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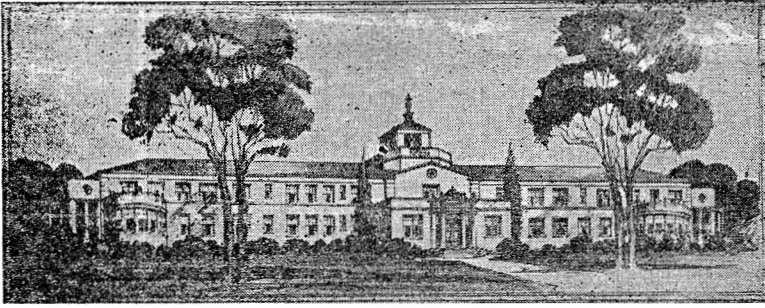
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The Sanitarium Prospects

SINCE OUR LAST MESSAGE to our friends and students we have made a large amount of investigation and analysis as to the future possibilities of the Sanitarium, and methods designed to bring it as quickly as possible to a self-supporting basis. The question of finances to keep it running so it may realize its full destiny of helpfulness and healing is still the main problem.

FIRST WE SHOULD LIKE to tell you a little about the Health School in the Sanitarium of which a beginning has now been made. The first lecture in this School was given in the Sanitarium lecture room on September 11th on the subject, "The Philosophical Basis of Health." Successive lectures have been given on Friday nights by residents of Mt. Ecclesia, and by Dr. Leon Patrick, Resident Physician.

The Health School was the central feature of Max Heindel's conception of the Sanitarium, the thing which he wrote and talked about so much. Without a Health School the Sanitarium fails in one of its most important objects. A definite start has now been made in this direction, and we believe it may mark the dividing line between success and comparative failure. In addition to the weekly lectures, which are attended both by patients and Mt. Ecclesia residents, a start has also been made in giving patients the opportunity of having personal interviews on the application of Rosicrucian principles to their personal cases. Personal attention always inspires confidence in patients, and we believe this feature of our service is going to be of increasing importance as the months and years go by.

THE WHOLE WORLD is suffering. Soldiers and sailors are being wounded and are dying in all parts of the world. Naturally this arouses in the minds of many the question whether the Sanitarium might not be used to alleviate the suffering and restore to health some of these wounded men. We have received letters along this line, and will quote from one from Utica, New York:

"At this time I see a rare opportunity to make known our teachings of living and healing on a national scale. My thought is to negotiate with the federal government and offer our services for convalescing and recuperating officers and soldiers of all services. . . . Think of the chance we have to make known our ways of living and healing to a cross section of the nation. What better testimony can we seek than men who have been helped by our methods and ways and beliefs."

It may develop that before the war is many months older some arrangements will be made by which we may be taking care of wounded soldiers. The only difficulty we foresee is that the Government usually insists on taking over its hospital facilities completely and running them

according to its own ideas, which would probably preclude our doing much along the lines of Health School training or the spreading of our Rosicrucian philosophical principles among the soldiers. This, however, will work itself out we have no doubt.

THE ROSICRUCIAN IDEAL is to give service to the maximum number at the minimum cost, and in that respect it differs from commercial institutions operated for profit. A Sanitarium fully equipped is an expensive proposition. It costs considerable money to operate it, and therefore the charges have to be comparatively high in order not to go into the red. The result is that a Sanitarium such as ours is able to care for only a comparatively few people, and people who are somewhat well-to-do. Our capacity is 40 patients. The Rosicrucian ideal would be to provide for all, high and low, those with money and those without much of it. To be a truly Rosicrucian Sanitarium this ideal must be realized sooner or later. The next step may be to rearrange our system so that a much larger number may be taken care of at smaller cost to each.

NOW AS TO CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS which we have in mind: It has been suggested that we devote some space in the Sanitarium to a clinic which would provide for needy people who live in this section of California. A clinic, however, requires a number of doctors who will give their services practically free, and the Oceanside doctors are so occupied that this seems impossible at the present time. Moreover, the state license which we have for the Sanitarium does not permit us to receive people with contagious diseases, and some of these would undoubtedly come to a clinic.

Another suggestion which seems quite feasible is to establish a clinic for children under twelve years of age which would be sponsored by the Oceanside Woman's Club or some similar organization. Children whose parents are unable to pay would be given free osteopathic treatments in this clinic, which would be operated one evening a week by our Resident Physician. Incidentally, this would have the value of acquainting more of the people of southern California with our Sanitarium. We also hope that it may be worked out so that the weekly rate at the Sanitarium will include some osteopathic treatment in addition to the six hydrotherapy treatments which are now given.

IT IS OUR AIM to expand the scope of the physiotherapy department, which includes such features as hydrotherapy, electrotherapy, diathermy, colonics, Swedish massage, ultra-violet and infra-red treatments, etc. We plan to put two or more physiotherapy operators into this department soon instead of the one we now have, and we are endeavoring to draw by advertising more patronage from the surrounding territory in southern California.

THE GENERAL OUTLINE above gives our present set-up. Later when we can develop an entirely Rosicrucian staff, similarly to what the Seventh Day Adventists do in their Sanitariums scattered all over the world, we will expand ours into a full-fledged institution with more facilities of every kind. But while we are dependent upon hiring outside technical talent, sometimes at rates higher than our income justifies, it is difficult to realize all our ideals.

WE HAVE WRITTEN the above details fully so as to give you as complete a picture as possible of the situation. We want the benefit of your suggestions, your creative thought, and your prayers. Please let us hear from you.

Sincerely in fellowship,
THE ROSICRUCIAN FELLOWSHIP.

The Current Outlook

[FROM THE ROSICRUCIAN VIEWPOINT]

Rebirth Marches On

By JOSEPH DARROW



THE idea of rebirth, or reincarnation as it is sometimes called, has been in existence since the earliest periods of history. Primitive peoples, who are always more or less sensitive to the invisible planes, usually believe in a life beyond and a return to earth in a future embodiment under conditions which are determined by the present life. The American Indians believe in the "happy hunting ground" to which they go after their life here, and the idea of transmigration into the bodies of animals has been frequently found among primitive peoples in various parts of the world.

Even science is beginning to have an occasional glimmer of the necessity of the doctrine of rebirth in order to explain certain facts which cannot be satisfactorily accounted for otherwise.

The Freemasonic Fraternity is notably making considerable advance in acceptance of the doctrine of rebirth. An article which appeared in the September issue of *The New Age* entitled, "Life and Its Mysteries," by Frank L. Hammer, 32nd degree Mason, goes quite extensively into this subject and shows a broad grasp of it. This article could easily have been written by a Rosicrucian, so closely does it adhere to the Rosicrucian ideas on the subject.

Freemasonry was originally an occult organization and was designed to in-

struct its aspirants in the mysteries of the soul. Among these were the method and technique of leaving the physical body in soul flights, after the necessary esoteric and spiritual development had been made, showing them how to investigate the invisible planes at will. This part of Freemasonry has been forgotten by modern Masons. Their ritual, however, still contains many relics of the ancient Truth. Rosicrucianism is esoteric Masonry. To illustrate the progress of Masonry along esoteric lines we quote from the above mentioned article:

"Strange indeed that people who have implicit faith in life after death should imagine the soul to be new at birth. They do not reason deeply enough. If the soul lives after death, it must from necessity live before birth, as the circle of immortality is not complete unless the living come from the 'dead' as well as pass to them. The soul has existed before, and is merely awakened when it comes to earth.

"There is no age to the soul. It was never born, it can never die. It is part of the Deity and partakes of His nature, changeless, eternal and indestructible.

"When occult students say: 'He is a very old soul,' they have reference to experience and wisdom. On earth the soul acquires experience through its entanglement with matter, and it is truly amazing how some people can live so long and learn so

little! Some souls evolve slowly, others rapidly, and the choice and consequences are theirs. Alas, years do not necessarily make a man wiser, only older."

Surely the above sounds like Rosicrucian doctrine. The equivalent of it has appeared time after time in this magazine. The Ego, the reincarnating principle in man, is a part of God, indestructible, without beginning and without end. Therefore we can see that there can be no such thing as a lost soul. The lost soul theory is a most pernicious one. All the Ego can lose is its bodies and its privilege of continuing in Evolution with our present life-wave. But if by any chance it should lose out in this life-wave, there are other waves coming in the future with which it could amalgamate and continue onward. Thus evolutionary progress is eternal, ever toward perfection. It can be only temporarily interrupted.

Here is another quotation from Mr. Hammer's article which again shows how closely the enlightened Masonic doctrine corresponds to the Rosicrucian belief:

"When and where one is born is in accordance with Divine Law and never an accident. 'Oh, why was I ever born?', we often hear people lament. The answer

is, most likely they desired it, or else needed

WHY NECESSARY TO BE REBORN

Others insist: 'I didn't ask to be born.' They probably *did*, only they don't remember it. Most of us imbibed too freely of Lethe water, forgetfulness ensued, and temporarily memory of our heavenly home has been mercifully dimmed. However, not all souls are rebellious at coming to earth, but when told their time of birth has arrived submit to higher orders without protest and rebellion."

We ourselves have heard people say, "I am sick and tired of this life. It has been most unhappy, and after it is finished I certainly shall never come back to earth again if I can help it." That is the way they look at it now, but after they have spent the necessary time in

the purifying and highly educational work on the invisible planes which follows their present earth life, they will look at the matter differently.

The experiences on those planes is twofold: first, the purging of the desire nature of its impurities so that it no longer wants the things of sensuality and selfishness in which it may have indulged in the immediately preceding earth life. This purging is entirely beneficent, and frees the soul to rise into the next higher plane which orthodox religion speaks of as heaven, and which the Rosicrucians call the "first heaven." It could not possibly rise into that higher region until it had been purged of its unlovely traits of character because its spiritual specific gravity is too low. One would have no affinity with that sublime region until purification had taken place, nor would he feel at home there.

The next stage on the invisible planes might be called matriculation in the Cosmic University. This

THE is located in the World COSMIC of Thought, the second UNIVERSITY heaven, man's real home

where he may stay for centuries before coming back to rebirth. Here he learns to work with the nature forces, also with Nature's processes of growth, and actually takes part in them.

Here he assimilates the fruits of the last earth life, and prepares the environment for a new physical existence. He also studies how to build the archetype of a new physical body, in which in due time he will return to earth again. By this time he will have gotten over his distaste for earth life and will be eager to return for new experience in a new life cycle.

Now a final quotation from Mr. Hammer which clearly illustrates the similarity of the doctrines of the Rosicrucians and the Masons:

"There is no break in the chain of eternity and no interruption in the Law of Cause and Effect. The soul is not new at birth, and is not much older at death, and of necessity must be born many

times in spirit that it may attain perfection."

The twin doctrines of Rebirth and Cause and Effect (Consequence) are the cornerstone of Evolution. The latter Law, sometimes called the Law of Karma, operates in a succession of embodiments in gradually improving vehicles or bodies. Under ordinary circumstances it is sufficient to carry the Ego onward and upward in Evolution and unfold gradually its latent potentialities of Will, Wisdom, and Activity. The Ego is a part of God, and therefore man is on his way toward becoming, first, a superman, then a demigod, and finally a god. This higher development lies innumerable aeons ahead of us, but it is the goal toward which we are all steadily progressing, and we are being prodded along the path which leads to it, and forced willy-nilly to keep on going whether we feel like it or not. That is why we are compelled to be reborn from time to time.

The plan just mentioned relative to the twin Laws of Rebirth and Consequence comes entirely under the operation of cosmic law.

TWIN LAWS OF REBIRTH AND CONSEQUENCE But a regime of Law is incapable of saving and bringing to perfection a certain per-

centage of any life-wave. Some there are who inevitably fail. Their karmic debts under Law pile up to such immense proportions that finally they are crushed under the burden and would give up and drop out of Evolution if some other means were not found to save them. This condition applies to perhaps a third of our life-wave, the younger and the weaker souls, those who cannot stand the strenuous evolutionary pace. The other two-thirds could perhaps make the grade without special assistance.

In order to provide for the needs of the weaker section of humanity, and also in order to make the work of Evolution easier for the other two-thirds so that they can progress faster and farther on the path than would be possible with

their own unaided strength, a new factor was introduced into the evolutionary scheme two thousand years ago, namely the advent of the great Christ Spirit, a Supreme Hierarch from the archangelic life-wave. He took for His three years' ministry the vehicles or bodies of the man Jesus, a highly developed human Ego, and then at the Crucifixion left those bodies, entered the earth, and became its indwelling Earth Spirit.

He has continued in that capacity ever since, sending His highly spiritualized vibrations outward through humanity continuously twenty-four hours a day during all the intervening centuries up to the present time. His object is to establish a new regime of Love to supersede the old regime of Law. Man may now pay his debts under the Law by developing his love nature and aligning himself with the principle of the brotherhood of man. As the Bible says, "Love is the fulfilling of the Law." This is the easiest way to pay one's karmic debts.

Thus the Rosicrucians say that sincere *Repentance, Reform and Restitution*, under the regime of cosmic REPENTANCE, Love, pay one's debts to REFORM AND God and the Universe and RESTITUTION shorten and sometimes practically eliminate one's purgatorial experience. Nature wants us to grow in character. She does not want revenge nor to get even for the violation of her law. "The aim of karma is to *make* us, *not* to break us. We need never fear that karma will be piled on karma until we are broken; if we are broken it is because we have broken ourselves against it." All Nature wants is progress, and this Christ regime is a comparatively easy method by which it may be made.

Thus Evolution goes on forever through the wonderful provision of rebirth. Gradually all the world is getting an inkling of it, and it will not be so long before the entire world, with no exceptions, will know it as the supreme fact of life.

The Mystic Light

The Rosicrucian Fellowship

The Rosicrucian Fellowship is a movement for the dissemination of a definite, logical, and sequential teaching concerning the origin, evolution, and future development of the world and man, showing both the spiritual and scientific aspects. The Rosicrucian Philosophy gives a reasonable solution to all mysteries of life. It is entirely Christian, but presents the Christian teachings from a new viewpoint, giving new explanations of the truth which creeds may have obscured.

Our motto is: A SANE MIND, A SOFT HEART, A SOUND BODY

The Light of the World

By J. T.



As we pass along the journey of life certain scenes and events make their indelible impressions upon the mind and return again and again to consciousness. Each return to consciousness brings renewed inspiration and often greater understanding, for the scenes or events which are etched so deeply upon our consciousness are those which have, at least for a moment, opened the door through which the Divine Spirit can unite with the forces of our mortal minds. Therefore, as we travel along life's way each new experience which reminds us of that high moment of earlier times, re-opens that door of the Spirit with ever-increasing ease. In addition, our increased knowledge and experience expands our understanding of the cosmic principles which we had been allowed to glimpse.

So it was in the summer of 1928. A small party had started a two months' tour of Europe, not the war-torn Europe of today but the Europe in which most of the physical scars of the first World War had been erased. A few days before our ship had steamed up the Clyde River, passed the great shipyards of Scotland to Glasgow. From there we had traveled by bus, train, motorboat, and tallyho across the highlands and lakes of Scotland to Edinburgh, then motored through the interior of England to London.

Now we were entering St. Paul's Cathedral. We were disappointed because we could not enter the main chapel of this great English cathedral for we had arrived at a time when it was being repaired. The building has been settling and the great dome was in danger of collapse. The cathedral was, therefore, being reinforced from the foundation to the very dome itself but was not completely closed to visitors. We were led by a guide through a side corridor, in places separated from the main building by temporary wooden walls to protect the visitors from any danger due to the working of masons and carpenters.

This passage led to a painting before which our party stood in silence, for Jesus Christ seemed to stand before us. Each felt His eyes directed towards him. Each, according to his needs, received their message. Then the guide in quiet tones told this story:

The great English artist, W. Holman Hunt, had painted what he believed was his masterpiece. He had tried to put into this picture all the meaning and inspiration which had come to him from his study of the word portraits of Christ which he had found in the collection of writings of the Apostles, known as the New Testament. Among these writings were two concepts which he combined as the theme of his painting: "I am come, a Light unto the world, that whosoever

believeth on me may not abide in the darkness." (John 12:46.) "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." (Revelation 3:20.)

As the picture took form Mr. Hunt developed an ever-increasing consciousness that this picture was not for a few but for many. Nevertheless, when it was completed it was sold. Instead of placing the picture where it could become an inspiration to all, the owner withdrew it from the public. Mr. Hunt could not rest. The picture must belong to the world. He could not regain possession of the painting. He would paint a second. The result many say was greater than the first. This time he gave the picture to St. Paul's Cathedral with the understanding that whatever came, that picture would hang where all who wished could benefit from its inspiration and without charge.

During the cathedral repairs of 1928 the picture was temporarily removed from its habitual place to which the public could not go and was placed in a remote corridor which was still accessible. The agreement with its artist had not been broken. The writer does not know but wonders whether the painting still hangs in the Cathedral or has been removed to a more sheltered spot during the air raids of the present war. It is her guess, however, that whether it is in the Cathedral or elsewhere, it can still be viewed by those who wish to draw strength and inspiration from its message.

But back to the story of our guide. After telling the history of its conception, he called our attention to the remarkable characteristics of the eyes of Jesus. Until hearing his remark, each member of our party had thought he had been particularly fortunate for from his position it seemed that the Christ was looking directly upon him. The guide paused and we changed our positions, but whether we stood to the right or the left or directly in front of

the Christ, His eyes were directed upon us, with their message individualized for each.

Then the guide went on to say that this painting was considered one of the greatest symbolic pictures of the Christian Religion. He pointed to the white robe of the priest and teacher, the red robe richly embroidered in gold of the king and ruler, the jeweled breastplate, the crown of gold and the crown of thorns, the moon which formed the halo for Christ's head, the lantern in His hand, the apples on the ground, the closed door without a latch, the weeds below and the bat above. He was again quiet. We breathed deeply and with that breath came a fuller understanding of that which Jesus meant when he said, "I am come a Light unto the world. . . . I stand at the door and knock." Before leaving we offered our prayers that the doors of our lives would be kept ajar so that Christ could come within and sup with us. Once again Holman Hunt's desire had been fulfilled, his efforts had been rewarded.

Thirteen years had passed since then, thirteen important years for the human race, years in which men's hopes based upon material things have crashed, years in which faith that the "war to end all wars" had brought permanent peace to the world was broken, years in which belief that the advance of science and the increase of material production would bring prosperity for all had been shattered. Yet in the general darkness nations and individuals have at times opened the door and let the Christ Spirit send its rays of hope and inspiration to lighten the shadows in the world. During these years more movements toward social reform were inaugurated in the United States than in all previous years of its history, more people were hoping for peace, more people were seeking Divine guidance.

During these thirteen momentous years, the writer too had gained in experience, knowledge and understanding. She had been born and reared in a par-

sonage home. In that home preachers, missionaries, bishops had been guests. Her early desire had been to be a missionary because they seemed to be needed. In college she had had to readjust her religious concepts from the literal, orthodox interpretation of the Bible to the liberal, historical approach. During that readjustment came a period in which her childhood faith was shattered. She experienced the blackness and hopelessness of non-faith. Through this period she clung to one thought. The great persons of the ages who had left their impression upon the world had had faith in an Infinite Power. Surely all these could not be mistaken. If they were not mistaken, the truth upon which faith could again be built could be found. Gradually she rebuilt her faith upon the historical or so-called liberal interpretation of the Bible. She determined to help others avoid the misunderstandings which had been hers. She secured her Master's Degree in one of the large universities of the country, her major, religious education. She organized weekday religious education classes, vacation Bible schools, training schools for church-school leaders, and supervised Sunday Schools, and was active in young people's work. It was at that time she was given the opportunity to see this great painting.

The following year she again had the urge for greater understanding. Was the Christ knocking at the door? She again returned to school, and enrolled in classes in one of the great Divinity Schools. Among her classes was "The Psychology of Religion." Here she learned more concerning the great Christian mystics

and methods for gaining greater personal religious experience.

She returned to her church work. Then came the financial crash of 1929-1933. Churches could no longer pay for her services. She went into relief work and was there able to practice many of the Christian principles she had been teaching. Here she also came in contact with the suffering of others, the inequalities of opportunity, the seeming injustices. She wondered how these could be if God is a just God. She examined her own life and discovered that although she had partially succeeded, she had also failed in many ways. She was dissatisfied. She longed for new knowledge and understanding.

Was it the Christ again knocking? Was she ready to receive more light? She asked for guidance and direction in her search for greater understanding. She had again opened the door. This time she was directed not to a University but to the Rosicrucian Fellowship. Four times under four different circumstances in less than a week she was given the

name—a name she had never heard before. She secured a copy of the *Cosmo-Conception* by Max Heindel. Its message held her. This seemed to be the answer to her questions. For five years she has followed the Light as reflected through his teachings. This in turn has made possible the opening of the Inner Door wider so that at times the Christ could enter and they "could sup together." In addition, these years have given greater opportunity for service, since increased understanding and opportunities for service go hand in hand. They cannot be separated.



THE GREAT MYSTIC. 1923. LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

Now after thirteen years she again examines Holman Hunt's portrait of the Christ; no, not the original or his second painting but only a copy. Yet the experiences, the knowledge and increased understanding gained during these intervening years have given new meaning to this painting. The writer does not know whether the artist had a full understanding of the symbols which he used or if through inspiration he was led unknowingly to place upon his canvas truths of deep occult meaning as well as of inspiration to those of lesser knowledge.

Let us examine this painting. Again, we are drawn to the face and those eyes with their depth of human sympathy, wisdom of the universe, and love of all mankind. Those eyes which have a message for all seem to pierce through our personalities and penetrate our individualities.

He is wearing the white robe of the teacher or the priest. White is the one perfect color because it contains in exact proportion all color. It properly symbolizes the teacher and the priest because the true teacher and priest must incorporate within his understanding a perfect blending of all laws and all knowledge as white is the perfect blending of all colors. Also, his motives must be pure, as white is the symbol of purity—of absence of all the mucky colors symbolizing the lower emotions.

Over this white robe of the priest and teacher is the red robe of the king or ruler. Red represents creative energy, power, action. A true king or ruler must be a leader. Leadership is dependent upon creative ability, power, action. This ability must be built upon the understanding of Divine laws, so this red robe is placed over, or upon the foundation of the white robe of understanding and wisdom. But creative energy, power, action may be used for good or evil, depending upon the motives and desires of the individual. Therefore, this robe of

the Christ is embroidered with gold. Gold or yellow is the color of the Christ power of the Trinity, which is the Love Principle. A true king or ruler uses his knowledge, creative ability and power in the spirit of love. Also, since the outer garment is the symbol of the inner man, before a man can truly be king, he must eliminate from his own consciousness untruths and replace them with the truths of Divine laws, he must transmute his lower desires into high impulses, he must use his Scorpio tendencies for regeneration. In other words he must embroider his red robe denoting creative ability, energy and power, with the gold of the Christ Love.

This robe is fastened at the neck with a jeweled breastplate consisting of a square and a circle each containing twelve stones and linked together by a cross. To the orthodox or liberal Protestant this represents the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve apostles of the New Testament linked together by the cross of Christ; the old dispensation in which Jehovah and the principle of law was linked with the Love Principle through the ministry of Jesus Christ. The breastplate also represents the twelve signs of the Zodiac and the twelve houses over which man must gain control through the Christ Within before he is indeed a king and a ruler.

On his head the Christ wears a jeweled crown of gold, again the symbol of kingship and leadership. But this crown of gold is not worn alone. With it is a crown of thorns signifying the suffering which the Christ has endured and continues to endure in His efforts to help humanity. Interwoven with the thorns are the leaves of the vine. Leaves symbolize herbs which have healing powers. Not only does the Christ suffer for humanity but He provides the healing power if humanity opens the door for Him. He who would follow in the footsteps of the Christ must gain his crown by helping to heal the wounds of the world rather than by inflicting sorrow on others.

The moon has been placed by the artist directly back of the head of the Christ. Some materialistically minded persons have remarked that the artist was more realistic than others who have given the Christ and saints what to them are meaningless halos. But whatever the reason for so doing, Mr. Hunt has portrayed an occult truth by this arrangement. The moon represents the personality as opposed to the individuality or Christ Within. As the individuality gains control of the personality the aura of the person begins to shine and as the Christ Within finds expression in the emotions, thoughts, and actions of the individual, the yellow Christ rays radiate through the etheric, desire, and mental bodies and actually form a halo around his head. This can be seen by those who have extended their sight to the etheric world. Others whose etheric sight has not been developed but who are sensitive catch only the impression of light and may be heard to remark, "His face shines," or, "She seems to radiate an inner joy and power."

Thus the artists who depict the saints with halos are not following mere custom or drawing upon their imaginations. The true artist is sensitive and has caught the radiance of the Christ rays found in the aura of the saint. Mr. Hunt in placing the moon back of Christ's head has told us that we too must subordinate our personalities to the Christ Within. In so doing, we will literally be a light that can help light the world. If we fail to do so our personalities will hide the Christ Within as the moon would hide the face of Christ if it were placed in front of rather than behind Him.

In His hand is a lighted lantern. Not only did Christ Jesus give to the world the light which was His but He carried also the light which was of the Father. He had incorporated within His own being the Light of Love but at the same time He recognized His relationship to the Higher Being whom He called Father. We too must carry not only our

own light, the light of our own auras cleansed by Christlike emotions, desires, and actions, but we must always recognize and utilize the Light which comes from above.

Within the Godhead is infinite supply. Jesus taught, "Why be anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on . . . Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." When we open the door to the Christ we have eyes to see the infinite supply which is God's and the power to employ that supply for the needs of the world. Mr. Hunt has portrayed this Divine supply by the apples on the ground upon which the lantern sheds its light. As above, so below. Jesus said, "By your fruits ye shall be known." One cannot have knowledge, high emotions and actions without visible results. The apples depict the fruits of the Spirit.

Christ stands knocking at the door representing the door of the innermost chamber of each individual. There is no latch-string to this door. It must be opened from within. When God created man in His own image He gave to man free will and a right to choose his own way of life. Therefore, the Christ can not or will not open that door. He may and will knock, but the individual must choose to let Him in before He will enter. But how dark that life must be for him who will not open the door, since only darkness is within until the door is opened and the Christ enters. Then no outer light is needed for there is light within.

In front of the door plants are growing. At first we call them weeds, but are not weeds plants growing in the wrong place? May these not be the results of our misguided talents because we have locked the door against the Christ Spirit, and are they not now blocking the way to the Christ? We look closer and discover that part of the plants are mustard. Jesus compared the Kingdom of

God to a mustard seed which is so small and apparently so insignificant and yet when grown becomes the greatest among herbs. The weeds and tares in our lives can become productive plants in the Kingdom of God when we open the door and let the Christ come in.

Above in the shadows of the eves and vines, a bat hovers. The bat may be said to portray the anti-Christ spirit in the world. That spirit loves the darkness but cowers before the Christ Light. Therefore, the bat is found in the darkest corner, shrinking from the light. The bat may be said to also represent the Dweller on the Threshold of each individual life. As the individual progresses toward Godhood, he must develop his spiritual centers. If these are developed before that individual has opened the

door to the Christ, the Dweller on the Threshold will be an awesome sight for this is the embodiment of all the past mistakes of the individual which have not been transmuted by Godlike acts. If, on the other hand, the Christ has been a welcomed guest, the individual will have lived such a Christlike life that very little effect of an anti-Christ nature will remain as a Dweller on the Threshold, and instead the aspirant will see and be guided by the Christ Light. Then can the individual not only invite the Christ within but can step out of his body which is his temporary dwelling place and enter into the invisible worlds without fear and with a courage born of living faith in the Christ, the embodiment of the Love Principle of the Godhead, the Light of the World.

When You Know

By IRENE STANLEY

*When a rainbow spans your way,
Making your horizon bright,
You will know it for the love
From the Sun of life above;
Love that shines on you today
With a calm and holy light.*

*When a fragrance comes your way,
In a moment or an hour,
You will know it for the breath
Of the love that conquers death:
Love that breathes on you today
In the scent from every flower!*

*When you walk the love-lit way,
Conscious of its golden beams;
Sharing Love's pure sacrament
As the flower shares its scent,
Love will turn your night to day—
Love will realize your dreams!*

Tidbits for the Spiritual Student

By ARDATH

LOGIC is the best guide on all planes. This excellent advice was given by Max Heindel to all Rosicrucian students, advice which should be particularly heeded by beginners and by those who are just beginning to have conscious experiences on the Invisible Planes. By following this advice one will find that his progress in spiritual study will be heightened, his individual powers strengthened and his realization and understanding of Truth keenly enriched.

The writer is one of those who is not commonly given to "seeing" or "hearing" things, but as to all seekers, little "tidbits" of spiritual experiences have occasionally been given which serve to whet the appetite and strengthen the endeavor to earn greater understanding and progress, and it is hoped that the following related experiences and observations will help others who are beginning to tread the path. Each experience has been closely subjected to reason and analysis in line with Max Heindel's advice in an effort and desire to become a conscious, self-directing server on both the visible and invisible planes; indeed, this goal is stressed throughout the Rosicrucian Philosophy and the method of accomplishing it is laid down in *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*. Within its pages we will all find the guidance and instruction we need—the answers to the perplexing questions which often confront us in spiritual study.

All of us, at various times, live through certain experiences which *prove* the truth of the metaphysical laws we have studied. The writer has found, in the "Cosmo-Conception" a *confirmation and explanation* of actual living experiences which have occurred and which constitute her own individual *proof*. Naturally, each

individual's experiences vary greatly, and each one must prove things for himself alone, but there are fundamental rules and instructions which can be followed by all, and in the Rosicrucian Philosophy this guidance can be found.

One of my first "spiritual experiences" occurred after about two years of concentrated study and work in the Rosicrucian Fellowship. It was just a week before Christmas, the Holy Season of the year when spiritual vibrations are at their highest. Awakening in the morning, I endeavored to begin the concentration exercise outlined in the Rosicrucian Teachings. I drifted—as we all do so often—and found myself dreamily visioning a beautiful country scene I had noticed on a printed calendar some days before. I was fully awake and conscious but my eyes were closed. Suddenly, and this is the only way I can describe it, my etheric eyes opened! The physical eyelids remained closed, but it seemed as though another pair of eyelids slowly raised and I was seeing with extended vision for the first time in my life. I was looking, as though through a window pane, into a beautiful countryside similar to the picture on the calendar! My reasoning mind went to work right away and I was fully conscious of the procedure. Surprised, but enjoying the thrill of the experience, I knew now for a certainty that I was observing a scene in either the etheric realms or the Desire World—just as described in the Cosmo.

This was my *proof*; I now possessed a realization of something that was formerly only a *mental acceptance* of an occult fact. An indescribable longing to enter this beautiful place possessed me and immediately I started to rise out of my body. Just a split-second—a moment of fear (something I must con-

quer), and then an intense whirling vibration in the palms of my hand. To myself I thought: "These are the etheric nails which tie us to our bodies, and I am not yet ready to be released!" With this, I quickly returned to normal, the scene faded, and I opened my eyes to the physical world. Glancing at the clock, I noticed the whole experience had lasted but a few moments, but I had learned so many things—I had proved things to my own satisfaction and I was greatly elated and thankful for this testimony, this "tidbit" of things to come.

Not all spiritual experiences are lovely and happy. Quite the contrary, but they give us opportunities to test our strength, our poise, and help us to develop courage. Having in my horoscope the aspects of Mars conjunction Neptune in Cancer, which by all the rules is a *potential* danger-point in spiritual investigation, I was not surprised to have three times experienced an attempted obsession of my body. The above-mentioned planets, however, are trine to Mercury in Scorpio which is a great help, of course, and together with other protective aspects, I have always been divinely protected. The experiences, nevertheless, have been horrifying and disagreeable.

The first time occurred when I was very new in the Rosicrucian work. Awakening one night, I sensed, rather than saw, a horrible black presence like a black cloud approaching me. Too bewildered, weak, and ignorant to do anything at all, I lay in sort of a paralyzed stupor. My husband, however, who is also a student, jumped up out of bed from a sound sleep, turned on the light and glared around the room, totally unaware and unconscious of what he was doing. This dispelled the black presence. It seems he sensed my need for help and protection while out of his body in sleep, and came quickly to my aid.

The second time this unpleasant experience occurred was nearly three years later. I was alone and ill. Quite un-

expectedly, while lying awake in bed, I again sensed a black presence which actually tried to enter my body through the left side, shoving me out the right. Again I felt utterly weak and helpless as I heard a sneering voice say, "I am going to take your body and make it diseased!" At the horror of this, something responded *automatically* within me, and I found myself repeating the words "Divine Love" over and over again. With the strength gained, I called upon Christ Jesus for protection and immediately the presence disappeared. Rather weak and shaken, I arose and opened my Bible, placed it beside my bed, and then wrote a note to the Invisible Helpers for aid. I pondered deeply the meaning of this experience, and took stock of my own reactions. I was not really frightened this time, and felt grateful that some degree of strength was being built up within me which worked automatically. My study and efforts during the past few years had not been in vain, and of course the knowledge and instruction gained from the Rosicrucian Teachings for protecting and surrounding myself with the Christ Light were of inestimable value.

The third time an occurrence of this nature presented itself was only a few months later. This time it was very brief; the first momentary feeling of weakness and fear was instantly met with a feeling of anger and power to fight this unwanted intruder. I had again been meditating and had almost consciously risen out of my body when the black presence appeared. Literally I turned upon it and ordered it to leave—and it left in a hurry! A new sense of power and confidence rewarded me, and once more I reflected upon the wonderful help which comes from knowledge of invisible worlds and their invisible inhabitants, such as gleaned from the Rosicrucian teachings. To date I have not again been troubled with an experience of this nature, and I have lost a great deal of the fear and panic which once assailed me at the thought of consciously

stepping out of my body for an investigation of the invisible worlds (invisible, that is, under ordinary circumstances).

The Rosicrucian Philosophy aims to teach self-reliance, awareness, courage and poise, for we cannot shut our eyes to the dangers and pitfalls, to the unpleasant possibilities we may meet when we take up spiritual study. We must open our eyes and face facts, but we have the blessing of knowing how to call for protection—we have tests which make us stronger and more poised, so that we may become more useful servants of the Christ and His followers. Thus I reasoned with myself in light of the unpleasant experiences encountered.

A very beautiful happening occurred during the birth of my baby. It is of a nature that defies putting it into concrete words and phrases; in other words, it is hard to "bring through," yet I will touch upon it for the simple but beautiful lesson it brought. Never in my life having been artificially forced from my body through drugs—that is, through gas or ether such as is given for operations, etc., I was frankly curious and expectant as to what might occur during the birth delivery. I was not disappointed. With the first whiff of gas pain ebbed away and I slipped easily out of my physical body. There I was, out among the stars where I seemed a mere presence, a very small presence in a grandeur that was all peaceful and beautiful. I felt as if I were face to face with God; perhaps I was facing my own Higher Self or Spirit.

In the dim and hazy remembrance I have *now* of this experience it seemed as though I were undergoing some sort of questioning test, and all the while my persistent and impudent reasoning mind was interspersing comments as though it were a distinct, detached personality. I was asked, in essence, "Stripped of everything, what is the most important thing in the whole world?" Unhesitatingly I answered "God." Even in such a sublime moment, my reasoning mind

said "How like a Sagittarian—the sign of religion—to answer thusly!" There I was, analyzing myself again at a time when it would have been best for my intellectual self to bow to the more devotional, faith part of my being. Again it seemed a question was put to me: "And the next important?" "Love" I answered, thinking of the Christ. Later I reflected this was the essence—the sum total of all the complex, devious routes our mental faculties take us in seeking the riddle of the universe, to arrive at a simple, but all-embracing solution!

Then it seemed I was given the privilege of asking some questions myself. What they were, and the answers I received, I cannot *consciously* remember. I was fast coming back to physical consciousness at this time, but clinging desperately to the conscious awareness of this Other Place, and while in this borderline state of being, I was unable to carry through the conscious remembrance of all that happened. However, I felt as though I had solved some mystery, had gained some very important knowledge in some fashion. Rapidly coming back to physical awakening, I heard my baby's first cry and my first words to my doctor were "Did you get the exact moment?" (We astrologers!)

This experience carried a valuable lesson to me as I muse over it. I realize the need for developing my faith, my devotional nature; I realize the danger of *too much* mental analysis!

A last, very important "tidbit" of spiritual experience occurred very recently, bringing with it another *proof* of the verity of the Rosicrucian teachings. In the "Cosmo-Conception," much vital information is given regarding the need for conservation of the creative force in *accomplishment* and progress in spiritual endeavor. This is an important occult fact that cannot be overlooked by the serious student, yet no other subject arouses more argument, more discussion, more pros and cons than that of conserving the reproductive force.

This is a problem each individual must work out for himself—something to be governed by his own discrimination, inclinations and desires.

Yet again we must face facts and realize that just as this vital energy creates upon the physical plane, so does it likewise create upon the mental, emotional, and spiritual planes. It is something which must be USED—not ignored, but HOW to use it is the question for our decision. The importance of dealing with this creative energy was forcibly brought home to me in a recent experience. As so many of my experiences seem to center upon the ability consciously to step out of my physical body, I reason that this is something I individually need to develop in order to make my own particular field of service more efficient. Of course it is just a part of the development we all strive for, but as in all things, the more efficient we are in every respect, the more useful servers we can become.

It was during the early morning while I was speculating upon the varied spiritual adventures which are in store for the spiritual student, that I became conscious of an intense physical desire. My reasoning mind, in conflict with my desire nature, suggested to me that I use this power to *lift* myself free of the physical body. I decided to try, and gathering my will-power together, I *willed* that it be used in this manner. For the first time in my experience I completely and consciously slipped out of my body—so quickly and easily it defied time's measurement. I was free at last! The lightness and buoyance were indescribable, and so anxious had I been for this accomplishment, that I didn't even bother to glance at my body which I left lying on the bed. Instead I "swooped" out the window—going right through it and willed myself to a lovely place I had seen, the night before, in a dream.

If you have ever dreamed you were flying, you can understand the wonder-

ful feeling I was experiencing. However, I found it took a tremendous amount of will-power to keep myself elevated. One could draw a parallel with hard manual labor in the effort expended in will-power! Once I faltered and dipped down into the water over which I was floating. Another tremendous effort at one-pointed "willing" and I was up again. This sinking into the water I interpreted as not enough emotional control or stability—water representing the emotions, but the experience, although not long lasting, again proved many things to me and indicated a little strength gained, a little progress made.

An interesting point which also proves a minor bit of information gained from studying the *Cosmo-Conception*, was my act of going unhesitatingly through the closed window. This was while I was still conscious of being in my physical bedroom and had I not known that physical walls are no bar to man's invisible vehicles, I might have tried to open the door for an exit! Again, my previous study of the Rosicrucian teachings worked *automatically* for me, adding *proof* to my other recently-gained convictions.

These "tidbits" may seem insignificant to some; to others they may seem incredulous, almost beyond belief; but to me they have served to illustrate countless little realizations in spiritual study. There is so vastly much more to learn, to encounter, to *do*, but each little step, if carefully considered with LOGIC as Max Heindel has pointed out, will make our individual experiences worth so much more to us. We will not look with awe, fear, or wonderment upon spiritual experiences and adventures when they occur to us in our span of life. We will be fortified with knowledge, girded with courage, and crowned with wisdom *if* we will heed well all the little guide-posts on our spiritual journey, and, in the Rosicrucian Philosophy, we learn how to READ these guide-posts intelligently.

Looking Forward to Christmas

By EVE M. BACON



ONCE again we are entering the threshold of the holiest period of the year. It is a time when in every Christian home there will be rejoicing and gladness in looking forward to the celebration of our Lord's birth. The immortal pine tree, green the year around and symbol of life everlasting, will be brought from the hills and fields and decorated with candles and tinsel.

To many people Christmas means many things. To a child it is a season of excitement and happiness; of toys and goodies and secrets shared. To parents it is the joy of fulfilling the happy dreams of their children; of hustle and bustle and the exchanging of gifts with their loved ones. To some, Christmas has degenerated into a commercial enterprise. In fact, they dare to say that Christmas is kept alive principally by business for the purpose of material gain. They even contend that the average man and woman are aware of this, but countenance it because they themselves use it as an escape for a few days from the humdrum of everyday living.

But to the earnest student on the path of spiritual attainment the Christmas season is one of Retrospection. It is a time to look back over the pathway we have come and to see what footsteps we have left on the sands of time. Have we been selfish, indifferent to the sufferings of others? Have we held thoughts of greed, envy or malice? Or, on the other hand, have we been compassionate; have we given selfless service and done worthy deeds? If we could enter our deeds and thoughts on a ledger as credits or debits, on which side would the balance fall?

To the Rosicrucian student this self-

examination embodies the true meaning of Christmas. It carries us back into the past and then forward to face a new beginning. It is quite true that at this spiritual season of the year we sometimes receive our greatest temptations. It may become a testing time to the neophyte. But it is also true that at this time when spiritual vibrations are at the highest, we who are striving to make of our bodies sensitized vehicles, should stand ready to feel the renewed spiritual impulse and overcome our temptations more readily. Thoughts of the great Christ Spirit, incarnate in the body of Jesus, should make us pause to consider our own shortcomings and give us determination to strive for greater spiritual development. We should pass on to others spiritual gifts and the knowledge we have gained and so make this season one of production as well as joy.

This holy season of the year is also a time of Earth Retrospection. Now the Earth feels the stimulation of the Christ presence as He nears the time of complete indrawing. All nature enters into a period of physical deliberation; a drawing in of life forces; or introspection. It is a waiting period of gathering forces until the time of bursting forth into new forms. It is the season of the year when the sun passes through the mystic sign of Capricorn, in which we have the longest and darkest night of the year. Christmas which comes during the night time of the earth when the nights are longest and the spiritual vibrations strongest, is the time when the spiritually minded men of the world can make the greatest progress on the spiritual plane in gaining divine knowledge.

It is a sublime fact that we are all Christs in the making. But until we

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And One Far-off Divine Event

By MATTIE A. TOWNSEND

"In the beginning . . . God"

That God, which ever lives and loves,
One God, one law, one element,
And one far-off divine event,
To which the whole creation moves.

—*Tennyson.*

We, neither you nor I,

“. . . can fix with mete and bound
The love and power of God.”

—*Whittier.*

“God is spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit.” God is Light, without limitation, without bound; measureless, free. God the Creator of all things is all-powerful, all-wise, all-loving. When He, in the beginning of a Day of Manifestation, limited Himself to a certain portion of space, He permeated this portion of space with His Divine Aura, and drew from it, unto Himself, Cosmic Root-Substance, and a Solar System came into being.

The silent deeps in the immensity of Heaven's blue became the Heavens that declare the glory of God: the shining spheres that wheel through Heaven's arch their timeless course, show His handiwork—

Day unto day,
The high brilliance of the noonday
sun;

Night unto night,
The silver light in deep unfathomed
blue;
The myriad blazing suns that are the
stars

Shine forth the glory and the power
of His might.

At His command, the planets, the Seven Spirits before the Throne, robed in celestial light moved to their appointed

stations, His messengers, to do His will. We, too, Virgin Spirits, sparks of His Divine Flame, took our places in the swirling mass of star-dust that became our earth, the arena of our activities in the ever recurring cycle as we develop in the school of Life's experiences our potential God-given powers into the dynamic creative powers of God Himself.

To us, however, who follow the path of conscious evolution in service to humanity, who through our evening and morning exercises of Retrospection and Concentration, extract the spiritual essence from the experiences of life, and transmute them into soul growth, who weave the Golden Wedding Garment without which none can hope to enter in to the marriage feast of the Higher with the Lower Self—to us it is not enough to recognize God in His outward, visible manifestations; not enough to see Him in the celestial glory of the Heavens, and in the grandeur and majesty of mountain and sea, not enough to say with Tennyson to the flower in the crannied wall—

“I pluck you out of the crannies,
I hold you here, root and all, in my
hand,
Little flower—but if I could understand
What you are, root and all, and all
in all,
I should know what God and man is.”

We must live with the inner consciousness of God. Let us listen to the inner voice—“Be still and know that I am God.” Let us “recognize the fundamental unity of each with all, the fellowship of the spirit, which is the realization of God.”

One God, the God of Love; one law, the law of love, and one element—spirit. God's immutable law of love

enfolded us as we came down, virgin spirits, through unconscious involution to self-consciousness, to begin the ascent of the spiral of evolution. Guided by the divine Hierarchies down through the Saturn, the Sun, and the Moon periods, after aeons and aeons, this being we call man stood at the beginning of the Earth period, on the threshold of a new cycle—a threefold spirit clothed in a threefold body.

The Lords of Flame and the Cherubim and the Seraphim had brought him thus far on his way, and now to supplement their work came the Lords of Mind to bestow the link between the threefold spirit and the threefold body. And with the bestowal of this link, or germ of mind, the Spirit took possession of its vehicles, and the individual, the human being, the Ego was born, to begin his slow, toilsome way upward in increasing self-consciousness and the unfolding of his potential God-powers.

Through millenniums, this Ego groped his way upward. He lifted his body erect; he turned one half of the God-given creative force which up to this time had been used for propagation only—upward, and built a brain and a larynx, vehicles through which he could think and express his thought. But the Ego was weak and the desire body was strong and the nascent mind coalesced with the powerful desire nature which during the Atlantean Epoch dominated man's actions.

Man, now no longer an automaton guided by the Higher Spiritual forces, was dominated by his uncontrolled desire nature and actuated by his own free will. And so it came about that the perfect law of the Lord, the statutes of the Lord, true and righteous altogether, were broken. Broken so often, so ignorantly, so persistently that as Lemuria had perished by fire, so now Atlantis was destroyed by flood. Punishment? Retribution? No, the inevitable consequence of the breaking of God's immutable law. Cause and effect!

Again as the earth re-peopled itself, as age succeeded age, through the power and influence of the Race spirits nation warred against nation, brother fought against brother, greed and cruelty were rampant, rapine and savage brutality reigned, and again under the control of the desire nature, huge debts of such monstrous proportions were piled up that even the upward trend of evolution was checked, and great masses of humanity were in danger of being lost to our life wave.

"Yet I doubt not through the ages one increasing purpose runs." And God so loved the world that He was not willing that any should perish. And the Christ, the great Sun-Spirit, offered Himself a living sacrifice. He came to earth, not to destroy but to fulfill the law of love; He came to save that which was lost. And when His blood flowed on Calvary, the veil of the Temple was rent that all might enter in; the great Christ Spirit was released from the robe of flesh to enter the earth itself, to diffuse through it His own desire body to cleanse and purify it of crystallized impurities, and thus make it possible for all humanity to gather purer desire stuff for the building of their own desire bodies. And ever since that day on Calvary when Christ became the indwelling planetary Spirit, from It have come the impulses to right thinking, right feeling, and right living for all humankind.

But two thousand years have passed, and the Christ Spirit awaits the Day of Liberation. Years of bloodshed and strife and wars—some of the wars fought in the name of the Christ of Love Himself. Years, too, which have carried the teachings of the Man of Galilee into many lands to bring peace to troubled souls, and comfort to aching hearts. The birth of the Christ within, the law of love working in the hearts of men, motivating their acts, has in the Piscean Age now drawing to a close, brought humanity far on its upward path of evolution. The flush of dawn of the new Aquarian Age is already seen and its influence

felt in both the material and the spiritual world.

We turn the page and a war-torn world confronts us—a world engaged in bitter conflict; nation against nation, brother against brother, hatred and greed, licentiousness and lust for power, brute force and hellish ingenuity bringing to destruction all that civilization has built up and holds dear. Contemplating this heart-breaking picture—

“I falter where I firmly trod,
And falling with my weight of cares
Upon the great world’s altar stairs
That slope through darkness up to
God,
I stretch lame hands of faith and
grope,
And gather dust and chaff, and call
To what I feel is Lord of all,
And faintly trust the larger hope.”
—*Tennyson*.

But out of darkness comes light. When Lord Tennyson almost one hundred years ago, said—

“I heard the heavens fill with shouting,
and there rained a ghastly dew
From the nation’s airy navies grappling
in the central blue . . .”

He also heard—

“ . . . the world-wide whisper . . .
 . . . of the peoples . . .
Till the war drums throbbed no longer,
and the battle flags were furled
In the Parliament of Man, the Federa-
tion of the World.”

In the teachings of our beloved leader, Max Heindel, we have also these words of hope and cheer, “God is omnipotent, . . . and what we see as evil must eventually become good.” We know that out of pain and loss must come ultimate good to humanity. Peace must come out of this struggle—shall we call it as our great President calls it—the struggle for survival.

We pray for the coming of the brotherhood of man. We pray—

God bless our world today, poor strife-
torn world;
Courage lend her, and defend her
From the fate that war’s hate ’gainst
her hurled.
Let white banners of all nations,
White peace banners, be unfurled.
God bless with Brotherhood, our world,
dear world.

Not until man frees himself from the control of the differentiating Race spirits can the brotherhood of man be accomplished, when all shall know God from the least to the greatest. And while we pray, and while we work and wait, let us not forget that always—

“God’s in his heaven
All’s right with the world!”

And so, as Max Heindel says, we must look beyond the past and present horrors and cruelties, the heart-breaks and anguish, to the “shining Age of Brotherhood” which will mark man’s next great step in human progress on his long and wondrous journey from the clod to God, from protoplasm to conscious unity with the Father, that—

“ . . . one far-off divine event
To which the whole creation moves.”

LOOKING FORWARD

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strive to awaken the Christ spirit within our own hearts, we can never perceive the Christ without.

The spirit of giving and the joy of bringing happiness to others at Christmas is but a physical reflection of the great Love of the Father when He sent us His Son as the most sublime gift ever given to mankind. And we as His children, are able to absorb a part of this divine love; this welling up of the Earth spirit which comes to us at Yuletide. We feel happy and must express it by the material means of giving gifts.

Every Christmas that comes, every lighted candle, every decorated tree, brings our human life wave nearer to the Divine life wave; the true birth of Christ within our hearts.

A ROSICRUCIAN CATECHISM

Desire World and Soul Growth

By EMILY W. LORTCHER

Q. What forms the basis for action during waking consciousness?

A. The restorative activity of the higher vehicles during sleep without which there would be no awakening next morning, for the Ego was forced to abandon his vehicles because their weariness rendered them useless.

Q. Why is sleep better than doctor, medicine or rest in preserving health?

A. Because it is only while the higher vehicles are in the Desire World that there is a total suspension of waste and an influx of restoring force.

Q. Why is this true?

A. Because during rest the vital body still must contend with the wasting energy of thought, and during rest it does not receive the *outside* recuperative force from the desire body as during sleep.

Q. What happens when the desire body does not fully withdraw?

A. Part of it remains connected with the vital body, the vehicle for sense perception and memory, and the scenes and actions of the Desire World are brought into the physical consciousness as dreams.

Q. What is the nature of such dreams?

A. Most such dreams are confused as the axis of perception is askew because of the improper relation of the bodies.

Q. How does this affect the memory?

A. The memory is also confused by this incongruous relation of the vehicles and as a result of the loss of the restoring force, dream-filled sleep is restless and the body feels tired on awakening.

Q. What is the work of the Ego during life?

A. The threefold spirit, the Ego, works on and in the threefold body.

Q. How is the Ego connected to the threefold body?

A. By the link of mind.

Q. What does this work accomplish?

A. It brings the threefold soul into being.

Q. What is the soul?

A. The soul is the spiritualized product of the body.

Q. What promotes the growth of the Conscious Soul?

A. The activity of the spirit in the dense body which results in *right action*.

Q. What causes the growth of the Intellectual Soul?

A. The memory of actions done in the dense body—the desires, feelings, and emotions of the desire body and the thoughts and ideas of the mind.

Q. What forms the Emotional Soul?

A. The *highest desires and emotions* of the desire body.

Q. What is the purpose of the threefold soul?

A. It enhances the consciousness of the threefold spirit.

Q. To what aspect of the threefold spirit does the Emotional Soul, which is the extract of the desire body, contribute?

A. It adds to the efficiency of the Human Spirit, which is the spiritual counterpart of the desire body.

Q. To which aspect of the Ego does the Intellectual Soul, which is extracted from the vital body, give added power?

A. To the Life Spirit because the vital body is the material counterpart of the Life Spirit.

Q. The Conscious Soul, which is the extract of the dense body, increases the consciousness of which aspect of the Spirit?

A. The Divine Spirit, because the dense body is the counterpart of the Divine Spirit.

(Reference: *Cosmo*, pages 94-96)

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY



"Unto Us a Child Is Born"

By JANE TEMPLETON



"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

"Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom; to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever." (Isaiah 9:6-7.)

The prophets of the Old Testament times were holy men of God, mouthpieces of Jehovah God in uttering divine messages entrusted to them; and as such were messengers. They did more than merely prophesy, or declare the will or purpose of God. They were the moral and religious teachers of their times, exposing the emptiness of religious formality, the perfunctoriness of merely offering sacrifices and performing religious rites. Being highly developed spiritually, they could see with spiritual vision sufficiently to read in the Memory of Nature and describe the coming conditions.

The above prophetic utterances of Isaiah, one of the four major Biblical prophets, come to us during the hallowed Christmas season, "soft as the voice of an angel," alight with blessed hope and promise. He is describing the time when the Religion of the Son, the second help which humanity now has in its evolutionary journey, will have become established on the earth. The Christian Religion will have enabled man so to purify and control his vital body that he will have attained to union with the *Christ Within*. Our hearts, well with reverence and devotion as we contem-

plate the sublime promise of this exalted message and pray for the day when "of peace there shall be no end."

Nor should we allow present conditions of war and strife to affect our attitude of faith and optimism. Unfortunately, sorrow and suffering seem to be the only teachers most individuals and nations will hear, and thus the necessity for such severe experiences and lessons. Viewing life through the perspective of the Western Wisdom Teachings, life unending in its course through the visible and the invisible worlds, we are undismayed by the tremendous so-called "loss of life" taking place all over the world.

Those who are killed *will be born again*, and because of the anguish of their experiences, they will function in their next physical incarnations from a higher state of consciousness than they do now. The precepts of peace and brotherly love taught by the gentle Christ will then appear to them in their proper light as the natural basis for man's social and economic life, and war will be a thing of the past. Truly, "the government shall be upon his shoulder," for out of humanity's present travail will come a new birth to things spiritual, a more complete dedication to the spiritual way of life.

In the coming Kingdom of Christ, or the New Galilee, man will have evolved to an exceedingly high stage. He will function in an etheric body on an etheric earth. Through pure and unselfish living he will have brought about the union of the higher and the lower self, and will thus have established the Kingdom of Christ *within his own heart*—"with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever."

The Astral Ray

Astrology is a phase of Mystic Religion, as sublime as the stars with which it deals, and not to be confused with fortunetelling. The educational value of astrology lies in its capacity to reveal the hidden causes at work in our lives. It counsels the adults in regard to vocation, the parents in the guidance of children, the teachers in management of pupils, the judges in executing sentence, the physicians in diagnosing disease, and in similar manner lends aid to each and all in whatever station or enterprise they may find themselves.

The laws of Rebirth and Consequence work in harmony with the stars, so that a child is born *at the time when the positions of the bodies in the solar system will give the conditions necessary* for its experience and advancement in the school of life.

Saturn: in War and Peace

By ANN BARKHURST

SATURN, during the course of astrological centuries, has acquired a somewhat dubious reputation as the satanic power of the planetary chain, and by no means the least disliked is his role of Taskmaster (as differentiated from that of Workmaster), according to the old adage which we make bold to use somewhat freely, that Satan finds work for idle hands to do. Nowhere is this better exemplified than in the Saturnian afflictions by transit. The transiting Saturn moves slowly enough to enable any astrologer to check his influence as he crosses the sensitive points in the radical horoscope; and in our more evanescent Saturnian moods—rightly labeled saturnine—we not infrequently find that the transiting Moon and Sun are afflicting the radical Saturn.

Astrologers have discovered that the Saturn afflictions indicate hardships of one kind or another, which are generally accompanied by loss of health, a prevailing condition of depletion and lowered vitality, with all that implies of mental depression and lack of emotional resiliency. But they have not, to my mind, made it sufficiently clear that these physical conditions are as likely to be the effect as the cause of the material chaos that prevails under the Saturn affliction. It is one of the vicious circles you read

about: misfortune causing ill health causing inefficiency causing misfortune, *ad infinitum*. It requires no argumentation to know that such a cycle must be guarded against in this as in any other time of world crisis. Without a good Saturnian impulse, indeed, there could be no morale worthy of the name.

The Great Depression proved to us that idleness is abhorrent to any normal human; the war will prove that far from being fundamentally lazy, man is prone to overwork when his interests are aroused. Under the *beneficent* aspects of Saturn (in his role of Workmaster) the individual finds himself face to face with important work, for which, however, he is physically and mentally thoroughly equipped; it is therefore no particular hardship for him to deal with it. He is able, and therefore willing, to accept responsibility which he discharges to the satisfaction of all concerned. We note in this connection that Saturn, as the ruler of Capricorn and co-ruler of Aquarius, is the engineer's planet *par excellence*; but in all walks of life the Saturnian intellect is conspicuous for its orderliness, its conscientiousness, and its capacity for detail. The best housewife, who runs her house like a business, with clockwork regularity and a craftsman's skill, is generally a woman in whose horoscope Saturn figures

prominently. Such women can, and in emergencies do, turn their highly efficient mentalities to equally good use in offices and factories. A topnotch housewife masters the mechanics of war as easily as she does the mechanics of her household. (Thus the Greeks knew Athena both as goddess of weaving and of warcraft.) The romantic minded woman on the contrary is seldom a good housewife or war-worker, for she is representative of the lunar influence which is imaginative rather than practical.

It is therefore under the beneficent aspects of Saturn that an individual is given big jobs to perform, and he performs them with efficiency and despatch. But when the Saturn afflictions enter upon the scene, he finds himself confronted with quite another set of circumstances. Work, yes; but too much of it, and it is disagreeable work, perhaps with poor pay (Saturn afflicting the life-giving planets). This is the time when the boss asks you to work overtime, and if you receive time-and-a-half overtime pay for your work you will probably have to spend it on doctor bills as a result of a physical breakdown caused by overwork, too little sleep, and sketchy meals; not to mention the nerve strain of working under constant pressure.

The Saturn-Mars aspect tends to induce overwork in an effort to get more money or influence or prestige;—or what not? Here we have the selfish motive: the man works overtime not because of patriotic necessity, but because he wants more money, and having got the money he spends it on drink and high living which reacts upon his health. Or, in the higher social and economic brackets, he overreaches himself, and precipitates social or financial disaster.

It is of course obvious to the astrologer, but not perhaps to the lay public, that the selfsame Saturn which brings responsibility to a successful issue for one man, may bring overwork and illness to another, according to the aspects formed relative to the radical horoscope of each. It is therefore not enough merely

to consider the aspects formed daily by the transiting planets with one another: these indicate only the general conditions affecting the race as a whole; they do not indicate the individual reaction to those conditions. To get at the individual reaction, it is necessary to calculate the aspects of the transiting planets relative to the planets of the radical chart. Thus, from an economic standpoint, a war condition which means poverty and destruction to tens of thousands (Saturn afflicting Uranus, Sun, Moon, or vice versa) may at the same time mean wealth and power to the profiteer class operating under a Saturn-Mars aspect, such as we mentioned in our preceding paragraph. Remember, in this connection, that both Hitler and Mussolini have Mars square Saturn in their radical horoscopes. It is the sign of tyranny.

From all of which it is plain that our astrology can, and should, be something more to us than a peace-time hobby. It can tell us when hard work is safe and when it is best to be on the alert to conserve energy, if at all possible. Too much work at the wrong time and the wrong place (business as usual?) can sabotage the war effort as surely as too little at the right time and right place. Saturn is the Workmaster who can regulate our labor schedule for us and help us achieve a maximum of efficiency, by means of which we will not only win the war, but, still more important, *win the peace* which follows.

Now the peace which the esoteric astrologer looks forward to is in very truth a Peace of Saturn. Contrary to popular opinion, there is in the Saturn consciousness a stronghold of tranquility, in no way more clearly and beautifully represented than the snow-covered earth at Christmas time in the northern latitudes. If you are among those who fear and dread Saturn and are consequently unable to recognize his essential nature, go out after a snow storm, when the air is crystal clear and there is no wind stirring anywhere. Let the quiet and

the whiteness penetrate you, and you will know Saturn as he is.

Such will be the profound and breathless Peace which settles over the world in the Aquarian Age. We may point out in passing that when the Sun at the vernal equinoxes *precedes* from Pisces through Aquarius and Capricorn, as it is about to do, the earth actually enters a Saturnian Era of almost five thousand years' duration. Since the discovery of Uranus, that planet is considered as co-ruler with Saturn of the sign Aquarius, but Saturn is still the power behind the throne. For more than five thousand years, then, the Saturnian Peace will be the foundation stone of the most bril-

liant civilization our planet has ever known. And since the inner is always reflected in the outer, and the state of men's souls flowers in the crafts of their hands, this Peace will have its outward representation in an Architecture which will convert the globe into a heaven world, where even the commonest dwelling will be a "thing of beauty and a joy for ever." The cities will be built to endure for the Age, and endure they will, in translucent stone and infrangible glass, and within them the sons of men will bring to consummation the great Mystery Work of the untarnishable gold created from the base metals of past warfare and suffering.

The Children of Sagittarius

By MAX HEINDEL

(Reprinted from December 1918 issue)



AGITTARIUS is ruled by Jupiter, the great benefic planet, and it may be said generally that those who are born while the Sun is in this sign from November 23rd to December 22nd are well liked in the society where they move. They are of a hearty, jovial disposition, princes among men, hail-fellows-well-met, and their acquaintances are generally glad to see them.

There are two very distinct classes born under this sign. In the pictorial Zodiac, Sagittarius is represented as a centaur, half horse and half man, and one class of those who come to birth under its influence are well described by the animal part thereof, for they are of a sporty nature, ready to gamble on the speed of a horse at long odds or to stake their last dollar on a game of cards. They are aptly described by the animal part of the symbol, so that they have no scruples with respect to the indulgence of their appetites, passions and desires. They are lacking in respect for both the law and ordinary morals, hence they are often found among the criminal class.

Those children of Sagittarius who are symbolized by the human part of the centaur, aiming the bow of aspiration at the stars, are as different from the above as day is from night, for they are extremely idealistic, moral and law-abiding, noble characters who win the respect of society in general and particularly all with whom they come into intimate contact. Therefore they become in time the pillars of society and receive positions of honor and preferment in the State or Church as judges, divines or similar posts of prominence. These Sagittarians are very orthodox and conservative, punctilious to a fault in their observance of all customs and traditions of the times wherein they live. They are seldom induced to espouse any progressive ideas which might jeopardize the respect of the community enjoyed by them. They are firm believers in the necessity of red tape.

Withal, however, they are charitable and benevolent, tender and sympathetic; they can always be relied upon to aid any altruistic movement, and though

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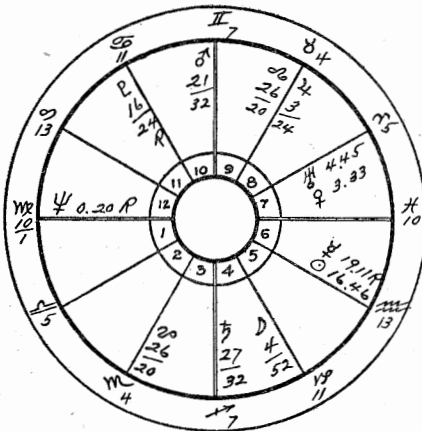
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HELEN M. L.

Born February 5, 1929, 7:50 P.M.

Latitude 39 N. Longitude 83 W.



We have a horoscope for our reading this month of a young girl born with common signs on all four angles, Virgo being on the Ascendant. Common sign people are usually easy going and easily influenced. Virgo, however, is the strongest of the four common signs but also one of the most perverse and headstrong. In the case under discussion we find the planets so posited that the Virgo determination will be accentuated.

With Neptune posited just above the Ascendant in Virgo and trine to Saturn, the Moon, and Jupiter, it will have a strong influence on the nature and disposition of this girl, for Neptune is a strange and little understood planet. Persons with a strong Neptune are often odd, and with Saturn and the Moon trine to Neptune from Saturn's sign

Capricorn, there will be a very determined even at times a little stubborn streak; especially would this be shown or expressed towards the mother or those in the home (4th house).

Mercury the ruler of the Ascendant is found in the 6th house in conjunction with the Sun and in the fixed sign Aquarius. Both Mercury and the Sun are making a wonderful and a strong aspect, a trine to Mars the planet of action, which is prominently placed in the 10th house in Gemini, the sign ruling the hands and arms. This girl should be most clever and quick in the use of her hands. If she were a boy we would advise her to take up some mechanical art, but in these days girls are drawn on to take up mechanics, engineering, etc. We would by all means advise the father who by the aspects of Mars is probably interested, or should be, in Governmental work, to place this girl somewhere where she can have the benefit of proper educational training for this mechanical ability. With her prominent Mars in the Midheaven (10th house indicates the Government) she should be associated with governmental work.

We find two distinct personalities in this chart; one a strangely secretive girl who desires at times to retire into her own room and dream or muse, while the other is a restless, impulsive, headstrong girl who finds it hard to accept the guidance of a mother who is prone to try to keep her under her control. Venus is conjoined Uranus in the headstrong martial sign Aries in the 7th house (the

public), both in square to Saturn conjunct the Moon in the 4th house, these last two planets indicating the mother who at times may be a little strict. However, oftentimes she has cause, for Venus conjunct Uranus, the planet of change, adventure, and contempt for conventions, when squared by the Moon, is oftentimes heedless of the proper conventions and conduct when in the company of the opposite sex, and the mother has cause for restrictions. In this connection the Sun conjunction Mercury and trine a well-placed Mars will be a protection; also Jupiter trine Saturn, Moon, and Neptune, will tend to lead her, in spite of her desire for adventure, to do that which is right. But during these martial, free and easy times, when there is so little protection to young women it is ever well for a girl deliberately to keep herself on the safe path of high principle and right action.

With Neptune in the sign which has rule over the intestines, Virgo, the laboratory of the body where most of the food is taken care of after passing through the stomach, and with Pluto in Cancer, the sign ruling the stomach, we would advise care in choice of her food. Neptune is always craving for unusual foods, and Neptune children often prefer to eat from the corner drugstore counter. The result is frequent colds and indigestion. Care in foods should be practiced.

THE CHILDREN OF SAGITTARIUS

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they are of a kindly nature and endeavor to avoid quarrels in their own behalf, they sometimes fight with great zeal and courage for others who have been injured and in whose behalf their sympathies have been enlisted, hence they make admirable lawyers.

The Sagittarians are usually excellent conversationalists, they have quick and ready wit and are fond of indulging in oratory. Their memory and interesting way of relating experiences always hold the audience. They are very proud and have great confidence in themselves.

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Executive. Clubs

HARRIET R.—Born April 20, 1909, 5:15 A.M. Lat. 51 N. Long. 7 W. Another Aries on the Ascendant and cardinal signs on all angles. Saturn, Venus, Mercury, and the Sun are all clustered about the Ascendant; Pluto is sextiling the Sun, Mercury, and Venus, with Mars elevated in the 10th house in Aquarius, executive ability is shown, leadership in public work, politics, and clubs.

Illustrator. Cartoonist

ANNA L. A.—Born March 29, 1927, 8:15 P.M. Lat. 39 N. Long. 84 W. Here Mars is in the sign of the hands, Gemini, which rules newspapers and magazines, sextile Neptune in Leo, natural 5th-house sign governing publicity. Mars also trines the Moon in Aquarius, showing talent for drawing, illustrating, or as cartoonist. With the Sun and Uranus both in the 5th house she should be successful in vocations dealing with publishing houses.

Architect. Art

BEVERLY J. H.—Born October 8, 1926, 12:35 A.M. Lat. 38 N. Long. 122 W. Venus, Sun, and Mercury are all in the architects' sign, Libra; Jupiter in Aquarius trines the Sun in Libra, Neptune in Leo sextiles Mercury and Venus and the Moon are semisextile. Talent for artistic designing of buildings and furnishing of same is shown. Architectural drawing, of course, is shown. This girl should start now to get the required education for this profession.

Salesman. Repairman

HANS R.—Born August 16, 1886, 8:30 A.M. Lat. 48 N. Long. 12 E. This man while young should have taken up

electrical engineering, but it is rather late now to start in this work, but with Sun and Mercury conjoined in the 11th house of friends, and both these planets in the magnetic and social sign Leo and sextile Mars, he could make a success in some capacity where he deals with the public. He could do the work satisfactorily in a watch and radio repair shop, but success in one's own business depends also upon location, business conditions, etc. Real estate salesman, or grocery salesman with Saturn and Venus conjoined in Cancer in the 10th house would also be successful.

Chemist. Draftsman

JEFFREY A. C., Jr.—Born October 10, 1920, 7:20 A.M. Lat. 41 N. Long. 82 W. With Jupiter, Saturn, and the Moon all three in the sign Virgo and Jupiter sextile Pluto, Mercury, and Venus, chemist or druggist would be successful vocations. Also, the Sun in Libra sextile Mars in Sagittarius, indicates mechanical drafting as a second choice.

Printing. Electrotypy

ARLIN S.—Born January 29, 1928, 3:12 A.M. Lat. 44 N. Long. 91 W. In this chart the Moon is in Taurus in the 5th house ruling printshops and publishing houses, and is trine Neptune, and Venus. The life ruler, Jupiter, is in Aries conjunction Uranus and trine the Ascendant, with Saturn sextile the Sun and Mercury. All these aspects tend to indicate a serious minded young man with artistic tendencies of an unusual nature, especially as applied to the production of books and other printed matter. Electrotyping and plating, printing, and various forms of art used in publishing books, etc.

Dietetics

LOUISE K. S.—Born October 21, 1906, 2:09 A.M. Lat. 42 N. Long. 88 W. This woman has her planets scattered over the horoscope in eight houses, indicating versatility, restlessness, especially in the home. Jupiter conjoined Neptune in Cancer and both trine Mercury, however, may offset the restlessness of Venus, Moon, Uranus, planets which are found in the 4th house, the home. We would advise using these two planets in Cancer by studying dietetics and home economy. Mars in the 1st house in Virgo will help to make a success of home economics. We would advise no changes, but patience may help to tide over inharmony.

Illustrator. Teacher

VELMA I. P.—Born December 8, 1926, 5:30 P.M. Lat. 46 N. Long. 119 W. With Venus conjoined the Sun in Sagittarius, sextile to Jupiter in Aquarius in the 9th house, semisextile Mercury, and trine Neptune, the planet Venus being the planet of art and music, we would advise a vocation giving Venus its power to act. Venus in this chart being the ruler of the 5th house representing schools and publishing houses, she could teach illustrative arts which are used in publications such as newspapers and magazines, if given necessary education.

Painter. Decorator

MR. G. H. S.—Born July 25, 1902, 4:08 P.M. Lat. 42 N. Long. 88 W. With Venus, Mars, Mercury, and Neptune all in the sign Cancer, Venus and Mars conjoined and semisextile the Sun, artistic decorations in homes, painting and house decorating would be advisable. However, with the progressed Mars sextile progressed Moon and Mercury and Uranus rising, impulses to changes in the home or work should be carefully thought out.

Art Producer

M. G. A.—Born February 11, 1897, 7 A.M. Lat. 51 N. Long. 118 W. Aqua-

rius is rising with the Sun conjunction the Ascendant and sextile to the life ruler, the active, progressive, original, and inventive Uranus well placed in the 10th house. This woman should be placed where she can do original designing in the entertainment field. In employ of the Moving Pictures she would find scope for her talent, and with Pluto, Moon, Mars, and Neptune all conjoined in Gemini, the sign ruling the hands, she should be able to create and produce most original things. Venus in Aries trine Saturn near the Midheaven indicates artistic creations.

Executive

ARTHUR V. R.—Born December 4, 1891, 7:45 A.M. Lat. 42 N. Long. 71 W. Sagittarius is rising with its ruler, Jupiter strong in its own sign of Pisces and sextile the Moon, Venus, and Mercury (in Capricorn), and trine Uranus. Mercury and Venus are also sextile Uranus and Mars which are conjunct and elevated in the 10th house which is the "natural" house of Capricorn. We would by all means advise this man to get in the employ of the government, military service would be attractive if he were younger. Mars and Uranus in conjunction, there might be quick temper which would at times hinder his success. We suggest that this man try for executive or clerical work for the government.

Home Worker

VIRGINIA R. T.—Born February 11, 1904, 7 A.M. Lat. 32 N. Long. 94 W. This woman finds it impossible on account of sickness in the home to get out and hold a position to earn money, so we would advise that she take up a correspondence course in writing stories and non-fiction articles. She could use her hands in expressing through a good Venus in art, possibly through magazine illustrations, cartoons, etc. This is a wide field and can be done wherever there is room for a desk and chair, or even sitting up in bed.

Worth-While News



Millikan Urges World Police

Creation of an international police force to preserve peace was advanced by Dr. Robert A. Millikan yesterday as the ultimate solution of world-wide disagreements.

The head of the California Institute of Technology, addressing the Kiwanis International district convention at the Biltmore, said: "Our next logical and intelligent step must not be to create a world super state. That is too grandiose a job.

World Curb Needed

"But each state should give up enough of its sovereignty to create an international police so that no nation—even the United States—can run amuck."

Dr. Millikan said that 99.9 per cent of the world's development and application to science was made in the 100 years between 1814 and 1914, generally known as the Pax Britannica period, made possible by peaceful patrolling of the seas by the British fleet.

He cited a resolution passed unanimously by the Senate and House in 1910 at President Taft's instigation to limit armaments and to combine the navies of the world into an international force for preservation of peace.

Price Too High

"The very frightfulness of modern war and the growing realization that it cannot profit the aggressor would provide the best reason for a hope that man will establish some better means for settling the difficulties," Dr. Millikan said.

He said human society can be organized to curb international gangsters just as under the American way of life, communities and States have been federated primarily for defense against external aggression. Local self-government must continue, however.

Warns of Corruption

He warned that political corruption, "euphemistically called the American patronage system," could destroy America even if outside enemies are conquered.

He declared that science is not responsible for war and those who condemn science for discovery of gunpowder should remember that gunpowder was invented in 850 A.D. by the "most peaceful people on earth" and was not used for martial purposes for 600 years afterward.

"Science makes for rational creative living," the Nobel Prize winner pointed out. "Aggressive war is based on instincts of

the brute. Our children are going to live either under the Atlantic Charter or some equivalent, or under the brutalities of 'Mein Kampf.'"—*Los Angeles Times*, October 16, 1942.

Before the time of our present Aryan Epoch a large continent called Atlantis existed in what is now known as the Atlantic Ocean. Millions of people inhabited this vast expanse of land and for untold ages dwelt there in unity and brotherhood.

Gradually, however, in the course of time these people separated into nations, as groups of people discovered in one another similar tastes and habits. Later, principally on account of the extreme selfishness developed by the people, strife and finally wars came into existence, none of which bettered conditions but served only to make the people of the various nations more determined to conquer their opponents and place them in subjection. From that time on the affairs of the people of this great continent of Atlantis went from bad to worse. The better class of people from time to time emigrated to the continent to the east and finally Atlantis, overburdened with wickedness and most appalling vices, sank beneath the water of the surrounding ocean and for centuries its very existence became obliterated from the minds of the people existing on the land to the east.

However, the fate of this warring, evil people has lately been brought to our attention, without doubt, to warn us that selfishness, vice, murder, and ungodliness are never permitted by the Great Ones in charge of evolution to go too far before the Higher Powers step in and bring such debauchery to an end, always giving those who are still striving for a purer, better life the opportunity to remain in incarnation as a nucleus through

which these Powers can work in furthering the evolutionary progress of mankind.

The people of the world have again reached another crisis in their evolutionary development. Evil in its many and varied forms, espoused by capable exponents, is abroad everywhere using the most cunningly devised schemes to catch the unwary. Our newspapers, magazines, dramas, pictures, music, habits, morals, costumes—everything is being exploited by this subtle, insidious foe to the progress of humanity, which progress depends entirely on the development of the spiritual powers of the individual. Coupled with all these is materialism, the greatest of all foes to human progress, for it fosters vice in all its various forms and therefore becomes the strongest weapon possessed by the forces of evil.

Once convince an individual that there is nothing beyond one short earth life, and his mind becomes a fertile field for all sorts of vicious practices, and his lower desires, no longer restrained, lead him from vice to vice which if not curbed is sure to end in degradation too low for description.

Our present war, instigated by ambition, greed, self-aggrandizement, hate, materialistic power, et cetera, is a striking example of the horror into which the forces for evil are today leading the nations of the world. The only gleam of hope to be found in the present situation is that soon, the people, seeing the futility of it all, will rise up en masse and demand a lasting world peace through the force of their combined power. However, such a movement can only come about through a realization of the fact that all humanity form one united whole, and that what injures one ultimately injures all and what benefits one benefits all.

Furthermore, mankind must realize that our world is governed by certain cosmic laws which work for the good of all created beings, and that no force save that possessed by God, their Creator, has the power to change these laws one

single iota. When humanity as a whole attempts to usurp this power, lest it bring down upon it elf irreparable injury, it becomes necessary to deprive its members of their physical vehicles and place them on another plane of activity where they are able to see for themselves the reason why it is imperative that they work with these laws, that being the only way in which they can develop their latent potentialities. Then when this misguided humanity again returns to another earth life its various members will strive more earnestly to live in accordance with all things which further the fulfillment of the Great Plan.

However, it is possible at times to save humanity from the before mentioned fate if it can be made to see the error of its ways, espouse right, purity, charity, kindness, brotherly love, and spiritual aspiration.

It is therefore most encouraging to know that the attention of some of our nations' greatest thinkers is being focused on some sort of a plan which will bring about the right kind of universal unity between the various nations of the world.

Let us hope that the plan suggested by Dr. Millikan will be the first step taken to hold humanity in check until the higher law of living right for right's sake becomes fully established in the heart and mind of the masses and the Brotherhood of man becomes an established reality.

The greatest power in the world today is thought. It is this power that has brought the human race out of barbarity and established the great civilizations which have developed and flourished throughout the world. Everywhere we find it working. Unfortunately, however, it has not always worked for good, and it is just as effective when applied to evil. If mass thought centers itself on war and devastation, they are sure to manifest in due course of time; and just as surely as this great force is positively centered on lasting peace, that much desired result will just as surely materialize.

Question Department



Cosmic Law Controls Purgation

Question:

I understand that in the purgatorial region each individual feels the pain and sorrow which in the life just closed he inflicted on others. Will the nature and length of time the purgatorial experience lasts be determined by the Higher Powers, by the ones who suffered the distress, or by the individual himself?

Answer:

Purgatorial experiences do not work out in any of the three ways mentioned. The process is quite automatic. When a person commits acts that are wrong and which involve injustice, he or she automatically builds a record of the act on the seed atom of the dense body, which record at the close of life is transferred to the desire body which is the vehicle of feeling.

When the individual reaches the purgatorial region after death this record begins to unroll backwards beginning with the person's last evil act just previous to death, and the individual then feels the pain, anguish, or mortification, as the case may be, which he inflicted, just exactly as the one felt it at the time the deed was committed.

In this region the force of repulsion holds sway and this force automatically acts upon the desire stuff substance in which the record is embedded, literally tearing it out; and this process is that which causes pain to the individual undergoing purgation.

The purgatory process continues intermittently until each evil record has been unrolled and the individual entirely freed from the effects engendered by all the evil acts committed during his previous life. Then the spirit, free from all past evil consequences, is ready to enter the First Heaven World where it reaps the benefit of the good deeds per-

formed during its previous sojourn on earth.

According to the foregoing it is plain that all which happens to the individual after death is in consequence of immutable, invariable laws, which the individual has attempted to circumvent and there is no personal God who gives out punishment or rewards as He sees fit according to an inscrutable will or any other such method. Neither is the nature of the purgatorial experiences, nor the length of time required to undergo them, determined by a Higher Power, those who were the sufferers, nor the individual himself. It is the *nature* of the act that determines the results. However, man does have free will relative to the acts he performed. It is the results that come under automatic cosmic law.

THIRD HEAVEN REVELATIONS

Question:

It is stated in your literature that very few people have any degree of consciousness while in the Third Heaven. In what way would an individual be benefited if he did have consciousness there?

Answer:

The Third Heaven is the Region of Abstract Thought and there is to be found the germinal idea of *form* in mineral, plant, animal, and man, the germinal idea of *life* in plant, animal, and man, and the germinal idea of *desire* and *emotion* in man.

These germinal ideas are the outcome of the divine mind of God who planned evolution in its broadest outlines, and partly from the mind of the various Hierarchies. These germinal ideas are reflected from the region of Abstract Thought, the Third Heaven, into the Region of Concrete Thought, the Second Heaven, where mankind has considerable consciousness, and accordingly is

able to contact these reflected ideas and use them in the physical world. But if man were conscious enough to contact these ideas directly in the Third Heaven Region he would have a decided advantage in bringing these ideas down to the earth plane where he would be able to objectify the originals and not the reflection of them in form.

Furthermore, those of mankind who are conscious in the Third Heaven World learn how to originate new ideas for themselves and are inspired to work along original lines. Then later, these ideas germinate, become concreted, and their originators are able to bring them into form into the physical world. These original ideas are responsible for bringing about plans which will inaugurate new and better conditions which will supplant the old. They also appear in inspired music and original inventions such as harnessing electricity for the use of mankind, devising instruments for taking vibrations out of the air and transforming them into words and musical tones. Telegraphy and the telephone are also original idea products, and many other most astonishing discoveries and inventions are just in the offing.

There is scarcely any limit to the heights to which an individual may ascend when once he attains complete consciousness during his various sojourns in the Third Heaven World.

ANOTHER NEW METAPHYSICAL TEACHING *Question:*

I have just read about a new teaching that has been given out quite lately relative to the reincarnation of the Christ taking place right now. To me the statements made do not seem quite clear as it speaks of this event as bringing together Jesus and Buddha. What is your opinion as to the reincarnation of the Christ and the coming together of Jesus and Buddha?

Answer:

The Brothers of the Rose Cross insist that the Christ, who is an archangel,

will never return to earth in a physical vehicle; that when He does return, it will be in the same vital body in which He functioned after the crucifixion. The Brotherhood supports the Bible admonition, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh," also the statement, "and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

Relative to Jesus and Buddha the Rosicrucians teach that the man Jesus, the highest Initiate of our own life wave, has never taken another physical body since the time He gave His dense vehicle to the Christ at the time of baptism, although He is quite able to do so if he wished; but since that time he has been working with the churches from the invisible plane. Buddha, the Light of Asia, came to reenunciate the ancient truths that lay concealed beneath the selfishness of caste and to alleviate sorrow through the overcoming of desire. Both were men of high spiritual attainment and both will doubtless return to earth life when needed to assist in furthering some unusual, advanced spiritual work. As to the "coming together" of these two great spiritual teachers, the meaning of the statement is not at all clear. Therefore, we can express no opinion as to its verity.

WHEN THE ARCHETYPE DOES NOT CONTROL DEATH

Question:

Is it possible for a person to die before his time as determined by the vibration of the archetype?

Answer:

Generally speaking it is not. Nevertheless, since man has been given free will, it is possible for him to frustrate the divine plan to a certain extent by committing suicide. However, such a one is still bound to the physical plane until the archetype of his dense body ceases to vibrate, which occurs at the time when the individual would naturally have left that vehicle in natural death.

Nutrition and Health

Rosicrucian Ideals

The Rosicrucian Teachings advocate a *simple, pure, and harmless life*. We hold that a plain vegetarian diet is most conducive to health and purity; also that alcoholic drinks, tobacco, and stimulants are injurious to health and spirituality. As CHRISTIANS we believe it to be our duty to avoid sacrificing the lives of animals and birds for food, also, as far as possible to refrain from using their skins and feathers for clothing. We hold vivisection to be diabolical and inhuman.

We believe in the healing power of prayer and concentration, but we also believe in the use of material means to supplement the higher forces.

Our motto is: A SANE MIND, A SOFT HEART, A SOUND BODY.

The Food of the Future

By MAX HEINDEL



NOW food taken internally is broken down and decomposed by heat inside the body; thus the chemical ether permeating each particle of food combines with the chemical ether of our vital body. The food magnetized by the Sun working in the plant is thereby assimilated, and remains with us until this magnetism is exhausted.

The more directly food comes to us from the soil, the more solar magnetism it contains, consequently it "stays with us" the longest when eaten uncooked. When food has gone through the process of cooking, a part of the ether it contained is lost, as a number of the finer particles are dissolved by heat and ascend in the kitchen as odor from whatever food it comes. Consequently the cells of cooked food remain a shorter time as a part of our body than in the case of uncooked food, and food which has already been assimilated by an animal has very little chemical ether of its own (except milk which is obtained by a vital process and has a greater quality of ether than any other foods). Hence with regard to the flesh of animals it may be said that most of the chemical ether in the fodder has

gone into the vital body of the animal before it was killed and at its death the vital body leaves the carcass, therefore flesh putrefies very much quicker than vegetables and "stays with us" only a short time after we eat it.

Death and disease are largely due to the fact that we subsist on food composed of cells robbed of their individual chemical ether obtained during plant assimilation. This is different and not to be confused with the planetary chemical ether which permeates mineral, plant, animal, and man. But the flesh food deprived by death of the individual vital body which ensouled the animal during life is really reduced to its chemical mineral form, and as such is of small value in vital processes; in fact, it is a detriment thereto and ought to be eliminated from the system as quickly as possible. But being mineral these particles of flesh are dead and difficult to move, therefore they accumulate gradually. Even a part of the plant food which is ash and mineral stays in our system, and so there is a gradual process of clogging which we describe as growth, this because we rob the plant or other food of its chemical ether. Were we like the plants and capable of impregnating the mineral with ether we would be able to really

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assimilate it and grow to giant statures, but as it is, the dead material accumulates more and more until finally growth is stopped because our powers of assimilation become less and less efficient.

In the future we shall not digest our food inside the body, but extract the chemical ether which is our real food and inhale it through the nose where it comes in contact with the pituitary body; this is really the general organ of assimilation and promoter of growth. Then our body will become more and more ethereal, the life processes will not be hindered by clogging waste, and consequently disease will gradually disappear and life be lengthened. It is significant in this connection that often cooks feel no inclination to eat because the pungent odor of cooking satisfies them to a great extent if the kitchen is close.

Science is gradually learning the truths previously taught by the occult science, and the attention of scientists is being more and more directed to the

ductless glands which will give them the solution of many mysteries, but they do not seem to be aware as yet that there is a physical connection between the pituitary body, the principal organ of assimilation, and therefore of growth, and the adrenals which eliminate the waste and assimilate the proteins.

These adrenals are also physically connected both with the spleen and the thymus and thyroid glands. It is significant in this connection, from the astrological point of view, that the pituitary body is ruled by Uranus which is the octave of Venus, the ruler of the solar plexus where the seed atom of the vital body is located. Thus Venus keeps the gate of the vital fluid coming direct from the Sun through the spleen, and Uranus is warder of the gate where enters the physical food, and it is the blending of these two streams which produces the latent power stored up in our vital body until converted to dynamic energy by the Martial desire nature.

White Flour and Malnutrition

By MAX HEINDEL



ACCORDING to the latest advices from Europe [July 1918] the cover on the bread-basket is being clamped closer and closer down. Those who used to insist upon the very best brand of butter on their bread are now loyally content to use drippings or oleomargarine, and "*Be satisfied with what you can get*" is the slogan of all who have heretofore been in the habit of favoring their appetite. The menu of the family is not now made up at home and the articles wherewith to supply it then bought at the various stores, but the housewife starts out on her shopping

tour without any preconceived ideas in her mind as to what she wants to get. There is no ready-made schedule for the day's meal, she composes the menus in the store according to the food she happens to find available on that particular day.

These are difficult times not only for the *gourmet* and the man of peculiar or exotic tastes but even for the hygienist who likes to observe the due balance between the various elements in a proper diet. The man I mean is careful to keep his protein, carbohydrates, and so on, in the proportion dictated by the common scientific usage. And among the good things which they are learning over there is the hitherto undreamed-of value of

*This article is reprinted from the August 1918 issue of this Magazine, when "vitamin therapy" was very young.

whole wheat flour. In an article recently read it was stated that the troops in Gallipoli where the ration consisted largely of white bread and canned meat, soon developed a number of cases of beri-beri. It was therefore recommended that the bread served out to the forces in Mesopotamia contain a considerable percentage of bran and germ, but this reform did not come in time to benefit the forces engaged in the advance to Kut and afterwards besieged in that city. Being fed mainly on white bread and canned meat many of these men also sickened with a general *malaise* which in several instances developed into an acute form of beri-beri.

Meanwhile there was no beri-beri among the Indian soldiers who took part in the same expedition, but their ration was a totally different one, its two principal items were what was called "Atta" and "Dhal." Atta is a very coarsely ground wheat flour and Dhal is composed of peas and lentils which of course are not subjected to any destructive processes of milling. Further, during the siege of Kut the supply of white flour ran out and the English soldiers had then to be served with Atta and this promptly removed the beri-beri from among them.

The question of an adequate supply of the vitamins that protect from scurvy, that is to say the antiscorbutic vitamins as they are now technically called, is no less important. The fresh citrus fruits such as oranges, lemons, grapefruit, et cetera, which we for years have recommended as the greatest antiseptics known, are essentially rich in this element, and should be used by every one who aims to keep in perfect health. If this were only properly appreciated by the authorities as well as by a large majority of our people, the general state of health of soldiers and civilians would be greatly improved.

There are some people who have tried to spread the idea that the coarse war bread used by the different nations of Europe and now being introduced here, is in itself a cause of scurvy and diseases

due to malnutrition: the very opposite is the fact. All fresh vegetables and fruit contain antiscorbutic vitamins, though none of them not even the potato can compare with the citrus fruits; it has been said that the introduction of the potato into Europe put an end to epidemics of scurvy, which was previously a grievous scourge among the poor population at the end of winter. This tallies with the recent wartime experience of England. There were a number of cases of scurvy in some of the northern towns, especially among the inmates of poorhouses and other public institutions. These outbreaks as pointed out by dieticians were undoubtedly due to the great scarcity and the high price of potatoes during the early months of the year, and the trouble laid at the door of the war bread should really have been laid down to the scarcity of potatoes, or other fresh vegetables.

So long as we have whole wheat flour, fruit and vegetables, there will be no trouble, but health cannot be maintained on white flour and meat, as has been amply proven where that has been tried as a diet for soldiers. Even experiments with pigeons have proved that a diet of white bread or polished rice soon results in beri-beri while whole wheat kernels and unpolished rice restore health to the underfed birds.

People who fed on the snow white flour of pre-war days used to pity the poor peasants of Europe who, they read, lived on "black bread." The pity should have come from the other side, for the coarse rye or barley bread in use among the nations of Europe is really a "staff of life" compared to the poor product of the mills in this country where the grain given by the good God was despoiled of the vital parts which were fed to the cattle while we ate the refuse under the illusion that we were getting the "cream." It is one of the blessings of the war that we are being brought face to face with realities and learning to know good food when we eat it. May the day of denatured white flour soon end altogether.

Patients' Letters

Massachusetts, September, 1942.

Dear Friends:

Just a word to let you know that I am feeling ever so much better. Am able to eat fruit again and while my stomach is not just what it should be, I am able to take care of quite a bit.

Relief came in twenty-four hours and it takes four days for the letter to reach California. I call that magic. While I would like to remain on the healing list a bit longer, I feel I must sacrifice that time and effort for those who are so in need. My greatest blessings upon the Invisible Helpers, and God watch over all interested in this great work.

Yours in fellowship,
—A.C.M.I.

California, September 24, 1942.

Rosicrucian Fellowship
Oceanside, California.

Dear Friends:

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks for your help in my operation on the 28th of August. I am home convalescing. I am still very weak and need to put on some flesh. I have gained ten pounds and my doctor is quite well satisfied with my improvement. But I am very nervous and wish to be kept on the Healing Department list.

Enclosed find check to help carry on the fine work. Thanking you for your help, I am sincerely,

—W.B.C.

September 22, 1942.

The Rosicrucian Fellowship
Dept. of Healing
Oceanside, California.

Dear Friends:

Your wonderful work in helping little J— will always be remembered by us as one of the greatest things in our lives. All your suggestions and help have been greatly appreciated and any further suggestions will be appreciated.

I am sending you a small donation.

Your thankful friends
—A.F.L.

South America, August 10, 1942.

Rosicrucian Fellowship
Oceanside, California.

Dear Friends:

I am writing to you this week with great joy and thanks from my heart because I am physically so much stronger than I have been for a long time. Also the nervous depression is leaving me and I hope I will also overcome my incapacity to concentrate on any subject.

Giving praise to the Father in Heaven and thanking you, kind helpers.

Yours sincerely,
—H.V.E.

Healing Dates

November 5—11—18—25

December 2— 9—15—22—30

January 5—11—19—26

Healing meetings are held at Mt. Ecclesia on the above dates at 6:30 P.M. If you would like to join in this work, begin when the clock in your place of residence points to 6:30 P.M., or as near that as possible; meditate on health, and pray to the Great Physician, our Father in Heaven, for the healing of all who suffer, particularly those who have applied to the Invisible Helpers.

People Who Are Seeking Health

May be helped by our Healing Department. The healing is done largely by the Invisible Helpers, who operate on the invisible plane, principally during the sleep of the patient. The connection with the Helpers is made by a weekly letter to Headquarters. Helpful individual advice on diet, exercise, environment, and similar matters is given to each patient. This department is supported by freewill offerings. For further information address, The Rosicrucian Fellowship, Oceanside, Calif., U.S.A.

Miracle

By MIRIAM OTT MUNSON

*We sat in your room while the twilight
Wove about us a mystical spell
We spoke as thoughts shimmered about us
Of that love of which no words can
tell*

*While softly there flowered about us
Tall tapers of silvery light
Whose rays like bright, delicate fingers
Pressed back the oncoming of night
And suddenly life seemed illumined
By a beauty transcendently fair
As our questing souls visioned the Presence*

Of The One who was silently there.
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Children's Department



What Child Is This?

By GUSSIE ROSS JOBE



ANY years ago in the village of Gdynia in Poland, quite close to the Dnieper river, a mean little cottage huddled forlornly against an outbuilding, the same thatched roof covering both. The outhouse was intended for the farm stock and built close by so that the stock could be easily reached if attacked by wolves in the middle of the night, but alas! for over a year now the outbuilding had sheltered no goat nor pig. The house sheltered a mother and two children, a boy of twelve named Ignace and his younger sister Vilma.

They were very poor. Even when Father Stradka was with them it had been hard to find food and clothing. Now a year had passed since Father had been swept overboard from his little fishing vessel one stormy night when out with his nets and never a trace of him was ever found. Mother had taken up the burden of providing for her little family. She had obtained day work at the big house on the hill belonging to the wealthy Varcona family.

Today was bitterly cold. Ignace and Vilma had worked hard dragging dead twigs from the forest. It burned quickly in the china stove scarcely serving to take the chill from their hands. They were saving the heavier pieces to burn when mother returned at sundown. Standing before the window peering through the frost furred pane they watched the bend in the road for a first glimpse of their mother. Oh! how hungry they were, for this was Christmas Eve and the last of the three fast

days. They had fasted because mother said it was right and it brought luck, and besides there was so little to eat. Tonight when the first star appeared in the sky the fast period would be over.

They hoped their mother would bring from the big house some rich scraps but the Varcona family were mean and stingy even though they were quite rich. Often Mother Stradka was glad to bring the bones and skins of the fish along with the rinds of the rutabagas and the outer leaves of the cabbage which she made into quite a nice soup for her children. It had been a long time now since they had tasted milk, for their one goat had been sold when no bread could be bought. But there had been a few straws left in the outhouse and these the children had strewn upon the table which they had laid for four places: for mother, themselves, and the young *Christ Child* whom they knew would come and sup with them after their three-day fast if they put a plate for him. The straws were symbolic of his little manger but Vilma and Ignace did not realize that. They only knew it was customary to place straws upon the feast table at Christmas time.

They glanced at the table from time to time and their faces expressed deep satisfaction with its appearance. The wooden plates were scoured to a perfect whiteness; the bowl sat empty waiting for whatever mother could bring from the Varcona table. Their little mugs would hold nothing but water, or a little weak unsweetened tea if the cook at the big house spilled a little of the precious

leaves upon the floor. When she did this mother gathered them in a little heap and wrapped them in the corner of her head turban and how it warmed their thin little stomachs!

The children saw that it was growing dusk and they watched the skies for the first bright twinkle. There it was! right over the water! How large and bright it was tonight. Such a large one it must have been when the watching Shepherds left their sheep and followed it, coming upon the stable where lay the newborn babe.

A small figure now appeared around the bend in the road. "She's coming! Mother's coming!" they shouted and ran to put the largest of their twigs upon the fire.

Mother plodded wearily along the snowy road but her patient face lit up when she saw the waiting children at the window. Poor babes! how she wished she had something real good to offer them. How hungry they must be after their fast.

"My! My!" she said as she entered the low doorway. "What a lovely warm fire and how sweet and clean the table looks. Just wait until I take off my shawl and I will warm the food and . . . you will never guess so I'll tell you. The cook gave me a little ground coffee, and a lump of sugar fell upon the floor so cook said I might have it. We shall have sweetened coffee and diced beets to break fast this holy night!" The children's faces fell a trifle but their mother bustled about filling the kettle and scraping the thickened beets into a pan. The mother pretended not to see their disappointment but when they sat down she portioned the food into three plates, one for the Christ Child, one for Vilma and one for Ignace. She only poured a very little of the sweetened and weak coffee into her mug.

"It's very good, mother," they exclaimed after the first bite and indeed most anything would seem good after fasting. "Don't you want any, mother?"

"My, no, I'm so full of food. I ate with the cook and how I wish I could have brought you my share."

"What did you have, mother?" They asked with full mouths. The mother cast about in her mind quickly then said with a great show of enthusiasm.

"*Blinis*, my dears. Good rich *blinis*."

"*Blinis*," they echoed and chewed the beets more slowly. How nice it would have been to have broken fast on blinis. Mother drank the last of her coffee and rose to look at the little fir tree the children had brought in from the forest.

"It is a very pretty one," she said, "and just the right size." Even though there were no presents or pretties to hang on this tree, to have one in the house at Yuletide was considered lucky.

The children, scraping the last of the beets from their plates, looked up suddenly to see a little boy entering the door. He was a very beautiful child about Ignace's age. He was poorly clad and his feet were bare. Mother turned and saw him too. She rushed toward him with a cry of pity.

"Oh, my poor child! look at your little blue feet. Are they entirely frozen?" She pulled forward an empty chair. "Sit here while I rub them." The child eyed the beets that had been piled on the Christ Child's plate. Mother noticed the hungry look. "Eat them," she urged. "They were meant for the little Christ Child but He would want a hungry lad to have them."

"Yes," the child at last said, "He would want me to be warmed and fed." He ate the beets and drank the coffee while the woman sat on the floor at his



feet and rubbed them between the folds of her woolen skirt. Ignace stood at the child's side. He thought he had never seen such bright alert eyes. "Did you run away from the orphanage?" Ignace asked him.

"No," returned the guest, "but I know the children there."

"Where are you from and whither are you going?" Vilma asked him.

"I came from a strange and unknown land and must return thence." His grave eyes looked at her kindly.

"Oh, but not tonight. Mother, say that he must spend the good Christmas Eve with us." Ignace appealed to his mother.

"Yes, child. You must stay the Christmas Eve with us. It is far too cold for a little child to be abroad."

"I shall spend the night with many like you." He rose to leave.

"At least take my shoes," Ignace pressed him back into his chair.

"Have you others?"

"No, but that matters not. I can wrap my feet in cloths until warm weather comes." His hands were busy with his shoe laces. The child allowed Ignace to lace the shoes upon his feet. He pointed to the bare fir tree in the corner. "Before I go shall I tell you how the fir tree became a holy tree?"

"Oh, yes. Do." They moved closer to him as he began. The child's voice flowed out like liquid gold, not loud but distinct. The tiny fire in the china stove suddenly sent out a burst of warmth. It smelled as if some mysterious and fragrant wood was heaped upon it, a drowsy aroma that permeated the entire room arose. From beneath some rafter a cricket chirped in undertones that did not disturb the story. The fire flickered and flared and lit the room dimly. Through the small window the huge Christmas star could be seen.

"Twelve centuries ago," the child began, "the good Englishman Wilfred left his English home and on Christmas Eve sought out a certain tribe of pagans who made living sacrifices to the 'blood oak

tree.' Beneath this Oak of Geismas he found these pagans about to sacrifice the little Prince Asulf to the god Thor. Boldly he rushed in and after beating them for their cruelty seized an axe and felled the blood tree. With his arms around the little Prince he faced the angry tribe who were minded to kill him then and there. Suddenly in the spot where the blood oak had stood there appeared a misty fir tree. The tribesmen were awed as they watched many beautiful balls of light settle amid the fir tree branches. Here they flickered and glowed while the pagans backed away from this miracle in fear and trembling. That was the last of the blood tree and its human sacrifices, and ever since the fir tree has symbolized Christmas and this is why it is always green. Year in and year out."

Mother's head was *mid-nid-nodding*. She jerked it up and peered through the gloom at her children. Both Ignace and Vilma sat with their heads bowed upon folded arms that rested on the table but the strange little boy was gone.

The fire had died out but the room was still deliciously warm and still held that subtle, spicy fragrance that was so sweet. The mother stood up, distressed that she had slept while their guest had taken his departure without her god-speed.

"Oh, dear. How sorry I am. He must have thought us mean hosts to sleep as he talked." *Or had he told the story?—perhaps she had dreamed it.* "Come now, sleepy heads! You have slept as our guest took his departure." She turned down the covers of their beds as she spoke and the children awoke yawning. They glanced through the window at the big star which was paling in the gray dawn.

"Why, mother! we cannot go to bed for already it is dawn." They pointed to the graying light at the window.

"Why, so it is—how strange. Well then, 'tis the blessed Christmas morning. A merry Christmas to you, my lambs, and may the Christ Child shower you

with blessings. . . ." Just then a soft light began to glow about the tree and many colored balls of light flickered in and out of the little fir tree branches dying out as the children crept in awe toward it.

"Just as it happened to the fir tree in the story," breathed Vilma, and her mother nodded. Then she had not dreamed it after all. The child had really been here and had told them the legend. She went to the stove to restart the fire. The star had now entirely left the heavens and the dawn grew brighter, Suddenly the door again opened. *The child again*, Ignace thought, as he started toward the door. But it was not the child who entered the door but a bearded man with a pack upon his back. *What a time for strange visitors*, thought Ignace.

"Are you the good Saint Nickolas?" he started to ask but was interrupted by a cry from his mother. "Beloved!" She reached the man and was folded to his bosom. The pack was dropped to the floor. It seemed a long time to the puzzled children before the two drew apart, then they saw that tears of joy were flowing down mother's cheeks.

"Children, see! do you not know your father?"

"But . . . our father is dead . . ." They crept nearer searching the bearded face for some trace of the remembered parent. The man drew children and mother to him before the china stove.

"I was as one dead for a long time. Swept unconscious upon a strange shore I was carried to a hospital and lay a long time knowing nothing, not even my name. Slowly I recovered my strength but not my memory. I worked for those who mined beneath the ground for gold. One day I myself found a large nugget of gold. It was of great value and I sold it for much money. It did not make me happy for I was still as one without a past. Several nights ago I had a dream in which a beautiful child with hair like the sun and eyes as jewels came to my bedside. He looked at me and it seemed as if a million sharp needles pierced

every inch of my body and a great singing sounded in my ears. Above the uproar the child's voice came to me saying:

"'Small Ignace and his sister await thee,' and with a start I awoke and remembered my name and my home place and all the past. I have traveled night and day to reach you on this holy day. I stopped only long enough to buy gifts." He pointed to the fallen pack. The children now climbed upon their father and smothered him with embraces and kisses for this was in truth their father who had been dead and now by the grace of God was alive again.

Later the pack was inspected and found to contain sweets and toys and stout shoes and coats for both children and the mother. Ignace, trying on the shoes, mused to himself that only last night he had given away his only pair of shoes and now he had two pair, new and shining. The mother beckoned him aside, she held her little Bible. She could not read but Ignace could and mother knew the place where each verse could be found. She held the Bible out to Ignace. "Read here," she said, her thumb marking a verse. Ignace took the Bible and read aloud: "And whoso shall receive one such a little child receiveth Me." Mother and son looked into one another's eyes.

"*It was the Christ Child,*" they whispered in awe.

His Star

By DELLA ADAMS LEITNER

"We've seen His star," they said,
Wise Men of long ago,
These simple words throughout the
years
Have left an afterglow.

To those who "see His star"
It holds a beckoning light
Through all vicissitudes to guide
In every darkest night.

As long as men behold
And follow, naught can bar
The promised reign of "peace, good-
will"
Envisioned in His Star.

Echoes from Mt. Ecclesia



HE war brings changes to Mt. Ecclesia as to all the world. Although the work done at Headquarters of keeping the Western Wisdom Teachings going out to the people everywhere, to encourage, instruct, and console is even more important in war than in peace, the need for man power is paramount. So far, seven of our men workers are now in the service of their country.

Preparations had been made as usual for an outdoor picnic on October 28th, the birthday of Mt. Ecclesia as the permanent Headquarters of the Rosicrucian Fellowship. But as happened last year, rain—the first of the season—fell in considerable quantity, and all activities were carried on indoors.

These activities were divided into three sessions: morning, afternoon and evening, divided by a picnic luncheon (paper plates, cups, etc.) at twelve-thirty and a buffet supper at five o'clock.

Many complimentary remarks were heard about the delicious "porkless" baked beans and other vegetarian dishes. As believers in the harmless life, we have an exceptional opportunity now not only to talk but to demonstrate the complete adequacy (a much used term) of meatless meals. Perhaps war requirements to eat less meat will result in convincing many that human beings can be well nourished without taking of life.

The musical features of the three sessions were selections by the Fellowship Orchestra, directed by Mr. Ernest George; community singing, led by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Erret, and baritone solos by Mr. Edward McManus. In the afternoon, in addition to orchestra numbers, two amusing and informative "Quiz Programs" (radio style), were conducted by Mrs. Mattie A. Townsend and Miss Perl A. Williams, with the audience

participating. This is an indoor sport that can be counted on to produce merriment and the satisfaction of both sides being continuous winners.

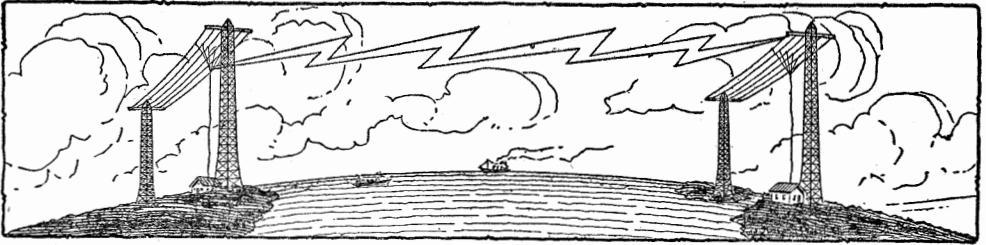
The motif of the evening session was in compliment to our good neighbor Mexico. Rugs, hangings, decorations, and costumes were a fitting background to tuneful Mexican Folk Songs and other music by the orchestra, with solo numbers by Mr. McManus. The main feature of the evening was the Travelogue by Miss Inga M. Billberg who has been a visitor to Mexico. Charmingly appared as a Mexican señorita in a black lace mantilla and gown she gave the colorful history of Mexico from the days of the Mayans to the present-day populace, emphasizing the friendliness, hospitality, and love of freedom which have ever characterized our southern neighbors.

Recently the secretary of the Spanish department received a beautiful picture in colors called "The Legend of the Volcanoes" (of Mexico), also a truly remarkable reproduction of this picture modeled in clay by the entirely untutored Indians of southern Mexico, and with utmost fidelity to the original. The Legend itself was briefly sketched by the secretary in explanation of the clay modeling which was on display and evoked great admiration.

Singing of two verses of "The Star Spangled Banner" with deep earnestness by all present was a brief but impressive highlight of the day, which ended with refreshments of hot chocolate and cake and an hour of cordial fellowship.

Thanksgiving this year is on November 26. We hope that as many of our friends and members as find it possible to do so, will be with us on that day to join with us in heartfelt thanksgiving—thanksgiving accentuated by the grave emergency of these times.

Rosicrucian News Bureau



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NCE again the "Light of the World" comes to bless us with the fullness of His radiant Life and Love, a beacon of hope and comfort to all humanity. The message, "Let him who would be the greatest among you be the *servant* of all," rings with a deeper appeal at this time to those who "have ears to hear," individually and collectively.

The season of the Holy Birth offers to the spiritual aspirant at a time of intense stress such as now a keener realization of the golden promises and treasures of the inner life than at any other time. We may experience more deeply than we perhaps ever have before the joy of comforting and serving our fellow men, of sharing with them that inner peace and composure which blesses those striving to "walk in the Light as He is in the Light." Our hearts may fill to overflowing with the exquisite exaltation that lifts to heights beyond, the doer of deeds of mercy and kindness.

No matter what the outer circumstances, the ineffable ecstasy of oneness with the mighty spiritual Forces which are sweeping mankind upward and onward to a grand and glorious climax of spiritual consciousness may come like a benediction to bless the true aspirant at this time, as from the depths of his being wells forth a paean of praise for such an abundance of goodness, justice, and mercy. A profound gratitude may

crown his inner searching as he realizes the privilege that is his in being a conscious co-laborer with the Higher Ones in their tireless efforts to guide and sustain humanity on the upward Way. Through blessed "loving, self-forgetting service to others," he may, at this time, of all times, come to stand upon the holy ground of his inmost sanctuary, and know something of the beauties and wonders of the Kingdom of Christ—*within*.

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

Our chartered Center in this city has recently moved to a new location, now being at 266 West 73rd St. The secretary writes us:

"The proprietor of the new quarters has permitted us to have our name on the large window. It has attracted about eight people so far, and we feel that this more than compensates us for the larger quarters we left. There no advertising was permitted. . . . What a surprise and keen pleasure to have Mr. Joseph Darrow with us! He was so good as to speak for our Group on Autumnal Equinox Day, and also the day we chose for our dedication of the new quarters. We were delighted with the attendance that night of September 23rd, and the enthusiasm of the students was wonderful. Mr. Darrow's visit was just the impetus we needed to start us on our way in our new quarters. A true philosopher he is, indeed, so well balanced in every way."

The secretary also adds that: "We are

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settling down to work after summer vacationing and we expect to be very busy in the Father's work, hoping that in these times of tribulation we may reach many who are ready to accept the truths given in the Rosicrucian Philosophy."

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

Regular weekly classes in the Philosophy and Astrology, as well as the Sunday Devotional Service, form a basis of the program for the fall and winter months now under way at this Center. The Healing Service and a Sunday School for children are also included.

A generous contribution from one of the friends of the Group has made possible some inviting improvements and decorations in the Center rooms, thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by all the co-workers of the Center. The secretary writes us that the furniture is being repainted a warm ivory, and that new floor coverings, etc., will carry out the color scheme of ivory, apricot, and blue.

ROSARIO DE SANTA FE, ARG. S. AMERICA.

In the spring of this year two of our earnest Probationers of Asunción, Paraguay, moved to Rosario de Santa Fe, Argentina, in which city of more than half a million souls they hoped to carry the Rosicrucian Fellowship message to many seekers after truth. They began immediately to try to interest others in the Teachings, and as a result these friends now have an enthusiastic group of eight or ten students who come each week to their home to study the Philosophy with them. They write us that they feel encouraged to see that interest in the Teachings seems to be growing in their circle of acquaintances, as evidenced by the applications for lessons and healing sent to Headquarters, and we join them in looking forward to a constant increase of the number of students in their Group.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

An enthusiastic letter of appreciation for the pamphlet racks being made by

one of our Probationers comes from this city. Our correspondent writes:

"Just a line to say that the rack for pamphlets has been received, and it is truly a worthy container for the beautiful Rosicrucian literature. The maker of these racks is surely rendering a real service to the Work by supplying them to the Centers. The students here thought his work was unusual, and were delighted with the workmanship and design. Our rack has been placed at the Burlington Trailways Bus Depot, where we thought it would serve the most people. The matron there says the literature disappears in a few days, and we shall watch to see that it is kept filled and thus carry out its mission."

MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY. SOUTH AMERICA.

During the two years since this Group was last mentioned in our News Bureau there has been an encouraging growth of interest and enthusiasm in the Teaching there, constant efforts being made by those promoting the Work to reach an increasing number of people. In a recent letter our correspondent tells us:

"At the moment of writing this letter we are occupied with finding a larger place for our meetings, as the increase in students has made this necessary. We intend to place an ad in the daily newspaper as a means of contacting new people who may be ready for the deeper spiritual truths. We feel very happy to be assisting in this wonderful work at such a time as the present, for the value and comfort of the Teachings can be more fully appreciated in such a time of need. Recently we were pleased to have visit us Sr. Jorge Guzman Parada, secretary of the Santiago, Chile, Fellowship Center, who presented us with a magnificent picture which embodied our emblem as well as the flags of our two countries. We pray that our Center may continue to grow, adding new members constantly, so that in the future it will be a great power for disseminating the spiritual Teachings of the Rosicrucians."

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