks, with not a chance to stop. I breathed deep gulps of air and thought my lungs were going to burst. My legs and head and throat all ached; my poor feet hurt the worst.

At last, when I could stand no more and felt about to faint, we stopped before a wooden door that badly needed paint. The door led to a giant cave, illumined from above by scores of lanterns ranged in rows. My guides began to shove.

"Go on, go on!" the order came. "Don't stand around and stare." I stumbled through the door and blinked; my eyes ached from the glare.

The cavern was enormous; its end was not in sight. At least 3000 rabbits there were bathed in brilliant light. Motionless they watched me, their eyes a chilling hue. Quite terrified I trembled and I knew not what to do.

"Here he is at last, my friends," said Marcus, gleefully. "It was a chore to make him come, but all's well now, you see."

The rabbits rose and roared as one: "The trial! The trial! The trial!" And Marcus took me by the hand and led me down an aisle. The silence was oppressive; not a pin was heard to drop. The rabbits stared with scorn as we went by them hop by hop.

At last there was a platform, on which, enthroned, there sat a most fantastic rabbit who growled, "You! Remove your hat!"

"Remove your hat! Remove your hat!" resounded through the cave. I pulled it off. The rabbit watched, and looked exceedingly grave. He wore a robe of saffron and a crown of burnished gold. He held a scepter and a rod, and was not young or old.

"I am the king, the court, the judge, the jury, and the law." Majestically he spoke these words, and raised a massive paw. "Let justice rule and honor reign. The trial is now begun!"

"The trial?" I echoed, horror-struck. "But tell me what I've done!"

"Silence!" roared the magistrate, the jury, law and king, and "Silence!" came from 'round the cave, a shout most frightening.

"First plaintiff!" called the magistrate, and slowly from his seat there limped a timid rabbit who had tightly bandaged feet.

"What is your charge against this man?" inquired the solemn judge. "I understand that, with good cause, you bear him a great grudge."

"Your honor - Sir -," the rabbit said, "it came about like this: one day I searched for clover leaves to use as dentifrice. I ambled through a meadow, all intent on my pursuit, when at once I felt a searing pain. It was oh most acute! I looked down to discover both my feet caught in a snare. I freed myself by pulling, till my feet of fur were bare. How I got home I'll never know. All I could do was crawl. In time the doctor came along responding to my call. He said that I was lucky just to find myself alive. It's rare indeed for any beast to be snared and survive. My charge against this man is

that the snare was set to kill. Attempted murder is the term – tho call it what you will."

"I did not set the snare!" I cried. "I don't own such a thing!" But "Silence!" echoed 'round the cave, and "Silence!" roared the king.

"Next plaintiff!" then the summons came, and from the rear there strode a forceful, mighty rabbit who looked ready to explode.

"What's your complaint?" inquired the judge, and as he took the stand, the rabbit breathed a deep, deep breath, and then held up his hand.

"My friends," said he, "the time has come to tell you a sad tale. It has to do with things we eat, and air that we inhale. The world is full of pesticides and poisons everywhere. Men spray them round on fields and trees and up into the air. They're used to kill off bugs and such, but get into our food, and that is why the charge I have is of such magnitude. Besides, it's not just rabbits who must suffer from this stuff. It also hurts the squirrels, birds – but then, I've said enough. I charge this man with poisoning the wildlife of our Earth. It seems to me that he must think we are of little worth."

"I never poisoned *anything!*" I made my protest known, but from around the cave there came an angry undertone.

"Be quiet!" snarled the judge at me. "It's not your turn to speak. The way you interrupt the trial makes us all want to shriek. Next plaintiff! Come up quickly, please. We're running out of time."

Uncertainly, a rabbit came who had not reached his prime. He seemed, in fact, to be a child – a bunny, as they say. Very small, he much preferred to go outside and play.

The judge's tone was kindly as he said, "Now, don't be scared. No one's going to hurt you here; it's time your woes were aired. Just tell the court exactly what you've got against this man. Take your time and think it through. We'll help you all we can."

"He scares me," said the bunny in a high and squeaky tone. "He'll let his dog go after me, or hit me with a stone. A bunch of awful boys chased me all through the woods one day, and I got lost and scared and – and – they wouldn't go away. It isn't safe for us to run around the woods and fields; human beings are everywhere and we are without shields. He scares me," said the child again, and turned away from me.

"There, there," the judge said soothingly, "All will be fine, you'll see. This man will pay for all the crimes committed by his kind. When we get through with him I'm sure that he'll be well inclined."

I could not bear another word; I'd really heard enough. This trial was just a mockery, but things were getting rough. I turned my back upon the king, the jury, judge, and court. Addressing all the rabbits there, I stated my retort:

"You've got it wrong. I'm not your man. This is unpleasant sport. I've never harmed an animal. I've never killed a thing. I've never used a gun or trap, or pesticide or sling. I keep a dog; I keep a cat; I treat them both with care. They're in a fenced-in yard and can't harm beasts that live elsewhere. This trial is most injurious; it's one of ridicule. The so-called evidence against me now is false and cruel. I grant you, you may have a case against some other men, but you've no right to charge me with these things not in my ken. I'm innocent of every slur you've cast upon my name, and I demand that you retract, and free me from all blame."

The judge rose quickly from his chair and banged his gavel hard. His face grew red, then purple, as he yelled:

"Stop this canard! If you have quite completed your tirade of witless talk, you'd be wise to remember that this trial you cannot balk. Your guilt is manifest to every rabbit in this room; the things that you have left undone contribute to your doom."

The judge's wrath was obvious, his anger unconcealed. His prejudice, though

clearly wrong, was honestly revealed.

"It is the judgment of this court that you must pay for crimes committed by your fellow men against us in all climes. You are not innocent because you're of the breed of man, and have not tried to stop their harm in every way you can."

I was appalled; and scared besides. Their justice was a joke. No other court would rule this way. I cleared my throat and spoke:

"How can I pay for crimes that were not any fault of mine? To take the blame for others' wrongs I never did incline. I never harmed an animal; I never hurt a thing. Your verdict is unfounded," I rashly told the king.

As soon as I had said my piece, the uproar was immense. The clamor of the spectators was close to virulence. Invectives harsh were hurled at me until the rafters rang, and many there expressed the hope that they would see me hang.

For quite a while bedlam reigned, and much to my dismay His Honor made no move to quell the shameless disarray. His prejudice against my case was strikingly unkind, and it was very plain to me that I was in a bind.

It was the clear intention of the hares assembled there to make of me a scapegoat, no matter how unfair. They wanted one poor human being upon whom they could vent all of their accusations, and impose harsh punishment. That many men had cruelly treated them was plain to see, but that did not excuse their plot to take it out on me!

I knew that I could not escape the clutches of that gang. And if I would protest too much I feared that I might hang! Reluctantly I reconciled myself to meet my fate. It wouldn't do the slightest good to fill myself with hate.

At last the turmoil settled down; the judge once more was heard. "You've talked enough," he said to me, "don't speak another word. It should be obvious to you that we have brought you here to make of you a spokesman - a rabbit

cavalier. We're well aware that you yourself are kindly and humane, and that you never would inflict disfigurement or pain."

The judge's face grew sorrowful; he spoke quite softly then: "But don't you see, that's not enough? Too many other men still do not care to what degree they injure, harm, or kill the creatures who must share their world but cannot rule their will. All men must understand their great responsibility to cherish life in *all* its forms, not just humanity. The animals and plants alike are helpless in their state; they can't defend themselves alone - they need an advocate.. They need a human who is not afraid to raise his voice against those of his fellow-men who hurt and maim by choice.

"We forced you through this unfair trial; it was the only way to make you see the unjust things *we* suffer every day. We thought that if you once could feel as helpless as we do, you'd be inclined to speak for us, and help to see us through."

Words such as these he used, and more, and then when he was done, some other rabbit spokesmen, too, asked me to be the one to lead the cause on their behalf.



And so it came to be that I am here to spread the word to all who hear and see. The animals who roam the woods and fields and meadows wide are all our brothers, every one, and should not have to hide because they are afraid of man. We all must learn to care about the creatures on our Earth, and make a point to share the blessings that were given us by our great God above. He wants us all to live in peace, with kindness and with love.

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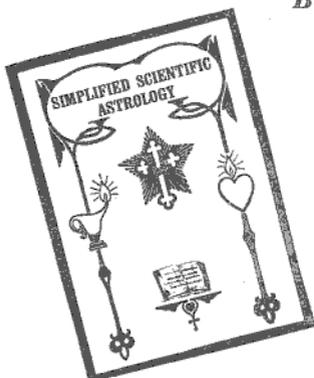
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