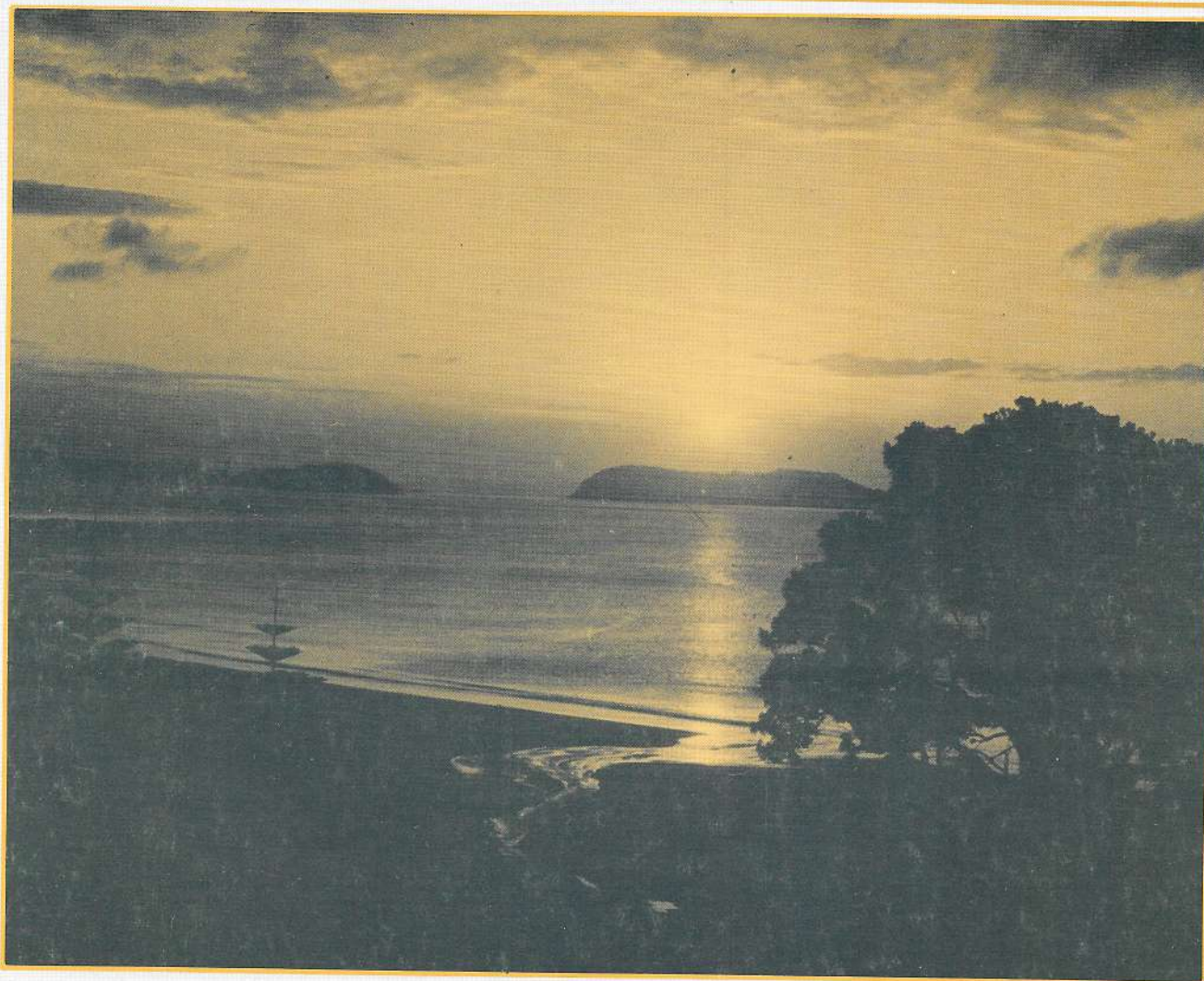


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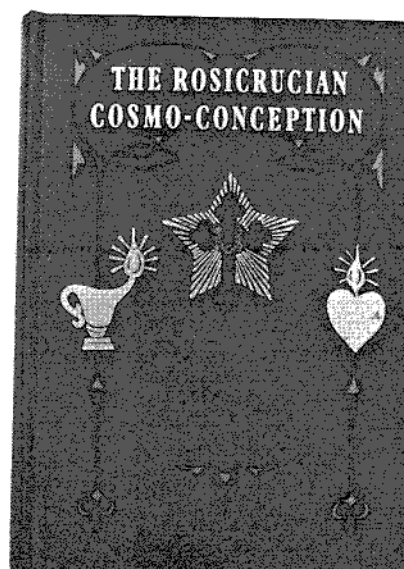
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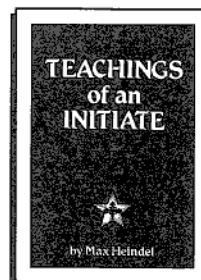
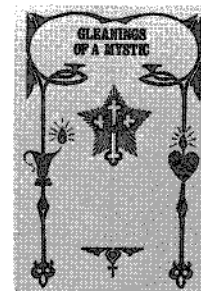
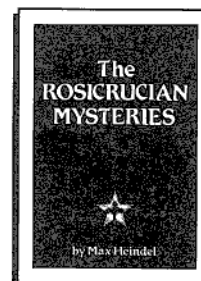
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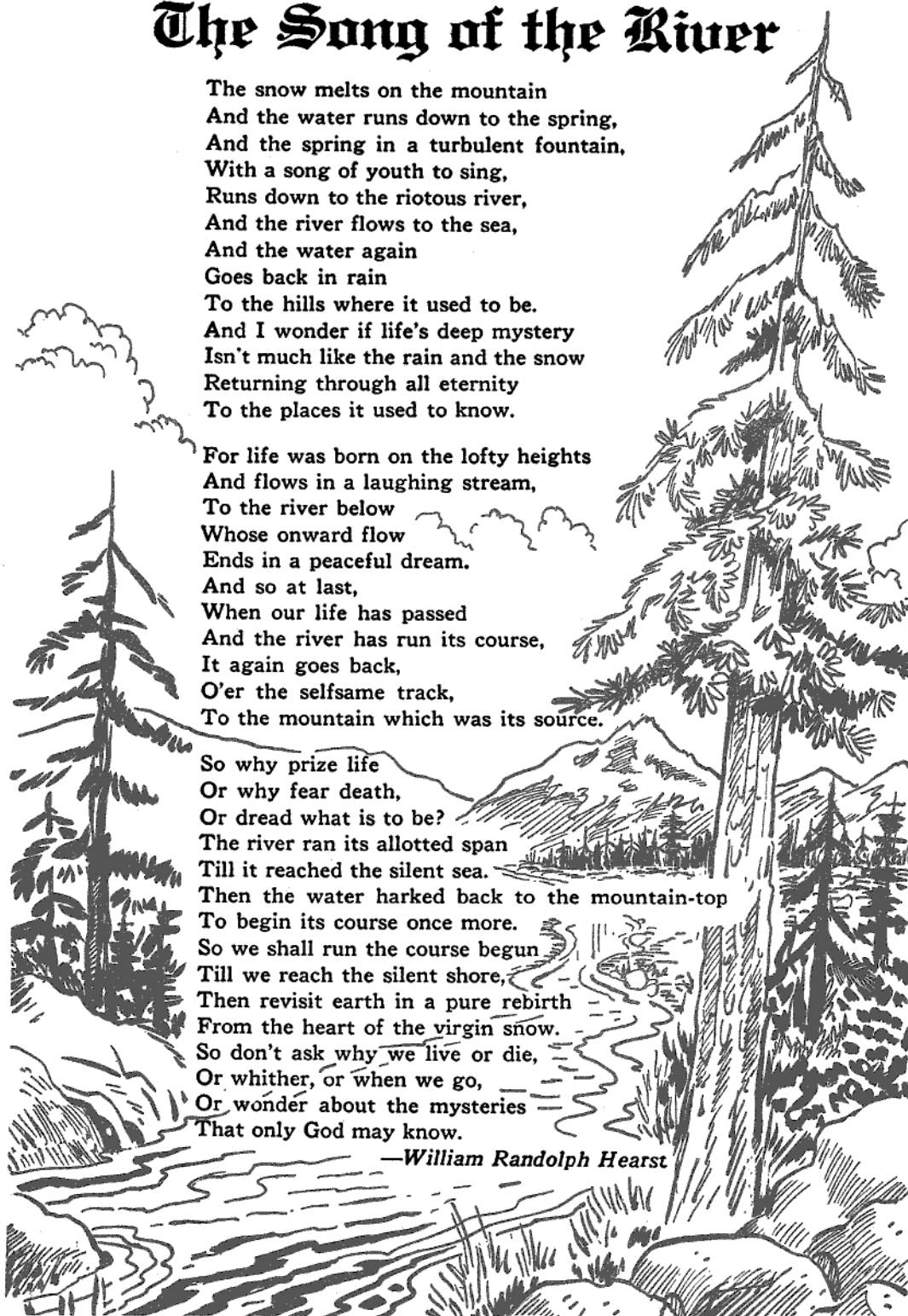
The Song of the River

The snow melts on the mountain
And the water runs down to the spring,
And the spring in a turbulent fountain,
With a song of youth to sing,
Runs down to the riotous river,
And the river flows to the sea,
And the water again
Goes back in rain
To the hills where it used to be.
And I wonder if life's deep mystery
Isn't much like the rain and the snow
Returning through all eternity
To the places it used to know.

For life was born on the lofty heights
And flows in a laughing stream,
To the river below
Whose onward flow
Ends in a peaceful dream.
And so at last,
When our life has passed
And the river has run its course,
It again goes back,
O'er the selfsame track,
To the mountain which was its source.

So why prize life
Or why fear death,
Or dread what is to be?
The river ran its allotted span
Till it reached the silent sea.
Then the water harked back to the mountain-top
To begin its course once more.
So we shall run the course begun
Till we reach the silent shore,
Then revisit earth in a pure rebirth
From the heart of the virgin snow.
So don't ask why we live or die,
Or whither, or when we go,
Or wonder about the mysteries
That only God may know.

—William Randolph Hearst



The Path is Narrow

In the words of Max Heindel, "The church steeple is very broad at the bottom but gradually it narrows more and more until at the top it is just a point with the cross above it. So it is with the path of holiness; at the beginning there are many things which we may permit ourselves, but as we advance, one after another of these digressions must be done away with, and we must devote ourselves more and more exclusively to the service of holiness." This may sound like a strong demand to make on the spiritual aspirant, but it is a fact that at some point in our lives we will want to take the next step toward living the "higher life," and at that time, certain things will have to be sacrificed in order for us to be free to dedicate ourselves to greater works!

We are, perhaps, at this time in our lives incapable of seeing the Truth in all its many facets. We live our lives the best way we can and hope that eventually we will become happier and more successful. This is what we are taught, this is what we are programmed to accept from the time we were little children! The outer world and the activities required in making a living can almost obscure the "spiritual side" of life if we are not shown the alternative. Many people do not discover a need for spiritual teaching until they are in their 50's or 60's. It is then that they begin to seek something more, something that material life has not yet given them.

Now, as the world has progressed from an agricultural society to a highly technical, modern complex of man and machines, we are seeing a new resurgence of man wanting to have contact with the spiritual aspects of living that have gradually been eliminated due to a preoccupation with the material and physical needs of daily life. As we approach the Age of the Aquarian Renaissance we can see many seekers who are looking for experiences in many different fields of endeavor; from Art to Science, from Health to Music and from Philosophy to Fundamentalism! People are looking for ways of integrating God into their lives in whatever way seems to be most advantageous to them.

What comes next is "Sacrifice." This is what starts to narrow the path and eliminate all but those who are sincere in their efforts to want to follow the "Path of Holiness." We would all like to have a religious teaching that makes us healthy, wealthy and wise. One that does not demand too much from us and yet still provides all the comforts for body and soul. However, God did not plan the Book of Life with that in mind. You can continue to enjoy the fruits of the "worldly life" as long as you wish to stay in that realm of consciousness, but when you are ready to move to higher levels of spiritual awareness, some of those earthly desires and pleasures must be left behind.

The Rosicrucian Fellowship presents the Western Wisdom Teachings to the world in hopes that Man will ultimately be able to realize his oneness with all life through the body of God. It is by the cycle of "birth and rebirth" that we are permitted to experience life in a variety of ways and at a variety of times during the overall evolutionary period of Man. The Western Wisdom Teachings do not teach "escape to nirvana or release from the heavy burdens of the physical world." On the contrary, the Western method urges each person to participate fully in the living process in order to "spiritualize matter." Since we are all a part of God, this spiritualization of matter is perfectly in keeping with the Great Plan of evolution. Therefore, when you start to accept the "narrow path" you will begin to discover within yourself the meaning of life through the life experience and not through something someone has told you or you have assumed to be true. Experience is the great Teacher and is the main learning tool of the Christian Mystic in his or her quest to find the Christ Within! □

—Editor

Mystic Light

The Human Kingdom

Our human life wave has reached the acme of complexity and diversity in our present physical world. It has gone through the mineral, plant, and animal kingdoms in its long evolutionary journey, but it is far from being at the top! Because humans are the highest beings on this physical plane, some of them get the idea that they are the Crown of Creation. We should see ourselves as but a link in the chain that leads from clod to God. There are innumerable beings far beyond us in power and glory. It is written in Psalm 8-5 in the King James version of the Bible, speaking of Man, "Thou hast created him a little lower than the angels." But newer translations read, "a little lower than God," which makes no sense. The angels are the life wave ahead of the human so in truth we are, "a little lower than the angels." How could the Psalmist, supposedly King David, know?

Man has arrived at this stage where he has three-fold Spirit or Ego, and a three-fold body, with the link of mind between them. He began as naked Spirit, and these vehicles have been added, over long periods of time, the last having been added being the mind, which distinguishes man from all lower creations. The Ego is that spark of God within each of us that has continued for many life times, in different bodies, that is working toward Godhood. When all of life's lessons have been learned, he shall no longer incarnate in a physical body. As it says in Revelations 3-12: "He who conquers I will make a pillar in the house of my God, and he shall go out of it no more." The Divine Spirit, the highest aspect of the Ego, has its primary abode in the human body, between the eyebrows, at the root of the nose, but its consciousness is not confined there. It can be focused in any part of the body, in some other persons body in empathy, in inanimate objects to understand them, and can reach into higher realms. This aspect of the Ego is called many names, such as "The Silent Watcher," because it makes itself known, not in words, but in conscience, in intuitions, in character. It is also called, "The Voice Within"

by many mystics. It is essentially good, and guides with wisdom, to the extent that it is allowed by the mind and emotions, which also seek to control. We hear people speak of the power of mind over matter, but the true saying should be, the power of spirit over mind, over matter.

Man's three-fold body, physical, etheric and desire, is a marvel of complexity. With the addition of the mind, he is given the ability to think, to reason, make judgments, so, in this physical world, he is indeed, "The Crown of Creation." Man has an upright walk, freeing the hands for other uses, and also freeing the body from the etheric currents through which the Group Spirits control the animals. Note that the great apes are in the process of being freed from these currents because they walk partially erect. Only man has an opposing thumb which makes the hands of greater usefulness. The great apes have the hands but not the opposing thumbs. Man also has an upright larynx, which makes him physically capable of speech, while his superior brain makes him capable of reason and judgment. Also man has full waking consciousness, while animals, at best, have a dream consciousness such as humans have in sleep.

It is a startling fact to many that man's bodies are composed of millions of cells, each with a consciousness of its own, though of a very low order. During life, they are held together, under the control of the Ego, and at the death of the body, they are released. They are all evolving into higher forms, even as the Egos are evolving.

In the plant and animal kingdoms we see great diversity of form, while in the human kingdom, there is one basic structure, one human form, though there are many variations of it. Mankind is divided into races with marked differences of color in skin, hair, and eyes, and various facial formations. In time, with the passing of the influence of Race Gods, these distinctions will disappear, and individuals will choose their own characteristics.

In the past, man had little control of his destiny, but now, having a mind, we are gradually being put on our own. All humanity in the past, and the lesser evolved today, have guardian angels to watch over them. It is written in Psalm 91:11, "He will give his angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways." Both the Old and the New Testament contain many stories of angels taking part in the affairs of men. Billy Graham, the evangelist, has written a book on angels, and he uses modern examples as well as the Bible, for stories of intervention by these divine beings. Today, the national and race spirits are still strong influences in our lives. They work through the air that we breathe. Michael Newbrough writes, in *Themes in International Politics*: "The dominant influence of nationalism (emotional identification with a certain group, which shares a common history, language, and culture) is the most powerful and divisive social force in the world today." However, as man thinks more and more for himself, these other influences are growing weaker. Our mistakes have been many and grievous. Some say we have gone far deeper in-

to materiality than we were meant to go. People could learn through the spiritual teachings of great leaders, but it seems the only way most people can learn is through suffering.

Again and again great spiritual leaders have been sent to Earth to bring religious and moral teachings to humanity. Some of these are told about in the Bible. In the Old Testament; Abraham, Moses, and the prophets were given to both the Jews and Muslims, and Buddha was sent to the Hindus. The last great teacher was Jesus, the Christ, whose teachings are given in the New Testament. He came especially to Europe and the Western World.

We have much understanding of technology, but much of it is used for evil ends. There are serious problems of pollution from atomic explosions and wastes, as well as other types of pollution which are causing death and disease and shortening lives.

These are crucial years, and many dangers lie ahead. We have been through two devastating world wars. The whole world is in a state of unrest. Vast armaments have been stockpiled, which put power in the hands of those greedy for power so they can enslave millions. There are numerous wars going on all the time, causing starvation, and floods of refugees driven from their home lands, with no place to go. Our natural resources are being destroyed at a tremen-

dous rate. We have much understanding of technology, but much of it is used for evil ends. There are serious problems of pollution from atomic explosions and wastes, as well as other types of pollution which are causing death and disease and shortening lives. The power to destroy the whole Earth is in the hands of a few, and this menacing shadow hangs over the entire world today. The pressure of overpopulation feeds and worsens all these other problems.

In sharp contrast to this sad picture, we are told that in a few hundred years, the Aquarian Age is coming, we are already entering its shadow. It will be an Age of Brotherhood and Universal Love. There will be peace over all the Earth. There may be differences of opinion but they will be settled peacefully. There will be no need for laws, all men will respect the rights of others, and no need for prisons, or courts except for rare cases of arbitration. Whatever government there is will be for joint enterprises such as education. There will be one race and one language. There may still be differences in religious beliefs, but each will respect, and hold sacred the beliefs of all others.

But this is not the end, indeed there is no end. There is to be a more distant future when there will be a new heaven and new earth, a New Day of Manifestation, the Jupiter Period. Humans will advance into the angelic state, no longer in physical bodies. We can have little comprehension of what life will be like then, but we know we will still be progressing, still helping our younger brothers. □

—Audrey Glover

Mystic Light

A Bicentennial Salute: The U.S. Constitution, A New Age Document!

The U.S. Constitution is a New Age document! No fact is more firmly established; none is more needful of remembrance while America commemorates the Writ's 200th birthday, especially in view of what's happened since it was produced.

The Planners

The Founding Fathers most definitely were New Age thinkers.¹ Washington, a Mason, was chairman emeritus; James Madison, the actual chairman, had a strong Aquarian mentality;² the Great Seal of the U.S. as well as the back of the one dollar bill both echo a New Age theme perhaps most succinctly stated thus: "The American experiment was consciously conceived as a momentous step in the evolution of the species."³

The Prolog

The Articles of Confederation, the law of the land adopted in 1781, proved ineffective. There was breakdown of law and order; *that* is the main reason a new constitution *had* to be written.

The Problem

The men at Philadelphia knew they couldn't revert to one-man rule like George III; that's what they had fought against in the Revolution. They also realized from the more recent past that government is not everyone's ken. So, they opted for the "golden mean": a republic, representative-style government, by an oligarchy; a brotherhood of the best! That is why the Constitution refers to a republic; not once is the word "democracy" mentioned; the architects of America had a fear of it; they called it "mobocracy!"⁴

The Product

All that "the people" were allowed to do under the original Constitution on the federal level was to elect the members of the House of Representatives. State legislatures elected senators until 1913 and the passage of the 17th amendment. Still today, when "the people" think they're casting a ballot for a president, they are actually only voting for a member of the Electoral College not even bound by the popular will; and the president elected by this body appoints members of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the Senate; "the people" have nothing to do with it whatsoever.

Literacy and property tests were left intact in 1787. Thus not all could vote; and even the wishes of those who could were filtered, frustrated, forfeited! Democracy? No! Aristocracy? Yes! But let us keep in mind that there are two kinds of aristocracy: of birth, and of merit!⁵ The American type clearly was the latter!

Let us also remember, the great American drawing card, or magnet, which drew millions from all the world, was upward mobility.⁶ Immigrants and citizens alike were free to learn to read and write; all unafraid of work could mass enough wealth to qualify as voters and candidates, thereby joining the great brotherhood of the successful, the cream of the crop, who would "run" the country.

All this harmonizes with Aquarian ideals. The genuine Aquarian is an aristocrat of sorts, an aristocrat of the Spirit. He is an individualist; progressive, educated, somewhat aloof from

the crowd. Aquarius is the sign of Truth—and there is no greater cosmic truth than this, that one is only entitled to that which one deserves and qualifies for. One needs to qualify for a marriage license, driver's license, to practice the professions—why not also for suffrage, which shapes a nation's destiny?

If one aquired literacy and worked hard, one improved not only oneself, but also one's potential contribution to society. By helping oneself, one helped others, and was rewarded with a voice in government! That—incentive, reward, progress—is authentically Aquarian. It produces aristocracy of the highest order, superior citizens, a superior civilization and ultimately the New Age!

The Perversion

Shortly after the adoption of the Constitution, the French Revolution erupted. It erroneously called for Liberty, Equality, Fraternity. But there can be no genuine liberty if there is absolute equality. Men are not equal; there are old souls and new, pioneers and stragglers; saints and sinners; if all are squeezed into the same mold, someone gets hurt. If a 100 pound man and a 200 pound man must wear the same suit, at least one of them will be uncomfortable!⁷

Yet the Neptunian idea of equality appealed to the masses. During the 1820's, while Neptune (symbolic of the old Piscean Age) was conjunct, up against Uranus (the New Age planet of excellence), this philosophy was widely embraced in

the U.S. as newcomers with "radical" views poured in and the population also soared on the frontier, the region then given to hunting and feuding more than to cool thinking. With the 1828 election it provided the nation with a chief executive typical of the frontier mentality; this president literally brought the mob into town! Its wild victory celebration left the insides of the White House in shambles; there would be no more presidents wearing silk stockings; the ideals of the New Age began to be smothered by those of the old—and this was just the beginning!⁸

The Pathos

How can the illiterate vote intelligently? And why should the indolent be allowed to vote? They would not endorse that which benefitted the nation as a whole in the long run; they'd have much more to gain by voting for government to support them, at the expense of the industrious, thereby decreasing the incentive of the latter to produce and boost prosperity. Truly, the ballot is a tool; like all such, it must be used carefully!

The Promise

America will play a significant role in the New Age,⁹ when it will truly be realized it has been "the greatest success story in modern history."¹⁰ But for that to happen, it will have to get back to Aquarian principles, as laid down by the Founding Fathers. This will come about either through suffering or enlightenment. Nations and individuals generally have to feel the heat ere they can see the

light. But it need not be thus. If those who already have the light will let it shine, that will make it unnecessary for the "heat" to have to be applied. □

—A Probationer

¹ "Among the colonial Masons were George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Paul Revere. Fifty of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence are supposed to have been Masons! Historian Charles Ferguson described Washington's Army as a 'Masonic Convention,' noting that the Revolutionaries relied on the Brotherhood for most of their communications." *The Aquarian Conspiracy*, Ferguson, p. 119.

² *Horoscopes of the U.S. Presidents*, Doane, p. 29.

³ Ferguson, *op. cit.*, p. 122.

⁴ This has nothing to do with our two major parties; at one time, there was a "Democratic-Republican Party!"

⁵ The American middle class today enjoys a higher standard of living than did the 18th-century aristocracy.

⁶ The men at Philadelphia tried to abolish slavery; many freed their own slaves; the big problem was what to do with them once they were given a freedom for which they were not ready. The Constitution compromised by requiring an end of the African slave trade by 1808; see Article 1, Section 9.

⁷ Jefferson did write into the Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal"; there are two explanations: He espoused the views of those in France who held that "all men are equal" but felt this would never be accepted in the U.S., so he injected a "religious flavor" with the word "created." He wrote of equal opportunity for all men; slaves, after all, were considered mere property.

⁸ Neptune and Pisces dissolve, break down barriers; negatively, even those that should not be tampered with, as the ones between those of merit and those without.

⁹ *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, Max Heindel, pp. 305, 306.

¹⁰ *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* (newspaper of Zurich, Switzerland), quoted by Ferguson, *op. cit.*, p. 119.

Mystic Light

The Revelation of St. John the Divine

CHAPTER 4

1. *After this I looked, and behold, a door was opened in heaven (from world of effect to realm of causes); and the first voice which I (John) heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.*

Is not this illustration of the *balance* we have related to number 4? It becomes even more significant when we recall that the trumpet is the result of (was made by) fire, or Spirit, and that it is operated by air, or the Higher Mind.

2. *And immediately I was in the Spirit (Region of Abstract Thought) and, behold, a throne (where the Higher Self is to reside) was set in heaven (within), and one (the Higher Self) sat on the throne.*

3. *And he that sat was to look upon like a Jasper and a Sardine Stone (a blending of the colors of Divinity): and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald (First Heaven or Desire World).*

This rainbow is the result of the activity of the seven churches, within, and with the color being like that of an emerald (which is yellow-green), we are given, in symbolic form, notice that there was activity of the Christ within (yellow and the Father, blue). With the interpretation of the legendary symbol of the "Grail" comes information that there is a relationship here with the *third eye*, or spiritual sight.

4. *And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting (intelligent directive powers of the spiritual self), clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.*

The description here is of a being who is living a life of purity. One of the interpretations of the "twenty four elders" is that their lives of purity extended around the clock. Crowns of gold identify the Spiritual Mind—that at this stage many high spiritual qualities have been

developed and Divine Wisdom attained. It is the endowments of the soul which are above the mental plane, the "treasures in heaven."

5. *And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices (Region of Concrete Thought): And there were seven lamps of fire burning (now Spiritual or alive with Spirit) before the throne (seven awakened centers), which are the seven Spirits of God.*

6. *And before the throne there was a sea of glass (the Spiritualized Mind) like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.*

These four beasts are the four fixed signs of the Zodiac and represent the physical substances that comprise the *Foundation Stone* (the four elements). This is highly significant symbology, for if we take the circle of the Zodiac and place on it the four fixed signs and draw a line connecting the signs around the perimeter of the circle, we shall have drawn a square. Next, lines drawn to the opposite signs will form a cross within the square. We have now drawn the cross of matter that has caused us so much confusion. However, and please take note, this cross is of different proportions than that of the cube for the cross we have just drawn is balanced with all lines having the same length. Do you get the picture? We have been informed that our development, both physically and spiritually must be balanced upon this square. Here is yet another indicator of our potential.

We next learn how this "balance" is achieved:

7. *And the first beast* (The lower nature is now giving out the highest possible emotions, as revealed by the "beasts.") *was like a lion* (giving out true Love), *and the second beast was like a calf* (the higher emotions recognizing things true and good) *and the third beast had a face as a man* (expression of higher mind and emotions), *and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle* (Regeneration—the Spirit giveth life; hence can fly as an eagle).

Please note the close correlation with numbers. Chapter 4, has been identified with the four elements that must be balanced. Now we discover in verse 7, a perfection number, that this balance has been achieved. This is by no means coincidence for the number parallel can be detected many times. The number 7 is the most sacred of all numbers.

We also have very interesting symbolism with the *flying eagle*. In our studies on Astrology, it is accepted that the fixed sign of Scorpio be used for identification, or the sign on the cusp. This is the house of "death" or change. And it is also from this house that we experience generation, degeneration or regeneration. The only symbol of the eighth house activities that is ever used in the Bible is the Eagle, the symbol of REGENERATION. Following are some interesting comments of the eagle symbolism:

"There is a great deal of meaning in the fact that the Bible in our English churches is put to rest on the outspread wings of an eagle. The meaning of it has to do with the fact that the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. You have very often

got to put the literal Bible on the wings of the bird that can soar high, i.e. the spiritual imagination, the insight of the seer, before you reach its heavenly meaning. Yet many a clergyman, while his Bible is on eagle's wings, the very symbol that tells him to carry it to high spiritual realms of meaning, will give a wooden interpretation. In sacred symbolism the eagle stands for that power of rising above the Earth, above the physical and the literal, into the high heavens of a rarefied faith, a mystic intuition, a penetrating spiritual imagination."—T. Rhondda Williams, Sermon, *Dying in the Lord*.

Verses 8 to 11, are extensions of some of the above thoughts.

The number 6, as used in verse 8, is the number that completes a period of activity. It is also the number of the Christ Force in Nature; ever striving, ever changing, so that the Christ may manifest more perfectly. Wings symbolize aspiration, the Higher Mind rising in the air.

8. *And the four beasts had each of them six* (completion of a process) *wings about him*; (ability to soar upward, aspiration); *and they were full of eyes within* (inner consciousness, or perception); *and they rest not day and night* (continuous consciousness—beginning of "eternal life"), *saying Holy, holy, holy; Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.*



9. *And when those beasts (evolved higher emotions ready for use in the higher realms) give glory and honour and thanks to him (Christ within) that sat on the throne (within our own temple), who liveth for ever and ever, (Here is a description of Jesus, or the Ego, within.)*

10. *The four and twenty (again 24, or $2 + 4 = 6$, completion of a process) elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns (spiritualized minds, now of use) before the throne saying,*

11. *Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things (physical creation now complete as signified by number 4), and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*

Symbology of Number 4

Daleth (4) Double Letter Even Number, Worldly or Physical Venus (Q).

The first three chapters were an introduction to the three basic principles of Spirit and soul, united by mind. We now have the addition of a new element that will give us great concern and this is the physical element that restricts. Symbolically, this is represented by the square. There are several versions, but the most common is the square of four equal sides. This becomes the base of the pyramid and combined with the four triangular sides, we have the strongest structure known to man. The "4" of the base, combined with "3" (the trinity) of the side, adds to 7—the perfect number.

Another variation of the square is to be found in the "cube," or the Foundation Stone; the rock upon which, eventually, we must construct our Temple. If we should aspire to build a structure that will withstand the storms of life, it must be built upon this rock. It is for the same reason that the *Rough Ashler Stone* (representing the body, or root substance taken from the quarry of the Universe) is introduced in the first degree of Masonry. It is necessary for the candidate to take this rough symbolic stone and with the tools of Masonry, transform it into the *Perfect*

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Ashler. When the cube is laid out flat, it takes the shape of a cross and upon this cross of matter we are bound until the physical body has been perfected, or until the sides of the cube have been perfectly finished.

We discover an interesting application of this Foundation Stone, as it supports the Statue of Liberty. Here is a stone that has been perfectly "squared" and the woman (the Ego) is seen standing on it with the former chains of bondage lying broken at her feet. Testimony of the "Trinity" is found in the flame of the torch (or spirit), the

woman (soul) and the uniting of these two with the mind, symbolized by the crown on her head. On this crown are 7 spikes—the number of perfection.

This *Rough Ashler Stone* not only symbolizes the imperfect physical plane; but it further reveals how, at this stage of our development, it cannot be "cubed" without great effort and skill. As portrayed by the Statue of Liberty, when this has been accomplished and freedom attained, the attention is from that time on focused on higher and greater achievements. The time has come when everything we do must be "squared" upon this perfect stone. Here is precisely the interpretation of the first verse of chapter 4, since this stone has now become the doorway, or entry into our area of higher achievement. Also, the stone that Jesus indicated to Peter he would build his church on is this symbolical number 4.

In summary, number 4 identifies the physical plane, where balance between the physical and spiritual worlds is attained. It is here we develop appreciation of system and order. Investigation will reveal many examples where the number 4 relates to the overcoming of the restrictions of the physical plane. Incidentally, when the numbers in the 4 have been added, the potency to complete the 10 cycle is revealed, since $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 10$. Applied to man four represents the understanding, the foundation which completes the merely human, and when illumined by the Light of Spirit, makes Divinity attainable. (Curtiss, *Message of Aquaria*, p. 128) □

—**Evans Waterman**

Mystic Light

New Age Alchemy in Action

“**A**lchemy is the science of multiplication and is based upon the natural phenomenon of growth; nothing comes from nothing, is the old saying and alchemy is not the process of making something from nothing—it is the process of increasing and improving that which already exists!... The true alchemist patterns his conduct according to the laws of nature recognizing that the art of alchemy is merely a method copied from nature and with the aid of certain secret formulas it is shortened by being correspondingly intensified. Alchemy, therefore should be regarded as the art of increasing and bringing into perfect flower with the greatest possible expediency those things which would take Mother Nature many millions of years to accomplish.” (Manly P. Hall, *Secret Teachings of the Ages*).

Christ likened the gospel to a little “leaven” which leavened a measure of flour. It is therefore a chemical revolution or miniature war involving an entire transformation of every atom of flour in the vessel. None can escape the action of the leaven and this “chemical battle” continues until the force of the leaven is spent and the dough is transformed into a light, spongy material!

This war of the atoms, this chemical revolution is absolutely indispensable in the process of bread making because if the leavening process were omitted, the result would be a heavy, unpalatable, indigestible loaf. It is this very transformation wrought by the chemical action of the leaven which makes the final loaf wholesome, nutritious and edible. Like this leaven in the loaf, the Western Wisdom Teachings of The

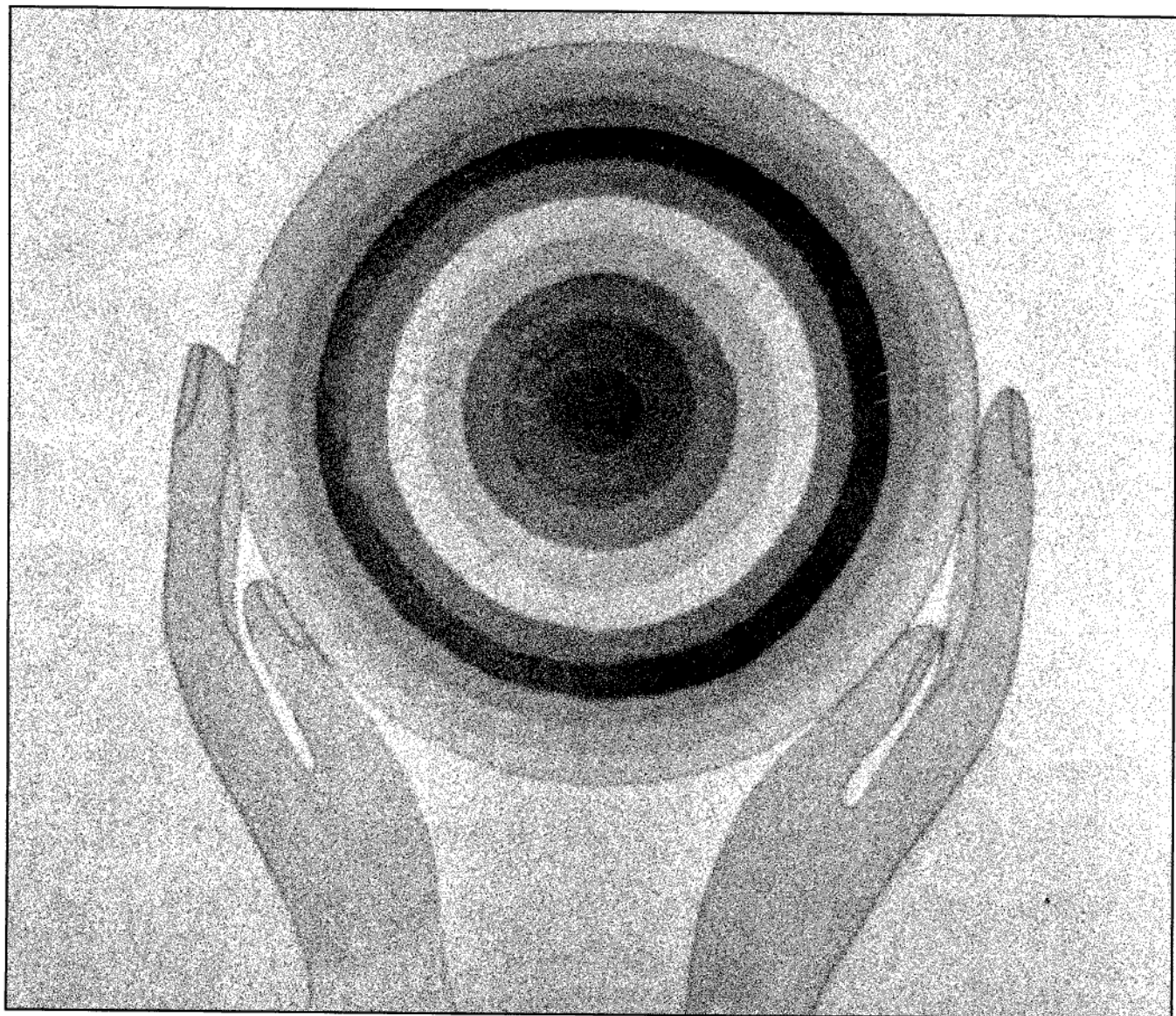
Rosicrucian Fellowship are seeking to break down the hard, unpalatable “fear of death” still harbored by many people in the world by showing that life and consciousness are continual in the body of God. It is seeking to light up this uncertainty surrounding the “post-mortem” existence by showing how we have in the past evolved the five senses used to contact the visible world and will in the not so distant future, evolve another sense which will allow us to see with clarity those who have left the physical body and now reside in the ether of the lower Desire World.

Education and Enlightenment

This process of preparation for the coming New Age of Aquarius has already commenced and since Aquarius is an airy, scientific and intellectual sign (astrologically), it is necessary that the New Faith be well-rooted in reason so it can solve the riddle of life and death in a way that will satisfy both the mind and the religious instincts of the heart!

The Rosicrucian Fellowship has been given the mission of promoting a campaign of education and enlightenment for the Western World so that it may be prepared for what is in store for mankind during the coming era. The Western Wisdom Teachings have been provided by the Elder Brothers of the Rose Cross for the purpose of helping to bring about a “global leavening” during this period, going from the Age of Pisces to the Age of Aquarius.

One of the first steps to be taken is to convince others that



conditions in the "land of the living dead" are not really shrouded in mystery, but that we can view this as easily as we would obtain knowledge about travel in foreign countries from those who have been there. Second, we are now at the point in time where this information may be obtained without great difficulty and is readily available to all who have developed a desire to know about these "other worlds." Finally, we can hasten this day of awakening in our own lives by seeking to obtain first-hand knowledge through following the Teachings

as presented by The Rosicrucian Fellowship in the *Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* by Max Heindel and in the *Preliminary Philosophy Lessons* available to all through correspondence courses from Headquarters in Oceanside, California.

Spiritual Experiences

As the medieval "alchemists" sought to transmute something common (lead) into something precious (gold)—they were also seeking the eternal elixir of

life—"The Fountain of Youth." They were seeking a universal cure for disease and the discovery of a means of indefinitely prolonging life. The Age of Aquarius will eventually provide us with this opportunity to truly experience the "elixir of life" through attunement with the mystic water of life being poured out by the "Water Bearer," the symbolic representation of the Age of Aquarius which will show forth the true "Spirit of Life." This will be through expression of the Christ Consciousness, all that is pure, noble and altruistic in mankind!

We are the NEW AGE ALCHEMISTS! We and others who have sought those secret teachings of the ages. We are here to provide the catalyst, to be the "salt of the Earth" and lead others along this most Holy path. In addition to preparing people for what will become visible in the etheric realms of Earth, The Rosicrucian Fellowship has three other goals to accomplish.

First, it must promote the Western Wisdom Teachings so they can serve to unite and harmonize religion, art and science by showing that religion can be both "scientific and artistic." This will allow others to develop their spiritual vehicles enabling them to see into the spiritual worlds and to be able to leave their dense or physical bodies at will. This is done through an orderly, safe process of exercises which will permit them to eventually receive the necessary initiation into those higher worlds.

Next, the Fellowship would seek to emancipate the pupil from dependence on others in an effort to generate a greater degree of "self-reliance" in the student. Spiritual exercises are carried out in the seclusion of their own homes and there is no master or guru to offer praise or blame in these personal endeavors! Thus, they are taught to listen to the "higher self" within and to judge their own performance record by the exercise of *nightly retrospection*, outlined in the free pamphlet available from Headquarters.

Finally, it is by maintaining their tie with the Fellowship and the Elder Brothers through the monthly Student cards and Probationers reports that they may be prepared for the greater work

of becoming *Invisible Helpers* assisting the Elder Brothers and Christ in the healing work on Earth. This will allow each person to begin functioning in the "invisible planes," either consciously or unconsciously, depending on their level of spiritual development and degree of selfless service rendered. As each proves himself or herself through service to humanity, they are entrusted with greater responsibilities and opportunities to serve.

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This is the PATH OF NEW AGE ALCHEMY for all of those who have chosen to follow in the footsteps of the Christian Masters! They have decided that they can't wait for nature to evolve their spiritual faculties through the slow process given for the masses of humanity. They have therefore decided to take the "straight and narrow" path which leads them directly up to the higher worlds and the Throne of God! All of this, of course, must be done in harmony with the needs and abilities of the student.

Alchemy and Astrology

Now, let us look at the path of New Age Alchemy from the vantage point of Astrology to see what our overall cosmic

aims really are. Astrology has a way of pointing out the true purpose of earthly endeavors. Spiritual Astrology, as taught by The Rosicrucian Fellowship, is a Divine Science—a phase of religion and not the practice of "fortune telling!"

Venus and Uranus both rule the air signs, Libra and Aquarius. These two planets give intuitive and creative flexibility to the mind. Venus and Uranus are exalted in the water signs Pisces and Scorpio which provide the spiritual insight and creative power of their high spiritual nature. Venus represents attraction centered around personality and manifests the characteristic of love as "beauty" in all the material manifestations around us. The flowers, the sky, the trees and the Earth itself are embodiments of this beauty aspect contained in Venus.

This Venus Ray allows us to receive those things by the Law of Attraction that are good, true and beautiful. This is what provides the realm of earthly activity and the atmosphere of beauty and harmony which urges us on to participate in the varied aspects of nature and creative life. This Love of beauty is reflected in our material possessions, our loved ones and our sense of harmony and proportion which we tend to seek in art and music.

Venus is the "planet of attraction" and in her highest form she represents the ideally suited man and woman as partners in a balanced state. Within her realm is earthly Love and Beauty, rhythm and the ideal of justice. This influence, however, is largely personal and depends on attraction from other persons

and things. Even though Venus is sometimes termed the Goddess of Love, she more correctly represents the *reasons for Love!* For example, beauty in form, in rhythm, color and smell. She approaches, but does not really reach the spiritual aspects of these senses.

While Venus may attract by an appeal of the "senses," it is Uranus that really represents Love on the *high spiritual plane*—the altruistic Christ Love! Uranus is electric while Venus is many times sensual and passionate. Uranus draws or attracts like a bolt of lightning in flashes of cosmic power and unity with the creative force. Uranus begins where Venus leaves off. It is the real planet of Love *above reason*, irrespective of form, color, touch, sight or sound. Uranus is thus the "Venus" of a higher growth where self is never considered and it always endeavors to lift the personal Love to one of a higher vision and aim.

This effect of Uranus is to dissolve the personality made up of the Moon and Ascendant which contains ideas of possession and separation and seeks to blend them with Cosmic Consciousness, the "I AM." It also endeavors to radiate this cosmic vibration throughout our lives in order to give us higher wisdom and knowledge. Through this regenerative or alchemical process, on the spiritual plane (Physical Alchemy is known as transformation) we will develop selfless Love for humanity and for one another. Love, the greatest power of this universe, is now being raised up and regenerated to blossom forth as the fruit of Aquarius which is "altruism."

Uranus works with the rapidity of a lightning flash and such are the accompanying intuitive processes of the sign which has the motto of "I KNOW." This explains the rapid vibration now appearing in the Earth's atmosphere, requiring all of humanity to develop a flexibility more compatible with this airy, electric sign. Uranus is the intellect released from prejudice, precedent and traditions. It awakens the mind to the seeking of new knowledge, and all

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around us we are witnessing this "regeneration" of the mind on all levels. Children are now playing with computers that baffle their parents! New forms of healing are cropping up all over the country, rapidly replacing the old ways of depending entirely on medical doctors and hospital confinement. Thus, we see that man is now seeking a greater spiritual consciousness in all phases of everyday life.

Altruism Through Service

The New Age of Aquarian Alchemy is now upon us and we see Uranian Love blossoming forth everywhere! Now the Christ Ray is entering our bodies requiring that we regenerate and transform Venusian Love to its higher octave, Uranus. This can be done most effectively through "service." We must,

therefore, pledge ourselves to this "service," no longer self-seeking, but looking to the good of the universe, aligning ourselves with the cosmic patterns that are being revealed as the Age of Aquarius slowly approaches. We are now involved in a constant state of "NEW AGE ALCHEMY," regenerating our spiritual vehicles and transforming our physical bodies into something new and glorious. We are bringing forth the *new from the old*—keeping all the beauties of Venus while directing them to the higher purposes of the altruistic Uranus. We have awakened, we are now seeking that "elixir of life" and have found the path to true spiritual grace; the Christ Spirit of Divine Love!

Each one of us must approach "his or her alchemical laboratory" in our own way. Individualism will certainly be a keyword as Aquarius begins to close in on the fast fading Piscean era. We will want to "do it ourselves" and will perhaps shun any efforts of assistance from outside sources or gurus. Self-reliance and self-less service will begin to make our lives more joyful and fulfilling as we learn to "live the life" of the Christian Mystic. As this New Age approaches, there *will* be signs in the Heavens! There *will* be "wars and rumors of wars," but we know that in the end the Race Spirit *will* be replaced by the Christ Spirit and all *will* be well in the Kingdom of God. The appointed time is now, so let each one of us begin to take the next step to bring Christ closer to Earth and closer to our own Temple within. □

—N. D. Willoughby

Max Heindel's Message

Lucifer The Rebel Angel

The Rosicrucian Fellowship aims to educate and construct, to be charitable even to those from whom we differ, and never to vent the venom of vituperation, spite, or malice even upon those who seem deliberately determined to mislead. We revere the Catholic religion; it is as divine in its essence, as Mystic Masonry—both are rooted in hoary antiquity, both were born to further the aspiration of the striving soul, and both have a message and a mission in the world not apparent upon the surface today, because man-made ceremonial as a scale has hidden the kernel of divinity in each. It is the object of the present articles to remove that scale and show the Cosmic purpose of these two Great Organizations, which are so bitterly antagonistic to each other. We do not aim to reconcile them, however, for though they are both designed to further the emancipation of the soul, their methods are different, and the attributes of the soul fostered by one method will indeed be very different from the quality of the soul nurtured in the other School. Therefore the strife must continue until the battle for the souls of men has been lost and won. The issue is not, however, the persistence of the Masonic or Catholic institutions; but the outcome will determine the nature of the training humanity will receive in the remaining Periods of our evolution. We shall endeavor to show the cosmic root of both of these institutions, the purpose of each and the training which each will inaugurate, if successful; also the nature of the soul quality which may be expected to result from each method. *The writer is not a Mason, and thus he is free to say what he knows without fear of violating obligations, but he is a Mason at heart and therefore frankly opposed to Catholicism.*

Our opposition is not fanatical, or blind to the merits of the Catholic Religion, however. The Catholic is our brother as well as the Mason; we would not say a disparaging, irreverent word against this faith, or those who live by it, and should we seem to do so, in any passage, the wrong will be due to inadvertence. The reader is requested to note that we distinguish sharply between the Catholic Hierarchy and the Catholic Religion, but the former are also our brothers; we would not throw stones either physically or morally, for we know our own short-

comings too well to attack others. Thus our opposition is not personal, but spiritual, and to be fought with the weapon of the Spirit—Reason. We firmly believe it to be for the everlasting good of mankind that the Masons should win, and cannot therefore be sure to present the Catholic side in a perfectly unbiased manner, but we ask our students for whom this is written, to believe that we shall try to be just. Of the Cosmic Facts we are certain, but bias may creep into our conclusions, therefore each must use his reason to test what we have to say, viz., “prove all things and hold fast that which is good.”

The great law of analogy is everywhere the master key of all spiritual mysteries, and, although Masonry and Catholicism do not begin till we arrive at the Earth Period, they have their prototype in the earlier Periods; we shall therefore briefly touch upon the essential facts.

In the Saturn Period, the Earth-in-the-making was dark; Heat, which is the first manifestation of the ever invisible fire, was the only element then manifest; embryonic mankind was mineral-like, the only lower kingdom of evolving life. Unity was everywhere observable, and the Lords of Mind who were human then, were at one among themselves.

In the Western Wisdom Teaching we speak of the highest Initiate of the Saturn Period as *The Father*.

In the Sun Period the root of a new element, Air was evolved, and coalesced with the true fire, which, mark again, is always invisible, and which manifested as *heat* in the Saturn Period. Then fire burst into

flames, and the dark world became a blazing ball of luminous firemist at the word of power, "Let there be light."

Let the student ponder well the relation of *fire* and *flame*; the former lies sleeping, invisible in every thing, and is kindled into light in various ways: by a blow of a hammer upon a stone, by friction of wood against wood and by chemical action, etc. This gives us a clue to the identity and state of *The Father*, "whom no man hath seen at any time," but who is revealed in "The Light of the World," the Son, who is the highest Initiate of the Sun Period. As the unseen fire is revealed in the flame, so also the fullness of the Father dwelt in the Son, and they are one as fire is one with the flame in which it manifests. This is the root of all true Sun or Fire worship. All look beyond the physical symbol and adore "Our Father Who art in Heaven." The Mystic Masons of today hold this faith in fire as firmly as ever.

Thus it will be seen that the Unity which prevailed in the Saturn Period continued in the Sun Period. The ordinary humanity of that time has now evolved to the glory of Archangels; some were more advanced than others, but there was no antagonism among them. Our present humanity had advanced to a plantlike stage, and was slightly above the new Lifewave started in the Sun Period, and unity also here prevailed.

In the Moon Period contact of the heated sphere with cold Space generated moisture, and the battle of the elements commenced in all its fierceness. The heated ball of fire endeavored to evaporate the moisture, force it

outwards and create a vacuum wherein to maintain its integrity and burn undisturbed; but there is and can be no void in nature, hence the outrushing steam condensed at a certain distance from the heated ball and was again driven inwards by the cold of Space, to be again evaporated and propelled outwards,

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in a ceaseless round for ages and ages, as a shuttlecock between the separate Hierarchies of Spirits composing the various Kingdoms of Life, represented in the Fire-Sphere and Cosmic Space which is an expression of the Homogeneous Absolute Spirit. The Fire Spirits are actively striving to attain enlargement of consciousness. But the Absolute rests ever clothed in the invisible garment of Cosmic Space. In 'It' all powers and possibilities are *latent*, and It seeks to discourage and check any attempt at expenditure of latent power as dynamic energy required in the evolution of a solar system. Water is the agent It used to quench the fire of active spirits. The zone between the heated center of the separate Spirit Sphere, and the Point where its individual atmosphere meets Cosmic Space, is a battleground of evolving spirits at various stages of evolution.

The present Angels were human in the Moon Period, and

the highest Initiate is The Holy Spirit, (Jehovah.)

As our humanity and the other Kingdoms of Life on Earth are variously affected by the present elements, so that some like heat, others prefer cold, some thrive on moisture and others require dryness, so also in the Moon Period among the Angels, some had affinity for water, others abhorred it and loved fire.

The continued cycles of condensation and evaporation of the moisture surrounding the fiery center eventually caused incrustation, and it was the purpose of Jehovah to mold this "red earth," translated Adam, into forms wherein to imprison and *quench the spirits in the fire*. To this end, He issued the creative fiat, and the prototypes of fish, fowl and every living thing appeared, even including the primitive human form, which were all created by His Angels; thus He hoped to make all that lives and moves subservient to His will. Against this plan a minority of the Angels rebelled; they had too great an affinity for *fire* to bear contact with water, and refused to create the forms as ordered; but thereby they at the same time deprived themselves of an opportunity of evolution along the conventional lines, and became an anomaly in nature; furthermore, having repudiated the authority of Jehovah, they must work out their own salvation in their own manner. How this has been accomplished by *Lucifer*, their Great Leader will be made plain in the following articles; for the present, suffice it to say, that in the Earth Period, when various planets were differentiated to provide proper evolu-

tionary environment for each class of spirits, the Angels under Jehovah were set to work with the inhabitants of *all planets having Moons*; while the Lucifer spirits have their abode upon the planet Mars. The Angel *Gabriel* is representative on Earth, of the Lunar Hierarchy, presided over by Jehovah; the Angel *Samael* is ambassador of the Martial forces of Lucifer. Gabriel, (who announced the coming birth of Jesus to Mary) and his lunar angels are therefore the givers of physical life, while Samael and the hosts of Mars are the Angels of Death.

Thus originated the feud in the dim dawn of this Cosmic Day, and that which we see as Free Masonry today is an attempt by the *Hierarchies of Fire*, the Lucifer spirits, to bring us the imprisoned spirit 'Light,' that by it we may see and know. Catholicism is an activity of the *Hierarchs of water*, and places 'Holy Water' at the Temple door to quench the spirits seeking light and knowledge and to inculcate *faith* in Jehovah.

As the vernal equinox is said to be the first point of Aries, no matter where in the constellations it falls by precession, so the point where the human seed-atom comes from the invisible world and is taken in hand by the Lunar God of Generation, Jehovah, through His ambassador, the Angel Gabriel, is esoterically the first point of Cancer. This is the Cardinal sign of the watery Triplicity, and is ruled by the Moon. There Conception takes place; but were the form built of water and its concretions alone, it could never come to birth, so four months later when the foetus has reached the stage of

development corresponding to the second sign of the watery triplicity, Scorpio, the eighth sign, which corresponds to the house of death, Samael, the dauntless ambassador of the Lucifer Spirits, invades the watery domain of the Lunar Hierarchy and introduces the fiery spark of the spirit into the inert form, to leaven, quicken and mould it into an expression of itself.

There the Silver Cord which has grown from the seed-atom of the dense body (located in the heart) since conception, is welded to the part that has sprouted from the central vortex of the desire body (located in the liver), the spirit *dies* to life in the super-sensible world, and quickens the body it is to use in its coming Earth life. This life on

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Earth lasts until the course of events foreshadowed in the wheel of life, the horoscope, has been run; and when the spirit again reaches the realm of Samael, the Angel of Death, the mystic eighth house, the silver cord is loosed, and the spirit returns to God who gave it, until the dawn of another Life-day in the School of Earth beckons it to a new birth that it may acquire more skill in the arts and crafts of temple-building.

About five months after the quickening, when the last of the watery signs, Pisces, has been passed, the representative of the Lucifer Spirits, Samael, focuses the forces of the fiery sign, Aries, where Mars is positively polarized, so that under the impulse of their dynamic energy the waters of the womb are voided, and the imprisoned spirit liberated into the physical world, to fight the battle of life. It may blindly butt its head against the Cosmic forces typified by the first of the fiery signs, Aries, the Ram, which is a symbol of the brute strength brought to bear upon the problems of life by the most primitive races; or it may adopt the more modern method of cunning, as a means of attaining mastery over others, which characteristic is indicated in the second of the fiery signs, Leo, the Lion, the king of beasts; or perchance it may rise above the animal nature, and aim at the stars with the bow of spiritual aspiration, typified by the last of the fiery signs, Sagittarius, the Centaur. The Centaur is just ahead of the watery sign Scorpio, a warning that one who tries to reach that last stage and assert his divine right of choice and prerogative as "Phree Messen," a son of Fire and Light, will surely feel the sting of the Scorpion in his heel, which will goad him onward upon the path where men become "wise as serpents." It is from this class that Mystic Masonry is recruited with men who have the indomitable courage to *dare*, the unflagging *energy to do* and the diplomatic discrimination to be *silent*. □

**—Max Heindel
Freemasonry and
Catholicism**

Studies in the Cosmo-Conception

Living Our Purgatory Here and Now

Question: Of what benefit is foreknowledge of Purgatory?

Answer: There is an inestimable benefit in knowing about the method and object of purgation after death, because we are thus enabled to forestall it by living our Purgatory here and now, day by day, thus advancing much faster than would otherwise be possible.

Question: How is this done?

Answer: By faithfully practicing an exercise the object of which is purification as an aide to the development of spiritual sight. It consists of thinking over the happenings of the day after retiring at night.

Question: Is a particular method followed?

Answer: We review each incident of the day, in reverse order, taking particular note of the moral aspect, considering whether we acted rightly or wrongly in each particular case regarding actions, mental attitude, and habits.

Question: How does this practice relate to Purgatory?

Answer: By thus judging ourselves day by day, endeavoring to correct mistakes and wrong actions, we shall materially shorten or perhaps even eliminate the necessity for Purgatory and be able to pass to the First Heaven directly after death.

Question: Are there other benefits.

Answer: Yes. If in this manner we consciously overcome our weaknesses, we also make a very material advance in the school of evolution. Even if we fail to correct our actions, we derive an immense benefit from judging ourselves, thereby generating aspirations toward good, which in time will surely bear fruit in right action.

Question: Do we note only our wrong actions in this review?

Answer: By no means. In reviewing the day's happenings and blaming ourselves for wrong, we should not forget to approve impersonally of the good we have done and determine to do still better. In this way we enhance the good by approval as much as we abjure the evil by blame.

Question: Are there other aids in relation to Purgatory?

Answer: Repentance and reform are also powerful factors in shortening the purgatorial existence, for nature never wastes effort in useless processes.

Question: How do these operate?

Answer: When we realize the wrong of certain habits or acts in our past life and determine to eradicate habit and to redress the wrong committed, we are expunging the pictures of them from the subconscious memory and they will not be there to judge us after death.

Question: What occurs if it is not possible to redress a wrong?

Answer: Even though we are unable to make restitution for a wrong, the sincerity of our regret will suffice. Nature does not aim to "get even," or to take revenge. Recompense may be given to our victim in other ways.

Question: How far-reaching are the benefits of this practice?

Answer: Much progress ordinarily reserved for future lives will be made by the man who thus takes time by the forelock, judging himself and eradicating vice by reforming his character. This practice is earnestly recommended. It is perhaps the most important teaching in the present work.

—Reference: Cosmo-Conception, pp. 110-112.

Western Wisdom Bible Study



Symbols

He riseth from supper and laid aside his garments; and took a towel and girded himself.

After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciple's feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

— John 13: 4,5

This act of Christ Jesus is given only in the Gospel of John. It follows the institution of the Sacrament of the Last Supper, and is of far greater significance than is generally understood.

In the Old Testament the shew bread and the first fruits of the harvest were brought to the Temple and dedicated. Later this food was eaten by the priests, and not by those who had brought it. Now, after the institution of the Last Supper, all food is to be understood as a symbol of life and all are to share reverently in its use—which is, of course, to build a pure temple for the Living God within.

But the verses quoted follow this symbolic act. Presumably before eating, all of the cleansing and purifying rites used in the past were performed. Now these verses begin, “He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments.” Here we have the symbolic act of laying aside the physical vehicles and working in the higher bodies. The Christ, using the physical and vital bodies of Jesus, had all seven vehicles at His command, so when He laid aside His garments (those lower ones of Jesus) He must have been acting in His own vehicles as a Cosmic Being.

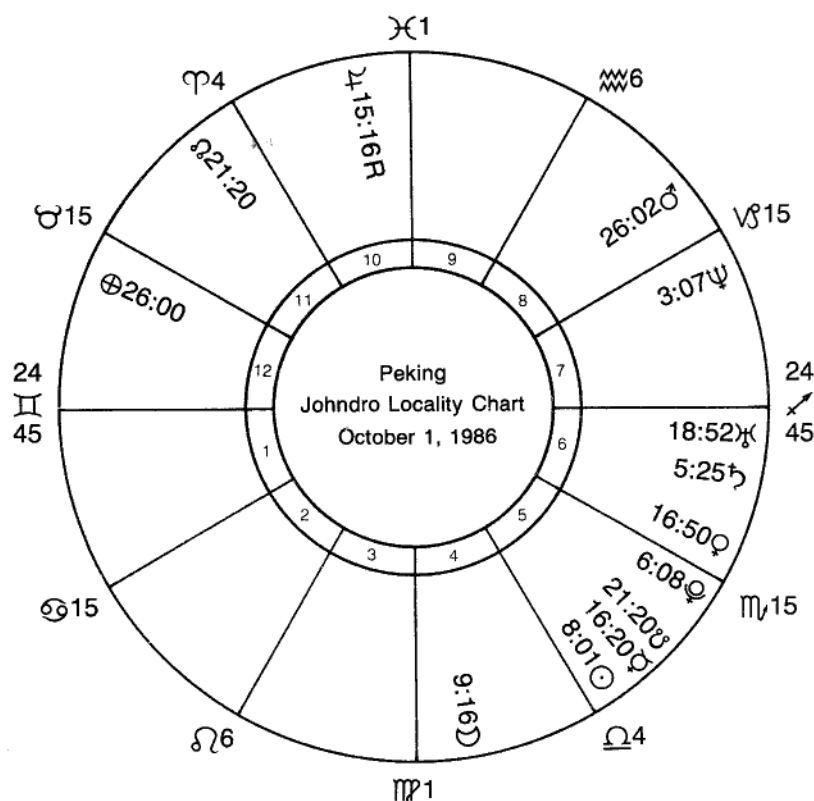
After laying aside His garments, He “took a towel, and girded himself.” This can only mean that He took His tools and prepared Himself for His work. In the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead as given in this same gospel, we have the expression as translated in the King James Version “he groaned in his spirit.” A better translation would have been, “he raised his vibrations.” In these verses the author says he “girded himself,” or prepared for the work at hand.

Now that He is ready to do the work for which He was destined, “before the world began,” He “poureth water in a basin and began to wash the disciple’s feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.” This water or emotional force, that He called into being is now being used to cleanse the cosmos during the Piscean Age. But this incident has wider and deeper implications than that of aid during the Piscean Age only.

On page 221 of the *Cosmo-Conception* is a list of the twelve great Creative Hierarchies, listed under their zodiacal signs. The first five have already passed to their liberation as far as this planet Earth is concerned. The other seven, beginning with Virgo, whose Hierarchy is known as the Lords of Wisdom, and continuing down through the signs to Pisces—the Virgin Spirits who are humanity of the present Earth Period—are still actively engaged in evolving for themselves higher vehicles. The Archangel Christ, who passed through a phase of development comparable to our present humanity cycle under the constellation Capricorn (we celebrate His birth on December 25 in the first degrees of the Capricorn month), has accepted the task of helping our human life wave, the Piscean Virgin Spirits, to purify itself and be able to develop and progress faster than it ordinarily would have been able to do.

The cosmic significance of this act as written down by the Evangel John should be meditated upon and expanded until the mind and the heart of the student is glowing with an inner light all his own. □

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China:

Communism, Capitalism—What Next?

For over a decade now you've been hearing how China has been turning to the West; a major milestone along this road occurred on October 1, 1986, with the going into effect of "Contract Labor":¹ all Chinese now were free to seek the kinds of work they wanted; they could change if desired; the government would not interfere; laissez faire!

This most certainly gave the Chinese a vast new increment of economic freedom; this in turn makes political freedom inevitable, eventually; that indisputably does away with Communism just as surely as light dispels the darkness. With more than one-fifth the world's population involved, surely the starry script would take note?

A Johndro Locality Chart set for Peking, October 1, 1986—37 years to the day the Red Flag was raised over this city—reveals a Bowl

Pattern. The cutting planet, the Moon, and six others are in the second quadrant: the event was one of "subjective awareness"; the Chinese had evidently realized that the old ways of Communism weren't working, so they changed directions—as confirmed also by Jupiter the co-ruler of the M.C. being retrograde.

We obtain a succinct summary of the meaning of a Bowl by taking a close look at the cutting and trailing planets, the Moon and Jupiter. The Moon: the people; Jupiter: betterment; that's what this change is all about—and a gargantuan change it is indeed! The chart contains five midpoint configurations;² Pluto (change) is involved in four of them; Neptune, ruler of the M.C., twice; Jupiter, co-ruler of the M.C., once; the M.C. itself, once.

The message is unmistakable: a change in direction in behalf of betterment—in the area of work: four of the planets are in the sixth house of work, including Pluto (change), if we consider that though located *behind* the sixth cusp, its *future* influence will be mainly in this house. The Moon, the I.C. and Lilith are in the sixth sign, making it the sign with the most occupants along with Libra, which holds the Sun, Mercury, and Dragon's Tail in the fifth house. It is well that the planetary energies in this house of risks are in Libra, for this helps to proceed in a balanced (Libra), moderate way.

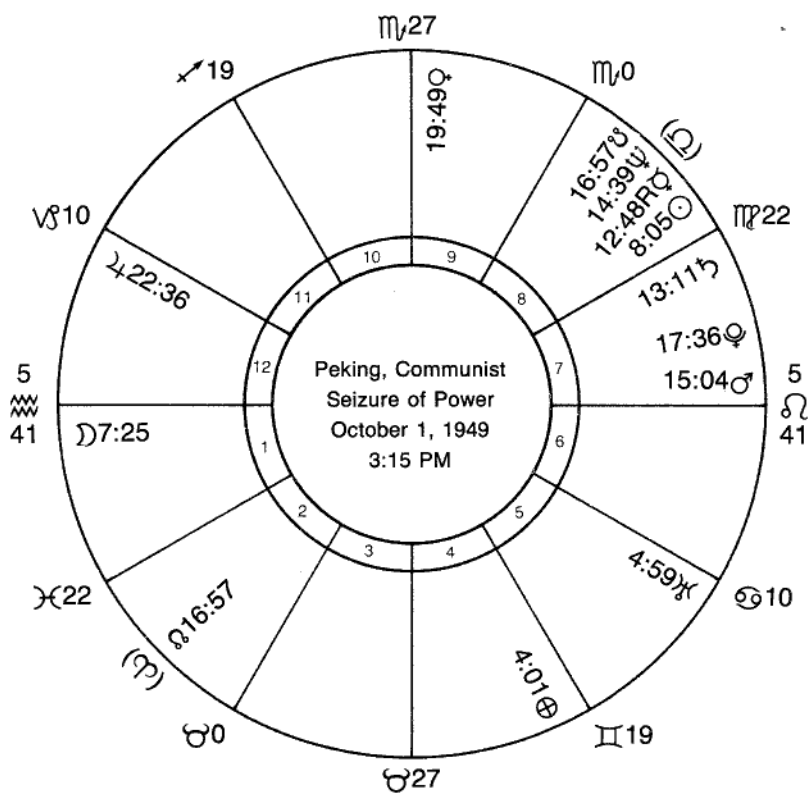
The Peking government should be experienced at that: in the chart of China itself, there are four placings in Libra, more

About two centuries ago, Napoleon likened China to a sleeping giant about to wake up. Since then, there have been six times when it was thought he had done so. In the Taiping Revolt of the 1860's Western reform came close to adoption; but in the Boxer⁴ Rebellion of 1900 the pendulum swung to the opposite extreme as foreigners were ferociously pounced upon. In 1912, China's Republican Revolt ended the Monarchy and the scales again swung toward greater freedom, only to be reversed in 1949 with the Communist seizure of power. Next came the cultural Revolution, falsely so called, in

We hope and have much reason to believe that the upcoming Seventh Major Change, heavily involving the Aquarian Ascendant and nearby Moon, will be a positive response to the vibrations of this idealistic sign; the solstice points of both the Ascendant and Moon are close to the M.C. Too, at the same time the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction which occurs every 20 years will again be in an air sign, Gemini, and in China's fourth house of foundations. Until 1960 this conjunction had been in Earth signs several times. Air signs are more conducive to a spiritual response; air signs are the only ones not symbolized by any animals; it might even be

—A Probationer

⁴ This had nothing to do with prize-fighters; the acronym for the Chinese name of the “gang” that fought the foreigners sounded something like the word “boxer.”



VENUS: Principle of Perfected Manifestation

Venus, feminine and magnetic, is the consciousness of harmony resulting from the alchemy of emotional transmutations.

Harmony may be defined as the "consciousness of fulfilled union"—the antithesis of Ego-separatedness. Through primitive Mars, as individuals, we live in, and for, self; Mars, regenerate, is that expression of self which is based on the courage of individual integrity. A human being cannot "give to others" if he has not established an awareness of his potentialities and the determination to fulfill them. This Mars urge toward self-maintenance is the necessary stage by which the Ego identifies itself with the streams of life through "projection" and the resultant karma. Each of us has one soul body to create; we cannot create it for another and no one can create it for us. Every one of us has—in each incarnation—at least one phase of the soul body to fulfill; we cannot fulfill another's and no one can fulfill ours. That, in essence is the purpose of the Mars' vibration—awareness of individuality.

However, we find that experiences are the objectifications of our own inner states which are "ignited" by our contacts with other people. When the Mars vibration tends to predominate, we are urged to use our self-

awareness to interfere in another's life, to push him around, to subjugate him for our own purposes. This is Mars as a disrupter of relationship; fulfilled relationship is self-expression that contributes to another's good at the same time. The Venus vibration is our capacity to act—to draw to ourselves—in terms of harmonious interchange with other people, in cooperation and assistance, with good will and constructive purposes. In this way our projections are fruitful and mutuality of development is assured. The streams of experience are fed and progressively sustained.

The title-word "manifestation" may be considered from two approaches. Saturn is Manifestation as physical form, the objectification of Spirit. In relationship processes, Saturn is seen to be "responsibility." There is a heavy, earth-bound, condensed quality about responsibility that perfectly reflects Saturn's essential nature.

It has been observed, and psychologically proved, that the impulse of love provides the most satisfactory basis for the fulfillments of obligations and responsibilities. When we love, we find resources of greater courage, and deeper faith, the expressions which tend to "lighten the burden." Moreover, fulfillment is made much more completely and satisfactorily when a loving, happy, and enthusiastic attitude forms the basis of effort. Thus, we derive our title—the Venusian consciousness as the basis of perfecting the body of relationship. Saturn's exaltation in Venus' sign, Libra, is the astrological correlative. Further, the ex-

perience of relationship (Venus) automatically implies the responsibility (Saturn) of fulfillment.

We are told that "Uranus is the higher octave of Venus." The emotional triad is comprised of Mars, Venus, and Uranus. While Mars is the individualistic, male projection, and Venus symbolizes his transmutation and refinement through relationship, Uranus is the "fusion" of the two within the individual. Thus the higher vibratory frequency of Uranus is the blend of masculine and feminine polarities which is known as the "hermetic marriage," and the creative expression of this vibration manifests its fulfillment without the necessity of a partner. We can see, from the study of this process, that Uranus represents the expression of supreme union which is not dependent upon the illusions of emotional relationships; for in relationship, the crisscross of male-female interchange is always evident. The polarities, fused, permit the person to create from his own center, on a higher level of emotional consciousness than either Mars or Venus can achieve singly, or in interchange with each other through two different people. Venus in Uranus' sign, Aquarius, is a transcendent expression of love based on detachment and freedom.

Venus is in its fall in the sign Virgo. Virgo is mental, analytical, and critical. When you analyze you pull a thing to pieces to observe the separate parts. This, is the sphere of Venus experience, makes for emphasis on things. Affection is expressed in terms of "right and wrong," "duty," and "fitness,"

in the superficial sense. Venus in Virgo is seen to be love as "something to be done" rather than as a source of life-giving and enriching experience which refreshes the heart and illuminates the mind.

An extended expression of Venus in Virgo may be described as love of one's work, but in lesser phases, or in domestic experience generally, it seems to show as a preoccupation with the practical matters of daily living: a clean, well-ordered home, a talent for good cooking, and the making of lovely things. The redemption of Venus in Virgo will be found in the establishment of harmonious (beautiful) attitudes toward other people. A critical talent is conveyed by Virgo, but Venus urges the expression of tact and courtesy; sympathetic understanding must take the place of spotting—and exposing—the other fellow's faults. A clean, orderly home is a fine and wonderful thing, but a home that also contains a joyous,

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comfortable, and livable vibration is representative of fulfilled heart experience, the cultivation of Venus.

Venus, in any horoscope, is the symbol of the esthetic faculty as well as of the love potential. Rhythm, balance, proportion, and taste are just as evident in cultivated relationships as they

are in the qualities of things which we call beautiful.

Venus is the instinctive esthetic response—the result of inner refinement following processes of emotional transmutations. She is thus seen to be our innate ability to perceive and appreciate color, line, modulation, and proportion. She is cultivated taste—the discriminating evaluation.

Neptune, on the other hand, is our response to contrived beauty—in other words, our capacity for art response. Many people have a keen response to the beauties of Nature and of other people, but, lacking Neptune, they cannot respond to the abstract or symbolic expressions of art forms. Then, there are those who possess a high degree of development—a great talent or perhaps even genius—along the lines of some particular art who are appreciative of beauty in other forms and may demonstrate their "lack of Venus" by uncouthness of personal appearance, unsociability, and deficiency of emotional development and relationship cultivation.

Venus gives the lovely complexion, or the graceful, well-proportioned body, or the expressive voice that people are born with—they are naturally beautiful. Neptune is the clever use of cosmetics which creates the illusion of beauty; the dancing and singing lessons by which people contrive a greater degree of beauty than they possess naturally. Venus is the instinctive good taste by which a woman adorns herself according to her own personal requirements; the selection of clothes which, by design and color, unify her appearance—



she and her clothes are one harmonious thing. Neptune is fashion, vogue, and artifice by which people of un-individual taste follow a contrived, artificial pattern. Being fashionable may be—but often isn't—synonymous with being in good taste.

Neptune is art—in whatever form, the contrivance of a symbol to express an esthetic idea or ideal. Of all the forms of art, instrumental music and drama are particularly—and peculiarly—Neptunian. The special qualities of Venus are evidenced in the arts of Dance and Song. This statement is made in reference to the “natural basis”

of these two arts; both are highly cultivated manifestations of remarkably developed bodily functions. Neptune and Venus, in some combination or relationship, are necessary for the astrological indications of artistic talent. Another planet may indicate a special qualification, but these two form the “esthetic basis.”

In the two signs Libra and Pisces, Venus finds the purest expressions of her essential nature; Libra, the seventh house sign, is the symbol of relationship, and Pisces is the essence of spiritualized love. In Taurus, Venus finds a strong expression

of her emotional potentiality, but in more earthy terms. In Gemini and Aquarius she blends with the relationship urges of fraternal and friendship love. In Sagittarius, combining with the Jupiter-ninth house quality, she is considered very favorable, since an “overtone” of spirituality and idealism is implied. In Cancer she is home loving and motherly, keenly responsive to the needs of loved ones. In Leo she glows warming and dramatically—Venus in Leo is the arch symbol of romantic love. In Scorpio she is intensely magnetic, the Mars vibration is indicative of love as sex ex-

pression. However, this position of Venus is considered unfavorable—for her—because “partnership is threatened by personal desire,” and from a physiological standpoint, in reference to the feminine physical organism, afflictions to Venus in Scorpio can threaten fulfillments in sex exchange. However, in higher types, this position of Venus can promise the potential for great transmutations of emotion through consecrated devotion—it can be very spiritual. In Capricorn, as in Virgo, material or practical considerations seem to predominate. An afflicted Venus in Capricorn is relationship—or love, or its pretense—as a furtherance of ambition and position. This depletion of Venus is indicative of consummate selfishness—in the cold, calculating sense of the word. In Aries, Venus is “love as self-expression”—carrying out the egoistic, dynamic influence of Mars.

The scope of Venus potential in a chart will be found by determining the harmonious aspects as well as the planets disposed by Venus. The latter phrase is important because Venus herself may be unaspected or weak by position or afflicted by aspect; but planets in Taurus and/or Libra are “expressing through Venus” and extend her influence into the chart. Since Venus is passive—the result of transmutative processes—she is afflicted—she does not afflict another planet. Squares and oppositions to Venus—or malefic conjunctions, represent (1) the possibilities of frustration of the urge to union and the expression of love; (2) states of consciousness that are inhibitive to

the development of the esthetic and social urges. Venus sextiling an otherwise afflicted planet shows the need for using Venus as an alchemical agency to redeem the other planet from its affliction. Trines to Venus represent flowerings of the soul, the cultivation of inner graces of mind and emotion, the capacities for beautiful and joyous living.

When Venus is unaspected, we must regard her house position as the focal point of the social urge; her sign position indicates the esoteric potential of the love nature. We can interpret this pattern as representing an incarnation in which

alchemical preparation is being made for the future. Though Venus, in this case, gives little “promise of reward” in this life, yet if reaction patterns are established by which self-isolative impulses are transmuted into giving, or devotion to an ideal or work or the cultivation of sympathetic understanding, the process will build a Venus return in the future. The person with an unaspected Venus may possess a disposition that is not particularly happy or sociable, but if he does something, now and then, to make someone else happy or encouraged, he then expresses energy in terms of



Venus—an emanation of goodwill which must, inevitably, reap its reward.

Venus strong by influence but afflicted by aspects is “urge without cultivation”; the gregarious man who can’t distinguish friends from acquaintances; the woman who just loves beautiful colors—she wears a red hat, a purple coat, a yellow dress, and pink shoes; the “artist” who will sing at the slightest provocation—his voice distresses all who hear him; the woman who is addicted to collecting “nice things”—her home is a jungle of incoherent bric-a-brac. These are cartoon-like examples of Venus being spilled out all over the place. These persons display a decided lack of discriminative selection or a sense of the fitness of things. Venus is always the “nicest way of doing anything.”

At this point we suggest a synthesis of Venus with the three “primitives”—Mars, Moon, and Saturn. These three form the foundations of experience on the emotional, mental, and physical planes and their relationship with Venus gives us the how and why of her scope and influence in the chart.

Mars-Venus: This is the pattern of “desire love”; the sex impulse and its refinement through union; the assertiveness of self and its completion through relationship; the projection of dynamic urge and its perfected fulfillment; in martial experience—fulfilled matehood through the integration of male and female polarities. Regardless of the physical sex of the person, the predominance of either Mars or Venus in the chart indicates the predominant polarity tendency. If both are

deficient the emotional potentials are low, sexuality lacks fire, and the purely mental or the purely physical expression of life will predominate in the person’s experience. If Mars afflicts Venus, it is necessary to compare carefully the scope of each. Mars strong, Venus weak: predominance of masculinity, dynamic and self-assertive urges and sex desires; Mars weak, Venus strong: femininity predominates, the personality lacks thrust and zest; esthetic response may be highly developed but there is little urge toward work or effort; this pattern is not favorable for men, since the feminine element predominates over the masculine. Mars sextile or trine Venus: promise of sexual mutuality and fulfilled love

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impulses; a healthy, integrated emotional nature; capacity to enjoy activity and to work cooperatively; in the charts of either men or women this aspect is favorable, since it promises mutuality between the masculine and feminine phases of personality and relationship.

Moon-Venus: This is the feminine basis of the horoscope. Woman as mother and as mate; the latent feminine polarity in men, indicative of their relationships and experiences with women, generally. Afflictions between Moon and Venus in a woman’s chart are indicative of physiological inharmonies, possible frustrations of maternal and wifely impulses; unfulfillments of the affectional capacities. In a man’s chart,

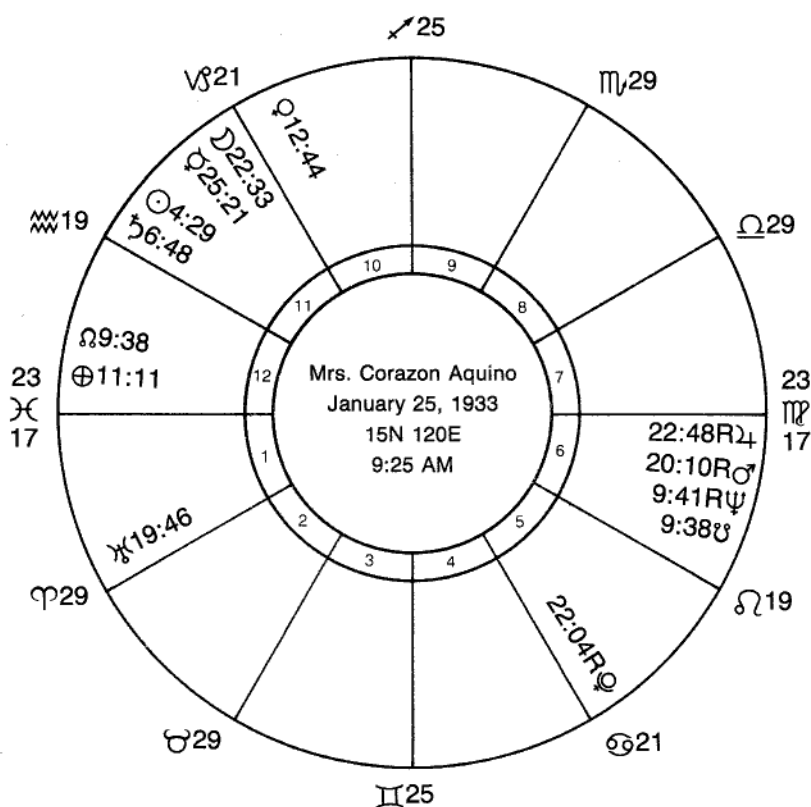
Moon afflicting Venus is indicative of his feminine karma, inharmonies of relationship with mother, wife and/or female associates. This is the man who is unlearned in the ways of woman-kind—his feminine patterns are in disorder, unregenerate, and promising of disappointment and friction; through “heart ignorance” he makes painful karma for the future. This man needs to cultivate understanding and sympathy; until he does, his consciousness remains, to a degree, brute-like, particularly if his Mars and Saturn are strong, regardless of aspects.

Saturn-Venus: Inharmoniously, this is joy sacrificed to responsibility, love dominated by duty, or love depleted by introversion, ignorance, or fear; enforced discipline of the esthetic or love impulses as a karmic return from past excesses; Venus otherwise well-aspected and strong, the square from Saturn may indicate limitation of scope for the perfection of quality. Harmoniously aspected Saturn-Venus is expression of love through responsibility; fulfillment of responsibilities is a channel of flowering of the love capacities; love is here seen to be an anchor, an agency of beneficial restraint and direction of energy and work. This is “love which must be made manifest”—the dream must be actually lived. Constancy and fidelity are keywords of this aspect—love goes deep and lasts long. Union serves to stimulate practical talents and the experience of loving forms a solid basis for constructive well-rounded-out living. □

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“Most Popular Head of State”

According to the chairman of the House Subcommittee on Asian Affairs, that probably is the Philippines' president, Mrs. Corazon Aquino.¹ She was *Time's* “man” of the year for 1986;² the year's number 1 religious newsmaker; recipient of the M.L. King Peace Prize; and of other honors as well. What kind of person is she?³

Her most outstanding asset is charm! Venus is singled out by closest aspect to the Part of Fortune, in the same sign with the Moon and Mercury, trine Neptune, and though somewhat weak in Capricorn, yet helped by being in accidental dignity and in her own Taurus decan; four planets are in her eleventh house of friends.

That gracious gregariousness is most helpful, for she is also very independent, being a solar Aquarian. Closest to the Ascendant is Uranus in Aries, square the Moon, Mercury, and Venus, quincunx Mars and Jupiter, conjunct the solstice points of Neptune and the Dragon's Tail, and widely conjunct Lilith. One recalls how in late 1985 she refused the number 2 slot on the presidential ticket, an attitude typical of her Uranus configuration.

Yet she can also be flexible. Her angles are all in mutable signs; her chart's sign signature is mutable Virgo; the See-Saw Pattern enables her to see both sides of an issue: she has tried to negotiate with Communist and Moslem rebels. Her Capricorn cluster impels her not to lose sight of the past; her Aquarian conjunction makes her unafraid of a new departure. The late, famous Grant Lewi claimed that more famous Americans had been born under the Sun-in-Aquarius-Moon-in-Capricorn combination than under any of the other one hundred forty three,⁴ and offers a glowing description thereof. Mrs. Aquino may project a populist posture, but ranks among the aristocracy of Spirit!

As such, she is also tough! Six planets in Earth; three close conjunctions; Saturn her final dispositor and conjunct her Sun—all proof that her demure demeanor and soft speech are not signs of female frailty. She may need to work at asserting her full prowess, for its fulcrum, the Sun-Saturn conjunction, lacks major aspects. It is integrated into the rest of the map only by a very weak (because of wide orb) quincunx to Neptune.

She will need every bit of strength, for the future portends problems. The winter of '87/'88 will bring the Saturn-Uranus conjunction to her M.C., and during the December 20, 1987, lunation, Sun, Moon, and Mercury will also be there. Three malefics will start transiting her tenth house during 1988, a considerable challenge for a head of state. Also during '88 the M.C. by primary progression will form a temporary Finger of God with her Mars-Jupiter conjunction and with Pluto. Simultaneously, the Sun by primary progression will be in Pisces 29, a "degree of expiation," on the threshold of a new cycle. "Business as usual" will not be the order of the day!

The stars have a message for President Aquino! There is a T-square, and the degree opposite its apex points the way: "Interest in permanent rather than transient values."⁵ This is especially pertinent at this time, as Saturn and Neptune prepare to transit her Venus of values.

As part of its cover story on Mrs. Aquino, *Time* included a picture of her kneeling in prayer. Underneath is the caption, "While wrestling with a decision: 'Please God, tell me what to do.'" That attitude has brought her through a perilous past; it will enable her to face a foreboding future! □

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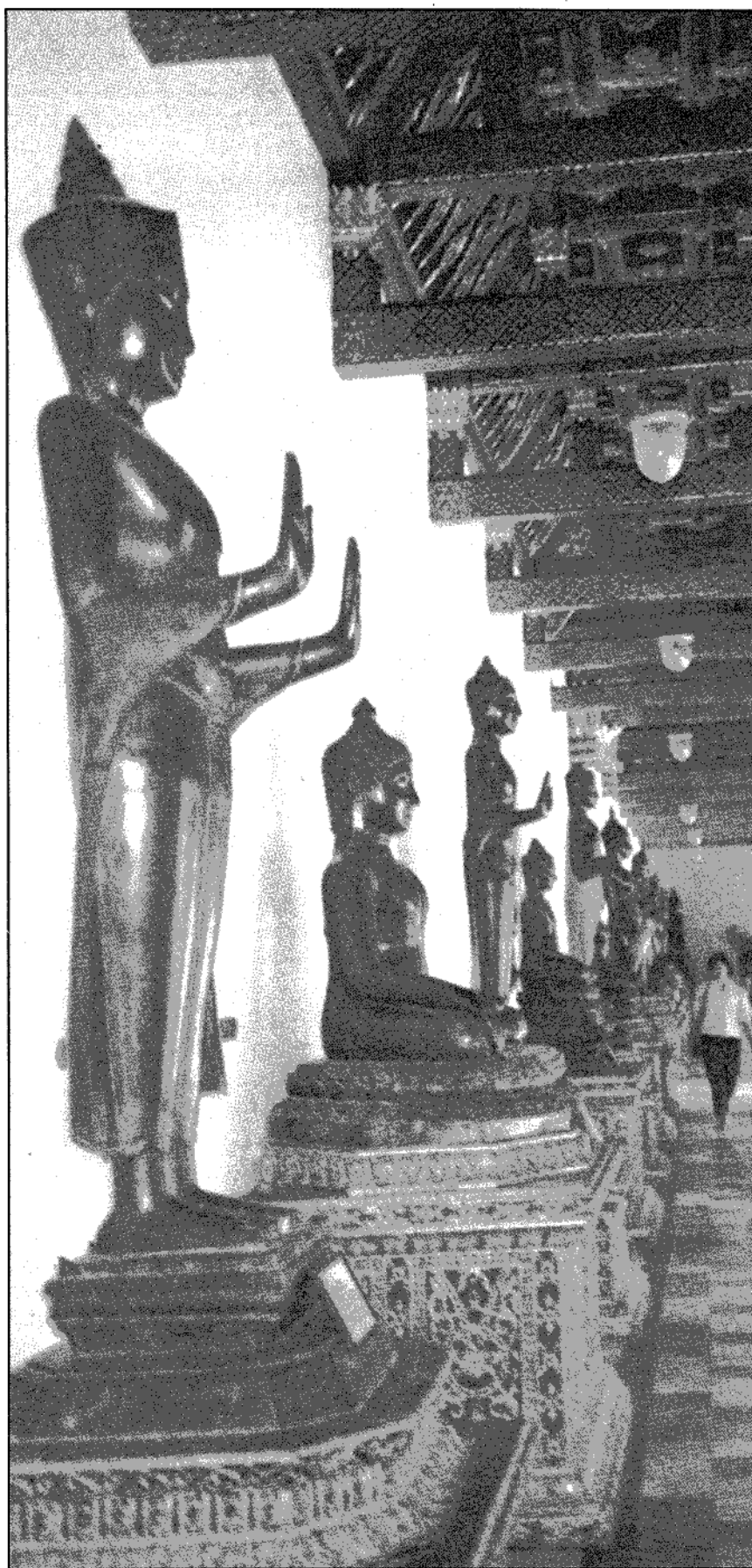
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⁵ *The Astrology of Personality*, Rudhyar, p. 362.





The Nature of Liberty

The gist of the story: The tragic Amtrak train wreck near Baltimore the first Sunday of 1987, which killed 16, had produced a demand that rail workers be tested for drugs and alcohol, but the latter objected on grounds of invasion of privacy. (*National Public Radio*, "All Things Considered," January 21, 1987.)

This news item touched the very foundations of America—the nature of liberty, concerning which some concepts are often obscured. Liberty is limited! A Supreme Court judge once reminded us that freedom of speech does not include the right to yell "fire" in a crowded assembly! It has also been noted that one's sphere of activity ends where another person's nose begins.

The extent of freedom is defined by law, whose supreme purpose is the protection of life and property. If society's laws did not safeguard these, they would be superfluous; one might then just as well accept

the laws of the jungle and save paying taxes, which should rightfully be spent to "promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty," as stated in the Preamble to the United States Constitution. So, if what one does in one's privacy endangers someone else's "welfare" or "liberty"—and nothing would do that more than endangering life—it is not within the confines of one's rights or freedom.

The Bible has devoted an entire chapter exclusively to this subject, summarized in a verse from I Corinthians 8:9. "But take heed lest by means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak." In 20th century language, in case of uncertainty as to the extent of one's freedom, the Golden Rule is the most reliable norm. Love illumines and makes clear the limits of liberty!

Therefore, let those transportation workers who insist on the right to use drugs and alcohol off the job, on their own time and turf, be asked (while hooked up to lie detectors) if they would enjoy riding on trains whose crews believed and practiced the same!

Friday the 13th

1 987 is unique in having three Friday the 13ths (February, March, November), which will not happen again until 1998. And, concluded the news report, each of these days costs the American economy an estimated one billion dollars in job absences, hotel and travel cancellations, etc. (WCBS-New York, March 8, 1987)

The origin of Friday the 13th is shrouded in mystery. It is believed to have something to do with there having been 13 at the Last Supper, and that the Crucifixion of our Lord occurred on the 6th day of the week—yet the Friday before Easter is called Good Friday! According to Astrology, Friday is a Venus day (hence *Vendredi* in French); that planet is a benefic; so if generalizations concerning the nature of the days of the week were in order, Friday of all days should never be dreaded! This is mentioned to emphasize that the Friday the 13th syndrome cannot in any way be tied to the Sacred Study of the Stars!

Americans are naturally interested in the number 13, for it permeates their history. In the Great Seal of the United States, the number 13 is repeated 13 times; 13 individuals formulated its design; the numerical value of the name "United States of America" is 247, the root of which is 13. And of course there were 13 original colonies and 13 Confederate States, 39 (3 x 13) signers of the Constitution, to which there are at present 26 (2 x 13) amendments. A famous astrologer has said, "Number is the soul of Astrology"; every Bible student knows of the recurrence of certain numbers in the Good Book and of their profound import.

Yes, there is "something" to Numerology, but the idea of Friday the 13th is a superstition, and anything in that category is not exactly harmless, if one considers what the Bible has to say about it. In Acts 17:22 the Apostle Paul called the Athenians "superstitious"; in Verse 16 they are described as "wholly given to idolatry."

Superstition is equated with idolatry! In what sense might this be? According to the true doctrine of God, character is destiny. We reap what we sow; eventually, we get exactly what we deserve, no more, no less; there is no such thing as "luck." We don't attract "bad luck" because of what we might do on a Friday the 13th, but if we have sown "bad" seed, there is an inevitable harvest. If some deed on Friday the 13th, walking under a ladder or behind a black cat etc., did produce ill fortune, then ours would not be an orderly universe; its creator would be irrational and evil. But we know He is wise, just, loving; so the Friday the 13th idea and its implications are a calumny and caricature of His character!

A Nation of Debtors

"The average American is \$6,737 in debt," according to a bold heading in *Virtue*, Jan/Feb 1987 (P. 55). Of course indebtedness has always been with us; perhaps the practice has not always been as widespread, but certainly society's attitudes have changed. Within 3 years during the 1980's the U.S. went from the number one creditor nation to the world's biggest debtor; dur-

ing a 5-year stretch the same decade the national debt doubled; never before has the balance of trade been as unbalanced as now!

There was a time when debtors were frowned upon. The American colony Georgia was founded in the 1730's by scholar-statesman-soldier-philanthropist James Edward Oglethorpe (1696-1785) as a place for debtors to be rehabilitated, the way alcoholics and drug addicts are treated nowadays. That is why early Georgia forbade slavery and strong drink; it was feared that indolence and intoxication would return the settlers to indigence and indebtedness! And that "rehabilitation" did not come entirely free. Georgia was the most vulnerable British colony in all North America, exposed not only to the French and Indians to the West as were all the others, but also expected to hold the line against the hostile Spanish to the south in Florida.

Nowadays, it's different. One is urged, even coerced, into debt! Credit cards are easily obtainable; banks and credit institutions are less than reticent in offering their services; some stores refuse payment in full at purchase but insist on the installment plan; occasionally one needs a credit rating and this cannot be acquired unless one has borrowed at some time; certain interest payments are legitimate tax deductions; and there is always the option of declaring bankruptcy and thereby evading repayment of all or much of one's debt. Could going into debt be any easier?

The Apostle Paul wrote, "Owe no man any thing." Does this mean the Bible teaches one must never borrow? Hardly, for the Old Testament recognizes and regulates the practice. The logical question, When is it Biblically permissible to borrow? The obvious answer, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do *all* to the glory of God." If one is absolutely sure, after prayerful consideration, that going into debt, with a sincere desire to repay, enables one to fulfill the Biblical dictum, there is no need to hesitate. After all, to glorify Him must ever be motive and goal of all we do!

Birth Dearth

That's how it was described by one of America's most respected and least sensational newspapers (*The Christian Science Monitor*, March 2, 1987, p. 6) the ongoing, long term, "popula-

tion dip most noticeable in Western Europe." The U.S. is affected too, but immigration and "the demographic bulge created by baby boomers" will balance things for a while.

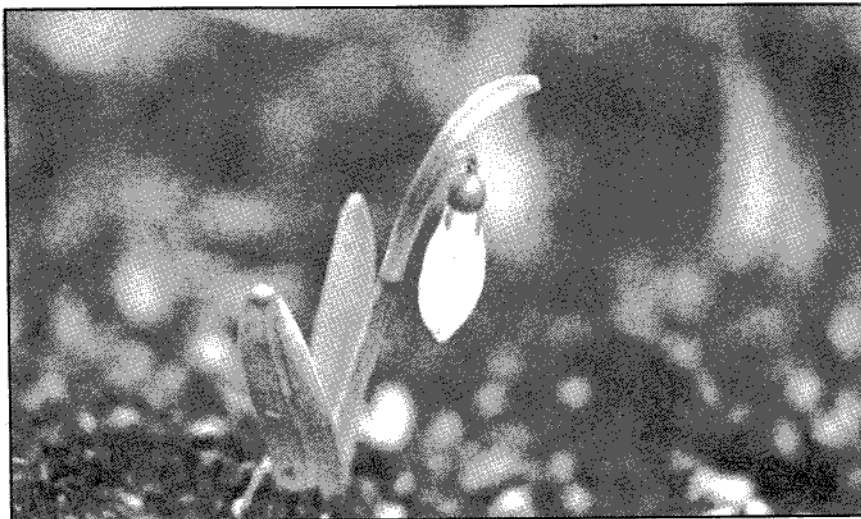
There are 150,000 fewer native West Germans in 1987 than there were in 1986; Denmark registered a decline of 4,000. A low female fertility rate and a small post-World-War-II baby boom are given as causes; the word "abortion" is not even so much as mentioned! Talk about missing the forest for the trees! In the U.S., the abortion rate is 1.5 million a year; in Europe, where the practice was legal long before the U.S. Supreme Court's *Wade versus Roe* ruling of January 22, 1973, it is also very much in vogue; of course it has made an impact!

It may be asked, So what, suppose a country's population level does decline? Far more than demographic data is involved. A clue may be found in a question raised by the article: "What happens, for instance, to the construction industry in a nation that does not have a growing population demanding new housing?" Its weakness impairs other areas of the economy; that discourages foreign and local expansion and investments. Now three alternatives are faced: fewer government services, a higher tax rate, or a bigger national debt. Result: young people emigrate in search for better opportunity, the sick and the old become a growing plurality; hope gives way to despair.

But that's only part of the story! In the world's less developed areas, the population explosion is still going strong! Children born there tend to be less healthy and educated. So, the number of those who can help solve the world's problems diminishes, while the ones who add to them multiply! Abortion, it seems, has not only to do with individual fetuses, but with the collective future of the world! Societies may legalize it and think God's law can be broken with impunity; what is broken is those who have challenged its precepts!

Pro-abortionists, preferring the word "fetus" over "baby," may seek to give the impression that the victims are somehow less than human, but the Bible distinctly calls that which is preparing to be born a "babe." (Luke 1:44) The third gospel, let it be remembered, was written by a physician. (Col. 4:14) "Abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia are but dominoes in a line; abortion has fallen, infanticide is tottering, and euthanasia may soon follow." (*The Rebirth of America*, Arthur S. DeMoss Foundation, 1986, p. 111.) □

Book Reviews



The Twelve Healers of the Zodiac, The Astrology Handbook of the Bach Flower Remedies, by Peter Damian, Publisher: Samuel Weiser, P.O. Box 612, York Beach, MA 03910

Peter Damian is also the author of other astrology books. He has written this small volume to be specifically geared to the serious astrology student who works as counselor and healer. He has found the *Bach Flower Remedies* to be a powerful formula for modifying the mental state of an individual and felt that working with the chart and the essences would be most conducive to true healing.

Edward Bach was a scientist, bacteriologist and physician who made his discoveries in the 1920's and 1930's. He developed these "Bach" remedies from wild bushes, trees and plants. He firmly believed that correcting the mental state of a patient would aid in the physical manifestation of illness. He also believed a negative state of mind was the primary cause of most disease.

He correlated "twelve" distinct personality types, characters and moods. He thought people characterized these negative states when under stressful situations, but that they were not in these states all the time. These "twelve" states of mind are as follows: 1) fear 2) terror 3) Mental torture or worry 4) Indecision 5) Indifference or boredom 6) Doubt or discouragement 7) Over-concern 8) Weakness 9) Self-distrust 10) Impatience 11) Over-enthusiasm 12) Pride or aloofness.

Bach relied on his intuition in the process of discovering and preparing his flower essences. He did not conduct scientific experiments and later went on to discover 26 more essences and states of mind which were considered minor. Peter Damian's work was to reclassify the "twelve" types of personalities and essences into astrological signs. In this book he describes the Sun signs as corresponding to the type of person that Bach mentioned. He also details a quick reference for the serious student by using the horoscope and gives a remedy for the person according to Ascendant, Sun, Moon and any afflicting planets in the chart.

Mr. Damian emphasized that the essences are in no way habit forming. They help to raise the vibrations of a person and allow him or her to be receptive to spiritual energies which help to cleanse both body and mind. This is a very interesting book for those students of The Rosicrucian Fellowship who are interested in Astro-diagnosis for it shows yet another method of working with healing forces. It may appear to be somewhat controversial, but an open mind will reveal that both Bach and Damian are working with the archetypes of life and the healing processes which are raising the vibration of the entire plant through healing individuals of their particular ills. □

—Karen Mendoza

The Art of Aroma Therapy, The Healing and Beautifying Properties of the Essential Oils of Flowers and Herbs, Robert B. Tisserand, Inner Traditions International Ltd., 377 Park Ave S., New York, NY 10016

From ancient times, herbs and flowers have been used for their medicinal value. There are many books written about the healing properties of herbs, but there are very few books written about the oils of the herbs and flowers. Mr. Tisserand has done extensive research into the means of distilling oils from herbs and the usages of these oils. As the title suggests, they can be used in aromatics because our sense of smell can affect the whole body, mind and soul. They can be used in therapeutic baths and as a massage.

The essences of most herbs, citrus fruits, flowers and the like are made by distillation. The author mentions an interesting fact that up until the 19th century, many larger homes had distillers in their baths for this purpose. He traces their history and makes many interesting comments and suggestions for the uses of herb oils.

Perhaps the greatest treasure this book offers is an informative glossary of medical terms, a therapeutic index, recipes and practical uses such as poultices and aromatics. The author has also included an encyclopedic usage of the most common and most essential oils giving their Latin name, family, quality, the ruling planet, evaporation rate, odor intensity and the best ways to use each one. For those who are interested in natural medicines and the role that aromatics and herbs play in helping the healing of body and mind, this book is a must. □

—A Probationer

**The Other Medicines:
An Invitation to Understand
Them and Using Them for
Health and Healing, Richard
Grossman, Doubleday.**

During the 60's and 70's there was a revival of what was termed "alternative medicines" which were used in lieu of traditional medicine. The author of this book is a member of the faculty of residency program in social medicine and the department of family medicine at Montefiore Medical Center Psychosocial Program. His aim has been to explore these alternative medicines and integrate them

with traditional medical practices.

These alternative medical practices have been considered "anti-establishment," but through the author's studies, he has come to believe that there is too much reliance on the diagnosis and treatment of illness in the present technological forms which greatly depersonalize a patient and make him or her into objects of disease.

While we believe there are spiritual causes for most diseases and recommend consultation with a medical practitioner when necessary, it certainly shows that there are other avenues to explore.

The name holistic has been derived from the alternative medicine movement and the desires of some traditional practitioners to incorporate some of these medicines into their practice. It seems the *whole* personality and conventional medical practices is beginning to take on a "raising of consciousness" by viewing people from a *holistic or whole viewpoint* as body, soul, mind and emotions. Self-responsibility and self-treatment are in evidence through this new view rather than reliance on the medical practitioners and technologies of today. The patient must take on some responsibility for the reason for being ill and the attitude that it takes to become well again. It is more than just prescribing a pill or shot. What

an enlightening book! It reflects a long awaited breakthrough, small though it may be, toward a more spiritual and natural approach to the healing of diseases.

Just at a time when it was becoming necessary for a voice to help carry through the approach of holism, Norman Cousins, a layman, wrote a book describing how he took himself off medications for an incurable spinal disease and took twenty-five times the normal dosages of vitamin C (ascorbic acid) and began a regimen of watching funny movies and reading humorous books. He was cured. Acupuncture is now becoming a more acceptable means of anesthesia and a cure for substance abuse and biofeedback methods are coming into wider acceptance every day.

In this book, many of the alternative medicines are explored in detail as well as the devotion of an entire chapter to home remedies for things from poison ivy to bloody noses. The main holistic medicine practices explored are: rolfing, chiropractic, herbs, acupuncture and homeopathy as well as body relaxation and meditation. It is refreshing for the student of metaphysics and the occult to read a book of this nature. While we believe there are spiritual causes for most diseases and recommend consultation with a medical practitioner when necessary, it certainly shows that there are other avenues to explore. Holistic medicine has become the "here and now" and its marriage with the occult sciences will certainly be the way of the future! □

—K.M.

Readers' Questions

THE ESSENES, PHARISEES, AND SADDUCEES

Question: Can you tell me something about the Pharisees and Sadducees, which are mentioned in the Bible, and the Essenes, which are not?

Answer: The Essenes, Pharisees, and Sadducees were all religious sects belonging to the Jewish race.

The Pharisees separated themselves from the rest of the Jews because of their devotion to the strict and formal observance of the rites and ceremonies promulgated in the written law. They sought to make religion supreme in the entire life of the nation. They accepted the traditions of the scribes, and believed in the immortality of the soul, the resurrection of the body, future retribution, a coming Messiah, Angels, Spirits, Divine Providence, and freedom of the will.

The Sadducees were attached to the aristocratic priests, and were politically and doctrinally opposed to the Pharisees. They were open to worldly influences of all kinds. They accepted the written law, but rejected the traditions of the scribes, the Messianic hope, the doctrine of resurrection, and the existence of Angels, Spirits, and demons. They derided personal immortality and future retribution, as well as determining the role of God in the actions of mankind.

The Essenes formed an esoteric Brotherhood which had charge of the Mystery Teachings. The Essenes lived a communal life, each sharing everything with all the other members of the colony. There were quiet, law-abiding citizens, loyal to their country, and ready to support it by means of taxation. They obeyed the authorities and recognized the sacred books of the Jews, but interpreted them esoterically. These kind, unassuming people kept the Ten Commandments unreservedly because they had the law *within*, and not because of outside influences. Polygamy was protected by law and practiced quite commonly among the Jews, but not among the Essenes. To them, marriage was not a man-made contract, but

a holy sacrament which bound one man to one woman.

There were two distinct groups or orders among the Essenes. One group married on the material plane and used the creative force for the purpose of furnishing bodies for incoming Egos. The marriage relationship was not prohibited in the other group, but it was lifted to the pure sphere of love of Spirit for Spirit. The marriage ceremony of the Essenes was not in accordance with the Jewish custom which required a signed contract between the relatives. This contract contained details about material matters such as money and houses, but made no reference to the holy sacrament of the institution. The husband could separate from his wife at any time by giving her a letter of divorce, which constituted a legal cancellation of the contract. Because of the difference in the marriage regulations, the Essenes never sent their married couples out into the various colonies far away from the protection of the Order. Women married without a contract were in danger of being molested and persecuted.

Mary and Joseph were Initiates of the higher order of the Essenes. They had received the sacrament of marriage, but they were chaste and undefiled by passion. Because of their extreme purity and great spiritual attainments, they were chosen to become the parents of the Ego known as Jesus.

The Essenes vanished from Palestine quite as mysteriously as they appeared. The Masonic Order traces its origin to this mysterious Brotherhood, and so does the Order of the Rose Cross.

POWER OF NUMBERS

Question: Is there any difference in the power of numbers on the physical plane and their power in the spiritual realm? If so, what is the difference?

Answer: The power of numbers is insignificant in the Physical World existence compared with the power of the same number in the spiritual realm. Here the addition of individuals to the power of a community counts as one, two, three, four, etc.,

but in the spiritual realm the power increases in a proportion that might be likened to the square: two, four, eight, sixteen, and so on for the first twelve who attend a spiritual service. The thirteenth brings us into a higher realm of the spiritual universe, and we may count the increase there by a power of three: nine, twenty-seven, eighty-one, etc. Thus it is plain to be seen how important even the very weakest one among us may become when it is a question of massing our spiritual aspirations.

CONCERNING REBIRTH

Question: If a woman has a natural abortion (miscarriage) at three months pregnancy, will the Spirit who desires to enter at that time wait and enter at the next conception? Also, I've been told that a miscarriage can be part of a cleansing process in preparation for a woman to be a pure vehicle for a highly evolved spiritual being. Is this true? In the East ancestors are often enshrined and continual prayers and offerings are made for them. I have a heavy ancestral karma and several violent deaths, including suicide. What has been given in the Western Wisdom tradition to help release oneself and one's ancestors? Is it enough to cleanse oneself? If in your own past, or ancestral past, a wrong was done to an animal or other life form, can the Spirit of that animal bring some form of misfortune to you?

Answer: There is no rule concerning whether or not a discarnate Spirit will try for a second time to be reborn to the same mother. It is quite possible that this would occur, but unless specific karma is involved, another opportunity might be offered and accepted.

We have never heard of a miscarriage being a "cleansing process." When considered from the occult viewpoint, it is more likely to be an opportunity for the prospective mother to learn some lesson. Perhaps in a past life she avoided having children, but now wants them. Her desire is to have the proper feeling for those who wish to incarnate—or whatever other lesson may be involved.

Living the life according to the teachings of Christ Jesus—the life of impersonal love and service—is the key to releasing oneself from "ancestral karma," or the Race Spirit under whom one may have been born. Certainly this requires "cleansing"

oneself—of the lower desires. This is done chiefly by keeping one's thoughts and feelings on a high plane, devoting oneself to selfless service to others. One's prayers for those who have passed on, ancestors or anyone else, can be a very definite help to them.

With the coming of the Aquarian Age, there will be a diminishing effect from ancestral experiences due to the increased emphasis on individuality. Our past will be a source of soul experiences. But our lives will be more keenly focused in the present need for altruism!

The Law of Cause and Effect takes care of the opportunities that come to us for spiritual progress. As we sow, so do we reap. If we have harmed animals in past lives, we will be given, in a following life, the opportunity to help animals. Exactly the same animals may not be involved, as would be the case with human beings, but the debt could be paid by helping any animals—and learning to have a proper attitude toward them. We think it very unlikely that a deceased animal would harm anyone in the body. The animal is not yet "indwelling," but is still under the direction of the Group Spirit, a member of the archangelic lifewave. However, whenever pain and suffering are caused to forms containing sentient life, the perpetrator will always be placed in a position, many times, if necessary, to atone for the wrong.

THE TESTS OF INITIATION

Question: I have been told that a candidate for initiation must pass certain tests before the initiatory ceremony can be performed. If this is true, can you give me some idea of what these tests are like?

Answer: It is quite true that the candidate for Initiation has to pass a number of tests before he is considered worthy to take this most important step. These various tests, however, come to him during the course of his daily life. This work is carried on under the direction of the Elder Brothers, who are always sure to pick out the most vulnerable points in each individual's character and test him along those lines.

This procedure is used for two reasons: to call the attention of the candidate to the weaknesses in his character, and to give him the opportunity to correct them. No two persons are exactly alike, and it is therefore unlikely that any two persons

would be given exactly the same tests. One person might not even be tried in a situation in which another person might fail completely.

It is important to remember that tests are always given to benefit the individual. It is primarily through tests and trials that we grow. Tests are not given with the intent of discouraging a person or causing him to fail.

A considerable part of the process of Initiation consists of showing the candidate how to change the latent powers that he has stored up within himself, by his own efforts, into dynamic energy. This energy then comes under the direct control of the person's will, and is ready for use at any time. Each individual generates this power by living a life of loving service and developing strength of character. No one can be initiated who has not first prepared himself in this way.

THINKING OURSELVES WELL

Question: I understand that "visualization" is considered an effective aid to recovery from illness. That is, if the patient visualizes himself as well, or his sick organs as being healed, this will assist him in getting well. Is this not, however, a violation of the admonition not to use spiritual powers for our own self-interest?

Answer: The Rosicrucian Philosophy teaches that we should not use spiritual means to compel the materialization of any desired result. We should not demand perfect health, or anything else, from spiritual forces or spiritual beings. When we begin to demand, we are likely to take matters out of the hands of the agents of destiny, who see to it that every human being is confronted with whatever he needs for his development, and take them into our own hands. We are not wise enough to know if certain results would be good for us, or if a certain way of obtaining results we desire is the right way.

Visualization, however, is different. We are told in the Rosicrucian Philosophy that before anything can exist on the physical plane, its archetype must be created on the mental plane. Therefore visualization, or using the creative faculty of imagination to construct an image of a desired condition of health, is a great help in the recovery process. We must be careful, simply, that we do not couple the construction of this thought form with a demand for its material embodiment. If we create, in thought, the archetype of our desired state of

health, and then leave the decision concerning its materialization up to the Lords of Destiny, we will contribute a more positive impetus to our recovery than we would by feeling sorry for ourselves and doing nothing.

Praying to God that His Spirit may flow into every atom of the body and permeate it with His life is an extension of the practice of visualization. This type of prayer involves the creative power of the mind, and will bring some of the spiritual power of God to bear upon the various bodily organs and help them function better.

Sometimes, in order to pay a particular debt of destiny, we are required to undergo a period of illness. That illness is a means of burning out the diseased condition which we have gathered in our bodies—as a result of our own actions—and in such a case it is the best and quickest means of getting rid of these conditions. This is usually the case in what is called "ripe destiny."

Thus, we might not always be able to improve our state of health by such means as visualization, suggestion, and prayer. Often, however, they will prove to be remarkably effective. If we qualify all our thoughts and words along these lines with the statement of the Christ, "Not my will, but Thine, be done," we will be perfectly safe, and perfectly justified, in using these measures.

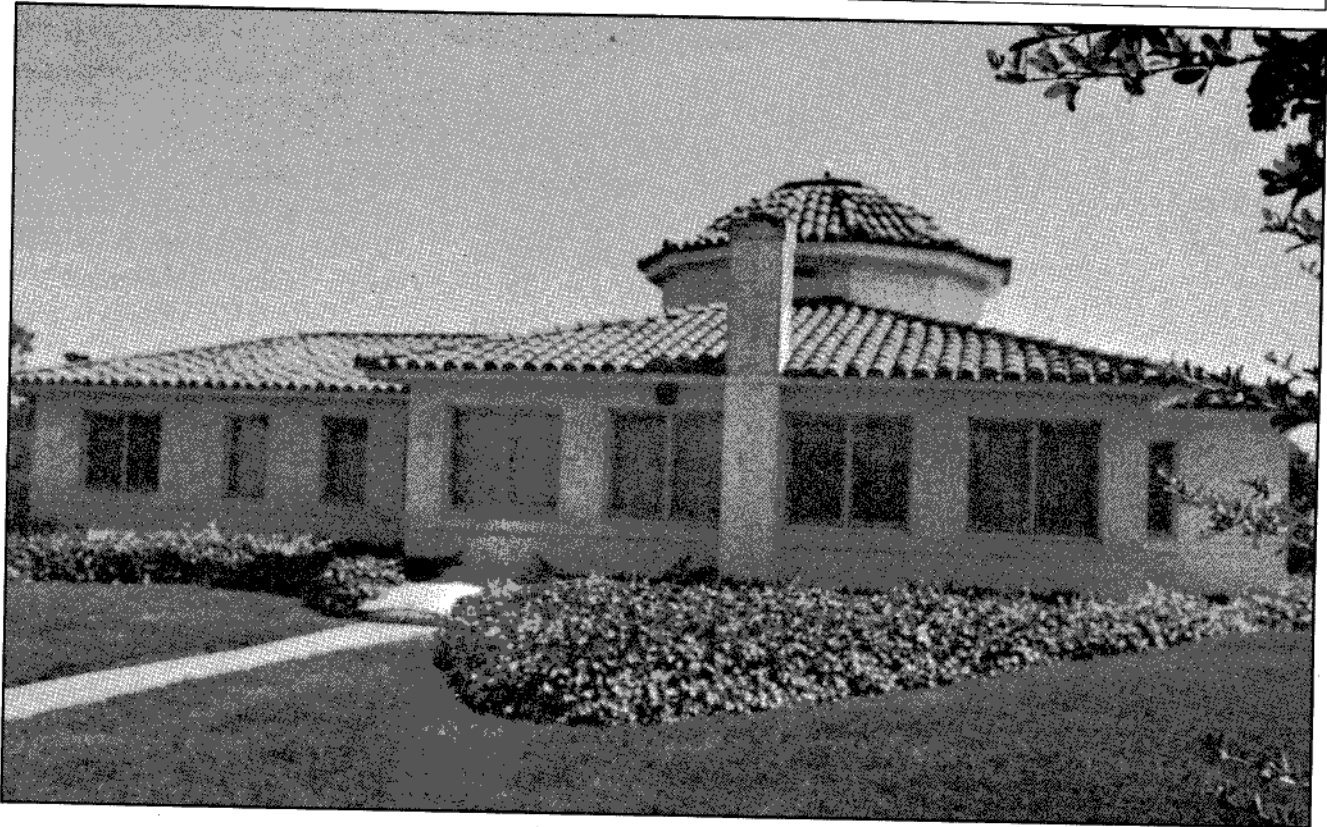
ACTIVITIES OF WHITE CORPUSCLES

Question: In the Cosmo-Conception, the statement is made that the white corpuscles are "destroyers." Can you elaborate upon this?

Answer: The white corpuscles are the product of the desire body, the nature of which is to harden whatever it contacts. The desire body has invaded the realm of the vital body, gained possession of the spleen, and makes white corpuscles therein. These corpuscles then enter the blood stream and are distributed all over the body.

When a person yields to emotions such as anger, the emotional force thus generated increases the blood flow, which enlarges the veins and arteries. Thus the way is opened for the passage of the white corpuscles through their walls into the tissues of the body, where they become centers of crystallization. These crystallized centers form a base for disease, and also hasten the processes of old age which result in decrepitude and disintegration of the physical body. □

Nutrition and Health



The Rosicrucian Fellowship Method of Healing

Why the Rosicrucians Heal

Among all the foolish and fallacious nonsense which has been circulated concerning the Rosicrucians during the past centuries, there is one great truth: "Members of the Order aim to heal the sick and have superior means of accomplishing this benevolent purpose." Earlier religious orders have sought to advance spiritually by castigating and abusing the body, but the Rosicrucians exhibit the tenderest care for this instrument. There are two reasons for their healing activities. Like all other earnest followers of Christ they are longingly looking for "the day of the Lord." They know that Lucifer, the false Light of Lemuria, implanted passion, inaugurating *Begettal in sin*, and caused sorrow, pain and death; also that Christ, the true Light of the coming New Galilee, inaugurated the *Immaculate Conception*, and preached the gospel of redemption from sin by *Love*. *Celibacy* is expedient for the aspirants in the East, as those lower races are soon to die out, but it is contrary to the scheme of evolution for the West, because a new race is to be cradled here, and *generative purity* is therefore the watchword of the Disciple in this part of the world. A new race is to be *loved* into existence, and thus the ills that now afflict humanity through generations of begettal in passion will cease; even Death will at last be overcome in the new dispensation, because the ethereal purity of the bodies will obviate necessity for renewal.

While there is much definite information about that age in the Bible, one point is shrouded in insoluble mystery: "The day knoweth no man, not even the Angels in Heaven, nor the Son." Christians in all ages since the Gospel was first preached have yearned for that day when the Sons of Light shall be manifest. The Father alone, being Highest Initiate among the Lords of Mind, is able to foresee the time when the

separative, self-seeking mind will yield to the self-negating, unifying spirit of love. One point is very clear, however: It will be just as impossible for anyone to live under the conditions of the new heaven and the new Earth who has not the properly constituted body, called "wedding garment" in the Bible, as it was for degenerate Atlanteans who lacked lungs to breathe when the atmospheric change came.

It is a scientific fact that the state of the blood affects the mind and vice versa. A sound body is therefore indispensable to sane mentality. Only a sane mind can transcend passion; only a sound body can generate another that is as pure. The Rosicrucians have aimed to heal the body that it may harbor a sane mind and a pure love, for each conception under those conditions is a step toward the day of the Lord for which we all long so ardently. This is the reason for the healing activities, and it is the meaning of our motto, "A Sane Mind, A Soft Heart, A Sound Body."

It has been written in various works that the members of the Order took a vow to heal others free of charge. This statement is somewhat garbled. The lay brothers took a vow to *minister* to all according to the best of their ability *free of charge*. That vow included healing, of course, in the case of such men as Paracelsus, who had ability in that direction; by the combination method of physical remedies applied under favorable stars and spiritual counsel he was highly successful. Others were not suited to be healers but labored in other directions, *but all were alike in one particular—they*

never charged for their services, and they labored in secret without flourish of trumpet or sound of drum.

Christ gave two commands to His messengers: "Preach the Gospel" (of the coming Age) and "Heal the sick." One is as binding as the other, and, for the foregoing reasons, as necessary. To comply with the second command the Elder Brothers have evolved a system of healing which combines the best points in the various schools of today with a method of diagnosis and treatment as certain as it is simple, and thus a long step has been taken to lift the art of healing from the sands of experiment to the rock of exact knowledge.

It is a true, good, and valid reason when we say that we want to help others for Christ's sake. He is now immured in the earth, groaning and travailing and waiting for liberation. Pain and sickness are caused by

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transgression of the laws of life, therefore, they crystallize the dense body, give a firmer grip on the vital body, and retard the day of our liberation, as well as His. By helping the sick to attain health and by teaching them to live in harmony with the laws of life so that they may maintain

health, we are hastening the day of His coming. May God bless our efforts and strengthen our hands in the Good Work.

The Invisible Helpers

Our *method of healing* is not altogether a spiritual matter. We use physical means wherever it is possible. There are times even when we send our patients to a doctor in order that they may obtain quick relief from him by a certain treatment which we cannot give as promptly by other methods. Also, the diet of patients receives careful attention, for naturally, as the body is built up of physical substances, we are giving medicine by using the right food. But in addition, healing is carried on by the Elder Brothers through a band of Invisible Helpers whom they are instructing.

These Invisible Helpers are Probationers who during the daytime live a worthy life of helpfulness and thereby fit themselves or earn for themselves the privilege of being helpful through the instrumentality of the Elder Brothers at night. These Probationers are gathered together in bands according to their temperaments and ability. They are under instruction of other Probationers who are doctors, and all of them work under the guidance of the Elder Brothers, who naturally are the moving Spirits in the whole work.

The system of forming and organizing a band of Invisible Helpers is accomplished by the use of the effluvia from their vital bodies. The first of this is obtained at the time when the Probationer signs his obligation and it is renewed every day when he

makes the record upon his report blank. So long as he is faithful and lives the life of purity and service it forms an unbroken link between him and the Elder Brothers. Each group of healers usually consists of twelve Probationers besides their instructor and they are generally taken from the same locality because the night is the same for them all. It would not be feasible to group one living in Australia with one living in Alaska for one would be going about his daily work while the other is taking his nightly rest. But people taken from almost anywhere in North or South America spend about the identical hours in rest and recuperation and these Probationers are then grouped according to their rising signs so that they may form a complete circle.

Regarding the system used to find those who have written to Headquarters for help, the same method is followed as in finding the Probationers. That is to say, applicants for relief are required to write the letter of request with pen and ink. Thus the paper is impregnated with a part of their vital body and this is taken from the letter by the Elder Brother. It contains an accurate gauge of the condition of the individual from whom it came and it also acts as an "open sesame" to the Helpers who are given charge of this case. Through that they have free access to his body, and a considerable number of patients who come for healing write that they have both seen and felt the Helpers working both inside and outside their bodies. As the condition of the patient changes so does the record. Therefore the patients are required to write with pen

and ink a few words every week and mail it to Headquarters. Thus the Elder Brothers are in constant touch with their condition and are able to direct intelligently the work of restoration to health.

This work never ceases. It is continuous, as the Sun is always absent from a part of the globe and the Probationers in that part

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are active in the work of healing and helping during the hours of bodily rest.

Anatomically man belongs to the mammals, whose blood corpuscles are not nucleated. The nuclei found in the blood of lower animals are the vantage ground of the group spirits, but the higher animals are so far advanced upon the road to individualization that their blood is free from this influence. In the foetus where the mother acts as a group spirit for the first few weeks, she nucleates the blood; but as soon as the Ego begins work, the first thing it does is to disintegrate these nucleated blood corpuscles, and at the time of the quickening not a single such corpuscle remains. The Ego is master of its vehicle, a heritage which none may take from it under any pretense whatever. To do so is black magic, whether the person knows it or not, and though the benevolent motive would of

course have a certain mitigating effect in another direction, the fact nevertheless remains that one is upon dangerous ground when attempting to meddle with the blood of anyone who does not desire it and who has not asked for such treatment.

There is only one exception to this rule. Children until the age of puberty are, so to say, a part of their parents, because there is stored in the thymus gland an essence of the parental blood which the child uses in manufacturing its own supply during the years of childhood, while the desire body is in the course of gestation. As time goes on the supply in the thymus gland becomes smaller and smaller and the child attains more and more to a realization of its own individuality. By the time the thymus gland has disappeared the desire body has matured sufficiently to take part in the alchemy of transmuting the Saturnine skeleton into the Jupiterian vehicle which will thus incorporate the essence of the present physical body. Interference with the blood stops this process; therefore it is only until the time of puberty that the parent may act for the child in giving the ether which admits the Invisible Helper.

The greatest drawback to our healing activity comes from the negligence of patients. Our requirements are very simple. We only ask them to write once a week with pen and ink, so that the etheric effluvia coming from the hand during writing may furnish our Invisible Helpers with a key of admission to the patient's system. But simple as is this rule, some fail to write. Here is a case where a person who had for many years had vertebrae



displaced and who was cured by our treatment, though osteopaths, chiropractors, and several others who had tried, had found it impossible to replace these vertebrae. The poor man was therefore in constant pain and sick in bed most of the time, entirely unable to work. The treatment of our Invisible Helpers replaced the vertebrae, and they are still in place. The man went

to work and it seemed wonderful. But becoming so elated at the idea that he was so entirely free, he disregarded our instruction to keep on writing, so that our Invisible Helpers might have the chance to keep his vertebrae in place for a sufficient length of time till they would stay put. Now comes the following letter showing that they were right in requesting him to do this, and

he did wrong not to obey. He says: "A short time ago I wrote that I was cured, and would discontinue my weekly letters, but I see now that I have made a big mistake. Since then my back has pained me nearly all the time and I am getting round-shouldered again, though the vertebrae are in place where the injury was. It seems as though I am asking a lot of you to take this up the second time, but I did not realize the influence the Invisible Helpers had over me and how much I was dependent on them."

The Spiritual Panacea

In the coming of the Christ to Earth we have an analogy between it and the administering of the spiritual Panacea, according to the law, "As above, so below." There is in every little cell of the human body a separate cell life, but over and above that is the Ego which directs and controls all cells so that they act in harmony. During certain protracted illnesses the Ego becomes so intent upon the suffering that it ceases to vivify the cells fully; thus bodily ailment breeds mental inaction and it may become impossible to throw off disease without a special impulse to dispel the mental fog and start the cell activities anew. That is what the spiritual Panacea does. As the inrushing Christ Life on Gologtha commenced to dispel the shell of fear bred by inexorable law that hung like a pall about the Earth; as it started the millions of human beings upon the path of peace and good will, so also when the Panacea is applied does the concentrated Christ Life therein contained

rush through the patient's body and infuse each cell with a rhythm that awakens the imprisoned Ego from its lethargy and gives back life and health.

In order to describe the Panacea an experience of the author will be related: A substance was shown to him in the Temple of the Rosicrucians on a certain memorable night, with which the Universal Spirit could be combined as readily as great quantities of ammonia combined with water. Three spheres were suspended one above the other in the center of the Temple, the middle sphere being about half way between the floor and ceiling. It was much larger than the other two, which hung one above and one below. Inside the large central sphere was a smaller container which held a number of packages filled with that substance. When the Brothers had placed themselves in certain positions, when the harmony of certain music had prepared the way, suddenly the three globes began to glow with the three primary colors, blue, yellow, and red. To the vision of the writer it was plain how during the incantation of the formula the container having in it the before mentioned packages became aglow with a spiritual essence that was not there before. Some of these were later used by the Brothers with instantaneous success. Before them the crystallizing particles enveloping the spiritual centers of the patient scattered like magic, and the sufferer awoke to a recognition of physical health and well-being. □

—Max Heindel
Occult Principles of Health
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Healing

Inviting Health

Are we inviting health? This is a question we shall find well worth considering if we are not expressing the radiant well-being we should like to express.

To possess health, we must definitely *invite* it, and create the conditions which encourage a desired guest to remain. To put it simply, we must endeavor to learn and obey the laws which govern well-being. This applies to each of the bodies which make up composite man. The condition of each body reacts on the others, and what affects one will in time affect the others.

For physical health, the invitation obviously embodies such habits as eating sensibly, exercising sufficiently, sleep-enough, and otherwise cooperating with the laws operating on the physical plane. For emotional health, cultivation of a calm, serene attitude is essential. Material science, as well as occult science, has proved that a fit of anger poisons the body, and all emotional upsets have a similar effect.

For mental health—perhaps the most important of all, since the mind should direct the other bodies—the invitation embodies the use of the will in thinking only positive, constructive thoughts. Thoughts may be used to build a barrier to life-giving agencies, or they may be used to establish a permanent invitation to health. To think kindly, tolerantly, unselfishly and lovingly, is to invite health-building forces so powerful that only health can result. Let us *invite* health!

HEALING DATES

Visible Helpers are just as necessary as Invisible Helpers, and our friends and patients may share in a high privilege, as well as add much to the power of liberated healing force, by joining us in prayer for the sick. Our Healing Service is held in the Pro-Ecclesia at 4:15 P.M. and every evening in the Temple at 6:30 P.M. when the Moon is in a cardinal sign on the following dates:

June	6—13—19—26
July	4—10—16—23—31
August	7—13—20—27

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



The Dreaming Crystal-Spirits

His real name was Tillpahn. But ever since he went to work for the old gardener, Jules, the people in the village called him Tulipan (little Tulip Blossom). He helped in the greenhouses, and made the most beautiful bouquets one could imagine.

Although he liked his work very much, there was something that he liked even more, and that was playing marbles. Whenever a few boys got together, they let their marbles roll in a flat place, and whoever was quickest was the winner. When they were playing, Tulipan got angry if he was called back to work.

Finally, he did his work only reluctantly, his thoughts already on the next game. Often he let the water in the sprinkling cans run over, or walked right into the seed beds, because he was thinking only of marbles. Jules didn't like this over-enthusiasm for a children's game, and he warned the boy not to neglect the plants. Then Tulipan was very sorry and promised to do better, for he really had a good heart and loved his flowers very much.

One day a strange boy came up to Tulipan and his friends as they were playing. He didn't ask if he could play with them, but simply took a transparent glass agate out of his pocket and threw it among the plain marbles. Tulipan was completely bewitched by the gleaming agate and stared at the colored threads inside the glass, so mesmerized that he lost all his marbles. Finally, as he tried to pick up the strange agate, it sprang from his hand and hopped away. Tulipan forgot all about the game and the garden, and ran after the rolling agate.

But don't think that he was able to catch that glass agate! The land around him was a flat as a washboard, and when he turned around he could see only the church tower in the village. The agate went on and on, and it looked to Tulipan as though it was getting bigger. Over the brook it went, and through the fields of potatoes, and still on and on it rolled—sometimes nearer, sometimes farther from him. Once Tulipan came so close that he almost caught it. But to his astonishment, he saw that it was no longer transparent,

but gray and as big as a cannonball.

It's hard to believe, but the agate even sprang upwards, along a steep, stony path, where the boy had never before been.

Soon he found himself in the midst of strange mountains, surrounded everywhere by dense, disheveled pines. The Sun was already setting, and Tulipan became frightened. Then suddenly the agate jumped up as high as a tree, and vanished. The boy was so bewildered that he stumbled over the root of a tree. He was just barely able to grab hold of the trunk to keep from falling down the precipice. He was so scared that he began to scream loudly.

Suddenly he heard loud laughter, and as he looked up, he saw an amazing apparition sitting on a knotted root. Its whole body was covered with long, smooth hair, its face was as round as an onion, and its eyes shone as the mountain lake.

"Hollerjullo," said the little man, and drew his mouth back up to his ears. "I'll bet you came to play marbles with me!"

Tulipan had lost his voice. He finally succeeded in pulling himself back up on firm ground, and then he stood there, staring at the little man just as disconcertedly as he had stared at the agate.

"Hollerjullo," the apparition laughed again. Then the little man suddenly made himself very thin and appeared before Tulipan as the strange boy who had brought the marble.

"Learn what you can from that," thought Tulipan to himself, and remained as silent as a flounder.

"Now you know who brought you here," said the strange boy, and changed himself back into the Mountain Spirit.

"Where is the pretty, colored glass agate?" said Tulipan finally.

"You'll get to see it later," answered Hollerjullo. "First you will stay with me until the Moon has changed seven times. I need someone like you. You can make yourself useful and cut trees for me."

"Now isn't that something!" said the boy angrily to himself. He turned on his heel and wanted to leave, but he found himself stuck on the root again.

So there remained nothing for him to do except to enter the service of Hollerjullo. That was hard work! Cutting the firm, hard pines took strength and endurance. But he learned to know many unusual herbs which cured diseases.

Sometimes, too, he found little animals which had been hurt, and he helped Hollerjullo make them well. Soon he was calling them all by name, loved each one in his own fashion, and understood their language as well as his own.

After the Moon had changed for the seventh time, Hollerjullo said to him.

"You have done your work well, and because you are good-hearted you may make a wish before you go."

"Aaah," said Tulipan, "I don't want to hear about leaving. But there is something I would like!"

Hollerjullo smiled, because he could read the thoughts of his helper, but asked him what he wanted.

"I wish I could see the rolling agate again, that can jump and

grow," said Tulipan, and looked at the little man.

"Your wish will be granted," the Mountain Spirit nodded. "But you must know that there is a great mystery concealed in that stone. If you want to find out what it is, you must find the way to it yourself, and remain for all time a child of the Mountain Spirits, serving them."

The boy looked at the old man in astonishment, for he could not imagine what sort of a mystery could possibly be concealed in the gray stone that the agate had turned into. But the prospects of staying forever with the merry Mountain Spirit made his heart beat with joy. Most of all, however, he was very curious.

Hollerjullo had been watching him silently, for he first wanted to test him. As he saw Tulipan's eyes light up, he laughed softly to himself, for he had again guessed the boy's thoughts.

"Tonight, when the Moon is exactly in the East, pick the blue flower that I showed you—the one you can look into like a well. It will show you the way to a high mountain that looks like a cone of sugar. There the fairies will let you see the mystery in the gray stone."

Tulipan thanked Hollerjullo, and as the Moon rose in the East, he picked the blue flower and started off, without knowing where he was going. However, as soon as he held the blue flower high in the air, he began to walk in a definite direction and hiked the whole night through, without getting in the least bit tired. The higher he climbed, the colder it grew, and soon an icy wind chilled him to the bone. Shivering, he held the



flower close to his chest, and at once warmth streamed through him.

Near morning it began to snow; soon trees and the path were unrecognizable, and the pine trees farther off were lost in fog. Just as he began to think that he could go no further, he saw dimly, through the flying snow, a mountain that rose up like a huge sugar cone. Along its steep sides where the snow could get no foothold the rocks were blue-black, like gleaming metal. Behind a precipice, Tulipan discovered an opening in the rock large enough for him to squeeze through.

Inside there was a pleasant twilight, which soothed his eyes. The cave was low and no larger than a chicken coop. In the rear there was a passage-way, which ended after a few steps. Tulipan sighed with disappointment, because he gladly would have gone farther into the secret mountain. Perplexed, he placed his hands against the rock wall. It was very cold and he rubbed his fingers to warm them. Then he noticed that the wall gave way, and he found himself in a

gleaming blue, enchanted, ice cave.

The whole chamber was lit by an invisible sun, and strange forms spread out on all sides like ghostly, frozen sheets. A frozen waterfall gleamed with a thousand lights, and ice flowers were to be seen on all the walls.

Never had Tulipan seen anything so beautiful and, overcome by all the beauty, he instinctively knelt down. Then the frozen forms began to move themselves before his eyes. It happened very slowly without the slightest sound. The white sheets stirred, the waterfall made new waves, and the network of ice flowers grew into thick foliage.

Suddenly the wall opened, and a wide stream of emerald light flooded the chamber. In the midst of this, a lovely apparition appeared. A filmy veil of glittering snow crystals surrounded the figure, and strong light issued from her face. She didn't speak, but only smiled and pointed to the ground. There was a friendly invitation in this gesture, and as Tulipan followed her glance, he saw that he was

kneeling on a carpet of colored crystals. With precision they had formed together in a variety of points and prisms, which gleamed more brightly than all the diamonds in the world. Then a dazzling flash of light shot through the ice cave, the apparition disappeared, and everything was again motionless in the twilight.

Tulipan realized that he had witnessed the growing of the crystals. He thought he heard a tender, glorious melody, and his heart beat with overwhelming joy. He bent over his blue flower, hoping it would help him some more and bring the clear light back. Then such a bewitching scent overcame him that he stretched out on the ground and fell asleep.

He dreamed that he was again running after the stone. It leaped into a hole in the rocks that was filled with many similar stones. He was so perplexed about this that he woke up with a start. To his horror, he found himself in the same hole that he had dreamed of.

Just as his courage was about to fail him, he saw, to his great relief, the friendly Hollerjullo, who sat comfortably on a rock, grinning. Tulipan decided that the blue ice cave had been a dream too, and said, "I've been dreaming about a fairy and the most beautiful gem."

Hollerjullo smiled and shook his head.

"No, my boy," he said, "you didn't dream that. It really happened. I was nearby, but you didn't see me. It was the Mountain Fairy, who, together with the Earth Spirits, takes care of the gems. They are by no means lifeless and stiff! They grow very, very slowly, though,

so that people don't believe they grow at all. But your eyes were opened by the beautiful fairy. You will still learn more."

"I do want to," said Tulipan determinedly, and fastened the blue flower to his jacket. It amazed him that it hadn't wilted long ago, but animals and plants have long life when they are with the Mountain Spirits.

"Look here," said Hollerjullo, picking up a round stone. "This is your gray stone! Do you want to know its secret?"

Tulipan nodded eagerly, and while he was still looking at the stone, trying to decide if it was really the right one, it suddenly seemed, with all its grooves and veins, to become especially beautiful. Gently he stroked its surface, and hesitantly brushed the blue flower under it.

With that, the stone broke in half, and inside glowed countless crystals of amethyst. A deep violet color spread about the hole, in the midst of which the luminous Mountain Fairy suddenly stood.

Tulipan, awestruck, didn't know what to say, and in confusion bowed to the floor. This seemed to please the lovely creature. She clapped her hands, and immediately from all the clefts in the rock came other earth men. They welcomed the boy and behaved in such friendly fashion that he lost all his shyness and chatted with them as if he had always been doing so.

"Today is a special day," whispered Hollerjullo and motioned to the boy to be still and attentive.

The violet light had become stronger and shone like an unearthly ray into the heart of the opened stone. Silently, the

largest crystal in its center grew taller and became transparent. A little face suddenly appeared within it, so tender and lovely that Tulipan held his breath in astonishment.

The dainty creature in the clear crystal lay motionless, as if dreaming. And now Tulipan could see clearly; in all of the crystals tiny little creatures were sleeping, as if in glass cradles.

Silently the Mountain Fairy moved to his side and touched his shoulder.

"Little crystal-spirits are sleeping in all stones, just as this one," she smiled.

But no one in the village ever saw little Tulipan again, for he came softly at night when all were asleep.

"Millions of years will go by before they wake up and become similar to plants, but some of them will advance ahead of their brothers and sisters, and that happens every thousand years. We know that such a moment is near, when one of the many may awaken. It was for this that Hollerjullo brought you to our country, for a human child with a pure heart is to help the little Crystal Spirit at the moment of his first look at the earth."

When the Mountain Fairy finished, deepest silence reigned in the cave. Only the bright violet stream of light strengthened its ray over the amethyst.

Tulipan had bent tenderly over the crystal, as if he wanted to pet a little animal. Then the dainty creature in its glass cage opened its eyes, and unearthly music sounded through the cave

like a soft breeze. For one precious moment the dainty little Crystal Spirit breathed—and then it closed its eyes again and smiled in its dreams.

Tulipan was not sorry, for from that moment on he could understand the mysteries of the laws of Nature and read the thoughts of the Mountain Spirits. Because of this, he knew that the little, dreaming creature in the amethyst had made a great step forward toward the day when it was to awaken fully to life, and become a flower.

So he said farewell to the Mountain Fairy and the little earth men, thanking them heartily, and set out with Hollerjullo for their mountain home.

From then on, no one had to call him to work. He did everything with joy, and the two of them were so merry that even the marmots who are usually so shy, came out to play with them.

Once a month, when the Moon was full, Tulipan collected all manner of herbs, which he dug up by the roots, and carried them in a basket to the old gardener Jules. He planted them carefully and with them was able to help many sick people. Soon many people in the countryside knew about this.

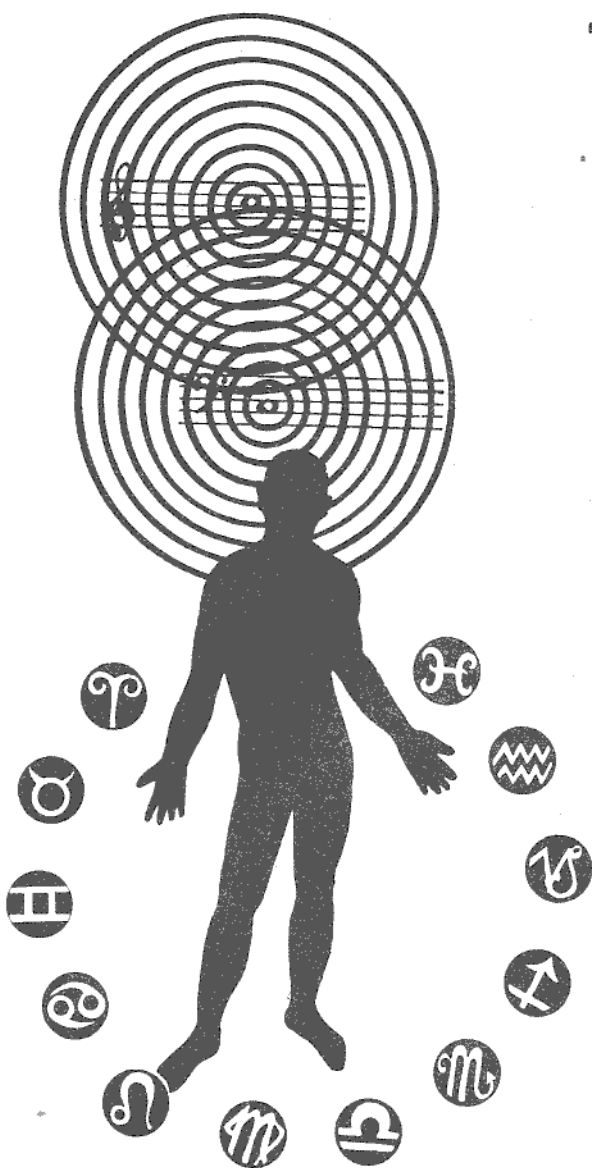
But no one in the village ever saw little Tulipan again, for he came softly at night when all were asleep. Who could know that the boy would stay with the Mountain Spirits forever?

Tulipan and Hollerjullo often visited the blue ice cave in the sugar cone mountain, and, together with the Mountain Fairy and the little earth men, watched as the little Crystal Spirits smiled in their dreams. □

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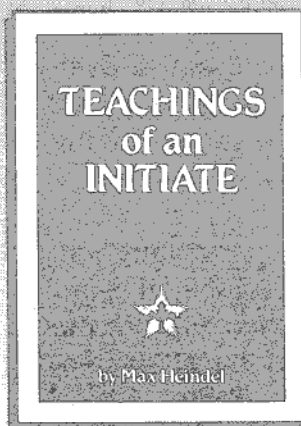
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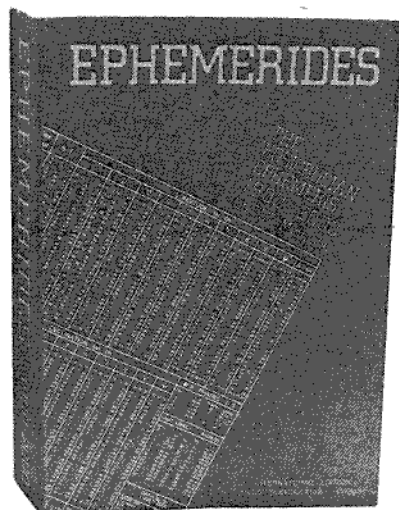
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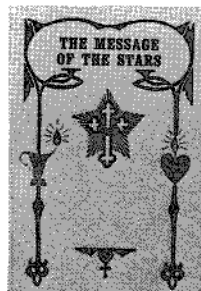
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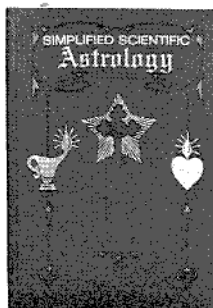
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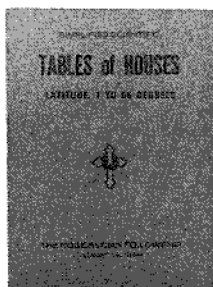
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