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Triune Treasure

By IRENE STANLEY

Guard the treasure of the heart,
Lest in sorrow it depart.
How can love on coldness thrive?
Love unfed cannot survive.
Love unfed cannot survive;
How can love on coldness thrive?
Lest in sorrow it depart,
Guard the treasure of the heart.

Guard the treasure of the mind!
Watch the gates before, behind.
Past or future, sad or pleasant—
Shall they trespass on the present?
Shall they trespass on the present:
Past or future, sad or pleasant?
Watch the gates, before, behind:
Guard the treasure of the mind.

Guard the treasure of the hand
Wisely, lest it turn to sand.
All is Heaven's overflow—
Yours, a jewel to bestow.
Yours a jewel to bestow;
All is Heaven's overflow!
Wisely, lest it turn to sand,
Guard the treasure of the hand.

Guard your triune treasure well.
Not to buy and not to sell,
Wealth of heart and hand and mind,
Given you for all mankind.
Given you for all mankind,
Wealth of heart and hand and mind.
Not to buy, and not to sell,
Guard your triune treasure well.

The Current Outlook

FROM THE ROSICRUCIAN VIEWPOINT

Atomic Power--Which Way?

By KITFIE S. COWEN



HERE is probably not one thinking man or woman who at sometime in life has not looked about him and sincerely wondered just what life is, and what it is all about. Why are we here in the first place; what are we here for; and why the vast difference in looks, temperaments, attainments, mental and physical capacities, culture, ability to reason, to form correct judgments, opportunities to develop along educational lines, ability to acquire the comforts of life, and why the senseless indulgence in wars? Why, why, why?

Does any one know the answers to it all? If so, why does he not come forth, particularly at this, the most perilous time in the world's history, the appalling atomic age, and give us an answer to the many problems which are confronting us right now. Could such a One come? Yes. Then when may we expect him?

The first thing for humanity to comprehend is that the world is one vast training school divided into many departments all designed to further the development of each individual's potential powers, and that all started in the beginning equally endowed. Each life is just one day in this great cosmic system and the place where each of us finds himself today is the result of how well he or she has learned the lessons given during past lives. These lessons have always been incorporated in the happenings encountered in the daily life. Some individuals from the very first applied themselves diligently to the performance of their daily tasks and have therefore forged far ahead of others. Each individual Spirit has always had an inner perception which made it possible for contact with the particular lesson presented.

The great school of life is governed by certain fixed laws which never deviate in their manifestation; and one of these laws is known as Cause and Effect, or As You Sow, So Shall You Reap. Therefore each individual finds himself or herself the result of all his or her past efforts or lack of efforts. An equal opportunity, though differently presented, has been given to all. An individual may, however, idle away his or her time for a season, neglecting to learn the lesson when first given; but sooner or later the neglected lessons must be learned, and the longer the task is put off the harder it will be to master them. Every lesson presented is within the individual's power to assimilate and has been designed to further his progress in the development of his potential powers.

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Ten of the great lessons given to humanity were incorporated in the Ten Commandments given by a no lesser being than Jehovah God, who was seen and contacted by mankind until, through willful disobedience, they lost much of their power to contact spiritual Beings of a higher vibration than their own. In the Ten Commandments certain cosmic laws were made known which for man's eternal welfare, he was admonished to obey or else suffer the consequences until in sheer desperation he learned to obey them in order to prevent both physical and mental anguish caused by discord in body and mind.

Those of us who are calling for relief from present conditions would find that much of that relief would automatically present itself if we lived in strict accordance with the Ten Commandments. How can we consistently expect miracles to be performed for our benefit when we have not prepared ourselves to receive them by living in accordance with divine law which will make us worthy to receive divine help? Already we have been enabled to discover the power contained in the atom and how to release it—a power tremendous enough either to destroy the world or else to stop the possibility of all future wars.

And what are we going to do with this knowledge? Are we going to use this force to wipe out humanity, or to convert the world into a veritable paradise where all mankind will be greatly benefited and progress be accelerated along all lines of real development to a de-



gree almost surpassing human comprehension?

The men and women of the world, capable of thinking, should rise up en masse and demand that the energy contained in the atom be used only for the benefit of mankind; and that any nation refusing not only to cooperate in this effort but to work diligently to bring it about, should be ostracized by all other nations until its people come to their senses. The world is faced with a problem today which should be decisively settled before it is too late to save humanity from ultimate destruction so far as life on our present earth globe is concerned. The possible results brought about by the use of the dynamic atomic power contained in the atom are not idle speculations. They present facts which must be recognized and demand decisions which must be made and made quickly.

The use to which the released energy in the atom is applied should take precedence over all other considerations before the people; and the subject is neither partisan nor political in nature. It embraces the most important possibilities in the world today—the continuity of life on our planet or destruction and death of the planet and all life which exists thereon. This warning has been sounded over and over, both by the press and the radio. And yet in a recent Gallup poll, only about

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three per cent of the citizens voting both in the United States and abroad gave the manner of the future use of the bomb first place in important affairs to be settled by the conference being held in Paris.

In a recent number of the *Science Digest* one of our most noted scientists, Dr. Albert Einstein warns that the bomb and other instruments of modern warfare have entirely revolutionized the conditions pertaining to any future warfare, for even now it is quite possible for one nation to engage in war on another without even sending an army across its natural borders; for with rockets and atom bombs there is no center of population anywhere on the surface of the earth that is secure from surprise destruction in a single attack, and furthermore that the scientists do not know of any field whatsoever that offers the least hope of adequate defense. Startling facts presented by one of the worlds foremost scientists. And yet the masses of the people in the world go right on struggling for power, position, and wealth, giving little or no thought to the proved fact that energy released by the atomic bomb can easily destroy whole cities and eventually the entire civilization of the world—or if controlled, can become such a blessing to mankind that the tremendousness of its benefits can scarcely be conceived.



On almost every hand we hear people glibly talking of the prospect of a third World War, little realizing that there will never be another World War in the sense of the wars that have been waged in the past, but that another conflict will mean exactly, not battles between warring armies, but world destruction brought about by the misguided use of the released energy contained in the atomic bomb.

Who are we? Partially developed individuals in the great school of life, each an epitome of all of his or her past endeavors. Why are we here? In order to develop our latent potentialities into Godlike powers. Why the vast difference in our mentality, environment, capabilities, et cetera? Because of the work we have accomplished or have not accomplished in previous days of school life. Why do we have wars? Because of fear, personal greed, hate, desire for personal aggrandizement, et cetera. How can we bring about more desirable conditions? By waking up to the gravity of the present world situation, and by the use of right thinking and controlled emotions in changing it. How can we do this? By educating the masses and teaching them to apply in their daily lives the New Commandment given to mankind by the last great Teacher, the Christ: "A New Commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."



THE MYSTIC LIGHT



Precious Stones and Their Healing Properties

By ALICE MACKINLAY

"The magi, the wise men, the seers, the astrologers of the ages gone by found much in the matter of gems that we have nearly come to forgetting. With them each gem possessed certain planetary attractions peculiar to itself, certain affinities with the various virtues, and a zodiacal concordance with the seasons of the year.

—Kunz.



It has been said that "precious stones are the flowers that grow under ground." One might call them "crystallized flowers," for both flowers and gems have brilliant colors, and both possess healing properties.

The miracle of beauty and power embodied in the precious stones can be satisfactorily explained only in the light of occult philosophy and astrology, which teach that "each of the Creative Hierarchies (zodiacal signs) which is active in evolution works with the various classes of beings from mineral to man, and is responsible for the progress made by them. Each Hierarchy naturally imparts to the beings with whom it labors some of its own nature and vibration. Thus each group of minerals . . . vibrates to a certain keynote which blends with the vibration of the Group Spirit, and the particular sign and planet with which it is most nearly attuned." Under the direction of the angelic hosts the little gnomes "cut the crystals in all the minerals and make the priceless gems that gleam from golden diadems. Without them there would be no iron for our

machinery nor gold wherewith to pay for it."

As stones are so numerous and of such variety, it would be impossible to describe them all. Therefore, this article will deal only with the better known jewels and semi-precious stones.

Prominent among these is the ruby, which, pounded to a fine powder, is made into a sirup and used extensively as a heart tonic in many parts of the East. It is physically identical with the sapphire, being an aluminum oxide. It is, however, a little softer than the sapphire and is rarer and a more valuable stone. After exposure to sunlight the ruby becomes phosphorescent for a few minutes in the dark, and in the electric discharge of a vacuum tube glows red.

The Rosicrucian philosopher Robert Fludd made some interesting references to this stone. "The red earth," he says, "of which Adam was formed, had in it the virtue of the Sephiroth. It was, therefore, matter pure and good—a ruby or carbuncle gem." This appears synonymous with the root meaning of Adam—red man, or red earth, as it is elsewhere interpreted. This same

occultist, when speaking of the Lord Christ in his *Theologico—Philosophicus* (1617), says, "O Ruby, whose blood is the salvation of the faithful: who by Thy splendour and clearness illuminates mankind."

High in therapeutic value among the ancients was the emerald, which was generally used in treating epilepsy, eye troubles, poisoned wounds, etc. The great Hermes Trismegistus taught that this stone cures ophthalmia and hemorrhages. Psellus recommended a cataplasm made of emeralds as helpful to those suffering from leprosy, and water containing pulverized emeralds for checking hemorrhages. Hindu physicians during the thirteenth century considered the emerald an effective laxative, and beneficial to those afflicted with dysentery.

Another useful stone is amber, which is really a resinous substance chemically composed of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen. It is allied to succinic acid. Usually pale in color, it varies from light lemon to a deep gold tint, and is used as an oil along with camphor and other ingredients for external use in chest colds and rheumatism. Formerly the oil was used in infantile convulsions. Amber is highly magnetic, being considered good for asthma, and an amber necklace is often worn around the neck to cure throat affections. In eastern countries it was used for incense, and its substance as an antiseptic made it popular for mouth pieces of pipes, etc. The use of amber varnish is said to have been one of the master secrets of the famous Cremona violins, giving an added beauty to their mellow tones.

Coral has been described by one of the ancient alchemists as a specific for indigestion. "If red coral be worn about the body, it will heal all stomach trouble," it is stated, and the red variety is said to be ruled by the sun, which astrologically should add to its power.

Among the early South American

Indians, jade was highly valued in treating diseases of the kidneys, and in parturition. In later years, many Europeans seem to have considered this stone beneficial for renal calculi. Among the Chinese, jade was used as a powder and in what they called "the divine liquor of jade" for strengthening the lungs, heart, muscles, and to purify the blood.

Lapis lazuli figured in ancient medicine as a powder used for dressing boils and ulcerations, and internally as a tonic. It was also used by Doctor Johannes (who died in 1893) as a means of diagnosing psychological cases, though how or in just what manner, we are not told. Artists of olden times made an ultramarine powder out of it for use in painting, and it is likely that the Moors, who conquered Spain and built the Alhambra palace, may have used it when blending the colors for the mosaics.

Very little has been said of the healing power of crystal. Some of the varieties of rock crystals found in the Scottish Highlands were preserved for curative purposes, the method being to soak the crystal several hours in water, and then use the water as a kind of lotion on the place affected. It was used for both human beings and animals. The ancients spoke of crystal as petrified ice, and in one of his books, the Rosierucian, Sir Thomas Browne, refers to it as ice strongly congealed. One might describe it as a more sleepy and unintelligent relation of the diamond, the light in it being that of the homely glow of wood embers, in contrast to the electrical fire of the diamond.

In ancient Egypt there was a stone known as the Memphis stone, which was used as a kind of local anesthetic before operating. The stone was crushed into a fine powder and rubbed over the part to be operated upon.

It may appear strange that seemingly inert matter, such as stones, should contain vital healing powers similar to those possessed by plants. However, even in stones the divine power is pres-

ent. Did not Christ Jesus say, "Raise the stone and there thou wilt find me; cleave the wood and there am I." This saying of His was discovered, like so many others, in the Oxyrhynchus parchment found in the East many years ago, and since translated from the original language.

The jewel represents the highest form of the mineral kingdom, and therefore its power of retaining impressions is greater than that of many other objects. The Gnostic gems used in initiation ceremonies two thousand years ago still retain magnetic influence, as may be seen and felt by any person who cares to examine these gems in the British Museum in London.

Last of all, there is that greatest of all mysteries, the Philosopher's Stone. Regarding it from the physical as well as from the spiritual angle, there have been many attempts to describe it, yet none have dared to reveal its true nature. Some descriptions from various Rosicrucian alchemists of the past are worthy of note.

Paracelsus describes it as having "the colors of a ruby, transparent and flexible, nevertheless, breaking like glass." Van Helmont writes, "I have often handled the stone. It was the color of saffron and though heavy, the powder was brilliant as glass broken into bits." Philalethes says, "The stone is a certain heavenly, spiritual, penetrative, and fixed substance, resisting the action of fire. In species it is gold more pure than the purest, but its appearance is that of a fine powder, impalpable to the touch, sweet to taste, fragrant to smell, apparently dry, and yet capable of tinging a metal plate."

As a prescription for illness, it was necessary to take a grain weight and dissolve it in a silver vessel with good white wine, which it will turn to citron color. The patient has to take a little of this elixir after midnight until healed. It was used as a tonic sirup at the beginning of spring and autumn.

Marie Corelli, who was obviously endowed with much occult knowledge,

deals at some length with the idea that this stone might be a very rare form of radium, or "radio-activity," as she terms it in *The Secret Power*. In this novel she, like another famous occultist, Bulwer Lytton, also foretold the coming of atomic energy as a destructive power; but in the preface to *Life Everlasting*, and also in *The Romance of Two Worlds*, she states that although her teachers had full knowledge of radio-activity, long ere it became widely known to the outer world, they forbade her writing openly of it. In *The Life of Bulwer Lytton* by Nelson Stewart, there is every evidence that Lord Lytton was one of the initiates of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood. It is more likely that Marie Corelli in some way received instruction in a less direct manner, possibly from an advanced student of that Order, for she speaks of her "probation" and of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star" in *Life Everlasting* and alludes to various tests through which she had to go. In *The Romance of Two Worlds* she is more guarded in her statements, and when describing her departure from the home of the occultist, Heliobas, she speaks of a special recipe given to her by him, which is to promote vitality and life for a much longer period than that of the average person. However, as the recipe has been given under a vow of secrecy, she naturally gives no further information as to the contents.

As a last allusion to the Stone, we note that in *The Book of Ostanee* science brings it about that the most precious things are made out of the commonest. The loveliest garments are of silk, which comes from a worm. One of the purest foods we eat is honey, and that is from a fly. Musk is the product of an animal. Pearls come from the oyster. So with the Stone. It comes from matter which in the eyes of the ignorant is the commonest of all, but to the occult student it is the ultimate goal of his spiritual endeavors: the shining evidence of the lower self transmuted into the powers of the Spirit.

Love Is Power

By CHARLOTTE O'BRIEN



ND *this* was the day she had waited for, prayed for—even *lived for!*

Mary Christian, lying in bed with her eyes closed, was musing bitterly why the severest headache of her life should come to imprison her like this when she so wanted to be with her son! Perhaps at this moment they were handing him his diploma . . . was he—

“D-r. C-h-r-i-s-t-i-a-n!” Dr. R-o-g-e-r C-h-r-i-s-t-i-a-n!”

Those voices! Pleading, insistent! She had heard them before but only in a dream! What did it mean? Where were they coming from . . . ?

“It is the Voice of Humanity, Mary Christian!” A voice, deep and sonorous suddenly seemed to fill the room. “Out of its misery and need humanity is calling; calling for one who has been ordained to serve it—your son, Mary Christian! Your son whom God ordained in answer to your prayer. Come . . . take my hand . . . and listen!”

A strong hand clasped her own. Strange! Pain—all thought of pain was gone . . . and she could hear music—soft, glorious music! Like—like a prayer! Why it was a prayer—her prayer! Love had wrung it from her soul twenty years ago and now *some-one* was setting it to melody! A melody, that as it played, lifted her . . . higher . . . higher . . . higher . . . ! O yes, dear God, now she understood! She was free and she was going to her son . . . Look! *There* he stands—with his diploma in his hand! “Humanity! I have answered your call. Here is my son. He is my gift to you . . . God bless you, Dr. Roger Christian! God bless you . . . always . . .”

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Although the great hall was crowded, Dr. Sands had little difficulty finding

his young friend, for he stood apart from the rest—aloof—the doctor smiled to himself—aloof because as usual he probably forgot he was in a crowd. Odd how one friendly by nature could retire so completely to that little private world within himself. He gave a low chuckle and the young man looked up.

“Well! Well!” said Dr. Sands, his eyes twinkling. “Congratulations! And how does it feel to be *Dr. Roger Christian?*”

Deep brown eyes, like glowing lamps, lit up at the sight of the older man. “I was hoping I’d see you here, Dr. Sands,” he said, taking the proffered hand. “That was why I waited. I tried to get in touch with you early this morning but you had already left your office. Mother needs you; she is ill.”

The genial doctor was suddenly grave. “Oh, I’m sorry, Son. What seems to be the trouble?”

“Frankly, Doctor, I don’t know,” Roger told him, “but I’m worried. She complained of a severe headache this morning, so severe I didn’t want to leave her. You’ve been her doctor for years; does that indicate anything?”

The elderly physician deliberated for a long moment, his face averted. Then with a sudden gesture, he put his hand on the black-frosted shoulder. “Son,” he said, his voice gentle, “I don’t like to blurt it out like this, especially on your graduation day, but I think you’ve got to know. For several weeks now, gradual at first, and then so rapidly there was something almost inevitable about it, your mother has been losing strength, and to me, knowing what I know, that indicates but one thing: *The time she borrowed is running out!*”

“The time she borrowed.” Roger repeated it slowly. “I don’t understand that, Doctor!”

His eyes expressed a growing apprehension, an intuitive foreboding. The older man was quick to note this, and characteristically, in his desire to get an unpleasant duty over and done with, he hurried to explain, choosing his words as he went along.

"No—of course, you don't, Roger. I guessed your mother hadn't told you; in all probability, she never would! But twenty years ago she came to me, desperate, begging for my help. She told a strange story. She was certain, she said, that she was going to die when she was thirty-five; she had been told so in a dream, and that an early death was indicated in her horoscope. Mind you, I knew nothing of astrology in those days and it seemed to me like rank superstition to put faith in such things, but I decided not to argue. I would prove to her 'scientifically' that such things as dreams and astrology were not to be relied upon—not by intelligent people! So I made a very careful examination—even took X-rays—and Son," his voice sank almost to a whisper, "for the first time in my life I felt *really* humble! For with the condition her heart was in she wouldn't—couldn't—live the year out! *And she was thirty-five years old that very day!*"

"But—she didn't die!" came Roger's voice, husky with emotion.

"That's the point, my boy. She didn't die!" Dr. Sands, his grey eyes strangely bright, looked meaningly at his young friend. "And it was a miracle she didn't—a *miracle of love!*"

The crowd around them had gradually disappeared, until now the hall stood almost deserted. The two men were so engrossed in their conversation that they were apparently unaware of anything external to themselves.

"She told me she was a widow," Dr. Sands was saying, "with a little boy five years old. Astrology came into the picture again. She explained that according to his chart, set up at birth, her little boy was . . . well—impressionable; therefore easily molded and would

go the way he was led. She visioned him as a doctor—I remember her very words—'serving humanity, selflessly, lovingly—like Christ!'"

"Yes—I remember those words too," broke in Roger, his eyes a warm glow of tenderness. "I was brought up on them," he added, unsteadily.

They were both silent for a moment, their thoughts on the noble-hearted, spiritually enlightened woman who was Roger's mother. "She knew the power of words," said Dr. Sands, speaking his thoughts, "knew that if they were repeated often enough they would build archetypes of thought in the growing mind, and that thought, in turn, would eventually develop into action. She saw her little boy's potentialities; but she saw, too, that he needed much love and careful guidance. All children do—but Pisces children in particular! She wanted me to try and save her life—for that reason. But Roger," he looked intently at his young friend, "there was nothing, absolutely nothing, that I—or any doctor—could do. As she left my office that day I was certain I would never see Mary Christian *alive* again!"

Roger stood as one entranced, for the words of his mother's physician were suddenly coming to life—before his eyes! . . . He saw his mother leave the doctor's office, saw her walking down the street, tears blurring her vision. Why he could even read her thoughts: "Father in Heaven . . . help me . . . help me!" . . . Now she was opening their apartment door. Wearily she sank to her knees in front of the davenport, her frail body shaking with sobs . . . "I must live—for my son's sake! I'm so tired, it would be nice to die . . . but—I can't!" . . . abruptly, the sobbing ceased—she lifted her head . . . and suddenly, as he watched, she was bathed in light, radiant light, and the whole room started to vibrate! . . . he felt a powerful force and was conscious of a voice . . . it was his mother—praying. "Heavenly Father," she was saying, "it is not for myself that I pray. Do with me as

Thou wilt. But my son—I pray for my son! I see him, not weak, shiftless, and purposeless—as his horoscope indicates—but as he could be—a doctor, able yet gentle, ministering to even the lowliest—a true helper of humanity! O blessed Father, for his sake, and for humanity's sake, *let me live until my vision of him comes true!*”

Roger suddenly realized Dr. Sands was looking at him strangely. “I—I heard what you said, Doctor. You didn’t think you would ever see my mother—alive—again.”

“But I was wrong, Roger,” replied the Doctor. “All wrong. A miracle had happened! The next day she walked into my office. She was radiant and her eyes were shining like the stars she talked so much about. She demanded another examination . . . Roger, I wouldn’t dare print this in a medical journal—indeed, I could scarcely believe it myself—but this time when I examined your mother’s heart, *it was absolutely normal!*”

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The door of Mary Christian’s room

opened slowly. Her son, Roger, and her faithful physician, Dr. Sands, stepped quietly to her bedside.

At first they thought she was sleeping, so natural was her expression, but all at once the truth was evident, and Roger covered his face with his hands. “It had to be this way, Son,” Dr. Sands said, gently. “Remember—she was on borrowed time!”

Roger dropped his hands. “Yes,” he said, lifting his eyes, “I remember. But it’s hard to lose her, Dr. Sands—we were so close” . . . he straightened his shoulders . . . “but I haven’t lost her! She will always be with me—for she will live on in my work!”

He looked down at the still figure on the bed. “Yes,” he said, and he was speaking now, so it seemed to Dr. Sands, to his mother. “Yes—I’ll hang my sign where the humblest, the neediest of humanity live! And I’ll not be just a doctor dispensing drugs—but a friend!”

Dr. Sands, moved by the compassion in the young doctor’s voice, spoke feelingly: “If there were more mothers like Mary Christian, the new Age—the Age of Christ—would already be here!”

Mystery Book

By PIERREPONT MARSHALL

PART I



HE Bible is a marvelous book. Its text has suffered much at the hands of translators, translations of translations, and revisions. It means different things to different people. To those of simple and strong faith it remains the inspired Word of God, regardless of what has happened through translations and revisions; it remains their solace and firm foundation, for faith has little to do with reasoning, logic, and argument. It may be said that often pure faith accepts as

true that which cannot possibly be true. A literal interpretation is acceptable to many and satisfies their mental and spiritual requirements, while to the scientist who demands exact statements and formulæ, this Book is full of misstatements and nonsense. The esoteric student finds it a storehouse of wisdom. The Bible has been for many years and still continues to be the “best seller.”

It seems strange to some of us that the Bible in its present form as a book is supposed by many to have existed for almost countless centuries. They just do not seem to realize that a book to be

a book must have had its start after the introduction of printing and binding. Originally, of course, the documents now comprising the Bible existed as separate manuscripts written in many different languages: ancient Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek, Latin, etc.

Up until about 1 B.C. the manuscripts formed that part of the Bible now known as the Old Testament, which is the Bible of the Hebrews. The part now known as the New Testament was written later. On several occasions the different manuscripts were individually considered and some were accepted as divinely inspired while others were rejected. In the 4th century A.D. Jerome made a translation into Latin and this version is known as the Vulgate. The first translation into English was made by John Wycliffe in 1380 A.D., from the Vulgate or Latin. The first translation from the original tongues directly into English was made by William Tyndale about 1530. On or about 1610 the Douai (Douay) Bible or Roman Catholic version appeared and also the King James 1st version.

The scientific enquirer and the esoteric student may be interested in how this King James version was made. Due to many controversies over differing texts and interpretations, King James decided to appoint a commission composed of different research specialists who were to examine the original documents and manuscripts and translate directly from the originals into English, but *no interpretations were to differ from those generally accepted.* The most difficult part was to find scholars who were authorities in Ancient Hebrew. Three were found and started their task, but two died before completion of the Ancient Hebrew translations. There were also specialists in Ancient Greek, Aramaic, and Latin. This order to conform with generally accepted versions led to many vague translations, and in at least one case which will be noted later, the translator hung out a "stop, look, and listen" sign to ease his con-

science. In at least one other case a sentence and paragraph were uncompleted for the same reason.

Before going farther we must consider some of the difficulties encountered in the Ancient Hebrew. Very, very few scholars could read Ancient Hebrew. This was especially true because neither vowels nor punctuations were used. Whatever punctuation now exists in the translations has been inserted by the translators. The introduction of a comma can often change a meaning, as will be noted later. While the ancient Hebrew alphabet consisted of ten vowels and twelve consonants, in these manuscripts the vowels were omitted, thus making interpretation sometimes guesswork. To show just what is meant, let us consider doing the same thing in English. If we use this vowel-omission method on the word "pn" we are confronted by a choice of pen, pan, pin, and pun. In translation of script containing no periods or even paragraph divisions we would be faced with more trouble. Then comes the difficulty where a general word such as "moisture" may be interpreted as fog, mist, clouds, water, seas, etc., and this occurs in the very first chapter of Genesis. After we smooth out the translation difficulties we will see that the story of Creation is in exact accord with modern scientific findings.

There are at least two more words that must be fully understood before we can proceed and at the same time bear in mind the order concerning "conform with generally accepted meaning." One word is "day," meaning a unit of time, but this unit of time may be a year, a thousand years, 25,868 years, an era, etc. The thing we call Nature is never in a hurry, and time, as man knows it, means little. We usually consider a day to mean a period of light followed by a period of darkness or a total of man's twenty-four hours. But an Earth Day is one year, as we know when we think of the polar regions with their periods of light and darkness. The

Bible also tells us that "one day is with the Lord as a thousand years." And then there is the Great Day of 25,868 years, the time for a full precession of the equinox. Just how long is an era or an "age"? Furthermore, we must have noticed that there are several names applied to Deity: God, Lord, Jehovah, Adonai, etc. The generally accepted meaning of these names all refer to one Being; but to the esoteric student they refer to different Entities. The esoteric student will recognize that the first nineteen verses of the first Chapter of Genesis uses the word God to represent the Supreme Being, while in the remaining verses of that Chapter *God* refers to the God of our solar sys-



tem, and in verse 26 he will recognize that God is talking to His assistants.

Before we can fully comprehend how this story of Creation as given in the first Chapter of Genesis agrees with science, we must review just what science has to say about the creation of a star and its planets. Remembering the true saying that the "knowledge we get out of a book depends upon the knowledge we take to that book," we will make a slow approach. Professor Millikan is credited with discovering the rays that continually bombard the earth from outer space, and these rays are known to be Cosmic Energy. Science claims that "space" is not a vacuum full of nothing but is a place full of "matter" some of which is visible and some invisible. For a moment's explanation of invisible matter, we may consider that hydrogen and oxygen are invisible until combined in certain proportions and water is produced, thus making the invisible visible. The visible matter in the Universe we call stars and planets.

Cosmic Energy applied to any particular part of space will energize the

matter within that space, start it whirling around and gradually change the invisible matter to visible matter and at first appears as a whirling mist or vapor. Continued application of Cosmic Energy will make this section of matter in space whirl faster, heat up and still further change its nature until this matter assumes the shape of a ball of fiery mist and the denser portions will be thrown out and later become planets to the central ball of fire or Sun. Each star is a Sun. Now if we apply what we know about the word "moisture" and the word "day," we can readily see the references to waters being separated from the waters as the separation of the mists that eventually became separate stars. Likewise the time element covering the accomplishment of a day becomes reasonable as one era.

A careful analysis of the wording of the 26th verse in the first chapter of Genesis shows a radical change from the preceding verses, and it opens up such a long field of investigation and explanation that it will be left for later examination. This article is not intended to be a complete examination of all the points of dispute. Just a few of the events and remarks will be considered to show how literal interpretations may be led astray due to faulty translation. An early snag is encountered when we read that Cain went out into the world and married. If Adam and Eve were the first humans then Cain must have married his sister. The original word used for Adam meant humanity and not an individual.

The story of Noah and the Deluge followed by the first rainbow is easily explained by science. The rainbow is caused by the sun shining through raindrops, and it would seem that previously there had been no rain. The truth is that previously man had not had a view of unobstructed sunlight. A similar condition is known to exist around the planet Venus. Astronomers claim that Venus has never been seen,

but what we do see is the heavy envelope of clouds surrounding that planet, these clouds reflecting the sunlight. If and when this heavy cloud envelope breaks up there will be a tremendous precipitation of water from these clouds and the direct rays of the sun may be able to strike Venus for the first time. The planet Earth had such a cloud envelope until Noah's time and the sunlight breaking through caused the first rainbow visible to humanity. The claim is made that this time also marked the sinking of the continent Atlantis with a heavy loss of life through drowning. The claim is further made that the account of the dove and the raven flying from Noah's ark are just mystical markers for the time when the Vernal Equinox occurred in the constellation Pleiades (the dove), and was at right angle to the Raven decanate of Leo.

Many of the stories and parables are of great interest to the esoteric student. The story of Joseph and his "coat of many colors" has a particular value if we consider it as recounting the trials, tribulations, and tests in the "path of the Initiate" with ultimate victory through self-control. The "coat of many colors" is the aura of any person and is visible to the true clairvoyant; it shows the desires and impulses of the wearer. Discarding or losing this "coat of many colors" indicates that the normal human desires have been overcome. Likewise we may consider the story of Job as an account of the trials and seeming injustice heaped upon the Initiate. Both of these stories are accepted as true justice by those who accept the theory of rebirth and the payment demanded by the law of "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," or "we reap what we sow"; debts carried over from a previous life or lives.

How may a literal interpretation of the story of the Prodigal Son show justice? Here we see a wilful young man who leaves the shelter and security of his father's home to experience the pleasures of the world. After many ex-

periences and dabblings in sin he sinks to the level of finding refuge and sustenance in a pigpen. Sickened with his plight, he travels back to his father. A stay-at-home son complains that he has always done the chores assigned to him and obeyed his father, but never was he rewarded with a ring for his hand, a purple robe, or a party with a barbecue of a "fatted calf." Those with simple and strong faith answer that God in His infinite wisdom (not to be questioned) has seen fit to so dispose. However, the esoteric student finds that this family consists of God as the father, and the brothers and sisters are angels who stayed in heaven while the Prodigal Son was a Spirit who entered into human form and experienced human life. The main thing is to gain actual experience and bring back the story or record.

The parable of the "buried talent" is made clearer by a coincidence in the English language wherein talent means ability. In the text it refers to a coin worth many thousand of dollars, but the lesson refers to any ability for good that we may have or gain and its use or non-use as the case may be. Those who refuse or are too lazy to use a good talent must not only lose this ability but lose other things also as penalty.

Previously, mention has been made of the translator showing a "stop, look, and listen" sign to ease his conscience because of the order by the King to keep translations within the bounds of generally accepted interpretation. One example of this is found in St. Mark 15:34: "And at the 9th hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthan? *which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*" The italics are this author's and constitute the translator's "stop, look, and listen." In an English translation why quote the words in original Aramic? Why call attention to how it is being interpreted? There are other ways of interpreting

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Release Through Renunciation

By S. B. McINTYRE

(CONCLUSION)

“**A**USTIN and I were to be married in a month when my father had a stroke. My mother had died at my birth, and in order to be near me so that he could be sure that I was given perfect care, my father had given up his career in the diplomatic service that would have kept him away from me much of the time. And Papa surely worshiped me.

“He had been an apparently rugged man up to his sixtieth year, and was very fine looking. When he was suddenly stricken, the shock of the realization that he would be disfigured and nearly helpless for the rest of his life was so great that he could not endure the thought of any one but his nurse and me seeing him.

“Of course, my wedding was postponed. I had no time to spend alone with Austin. First thing I knew Leila—my dearest girl friend—was devoting the few minutes each day that I could spend with her, to bragging of how Austin had escorted her to one place and another. When I mentioned this to Austin, he said, ‘What can you expect? You don’t care anything about me or you’d marry me. Then I could live here with you and help take care of your father.’ Same old line that I’d fallen for before, but I didn’t know it then. Same line, too, I hear from Jim now.”

“Loving Austin so devotedly, it must have made you feel very unhappy to hear him talk that way,” commented Doreen.

“It surely did! For some days I was nearly frantic. Then I began to reason myself into thinking that my father was in no immediate danger of death; that I could easily cut a honeymoon short and return to make up to

Papa for my seeming carelessness in regard to what his desires might be in the matter, etc. Finally, I forsook my plans for a grand wedding and eloped with Austin. Afterward he told me that he only went with Leila because he thought it would make me jealous enough to marry him at once!”

“Aunty! The mean thing!” exclaimed Doreen.

“Austin didn’t think it mean. He considered it a legitimate trick to gain his own way. Now with all that evidence of personal selfishness behind me, do you wonder that in this life I am determined to set personal inclinations aside and attend strictly to duty?”

“It seems to me that things are different now, Aunt Althea. I think Uncle Jim would love to have Gram live with you if you’d marry him. He’s always wonderful to her!”

“How he treats her now and how he’d treat her after I married him might be far different. With my knowledge of how he treated my father in my former life, I’m taking no chances.”

“Couldn’t you put Gram in a hospital?”

Althea shuddered and shook her head. “No, I couldn’t do that, Doreen. Mother had been a sufferer for some time when I became engaged to Jim. He began teasing me to marry him immediately. Mother is fond of him. She urged me to put her in a convalescent home, marry him, and bring her to live with us after our return from a trip around the world that we’d planned on taking. Jim was overjoyed at the thought, but we knew nothing about such homes, and for some reason I could not think of at the time, I had a perfect horror of them. I suppose it was because of my experience when in a hospital with polio. The nurses must have

thought that because my legs were paralyzed my brain was paralyzed, too, so that I was not conscious of what went on. Life there was a horror to me!"

"Gram couldn't come to visit you, of course, and that made it worse, didn't it?" queried Doreen.

"Yes, but I shall never be able to forget Mother's devotion to me after I was permitted to leave the hospital. Papa brought me home in his arms, and I cried for a whole day with joy at being away from that hospital. I couldn't even stand up then, but Mother immediately went to work to make me walk. She had an idea that increasing the circulation of blood to any afflicted part of the body would cleanse and restore health to it.

"Often now in my dreams I see Mother bending over me in the middle of the night, coaxing me to arouse myself and go on with the treatment, or carrying it on for me when I became too exhausted to carry it on for myself. I should never have been able to walk a step if it hadn't been for five years of Mother's constant care."

"Did you put Gram in a home, Aunt Althea?" asked Doreen.

Althea's eyes misted. "God forgive me, I did! But it was a good thing I took her there two weeks before I married rather than after that event. If I'd gone off for a long honeymoon immediately after taking her there I could never have forgiven myself!"

"Why, Aunt Althea?" Doreen felt impelled to inquire.

"I was so busy preparing for my wedding that I didn't go to visit Mother for five days. I telephoned daily and was assured that she was comfortable. This home had been highly recommended, so I felt certain that Mother was receiving every care. When I finally dropped my work and went to see her, I found her in a crazed condition and tied to her bed to prevent her from wandering off. Mother had been left without sufficient covers; some fresh-air crank had insisted on keeping a window near her bed open night and

day; cold, wind, and fog had blown over her until she had temporarily lost her reason because of the excruciating pain she was enduring. I was frantic!"

"I don't wonder," sympathized her niece.

"I called our physician, and he gave Mother an opiate. We brought her home, kept her under hot electric pads until she was thoroughly warm, the worst of the pain had stopped, and she was sane again. But a lifetime of love and service to her will never ease my conscience for being the cause of so much torture to her."

"But Gram knew you were not the intentional cause of it, Aunt Althea."

"I know. That helped some."

"Then you refused to go on with your marriage to Uncle Jim?"

"Yes, I did. What else could I do?"

"Couldn't you have married him and brought him here to live?"

"And go through more grief with him than I have without him? No, my Dear, I couldn't."

Doreen regarded her aunt with puzzled eyes.

"You forget my hint of what I endured when we married and went home to live with my father!" explained Althea.

"Didn't you get along?"

"Outwardly, yes. But could one expect a young man to be happy in a house of continual gloom; his wife never free to pay any particular attention to him, nor to go anywhere with him?"

"I suppose not."

"Why, Doreen, some days now I'm so fagged out that I'm a mere automaton—can't even think clearly! Would Jim stand for that? No! I'd have to fight with him continually to keep Mother with me. That is what occurred as long as Papa lived in that other life. The worst of it was that Papa overheard Austin rave about my neglect of him. Poor Papa! Worry over being the cause of that neglect shortened his life. Young as I was, I didn't grieve at going, when an epidemic of typhoid swept me from the earth soon after Papa's death."

Althea was silent for a moment before she said, "Now, Doreen, don't think I have tried to hold Jim to me. That really isn't true! After I'd moved Mother home and made her comfortable, I sat up all night and reasoned out what I should do about Jim. I had already decided that I owed Mother a great debt because of her work with me after my bout with polio; that it was right for me to pay the debt, because Mother would never need help any more than she did then; and that now was my time to grasp the opportunity to pay the debt. I had also decided that, knowing what I did of the life I had lived with Jim during my father's illness in my past life, I could not chance a recurrence of my soul-harrowing experiences of that time by marrying him as long as Mother lived.

"By midnight of that dreadful night, I had decided to release Jim from all ties to me—leave him wholly free to love and marry whomsoever he chose. I put that release in writing and mailed it to him.

"I walked a mile of floor, and soaked an old linen pillow slip with tears before I reached the point where I could calmly sign my name to that release. Just 'Sincerely, Althea Gray.'"

"You must have been heartsick afterward, Aunty!"

"For a time I was. Then help came; and—"

Althea was silent. Doreen turned from her mending, and saw that her **aunt's face** glowed as with some inner light. "What kind of help, Aunty?"

Althea hesitated. "I'll tell you, Dear, though you may think I am queer after you hear me!"

Doreen laughed enjoyably. "Take a chance on that, Darling!"

"When we reach any great crisis in our lives where a question of right and wrong has been involved, and we have consciously chosen to do the right regardless of the suffering it may entail, help from the Invisible Ones always comes to minimize that suffering. And so it was with me at that time. After

I'd put my letter to Jim in the mailbox at the corner, I lay down on a couch in Mother's room.

"Too exhausted for further tears, I was wondering how I should be able to bear the days ahead without Jim's companionship—I felt sure then that I'd soon be forsaken and forgotten by him—though I had schooled myself to endure without whining whatever came to me through him. Gradually I became conscious of a feeling that unseen hands were striving to relax every grief-tautened muscle throughout my whole body. As I half-consciously gave myself up to their beneficent ministrations, an exhilarating sensation of ecstasy began to fill my whole being.

"When this emotion had increased to the point where I feared my physical envelope could endure no more, the softest, sweetest voice I had ever heard said to me: 'Love is a feeling within your own self. It grows with recognition and the constant recalling of it. Thought turns the feeling on or off at will. No one—nothing outside of yourself—can destroy that feeling, nor take it from you. There is nothing carnal about it. It does not need a physical object. No matter how lonely or ill or sorrowful you may be, you can make your thoughts recreate this ecstasy of love at any time and find complete happiness in it, for this is Divine Love—the love that is God—always within you.'

"The voice was silent. In astonishment I pondered the words and realized they were true. Throughout this experience no thought of Jim, no desire to marry him was with me. Yet that entrancing sensation of love still pervaded my heart, and filled my whole being with peace and comfort—supreme happiness."

"What a marvelous experience," breathed Doreen softly.

"One never to be forgotten by me, Doreen. There have been few times since when I have permitted that feeling of love to leave me, and have allowed

Jim's influence and my old harrowing thoughts of him to overcome me and make me feel wretched as I did today. It has been recognition and cultivation of this feeling of love within me that has enabled me to bear thoughts of complete separation from Jim at any time that he should find one he desired to marry. It has kept me faithful in my devotion to Mother, and helped me to care for her as she cared for me through that illness of my young days."

"I'm never going to forget your experience either, Aunt Althea. I hope the next afternoon we have together, you'll tell me how to begin to make the idea mentioned by the voice practical to an ordinary person like me. I hope, too, you'll tell Uncle Jim of that experience. I'm sure it would clear from his mind all doubts and fears he may have of your love for him—surely help him to a complete understanding of your point of view. He'd respect that, at least."

"I've been thinking those very thoughts since telling you of my experience. I'll do that the very first moment I have with Jim on his return from this trip," replied Althea.

"Will you let me know the outcome?" asked Doreen.

"Yes, Dear, I'll let you know," replied Althea as she rolled up her knitting and rose. "But come now it's time to start supper."

Three weeks later Doreen entered her aunt's living room just in time to see her complete the sweater that she had been making for James Faber.

"Darling, how's everything?" Doreen asked.

"Everything is fine, Dearie," came the reply. "Jim's the sweetest, most helpful friend any woman ever had!"

"Did you tell him your experience?"

"Yes, I did. But first I asked him if I might look into his Book of Life and read certain pages. He laughed, and told me to read the whole book while I was about it."

Althea laughed as she continued. "Next time Jim came for a visit, I told him something known only to himself and a relative who is dead. Was he surprised!"

"Auntie! Tell me about it!" exclaimed Doreen.

"No, Dear. I can't do that. Such things are sacred to the ones concerned. But after that Jim was ready—yes, anxious to hear anything I had to say about spiritual law. So I told him of my past life experiences with him, and he confessed that internally he had not changed; that he had always been jealous of Mother because I had put her ahead of him in my affections; that if I were his wife he'd never be able to stand for my wearing myself out in service to her the way I do!"

"Aunty! What a confession!"

"Wasn't it! However, my explanations helped him to overcome his jealousy and see the wisdom of my devotion to duty. He is now the most considerate companion I could wish!"

"Isn't love like his for you priceless, Aunty?"

"Yes, it is, but where we have been so close to each other through other lives, neither of us would have been completely happy with any one else we could have married. Always we'd have probably been looking for someone we could not find.

"Life is so much more complex—reaches so much farther into the past than most of us ever imagine, or will accept when told of it!" said Doreen thoughtfully.

"True," replied her aunt, "but those who seek will find the truths that will prove priceless to them throughout eternity. And—"

A softly called "Althea" sounded through the quiet room.

"Mother is awake, Dearie. We'll go for a visit with her."

Althea gathered up the completed sweater, rose, and with Doreen beside her walked toward the bedroom at the far end of the hall.

MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

Taken from His Writings

The Web of Destiny



(SECOND INSTALLMENT)

Spiritual Research—The Soul Body

BUT while clean thoughts take us a long step on the path of attainment, the emotions and desires of the desire body are not so easily subdued, for that vehicle is already considerably more set than the mind. While the regenerate mind readily agrees to the idea that we should love our enemies, the desire body, the emotional and passionate nature, aims with every fiber of its being to get even, to get an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

Sometimes, even years and years after we think the sleeping serpent is subdued, that we have at last gained mastery over it, and that it cannot mar our peace, it may suddenly rise and overthrow all our hopes, take the bit between its teeth, go on a rampage, and vow vengeance for some real or fancied wrong. Then it takes the whole power of the higher nature to subdue this rebellious part of our being. This, the writer thinks, is the thorn in the flesh concerning which Paul besought the Lord thrice and was given the answer: "My grace is sufficient for thee." It certainly does need all the grace one can command to overcome, and eternal vigilance is the price of safety, so let us "*watch and pray.*"

It is the desire body which is responsible for all our actions, good, bad, or

indifferent, and the oriental philosophers have therefore given directions to their disciples to *kill out desire* and to abstain from action, good or bad, as much as possible, in order that they may thus save themselves from the wheel of birth and death. But that temper which is such a great menace when it takes control, may be made as effective for service under our proper guidance. We would not for one moment think of taking the temper out of a knife; we should then be unable to cut anything therewith. The temper of the desire body must be controlled but not by any means killed. For the dynamic power of motion and action in the invisible world is stored in this desire body, and unless it is intact, we cannot expect to control ourselves there any more than an ocean liner whose engines were disabled could buffet the ocean waves.

There are certain societies which teach negative methods of development, and one of their first instructions to the pupil is to drop the jaw and make himself perfectly negative. Any one floated from the physical world toward the spiritual world by such methods would certainly find himself as driftwood upon the ocean, cast hither and thither by the waves, the prey and sport of every current.

There are in the inner worlds, as well as here, beings who are anything but benevolent, who are ready to take advantage of anyone that ventures into

their world not fully prepared to protect himself against them. Thus we see the supreme importance of subjecting our desires to the will of the spirit *here in this world*, of forcing this desire body of ours into subjection so that it may be trained before we attempt to enter the inner world. Here it is, in a very large measure, held in check by the fact that it is interpolated within the dense body, and therefore cannot sway us hither and yon in the same degree as it can when it has been released from the physical prison house.

But even the subjection of the desire body, difficult as it is to accomplish, will not serve to make a man *conscious* in the invisible worlds, for the desire body has not evolved to such a point that it can act as a real instrument of consciousness. It is unformed and cloudlike in the great majority of people, and only a number of vortices are present as sense centers or centers of consciousness; these are not yet sufficiently unfolded so that they can serve the purpose without some other help. Therefore it is necessary to work upon and educate the *vital body* in such a manner that it may be used in soul-flights.

This vehicle, as we know, is composed of the four ethers. It is by means of this body that we manipulate the densest of all our vehicles, the physical body, which we usually think of as the whole man. The chemical and life ethers form a matrix for our physical bodies. Each molecule of the physical body is imbedded in a meshwork of ether which permeates and infuses it with life. Through these ethers the bodily functions, such as respiration, etc., are carried on, and the density and consistency of these matrices of ether determine the state of health.

However, the part of the vital body formed of the two higher ethers, the light ether and the reflecting ether, is what we may term the *soul body*; that is to say, it is more closely linked with the *desire body* and the mind and also more

amenable to the spirit's touch than are the two lower ethers. It is the vehicle of intellect, and responsible for all that makes man, man. Our observations, our aspirations, our character, etc., are due to the work of the spirit in these two higher ethers, which become more or less luminous according to the nature of our character and habits.

Also, as the dense body assimilates particles of food and thus gains in flesh, so the two higher ethers assimilate our good deeds during life and thus grow in volume as well. According to our doings in this present life we thus increase or decrease that which we brought with us at birth. If we are born with a good character, expressed in these two higher ethers, it will not be easy for us to change this because the vital body has become very, very set during the myriads of years through which we have evolved it.

On the other hand, if we have been lax and indulgent in the habits which we call evil, if we have formed a bad character in past lives, then it is difficult to overcome because of this set nature of the vital body, and it will require years of constant effort to change its structure. This is the reason the Western Wisdom Teaching says that *all mystic development begins with the vital body*.

(To be continued)

White Birches

By EMILY B. SCHENCK

A glorified white sisterhood,
 These gentle "ladies of the wood."
 In verdure green, with Peace they dwell
 And sacred Pater-nosters tell.

In God's cathedral aisles they pray
 And worship Him, through night and day;
 A sanctified white sisterhood,
 These cloistered "ladies of the wood."

A ROSICRUCIAN CATECHISM

The Aryan Epoch

Q. Where were the Aryan Races born?

A. Central Asia was the cradle of the Aryan Races, who descended from the Original Semites. From there the different Races have gone out.

Q. Who were the Leaders and Teachers of the new Aryan Epoch?

A. The most advanced among humanity at the beginning of the Aryan Epoch were given the higher Initiations, that they might take the place of the messengers of God, i.e., the Lords of Venus.

Q. What peculiar (particular) office did they fill?

A. Such human Initiates were from this time forth the only mediators between God and man.

Q. Did these Initiates force their bidding upon man?

A. No, they did not appear publicly nor show any signs and wonders that they were Leaders and Teachers. Man was left entirely free to seek them or not, as he desired.

Q. Will these Leaders ever appear publicly to lead mankind?

A. At the end of our present Epoch the highest Initiate will appear publicly, when a sufficient number of ordinary humanity desire, and will voluntarily subject themselves to such a Leader.

Q. What definite step in evolution will this portion of humanity represent?

A. These will form the nucleus for the last Race, which will appear at the beginning of the sixth Epoch. After that time races and nations will cease to exist.

Q. What will be the status of humanity then?

A. Humanity will form one spiritual

Fellowship as before the end of the Lemurian Epoch.

Q. How many more Races will appear in our present Epoch?

A. Two more Races will be evolved in our present Epoch, one of them being the Slav. When, in the course of a few hundred years, the Sun, because of the precession of the equinoxes, shall have entered the sign Aquarius, the Russian people and the Slav Races in general will reach a high degree of spiritual development.

Q. What will be the chief factor in bringing this about?

A. Music, for on the wings of music the soul which is attuned may fly to the very Throne of God, where the mere intellect cannot reach.

Q. Is such development complete?

A. Development attained in that manner is not permanent because it is one-sided, therefore not in harmony with the law of evolution, which demands that development, to be permanent, must be evenly balanced—in other words, that spirituality shall evolve through, or at least equally with, intellect.

Q. How will such impermanence manifest in the sixth Race?

A. The Slavie civilization will be short-lived, but it will be great and joyful while it lasts, for it is being born of deep sorrow and suffering and the Law of Compensation will bring the opposite in due time.

Q. What will be the origin of the Seventh Race?

A. From the Slavs will descend a people which will form the last of the seven Races of the Aryan Epoch, and from the people of the United States will descend the last of all the Races in this scheme of evolution.

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Rejected Stone



Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

—*The Acts*, 4:10-12.

Truly, "the stone which was set at nought of your builders," has become the cornerstone of a new world structure. Today the teachings of the Christ are urging humanity forward into a resplendent era of universal peace and brotherhood. Those following the path of faith (the feminine, heart path) have been able to accept without explanation the fact that "there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved," and by following in His steps have attained to a high degree—even sainthood.

There is, however, another class of people, who must have their faith based upon *knowledge*, and for them occult philosophy provides the profound scientific truths embodied in the Mystery of Golgotha. Records in the memory of nature show that at the time of the Crucifixion the majority of humanity were at the point of retrogression, and it was essential that some help be given them. For this purpose a Ray of the Cosmic Christ offered Himself. At the Baptism He took possession of the bodies of the man Jesus, and for three and one half years lived on the earth as a man among men. He was tried and tempted, and finally crucified.

At the time of the Crucifixion, by

means of the flowing of the blood, the great luminous Sun Spirit, the Christ, diffused Itself all over the earth, becoming its indwelling Spirit. The tremendous spiritual light accompanying this event blinded men so that they thought there was a great darkness, but gradually it was absorbed into the earth, permitting everything within its influence to return to its normal vibrations, so far as man could see. Purer desire stuff was thus made available for the desire bodies of humanity, and the vibrations set up at that time cleansed, purified, harmonized, and gave a spiritual impulse that could not otherwise have been given.

Since then this Ray of the Cosmic Christ annually gives Itself anew to further man's progress, the solstitial and equinoctial seasons marking the turning points in the yearly journey from the earth to the World of God. Endlessly wells forth this mighty Love Power; ever urging man upward and onward.

Prior to the Crucifixion, initiation, the direct spiritual path, was open only to the few. With the coming of the Christ as the earth's indwelling Spirit, however, "the veil was rent," and thenceforth "whosoever will may come." Because of this Love-Sacrifice all mankind may now at will enter into all the manifold blessings of the higher life. Through His redeeming Love man may release in its fullness the Christ Love *within*, and thus know the soul ecstasy of true brotherhood, and the "peace that passeth all understanding."

This is the Love which "is God"—the illimitable, unconquerable Love. In its light are born the faith and hope which can make us channels for healing and harmonizing the ills of our fellow men. Life directed by this magic Power is a joyful journey. It is the Way!

Astrology Department

Neptune--Symbol of the Divine

By EDWARD L. ADAMS

Day and night, and every moment, there are voices about us. All the hours speak as they pass; and in every event there is a message to us; and all our circumstances talk with us; but it is in Divine language, that worldliness misunderstands, that selfishness is frightened at, and that only the children of God hear rightly and happily.

—William Mountford.

(IN TWO PARTS—PART ONE)



HE study of Neptune is aptly described as *fascinating*, for the influence of this planet is so subtle, evanescent, and quicksilver-like that it often taxes one's mental and spiritual faculties to place a finger on its exact meaning or significance. It leads one an intriguing chase into the most intangible, illusory, and complex byways of man's nature and the super-physical realms about him.

Neptune is definitely a mystery planet. It is the fog that hides the Sun, the cobweb that dims the face of the Moon, the shadow thrown on the screen of life. It is the Veil before the Sanctuary which the profane dares not lift—the mystery of God solved only in the measure that man becomes Godlike. It denotes the measure of the soul, the pabulum of the Spirit.

Since the brightest light throws the darkest shadow, it can be understood that in its highest sense and truest action Neptune symbolizes *divinity*. In range its influence reaches from the lowest to the highest. When misused its power can be expressed as a devilish force—cunningly wicked, low, and depraved. Expressed in its true capacity it can and will lift man to the very

throne of God.

Neptune was discovered in 1846, just one hundred years ago. Perhaps the fact that it does not belong to our solar system adds to the mysterious nature of this planet, which is the embodiment of a great Spirit from the Creative Hierarchies that normally influence us from the zodiac. Until fairly recent times it was not taken too seriously into consideration as affecting humanity, but today the Neptunian power and influence are obvious in practically all walks of life. With the veil of the Invisible being slowly lifted, the transcendent power of this heavenly orb is becoming more and more clearly understood by occultists and spiritual astrologers.

In the Western Wisdom Teachings it is pointed out that the mentality "evolves through three stages according to the vibrations of the Moon, Mercury, and Neptune. While man is amenable only to the lunar influence, he is child-like and easily guided by the higher powers. . . . Under the stellar ray of Mercury he gradually develops his intellectual powers and becomes a reasoning being. As such, he is placed under the law of Cause and Effect, made responsible for his own actions, so that he may reap what he has sown and learn thereby the lessons that human

life has to teach him under the present regime. Being inexperienced, he makes mistakes in whatever direction indicated by the afflictions to Mercury in his horoscope and consequently he suffers a corresponding penalty of sorrow and trouble. If he has not the mentality to reason on the connection between his mistakes and the sad experiences growing from them, during his life time, the panorama of life, which unfolds in the post-mortem state, makes this clear, and leaves with him an essence of 'right feeling' which we know as conscience.

"This conscience keeps him from repeating past mistakes, when the feeling generated has become sufficiently strong to over-balance the tendency to yield to the particular temptation which caused him suffering. Thus he gradually develops a spiritual consciousness which is above and beyond human reason, but which nevertheless is also connected with reason in such a manner that when the result has been reached, the man knows the reason why such and such a thing is and must be, or why he took a certain action. . . . He has the answer to any question immediately and is able to tell the reason why that answer is the proper and right one. . . . This cosmic consciousness is developed under the ray of Neptune."

Thus we see that Neptune is the higher octave of Mercury, "and altogether spiritual in its aims. As Mercury is Lightbearer of the physical Sun, so Neptune is Lightbearer for the spiritual Sun (called Vulcan by the Western Mystic). Intellectuality, ruled by Mercury, lifted us above the animal and made man, man; the spirituality ruled by Neptune will in time raise us beyond the state of the human and make us divine.

"Neptune really signifies what we may call 'the gods', commencing with the supernormal beings we know as Elder Brothers, and compassing the innumerable hosts of spiritual entities, good, bad, and indifferent, which influence our evolution. Its position and aspects denote our relation to them; malefic aspects attract agencies of a nature inimical to our welfare, benefic configurations draw upon the good forces."

Analyzing Neptune in a general sense, we find that its higher influence gives a fondness for the beautiful, the artistic, ease and comfort, luxury, and glamor. It bestows emotions strong but easily swayed. The native under its influence "feels" strongly and even senses events before they take place in the physical world. There is a definite touch with the superphysical, manifesting as clair-audience, clairvoyance, clair-sentience, etc., by means of an awakened pineal gland, which Neptune rules. This responsiveness to super-physical vibrations explains why the Nep-

RELATION OF ASTRONOMY TO ASTROLOGY

Astronomy is related to astrology somewhat as anatomy to physiology. Anatomy gives the dry facts as to the location and structure of the bodily organs, and astronomy gives like data about the heavenly bodies. However, as physiology enunciates the utility of the organic parts of the body, making anatomical information of value, so astrology explains the significance of the changing relative positions of the heavenly orbs in regard to the actions of mankind.

tunian person finds it necessary to retire occasionally into some quiet spot of Nature for recuperation. There he may relax and regain the equilibrium which constant association with people so frequently disturbs in a peculiar way. For the same reason the mental atmosphere about such a person is a vital factor in his well-being, as are the colors and materials he wears, and the music he hears.

The vibratory power of Neptune is so unearthly, so spiritual, that it creates a great yearning and longing for things not of this world. Under its influence one may build dream castles and spin glorious shining webs of plans which are usually beyond present fulfillment, or

he may become utterly dissatisfied with material conditions, imbued with a "divine discontent." Some may take refuge in a life of seclusion, where they live in a chimerical world of their own making. These feelings are actually the inner longing of man to escape to his real home in the spiritual realms, to contact and be absorbed into the divine.

The planet of divinity rules all inner visualization, and those who work creatively with light, color, music, form, and the abstract worlds come directly under its vibration. The highest conceptions of beauty, springing from the inner nature, are Neptunian. Artists under its influence are able to see color, line, and fine shadings that the lesser gifted individuals do not perceive. So it is with the Neptunian musician—he hears more perfect melodies and sound-patterns than others hear, and brings them into concrete expression to inspire us duller mortals. The highest, most soul-stirring music comes from the Neptunian Ray. All stringed instruments speak the Neptunian language—the language of the soul—and bring the subtle music of the spheres to us. Creative writers also draw on the power of this mystery planet, having the higher imagination, logic, and discrimination, bestowed upon those traveling the Moon, Mercury, Neptune path.

The power of idealization is peculiarly Neptunian, to whatever degree it may exist in the consciousness. The Western Wisdom Teachings tell us that there is a factor "in universal advancement called *epigenesis*—the faculty whereby the Spirit may choose a course that is altogether new and independent of what has gone before. We see the expression of this in all kingdoms relative to form, but in the human kingdom, *epigenesis* expresses itself as genius, a creative instinct, which makes man more akin to the divine than any other of his accomplishments. This is developed under the Neptune Ray when that planet is well placed in the horoscope."

Neptune favorably aspected to Mercury has been termed the signature of

genius, and this may well be—depending to some extent of course upon support from other configurations in the horoscope. Through the mind, the bridge between spirit and matter, attuned to the Neptune Ray, the individual can select from the divine reservoir the highest of thought patterns. According to the horoscope as a whole does he use this ability. It may be directed to high advantage into the field of music, art, science, literature, or in new plans and schemes for the upliftment and advancement of humanity in religion, government, economics, or social welfare.

Favorable aspects to Neptune denote the highest spiritual forces playing harmoniously upon the individual, and if he determines to live the spiritual life, he may enter the invisible realms, function there, and bring back memories of those experiences. A favorable aspect between Neptune and Jupiter is especially conducive to conscious activity on the inner planes and the ability to bring back to waking consciousness the remembrance of those activities. Favorable aspects to Neptune also favor the right

Your Child's Horoscope

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and ability to receive spiritual healing. The Invisible Helpers are thus permitted entrance into the patient's aura to help alleviate the impaired conditions of the body, or quiet mental disturbances.

In the spinal canal the rays of Neptune enkindle the spinal spirit fire whereby the human spirit is enabled to pierce the veil of flesh and contact the world beyond. Thus Neptune rules all white magicians and the use of white magic, which is always the use of spiritual power for the good of others—not for self. A powerfully configured Neptune frequently bestows healing power, or the gift of "laying on of hands," particularly if placed in one of the watery signs: Pisces, Cancer, or Scorpio. There is also often a peculiar at-oneness with the forces of nature having to do with the plant kingdom, as is indicated in the case of the plant wizard, Luther Burbank, who had Neptune in Pisces, in conjunction with Mercury, sextile to Venus in Taurus, and opposition to the Moon. Miracles and divine healings are often experienced during the time when some planet is progressed to a favorable aspect to the natal Neptune, or when Neptune transits a sensitive spot in the chart.

Working upon the nervous system via Mercury, its lower octave, Neptune may under certain conditions bring about a state of frenzy or religious exaltation. It may also, under other circumstances, induce coma or trance, during which the bodily energies are in abeyance and the psychic powers are hyperactive. By means of prayer, concentration, and meditation, the positive Neptunian person may reach a state of spiritual ecstasy wherein he sees the celestial hosts. Under the negative Neptunian vibrations he may see the demoniac creations of the lower Desire World.

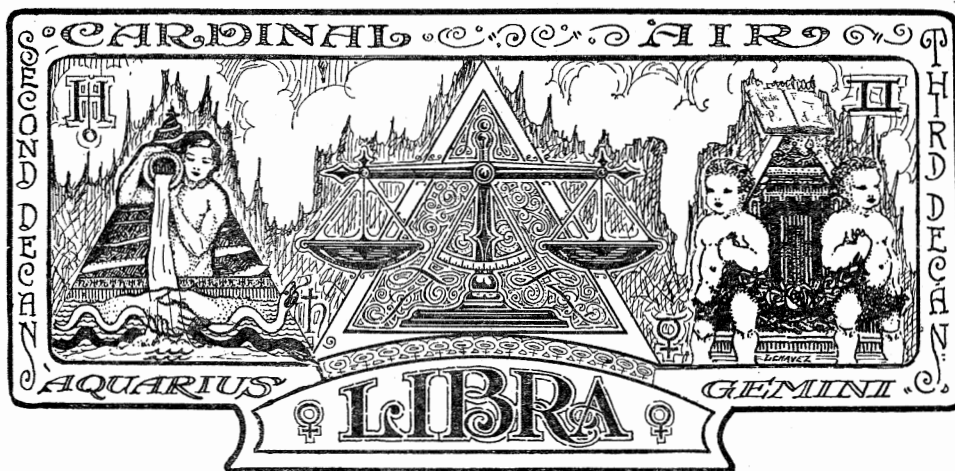
The type of people Neptune affects the greatest is that termed "sensitive." Max Heindel explains this interesting class of individuals in *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, as follows: "The

vital body of most people is firmly interwoven with the dense body, but in all sensitives it is loose. It is that looseness which constitutes the difference between the psychic and the ordinary person who is unconscious of all but the vibrations contacted by means of the five senses. All human beings have to pass through this period of close connection of the vehicles and experience the consequent limitation of consciousness. There are two classes of sensitives—the first class has not yet reached the nadir of materiality and therefore have a low grade of clairvoyance. The second class of sensitives are in the vanguard of evolution, and are emerging from the acme of materiality. Of this second class one group develops in a weak-willed and passive manner, re-awakening the solar plexus or other organs connected with the involuntary nervous system. They become involuntary clairvoyants and mediums. The other group by their own wills unfold the vibratory powers of organs now connected with the voluntary nervous system and thus become trained occultists, controlling their own bodies and exercising the clairvoyant faculty as they will to do. They are called voluntary or trained clairvoyants.

"In the coming great Jupiter Period man will function in his vital body as he now does in his physical body; and as no development in nature is sudden, the process of separating the two bodies has already commenced. The vital body will then attain a much higher degree of efficiency than the dense body of today. As it is a much more pliable vehicle, the Spirit will then be able to use it in a manner impossible of realization in the case of the present dense vehicle."

It is the Neptune Ray that is helping to bring about this separation of the bodies of man, at the same time increasing his sensitiveness to the superphysical forces which further spiritual progress. As he endeavors to follow his highest spiritual promptings he becomes more amenable to the positive suggestions of Neptune.

(To be continued)



The Children of Libra, 1946

Birthdays: September 24 to October 23.

PEOPLE born with the Sun in Libra have an innate sense of beauty, of what constitutes rightness in conduct, proportion, form, time, etc. Good taste, refinement, pleasant manners, sociability, perspective and facility in making comparisons are characteristic of Librans. Appreciation of all expressions of Divine Beauty stimulates an interest in music, drama, poetry, painting, and other arts. Some evidence of an artistic flair or cultural attainment is rarely lacking while their activities may be determined more by esthetic than moral values. Affability, calm and steady views, a serene and seemingly happy temperament create an aura that soothes and attracts.

Charm is part of Libra's heritage. Although somewhat reserved and aloof, Librans take their social obligations seriously and manifest an earnest, respectful, courteous, and pleasant mein that wins confidence. Being natural judges of relative values in all things, Librans are constantly appraising others although usually with gentleness and mercy, for there is a tenderness about these people not always easily perceived. Love is vitally important; something to

be sought and prized above all things both as an art and as an ultimate need. Many seem to spend much of their life in the full enjoyment of a happy marriage or in a frustrated search for the ideal mate.

There is a distaste for the drab, ugly, and irksome, and a tendency to shun difficult, sordid work, unattractive situations—and people. "Walking out" of what they dislike is common of less developed Librans, who may throw themselves ardently into a project of a group activity, only to withdraw unexpectedly as their interest wanes and make an eager start elsewhere. A need of persistence and an equilibrium not subject to ever-changing moods is often much to be desired.

Landscaping, architecture, interior decorating, diplomatic or secretarial work, the selling or designing of quality goods are vocations appealing to Librans. Their mission seems to be harmonization, furthering the interests of love, peace, and beauty in the world.

All children born September 24th to October 12th this year have Sun conjunction Neptune, a delicate, sublimating influence giving artistic or spiritual aims, exquisite tastes, subtle perceptions, love of mystery and devotion to

lofty ideals. Outstanding creativeness or occult investigation is a possibility, particularly for those born September 24th to 29th when Mercury as well as the Sun is conjunction Neptune. Definite aims, strong convictions, much self-control and determination are indicated for those born September 28th to October 15th with Sun sextile Pluto. Sun trine Uranus (October 5th to 23rd) signifies a positive, independent character, a high, unwavering purpose, much insight and zeal. There may be much popularity, rare capabilities, and leadership in educational or social movements. Owing to the potently beneficent conjunction of Sun and Jupiter, those born October 19th to 23rd should merit and attract many blessings and prove to be generous, humane, good-natured, and broad-minded.

Mercury sextile Pluto from September 24th to 30th may integrate, intensify and deepen the mentality. However, a square of these two planets may bring an element of cruelty or ruthlessness into the lives of those born October 10th to 23rd unless sympathy, kindness, and tolerance are cultivated. Mercury trine Uranus (September 27th to October 7th) may result in much independence, ingenuity, and interest in advanced social and scientific matters. The Mercury-Saturn square of October 7th to 19th may incline towards needless worry, fear, distrust, envy, narrowness, or shyness in those born at the time. Emphasizing right thinking, friendliness, good-will, and greater faith in God will off-set tendencies toward self-centered or materialistic views.

Mercury conjunction Jupiter (October 3rd to 16th) is an indication of considerable intelligence, scholarly or professional pursuits, an optimistic outlook and kindness. Mercury is also conjunction Mars in the charts of those born after October 9th, which can give much courage, enthusiasm, and directness, and an energetic, perhaps combative, mentality. This being a powerfully stimulating aspect, there may be

a need of curbing the love of danger, contention, excesses, or egotism. Mars square Saturn at the same time is an indication of considerable self-will, impatience, ill-temper, inner conflicts, severity towards self or others, etc., to be transmuted by becoming more lenient and tolerant, acquiring a worthy purpose, and consideration for the rights and feelings of others, and the constructive direction (not repression) of all energies and desires.

Mars square Pluto from October 1st to 23rd is also likely to bring difficult problems, fondness of drastic measures, abortive enterprises, etc., unless compassion, renunciation, and moderation are acquired.

Fondness of sport and adventure, much ambition, vigor, and resourcefulness are among the traits Mars conjunction Jupiter may stimulate in those born September 23rd to October 11th, but a need of temperance, fairness, and sound judgment may also be indicated.

Jupiter squares both Saturn and Pluto all solar month, attracting circumstances from which these children might form erroneous conclusions or miscomprehensions resulting in false beliefs and negative habits of thinking. A wholesome, positive attitude, faith in the inherent goodness of man, in the justice of God, and straight thinking will assist these children toward successful living.

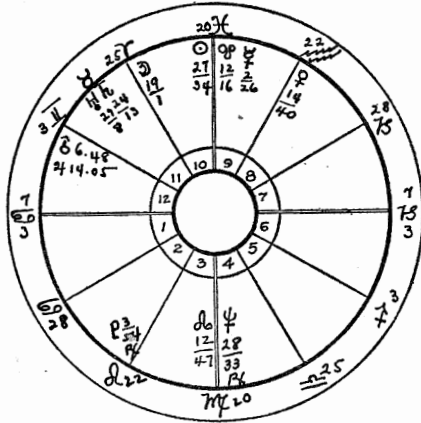
The obscure, hard to define conjunction of Saturn and Pluto will affect all these children. Unexpected hardness, severity, a rigid conscience, indifference to pleasure and pain may become apparent. Humility and love without self-seeking seems to be a need here.

The sublimating influence of Neptune on both Saturn and Pluto will give an inspiring, elevating vision assisting these children to conform with the Divine Will, to solve formidable problems, in social or occult work, in spiritual regeneration. Infinite patience, strategic methods, determination, and practical idealism may be expected.

Reading for a Subscriber's Child

MADELINE J. M.

Born March 18, 1942, 11:32 A.M.
Latitude 34 N. Longitude 118 W.



The two main points in a chart, the Sun sign or the Ego, and the Ascendant or the personality and the physical body, are both water signs in this chart, which gives a receptive, retiring, sensitive nature with strong emotions. The Moon, ruler of the Ascendant, is placed in Aries, a fire sign, which gives energy and a desire for action that is quite beneficial. It makes a sextile to Venus and Jupiter thus tempering the independent, aggressive, and usually resentful attitude, to a kindly generous personality. The Sun is sextile to Uranus, Saturn, and Mars, providing intuition, stability and energy.

The Sun and Moon, though in different signs, are both in the 10th house. Such a configuration usually brings the person before the public and is one of the surest signs of success. Venus in Aquarius indicates a blending of the Venus qualities with the Uranian traits of independence, impatience of restraint, disregard of convention, and originality. Venus is otherwise well aspected, sextile to the Moon and trine to Jupiter. This combination, with the Sun in Pisces, indicates great interest in philanthropic movements, and a desire to take steps to bring in new and im-

proved conditions for the welfare of humanity.

Mars and Jupiter in Gemini give a keen, alert mentality, with literary ability. The Mars influence indicates a fondness for measuring one's wits against others in debate. The square of Mercury gives a tendency to impulsive action, as well as a quick temper. However, the other favorable aspects in the chart help to alleviate this tendency.

The most important step in Madeline's training is to teach her control of her emotions, including temper and action without forethought. She should be taught to analyze a situation before taking action. The parents should take especial pains to encourage her to make her own decisions as soon as possible, rather than to have her rely on others, for she will need this training. Great care should be taken to avoid confusion in her environment, for the more regularity and orderliness in her surroundings the easier it will be for Madeline to keep her equilibrium and to form orderly habits.

This is all very important from a health standpoint also, for a sensitive Cancer Ascendant can easily be influenced to such an extent as to build in discordant vibrations affecting every part of the physical body. Mercury squares Uranus which also tends to affect the nerves. Jupiter rules the 6th house of health, and this planet is trine to Venus and sextile to the Moon, helping considerably by giving a cheerful outlook in general.

Madeline will prefer the companionship of those older than herself, and will always be attracted to elderly people, ever ready to serve them in some capacity. Her greatest satisfaction is apt to come through occupations carried on in comparative seclusion, and the Sun in the 10th in Pisces indicates a position in an executive capacity in an institution, or with some organization for the benefit of humanity.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE ADVICE

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place of birth, year, day of month, hour. No readings given except in this Magazine and ONLY FOR PERSONS 14 to 40 YEARS OF AGE.—Editor.

Therapist. Organist

RUTH B. H.—Born February 2, 1919, 12:00 M. Lat. 35 N. Long. 89 W. This chart indicates ability and success in new and advanced methods of healing such as naturopathy, electric-therapy, astrotherapy, music and color therapy, etc. The Sun, which rules the Midheaven, is placed in Aquarius with Uranus. Scorpio, the healing sign, rules the Ascendant, and Mars, Venus, and the Moon are in Pisces trine Jupiter in Cancer. Venus in Pisces gives sympathy and the inclination to relieve sickness and suffering and interest in work connected with institutions. If there is a musical education, which is strongly indicated, a position as an organist would be profitable. There is interest in scientific research, which might well be used in work for the government in the agricultural department. The 4th house position of these planets shows activity in connection with houses, lands, and agriculture. The trine to Jupiter in Cancer indicates profit from these sources.

Artist. Detective

ZELDA M. P.—Born October 15, 1926, 3:10 A.M. Lat. 38 N. Long. 86 W. This chart shows one capable of several profitable vocations. Mercury rules the Midheaven and the Ascendant, and is placed in Scorpio, showing mental ingenuity as well as ability in the sciences or arts. This can manifest in more than one direction but particularly in ferreting out secrets. The native would be quite apt in the secret service. The Sun and Venus in Libra, trine to Jupiter in Aquarius in the 5th house, indicates work connected with the fine arts—commercial artist, decorator, or teacher in

these arts. Other favorable occupations are newspaper critic, architect, chemist, information or travel bureau agent, credit manager, office worker, or secretary.

Chiropodist. Ambulance Service

PAUL E. S.—Born March 18, 1917, 3:58 A.M. Lat. 39 N. Long. 90 W. Scorpio rules the Midheaven, and Mars, its ruler, is placed in Pisces conjunction to the Sun and Venus and trine to Saturn in the 6th house. Pisces rules the feet and Scorpio denotes the surgeon. Together they would indicate success as a chiropodist, or as a specialist in correcting foot deformities and ailments. These planets in Pisces, sextile the Moon in the 12th house, along with Mars ruling the 3rd house cusp, also show success in ambulance work, bringing rapid and efficient service to those in need. Other vocations indicated are mortician, hospital worker, footwear salesman, inspector, detective, or oil station operator.

Draftsman. Photographer

NORMAN E. D.—Born January 30, 1923, 3:00 A.M. Lat. 41 N. Long. 74 W. Exceptional ability is shown in the popular sciences, mathematics, etc. Virgo on the Midheaven, and Mercury in Aquarius sextile to Mars in Aries shows an alert mentality and ability as a draftsman, or any position which requires exactness in detail. Photography is another favorable occupation which belongs to the Virgo qualifications. Saturn in Libra sextile to Venus in Sagittarius points toward law to a considerable degree, and with the other qualifications mentioned above, would bring success. Advertising, printing, and book binding are all favorable occupations.

Monthly News Interpreted

Bill and George--a Case of Dual Personality

Chicago sweated as the woolly, wet heat topped 99 degrees in the Cook County jail. In cell No. 59, husky, sullen, 17-year-old William Heirens sat with his head in his hands.

Bill was the star. A smart, hard-working sophomore at the University of Chicago . . . He was charged with 24 burglaries, four assaults with intent to murder, and one assault and robbery. He was also suspected of having shot and stabbed to death ex-WAVE Frances Brown; of having strangled and dissected six-year-old Suzanne Degnan; of having shot and stabbed Mrs. Josephine Ross, a Chicago widow, when she surprised him looting her apartment. The papers declared that he had made an oral confession of all three murders while lulled by a "truth serum" (sodium entothal). Bill insisted that he could neither rob nor murder. He blamed it all on a fellow named George Murman. . . .

The psychiatrists with yeoman help from the boys in the pressroom, explained George to Chicago by saying that his creator, Bill, was a duo-personality—that Bill Heirens had made George up the way children invent playmates. By such a device, they said, Bill Heirens could remain an average son and student, date nice girls and go to church and at the same time carry on a one-man crime wave to make even Chicago's hair rise.

Meanwhile, Bill glowered and complained that he had always taken the rap for the diabolical George. First it was petty theft. Next it was assault, then murder. Bill swore he had bawled George out and written him notes begging him to straighten up, get out of town, get lost in the river. But George was utterly willful. . . .

George had done a horrible thing. When he came sneaking back to Bill's room later on, Bill chased him off to Texas. But George kept writing him letters (always copying Bill's script) and then he came back to Chicago and promptly started on more burglary. . . .

At week's end, Chicago was beginning to get on to this business of Bill's split personality. The drugstore D.A.s declared that Bill Heirens was either nuts, or the coldest murderer in the city's murder-studded history.—*Time*, July 29, 1946.

In cases where a person has led a particularly evil life, when the physical body is discarded at the time of passing, it has been found that an interlocking

vehicle persists in the Desire World as a sort of separate entity for hundreds of years after the Spirit that owned the vehicle has gone on into the higher regions of the heaven worlds. This interlocked vehicle has within itself a certain amount of life and consciousness, and although it cannot reason it does possess a certain form of low cunning which makes it seem as though it were actually endowed with a spiritual presence or Ego. This vehicle, in occult parlance, is known as the sin body.

When the Spirit returns to earth to be born again into a physical body, this sin body which has persisted during the time the Spirit sojourned in the heaven worlds is naturally attracted to its creator and usually stays with it during all of that particular life as a demon. Occult investigators have proved that this class of soulless creatures were very prevalent during Biblical times, and it was to them that our Savior referred when He spoke of casting out devils, they being the cause of various obsessions and bodily ills such as are recorded in the Bible. Robert Louis Stevenson was referring to and describing the power of such an entity in his book called "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

In the case of Bill Heirens and George Murman, there is little doubt that George is such an evil entity which at times takes possession of Bill's physical body and causes it to commit all sorts of revolting crimes, even to performing the most atrocious forms of murder. The real Bill states that he has been harassed by this entity since the time of his early youth and that he has striven to rid himself of the loathsome creature, time after time, and on different occasions has been able to do so; but that it always came back.

Evidently Bill Heirens is clairvoyant to some extent and is therefore able to

discern the despicable entity whenever it approaches him. However, he is quite powerless to prevent it from entering into his body at times and taking possession, using it to commit any act that it desires; and at such times Bill, the real owner of the dense vehicle, is utterly powerless to control the activities of the invading entity.

Bill Heirens is not a criminal as his life when not under control proves. When left alone he is studious, honest, and upright, ambitious to make the most out of life. But George Murman is a wholly wicked entity which delights in perpetrating evil deeds. Bill Heirens is not insane. He is the victim of an entity whose activities, when it steals his dense body and uses it, have but one object—the gratification of its evil desires.

Bill Heirens should be put under the supervision of a first class psychiatrist who could banish the entity when it appears and attempts to enter the boy's body and who could teach him how to strengthen his own will power so that in time he would be able to resist the entity himself.

When the Spirit is driven out of its dense body the invading entity enters in and uses it for the time being. There is an infallible means of knowing whether a person is really obsessed, and that is by diagnosis of the eye; for only the true owner of the eye is capable of contacting and expanding the iris.

An individual may be possessed and not be obsessed. In a case of possession the Ego is driven out of its physical body and the controlling entity, instead of entering into the dense vehicle stands directly behind it and manipulates the tongue and limbs by means of the medulla oblongata, causing the body to move or speak as the entity desires.

One who maintains a positive attitude of mind can never be obsessed, for so long as one asserts his or her individuality, and fear is not allowed to enter, that positive power is strong enough to keep all outsiders away.

Kansas Benefits from Temperance

Though ridiculed for its traditional and stanch dry stand, Kansas is reaping enviable results from its attitude. *The Christian Observer* says that in Kansas there are fifty-four counties without any insane, fifty-four counties without any feeble-minded, ninety-six counties without any poorhouses, fifty-three counties without any persons in jail, and fifty-six counties without any representatives in the state penitentiary.—*Signs of the Times*.

According to the statistics in the article reprinted, in the state of Kansas, where prohibition has been in effect for many years, over half of its 106 counties are without insane people and feeble-minded persons; almost the entire state is free from poorhouses, half of the state free from jail inmates, and over half of the state is free from penitentiary convicts.

Contrast this with a report in *The Temperance Advocate* which states that sixty-two per cent of Americans between sixteen and twenty-four years of age are drinkers, and a report from the governor of Massachusetts that the total cost of alcoholism to the citizens of that state is about \$61,000,000 annually against which is an offset of \$13,139,266 revenue, leaving a deficit of \$47,860,734, which must be made up in added taxation on the people, many of whom are truly opposed to traffic in alcohol, and one can readily see where, from a monetary point of view alone, it is high time that something should be done to protect the people from this monster. And what about the protection of our young people? Alcohol, tons of it, is made for the purpose of human consumption and we can find it almost everywhere ready to tempt young people with immature minds into consuming it. The people have the power to change this condition if they so desire, but the *desire* must be there before we can hope for action. God speed the time when the people do become aroused and stamp out this great menace to the future progress of the world.

READERS' QUESTIONS

"Miracle Bark"

Question:

A short time ago a popular magazine contained an article describing the unusual properties for inducing and improving vegetation possessed by the bark of the redwood tree. Some lumbermen "noticed that wherever the waste redwood bark had piled upon the forest floor, it soon was covered with a dense growth of new scrub. Whenever a redwood log was left lying in the woods, fresh vegetation sprouted from the bark. Obviously, there was something in the redwood bark which promoted the growth of young plants." Is there any occult information to be had concerning this remarkable phenomenon?

Answer:

There are three powers of the Spirit: Will, Wisdom, and Activity, or the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three Powers manifest through all the kingdoms of Nature with which we are familiar here in the physical world: chemical, plant, animal, and man, as well as with the other life waves with which we are not so well acquainted, resulting in the numerous complexities of form we see about us. The Activity Principle, or Holy Spirit, is the creative energy in Nature—the Principle which works for fecundation and growth in all the kingdoms of Nature.

Corresponding to these three Powers of the Spirit are the three primary colors: blue, yellow, and red. Each color has its own individual rate of vibration and thus provides a channel for the action of the particular forces harmonious to its nature.

It would seem that the key to the extremely interesting phenomenon of Nature mentioned in the above question is to be found in the fact that the wood

of this particular tree is *red*, the color of the Holy Spirit. The redwood trees, particularly their bark, seem to have the faculty of manifesting an unusual amount of the third Power of the Spirit, and this fact may account not only for the impetus they give to vegetation, but also for the tremendous size and age of these trees.

This same condition may be found in the human kingdoms, for we see all about us human beings who are manifesting or expressing more of one of the three powers of the Spirit than of the other two. Thus we have the strongly mental person, who is over-developed in the Will Principle; the strongly emotional person, who manifests an imbalance in the Love-Wisdom Principle; and the physically over-active person who has developed the Holy Spirit Principle out of proportion to the other two Principles.

The object of evolution in all kingdoms is to unfold the inherent latent potentialities of the threefold Spirit in equal measure, and eventually this will be done. In the meantime, however, we will continue to see many interesting phenomena resulting from the imbalances accompanying the unfolding of the powers of the growing Spirit in all the four kingdoms of Nature.

THE BODIES OF MAN

Question:

How many bodies, or inner and outer vehicles, has man? What are their nature, functions, and relationships?

Answer:

The dense body of man is composed of the solids, liquids, and gases of the chemical region of the Physical World. It is our instrument for gaining experience in the material world, and is the product of ages and ages of work done

by both the Ego and many higher Beings.

Interpenetrating the dense body is the vital body, which is composed of the four ethers: chemical, life, light, and reflecting. It extends beyond the periphery of the dense body about an inch and a half, and is luminous—about the color of a new-blown peach blossom. During ante-natal life the vital body forms a matrix into which the dense body is built, and after the Ego is born into the physical world, becomes the channel through which the vital force of the sun is absorbed. By means of the chemical ether of the vital body man is able to assimilate food and grow; the forces at work in the life ether enable him to propagate his species; the forces in the light ether supply the dense body with heat, work on the nervous system and the muscles, thus opening the doors of communication with the outside world by way of the senses; and the reflecting ether enables the Spirit to control its vehicles by means of thought. This ether also stores past experiences as memory. During health the vital body specializes a superabundance of vital force, which after passing through the dense body, radiates in straight lines in every direction from the periphery thereof. During ill-health the lines of vital force become crumpled and bent, showing the lack of force behind them. All through life the vital body is the builder and restorer of the dense body. When anesthetics are used the vital body is partially driven out, along with the higher vehicles, and if the application is too strong and the life ether is driven out, death ensues. The two higher ethers compose what is called the soul body, or golden wedding garment, which is the pabulum of the Spirit. The soul body is built anew each life by loving, self-forgetting service to others. It is in this vehicle that we function when out of the body as Invisible Helpers.

Interpenetrating the dense and vital bodies is the desire body, or astral body,

as sometimes designated. It is composed of incessantly moving desire stuff from the Desire World, its colors indicating the spiritual development of the person. It has the appearance of a luminous ovoid, which in waking hours, completely surrounds the dense body, as the albumen does the yolk of an egg. It extends from twelve to sixteen inches beyond the dense body, and contains seven sense centers which furnish man with the means for perception in the Desire World. In the voluntary clairvoyant, trained by lives of purity and service, these vortices turn clockwise, glowing with exceeding splendor. The desire body is rooted in the liver, as the vital body is rooted in the spleen, and is the seat of all desire and emotion. It is said to be born at the fourteenth year, the positive as well as the negative pole being completed at that time.

The mind is man's newest vehicle, and is as yet but an unformed cloud of mind-stuff. The conscious mind (or memory) is made up from sense perceptions. The sub-conscious mind (or memory) is brought into being by the air we inspire carrying with it a detailed picture of all our surroundings. These pictures are carried by the blood and impressed upon the negative atoms of the vital body. Both the conscious and sub-conscious mind (or memory) relate *wholly* to the experiences of this life. The superconscious mind (or memory) is the storehouse of all faculties acquired and knowledge gained in previous lives.

The mind is the link between the Ego and its bodies, and contributes increasingly to spiritual growth as the thoughts it transmits to and from the Spirit polish it to greater brightness, sharpening and intensifying its focus more and more to a single point, perfectly flexible and under the control of the Spirit.

The Ego is the threefold Spirit, which works through its threefold body to generate the threefold soul, the mind being the fulcrum by means of which this is accomplished.

NUTRITION AND HEALTH

The Calcium Cycle

By DR. A. J. HAWORTH

“Every living being requires that particular kind of food which is adapted to its species and to its individual organism, and Life, the great alchemist, transforms the food taken. . . . It is given only to intellectual man to disobey his natural instincts, and to eat or drink things which are injurious to him, but which may gratify some artificially acquired taste.”
—Paracelsus.



ARE too many doctors surround their diagnosis and therapy with mystery. Sometimes this is done to prevent the patient from concentrating on his ailment. The physician figures that the patient should not be bothered with details which he might not understand, or the doctor may not want to go to the trouble of explaining. Again he may be uncertain of his diagnosis or not so confident of his therapy, and to commit himself on the diagnosis would be a risk to his reputation. Sometimes a patient is so confident of the doctor that he gladly places a problem wholly in his hands. This has its good points, for the patient will cease to worry, the doctor works confidently, and the mutual trust banishes fear from the picture, allowing Nature to heal without obstruction.

However, this patient is not learning about his body nor about the pathology to which he is subjected, and must therefore lean on the good doctor. Such an attitude has much room for improvement in the light of metaphysics, for everyone must sooner or later become self-reliant in ALL things and become his own physician. The doctor's role in this human drama is to be ready and willing to teach his patient. The best doctor is also a teacher.

If the doctor is “practicing” on a

patient, he is learning, like every one else, but until he has ferreted out the innermost cause of the trouble and how best to assist Nature and explains this to his patient he cannot honestly say he is progressing in his profession or doing the patient justice. The patient should be satisfied with nothing less than the fullest information the doctor can give, and even then the patient owes it to his immediate welfare and future destiny to act on the principle involved and NOT on the personality of the doctor.

In this way, and this way only, can the health of the race be put on the high road to success. Today as never before people in the Western world are demanding the truth about these things. They are no longer contented to take a sugar-coated laxative pill prescribed in Latin. They want to KNOW, and this tendency will make better doctors and better patients. Nature demands recognition and will have it, regardless of personalities or man-made systems. Nature working through man guides him unerringly to his ultimate good, and the quicker he tunes in the sooner Nature can help him free himself.

Man is always more or less limited by his own errors he makes in the flesh as well as out of it, but he is especially conscious of his limitations while embodied. Here the past mistakes mani-

fest in mental and physical imperfections. Thus the time spent on earth is the best cycle in which he may improve his lot—both present and future. Physical birth postulates physical death. Max Heindel in *The Cosmo-Conception* states that calcium or lime is man's worst physical enemy.

Naturally the better man is able to manipulate calcium in his body, by preventing the deposits of it in the inorganic form, the longer, or at least the more useful, his life can be. The earthy matter invades the muscles, causing rheumatism. In the joints, it is called arthritis. In the nerves it is called neuritis, and in the bones various kinds of pathology may arise such as osteomyelitis (inflammation of the marrow), osteoporosis (formation or enlargement of cavities), osteomalacia (softening of the bone), osteosclerosis (abnormal hardness), and many others affecting the bone covering, veins, and nerves. They are all largely due to failure in calcium metabolism.

The average human body contains 75 pounds of oxygen, 50 pounds of carbon, 15 pounds of hydrogen, 2 ounces of nitrogen. Besides these elements which act as bases and chemical activators we have the twelve basic minerals corresponding to the twelve zodiacal signs. First in predominance is calcium, 4 pounds; then comes phosphorous, 3 pounds; chlorine, 2 pounds; magnesium, 6 ounces; fluorine and sulphur, 5 ounces; sodium, 4 ounces; potassium, 3 ounces; iron, 2 ounces; silicon, 1 ounce; iodine and bromine, one half ounce. Traces of many other elements of the universe also exist—probably all that are known. There are about 94, including the last two discovered, neptunium and plutonium. Man is a chemical duplication of mother earth.

The mineral kingdom is associated with the signs of the zodiac, as they are the stabilizing influence or the base upon which life processes work and are influenced. The activators are the planets and must have dynamic counterparts

through which to work in the physical. The vitamins are that instrument and are to the planets what the mineral is to the static electricity of the zodiac.

The vital counterpart of the physical body works on the dense body through the ductless glands, which secrete the various hormones for bodily processes. This vital body is fed by the vitamins or the vital essences of the food and the sun. Thus we may see that the planets are the indicators of vitamin affinity, and the rising sign or the most prominent sign when the ascendant is not known, is the indicator of the mineral affinity. Each chart shows the individual is a distinctive being—chemically, mentally, and spiritually different in a greater or lesser degree from every other being on or off the globe.

In spite of the sometimes vast difference in people there is a fundamental principle in life that is applicable in all cases to all people. That is the nature of evolution. The sun shines and the rain drops on both the just and unjust. Now here we are interested in determining the basic principle of the calcium cycle as it is supposed to operate in man's body and to find how best we can assist nature in this respect.

The main source of this death-dealing inorganic calcium is meat, table salt, bicarbonate of soda, and any number of inorganic drugs. The avoidance of any food containing inorganic calcium is the simplest way to maintain a pliable healthy body. However, karmic conditions may be such that during intra-uterine life the fetus collects too much of this earthy matter and may continue to do so through lack of knowledge after birth until finally some weak organ or tissue succumbs and eventually the whole organism. According to occult philosophy death does not come until the clock of destiny strikes, and this is predetermined before birth.

However, this by no means renders man helpless or without some control over the matter. He may spend a certain life span of years sick, miserable,

and more or less impotent, or he may, by coping with the problem intelligently, have good health and lead a happy useful life according to his mental and spiritual attainment. Over this we most certainly have a much greater measure of control than many suppose. In the exact proportion that we evolve the Christ love within are we able to manifest the ratio of healing.

Biochemists have found that where there is a calcium deficiency the shortest road to health is, among other factors, to introduce into the system organic calcium from the plant kingdom, milk, etc. Where there are inorganic calcium deposits in the tissues causing the diseases mentioned above, the trick is to establish calcium metabolism. The building up and tearing down process is balanced by attaining an equalizing status between calcium in the tissue and calcium in the blood stream. It is known that vitamin F acts to draw the calcium from the blood to the tissue, and that vitamin D draws it from the tissue to the blood. This latter process is what happens in sun stroke. Too much vitamin D from the sun overloads the blood stream and the person passes out. Large doses of vitamin F quickly revive and restore the calcium balance. Besides the diseases mentioned above, chronic constipation, prostate gland trouble, and arteriosclerosis are probably the most prevalent.

In addition to these two vitamins, B₂, or G, as it is known, is necessary to speed up the elimination. This factor is known to stimulate the vagus nerve which ramifies the heart and branches out into the digestive and eliminative organs. Vitamin C is also necessary, as it establishes control between calcium carbonate (inorganic) and calcium phosphate (organic). Where there is a calcium deficiency and organic calcium is added this whole process is necessary sometimes, for it is quite likely that the general metabolism of the system is out of balance.

Many times also positive results may

depend upon the addition of organic phosphorous, for it will be noted that this is next in predominance in the body to calcium. The schedule above shows a comparatively small amount of iron—two ounces. The body *uses* a large amount of iron, as it forms the basis of muscular energy. Yet at any given time there is a relatively small amount present. This has no direct bearing on the calcium cycle, but it is deemed wise to mention the need of lots of iron in the diet, from grapes, raisins, currants, spinach, etc.

It may be well to mention here that often where the calcium cycle is impaired there is a deficiency of natural calcium, and it follows that after a measure of relief has been restored by establishing the cycle and thereby routing the deposits from the blood or the tissue, a diet high in organic calcium is in order. We must also remember that the chemical and life ethers are the agents which build vitamins into the body, and therefore every sane rule of healthful living must be observed. The chemical and life ethers belong to the physical plane while the other two have more to do with mental processes.

Vitamins were known to exist as far back as 1881, when a man fed mice all the known ingredients of milk in a laboratory. He fed another group cow's milk. The mice who got the artificial milk died. The others flourished. However, there was nothing done about pinning down this elusive essence until 1911, when Funk, a Polish chemist, extracted minute crystalline substances from rice polishings and with them stopped beriberi. This started the scientific world on the vitamin hunt. Funk found the substance was basically the so-called "amine" nitrogen, so by adding the Latin for life, "vita," the name became "vitamine." This was labeled B, but when later factors were isolated—some with no nitrogen content—it was decided to drop the final "e" in naming the vitamin group in order to avoid confusion among chemists.

To illustrate how this calcium cycle

may solve a difficult problem, let us consider a recent case using astro-diagnosis. There is no birth hour but the flat figure shows Saturn conjunct Mercury in Sagittarius, ruler of hips and thighs, opposing Neptune in Gemini, ruler of the chest area, arms, and sympathetic nervous system. Saturn obstructs metabolism and calcifies. Mercury is planetary ruler of the sympathetic nerves and the thyroid gland. Neptune rules the spinal cord, nerve sheath and the pineal gland. Thus it is plain to see that the calcification takes place in the sympathetic nerve sheaths in the hip, and the endocrine imbalance back of it all can be traced to the thyroid and pineal glands.

Uranus, ruler of the pituitary gland and nerve force, conjuncts Venus, ruler of venous circulation. Both are also in Sagittarius and form a square to the Moon and Jupiter, ruler of arterial circulation and the adrenals, in Virgo, ruler of the small intestine. (There is a question about the Moon involvement due to lack of exact birth time). This set-up added coal to the original fire, by inclining to sluggish small intestinal function, torpid liver, and stomach action not up to par. Although the thyroid and pineal seem to be more in the center of the picture, the only ductless gland not involved is the spleen, ruled by the Sun, which is trining Jupiter and the Moon. This and the Mars trine Uranus and Venus aspect are the saving graces in the chart, and as a matter of fact, the man does have fine recuperative power as was proven when the proper therapy was applied.

To begin with, the calcium cycle was started as outlined above. Then, on account of the shriveling influence of Neptune on the nerve covering, a series of hot mineral baths were instituted. These gave almost instant relief as the drying and shrinking of the nerves by the Neptune influence was offset by the moisture and the heat. As the heat expanded the sheath and the moisture penetrated the body the patient gradu-

ally began to walk again, but of course this cannot be a permanent cure without the inner reorganization of the calcium cycle and the balancing of the endocrine system. In order not to overlook a vitamin that would nourish the different glands, a vitamin complex was given, in addition to the specific routine for the calcium cycle.

Of course there are minor details connected with this medical analysis, but the main idea is to show the primary trouble and the method of handling the cycle through astro-diagnosis. There is no doubt that the other diseases mentioned in this connection would respond, as this case has, to a similar routine, varied according to needs. For instance, if an organ is affected without impairing the use of the limbs, perhaps not so much moist heat would be required, as the walls of the abdomen are thin compared to the deep sciatic nerve and its branches. It naturally follows that a diet based on the vitamins used in therapy should be introduced at once and never departed therefrom, especially in the case of a saturnine chronic affliction.

Dr. Lister, physician to Queen Anne, said, "I do not consider myself as hazarding anything when I say that no man can be a good physician who has not a competent knowledge of cookery." A large proportion of the cookbooks of the 17th and 18th centuries were written by doctors, no doubt partly because they were more literate than the cooks of that time. We all know that Hippocrates, the father of medicine, said no man could administer medicine safely without knowledge of astrology. Later on Paracelsus stated that any doctor without an understanding of astrology was an ignorant fool and a bore.

These words from Paracelsus, the father of modern surgery, may seem a bit harsh and unkind, but many wise and good men are on occasion very blunt for a purpose—to stir men to action. So

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Results of Too Frequent Eating



FRUITFUL cause of digestive disorders is the habit of eating every few hours. People who habitually eat five or six times a day frequently assert that they are hungry and must have food. Actually, the craving is due to a diseased condition of the stomach, and the relief results from the weight of food which deadens the stomach.

We call it criminal to give a person addicted to the morphine habit more just because he craves it, and it would give temporary relief from suffering, and we should apply the same logic to people who are poisoned by an excess of food. One who looks with spiritual sight at the peristaltic action of the stomach and intestines when the system has been burdened, notices that there exudes from the food a poisonous gas which is thrown outward through the periphery of the aura by the man's vital body so long as he is in good health. When his vitality becomes weak and the flow of the solar force through the spleen is not as strong as usual, this poisonous gas remains around the abdominal region as a broad black band which poisons all organic activities of the body while it is there.

When a person eats not more than three times a day, there is a slight chance for the dissolution of the poison band between meals, but when meals are eaten at intervals of only a few hours, there is absolutely no chance for the person to rid himself of this poison cloud. As

a consequence he grows worse and worse, shortening the span of his natural life in a manner what would be a shocking surprise to most of these people could they realize it.

For these reasons anyone who wishes to obtain and maintain health should make it a point to eat only two or three times a day and *sparingly*, taking care to secure an abundance of bulk rather than nutriment, for it is an actual fact that many, many more people die of too much nourishment than of too little.—
Max Heindel.

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PATIENTS' LETTERS

France, May 29, 1946

The Rosicrucian Fellowship

Dear Friends:

This week I have a fine report to send you. I have had the pleasure of finding my eyesight improved by fifty per cent, so that I can write without spectacles. You can imagine my joy and thankfulness at such results, and there is much improvement spiritually, also. I feel now that all progress is possible.

Very thankfully yours,

—L.P.

Colorado, July 8, 1946

The Rosicrucian Fellowship

Oceanside, California.

Dear Friends:

My condition this week has been greatly improved, and I thank you and the Helpers for what you have done and are doing for me. I was quite helpless when I first asked for help, but now I believe I am going to have another chance to gain the experience necessary to further the soul qualities.

—A.A.O.

England, June 2, 1946

The Rosicrucian Fellowship

Dear Friends:

I am very happy to tell you that I have never known such a long period free from pain as since writing for your help.

Not only have the symptoms of my disease gradually gone, but I seem to have found a new lease on life. I have new contacts, new ideas, new ambitions and life itself has broadened from a generally depressing round of work and liquid diet into a much happier and brighter state.

May God give you strength, courage, and guidance to help others as you have helped me.

—T.S.

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Teddy's Bodyguard

By LILLIAN CRONE



EDDY was lying on the couch in the living room, dozing off. He wanted to be in bed, but—he had to admit it to himself—he was *afraid* to go upstairs in the dark. He was wishing Mother would take him up to his room and sit with him until he fell asleep, just like black Miranda used to do.

Father was saying something to Mother about him. "Why doesn't Ted go up to bed instead of lying around waiting for us to take him up?" he asked. "A boy is no longer a baby at eight!"

"I think he is afraid," replied Mother. "His colored nurse used to tell him gruesome stories about things in the dark, fierce animals that would get him, until he fears every sound and animal."

"Haven't you told him those stories are not true?" asked Father.

"Of course, but I discovered Miranda's scaring habit too late, I fear. Just telling him there is nothing to fear does little good. I am glad little Faith never came under Miranda's influence; she fears nothing. But Teddy has about as much to unlearn as to learn. That is our greatest task with him now."

"The task of overcoming senseless fear is his own work not ours," explained Father. "He must face this problem himself. After he has had a few real experiences out here in the woods and mountains and is forced to

face them alone, he will learn to fear nothing in all the world."

Mother sighed. "But he won't face anything alone. He is so used to hiding away behind someone else. He sniffs at everything like an unbroken colt. I suppose it is best for him to find himself among things in his own way, just as animals naturally do. When they see we mean no harm, they come up sniffing and make friends."

"Ted should be made to face things, starting with this business of going to bed in the dark alone," said Father. "Here, Ted, time to go to bed!"

Teddy turned over on the couch and yawned. "Yes, Sir," he answered, and started up for bed.

Slowly he made his way up the stairs. His long shadow stretched out ahead of him in weird fashion. He stopped at every stair to look ahead along the dimly lighted hall for things that might be lurking about, ready to pop out or sneak up on him.

In his room, he fumbled for a match with trembling fingers, lighted the lamp and got out of his clothes as fast as he could. He dropped them on the floor in his great haste to get under the bed-covers. He had forgotten to put out the light. He got up to blow it out, then slid under the sheet—head, ears, and all—to shut out the sounds coming in from the summer night outdoors.

He was thinking about what Father and Mother thought of him. Yes, he

was afraid—really a coward, was what they meant. City boy that he was, he was even afraid of the gentle horse and cow they kept up at the cabin, and the unknown world out in the woods was so full of mystery and fearful creatures that he never ventured even as far as the pool where the deer came to drink.



One day a short time later Ted was watching Father chop down a large tree for fuel. He had sawed well through from one side and was cutting on the opposite side with his ax when the tree suddenly lurched, then crashed down to earth before he had time to get out of the way.

To Ted's surprise, Father did not answer when he called, though he could be plainly seen below the tangle of leaves and branches. Ted climbed over and under and through the brush in his effort to reach his father, but could not get near enough to release him, or even touch him.

In terror, he ran to the cabin for Mother. Even with her help, they could not so much as move the tree trunk or touch Father, and Mother quickly saw it would take much strong help to free him.

"Teddy, you're such a big boy now," she said. "You must go through the woods to Mr. Brown's and ask him to get all the men he can to help Father out from under the tree. The shortest way is the path through the woods. Get a lantern and light it when you return, as it will be dark by that time. You've gone that way with Father."

Teddy knew he was the one to go on this errand, but he hesitated. "Are

there any wild animals in the woods, Mother?"

"Teddy, remember *wild* animals aren't always really *bad* or *harmful*. When we say *wild* animals, we only mean those God Himself has raised and is taking care of them, and when we say *tame* animals we mean those *we* are caring for. No one of them will harm us or fear us unless we harm or fear them." explained Mother. "Now hurry, Dear."

"All right, Mother," Teddy answered, thinking of his father.

As Ted started off with the lantern, his mother called to him, "Just watch the path, Teddy, and don't look into the woods at all or listen to anything. Remember, keep your eyes on the path and go as fast as you can."

Ted waved his hand back at his Mother, and trotted off, losing sight of the cabin as the path turned around a clump of trees. It was still light in the woods, and because he went at a dogtrot, he reached the Browns' cabin before he could think of fearful animals.

Ted delivered his message to Mrs. Brown. She would go out to meet Mr. Brown who was getting in the cows from pasture, and tell him to go to Mr. Stewart's aid at once. Ted turned to return home through the woods.

"Won't you wait and go back with Mr. Brown?" asked Mrs. Brown.

"No, Ma'am," he replied. "Mother said I must hurry back to help her. So I'll be going back."

By the time Teddy again entered the woods, it was fast getting dark. He stopped to get a long forked pole and attach the lighted lantern to it. With the pole over his shoulder, the light shone directly on the path and made it bright a long ways ahead. He walked on with long strides.

Suddenly, right overhead, something wailed, "Who-o-o-?" Ted stopped and listened in terror. Then he remembered Mother's warning, "Don't listen to anything; just keep going!"

There were crackling sounds in the bushes, and rustlings in the trees. Some-

thing flew over the path directly in front of him and almost struck him.

"Whatever it is, I mustn't look or listen to it. Nothing will hurt me, Mother said," he consoled himself.

Then he began whistling so loudly that he could not hear any other sound, and when the "Who-o-o" was repeated, he was far down the path and never heard it at all.

He held the lantern higher so he could see the path better, and when his lips got tired from being puckered up in a whistle, he began to sing "Onward, Christian Soldier!" That seemed such a good idea: being a real, brave soldier. So he kept singing the verses and chorus as loud as he could.

A pair of yellow eyes gleamed out from among the bushes, but Ted did not notice them. Then a shadowy body slipped out onto the path and trotted behind the boy at a distance. As Ted went on his way singing, the form slipped up, closer and closer. When it was quite close to him, Ted heard the patter of the padded feet, but he did not turn around, just kept up his marching soldier-song. Soon, it slipped up and trotted beside him.

Ted glanced down at the form and exclaimed, in surprise, "Oh, hello, Shep! Where did you come from?"

When Ted stopped to get a better look at the form, it stopped and fell behind.

"Mr. Brown's dog is seeing me through the woods, but he is not so very friendly," thought Ted.

As he continued hurrying along again, the form trotted beside him at one side of the path.

When they reached the bend in the path and came in sight of the cabin, the light from the open door fell on Ted and his companion and the animal stopped and seemed to hesitate.

At the sound of Ted's cheerful whistling, Mother called from the scene of the accident, "Teddy, is that you? I've been expecting you."

"O.K., Mother," Ted shouted. Then

he turned to the animal and said, "Well, Shep, we're safe at home at last."

The form turned and trotted off into the darkness. Once it turned back and the light was reflected from two light spots that were its eyes. Then it vanished.

Mother came up and took Ted in her arms. He could feel her trembling as she gasped, "Darling, did you notice what was following you?"

"Sure!" replied Ted, proudly. "It was Mr. Brown's dog Shep. He's just the nicest dog! He guarded me through all the dark part of the woods and not a thing came near."

"But, Teddy! That was not a dog! It was a timber wolf!" said Mother, with a shaking voice.

"Well, anyhow, he was an awful nice wolf," said Ted, calmly. "He seemed to like to hear me sing, so he kept right up with me. How's Father?"

Help arrived at the cabin almost at once, and Father was released from the tree and carried in and put to bed. He had no broken bones and would recover very soon from his bruises. Ted was eager to tell him the story of his errand and of his new acquaintance.

"He was an awful nice wolf," repeated Ted, after he had finished.

Father smiled. "And so you picked up a timber wolf as a body guard?" he teased. "Weren't you afraid in the dark woods?"

"Why, no! I kept remembering about you and that I had to hurry to get help. I forgot all about wild animals that might be in the dark. I was so anxious about you, Daddy!"

"So that was it!" commented Father. "Mother, Teddy met his problem and handled it sooner and better than we thought he would. And to think it took a dreaded timber wolf to give him his lesson!"

"He wasn't dreadful at all!" objected Teddy. "After this, I think I won't ever be afraid of any animals again. If a wolf likes me, most any other animal will, too, don't you think?"

MT. ECCLESIA NEWS

STUDENTS and friends from all over the country have continued to visit Mt. Ecclesia during the past month. A look at our registration book reveals representatives from New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Washington, and several other states.

At 7:30 P.M. August 10th, visitors and workers gathered into the Dining Hall for a program of group singing, vocal solos, and piano selections by various talented ones. Following the musical program, Mrs. Heindel gave an interesting informal talk, centering her remarks around several astrological charts set up by Max Heindel himself. These charts, the original copies of which were shown to the audience, depicted the auspicious planetary aspects at three important dates in the Fellowship's history: the time of its inception at Seattle in 1909; the first payment of money for the land at Mt. Ecclesia; and the turning of the soil for the foundation of the first building at Headquarters. Some beautiful moving pictures of Mt. Ecclesia in the early forties were shown by one of the friends, and after the serving of refreshments, the assemblage sang "Auld Lang Syne" before parting for the night.

On the evening of August 19th an informative and inspiring talk was given in our Library by Paul Grell, a student of the Roserucian Teachings from early childhood, and now a resident of San Francisco. He described graphically the working of cosmic law in his life during the years he spent in the army at the time of the second World War, pointing out how his undersanding of the higher truths and endeavor to live in accordance with them rewarded him by keeping him out of actual combat and bringing him safely through all difficulties. In a seemingly remarkable manner he was transferred a number of

times just before his group of men was sent to the front, thus preventing his having to violate his principles and kill. He came through a serious accident to his knee, and other difficulties, in a manner which wholly justified his unwavering faith in the working of divine law. Being a vegetarian, he was frequently laughed at and taunted for not eating meat, but went through his entire army life without once departing from his vegetarian ideas—and was none the worse physically for it. When he returned home, his faith that all would work out for his best good was rewarded by his finding both his room and his job waiting for him.

It has been a source of much gratification to observe our foreign work taking such a promising turn toward normal during recent months. From the Free Thought Center in Manila and other students and friends there have come orders for more than a thousand of the Fellowship books within the last few weeks, some for the English editions and some for the Spanish. For a number of years we have had on hand a large quantity of the Spanish translation of the *Cosmo*, and other Fellowship books, waiting to be bound, and now, having been able to secure more experienced help in the print shop, we are happily anticipating getting them bound and ready for filling the numerous orders in our files. Just recently word has come that one hundred copies of the *Cosmo* in German are being sent to us from Switzerland, which will be welcome news for the many friends who have requested our books in German. Requests for the French editions are increasing, and although we have so far been able to fill all orders, we are pleased to hear from friends in France that an edition of *Questions and Answers* will soon be ready for distribution, and that a new printing of *The Message of the Stars* and of the *Cosmo* will come next.



Center and Study Group Activities Of The Rosicrucian Fellowship

“**E**VERY act of every human being has a direct effect on the archetype of his body. If the act is in harmony with the law of life and evolution, it strengthens the archetype and makes for a longer life in which the individual will get the maximum of experience and make soul growth commensurate with his status of life and capacity for learning. Thus fewer embodiments will be necessary to bring him to perfection than one who shirks the strain of life and endeavors to escape its burdens, or one who applies his forces destructively. . . .

“This law applies to all without exception, but it has greater significance in the lives of those who are consciously working with the law of evolution than in those of others. The knowledge of these facts should add tenfold or a hundredfold to our zest and zeal for good.”

—*Max Heindel.*

From Holland comes the following appeal, which we share with our readers:

“I wish to tell you that the American people are doing much to alleviate the distress in Holland by sending food-stuffs, especially tinned milk, and wearing apparel, such as baby’s wear and underwear and suits for adults. These deeds of charity are much appreciated, and this assistance to the Dutch population is very much needed. Even after a year’s liberation, conditions are deplorable. For want of clothing the children suffer most, for there is a great

shortage of all kinds of clothing. I beg you to discuss with one another the sad condition in Holland, and perhaps some of the better situated brethren and sisters can do something for the Dutch people. Clothing of all kinds, bed sheets and pillow slips, as well as food in tin cans, will be sorely needed for the coming winter.

“Personally, I have plenty of time to give to this work of charity, as I have reached the age of being pensioned. Of late years I devote myself entirely to spreading the teachings of the Elder Brothers to all who are interested. I travel about on a bicycle without tires, as these are not to be had at all in Holland. It would be a very great help to have two inner and two outer tires (measurement 28x1½).

“Everything will be gladly received, and can be sent to the address of A. Delvendiep, Vincent v. Goghstr. 60 huis, Amsterdam Z., Holland.

KADUNA, NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA

The friends of this Group seem, from a recent annual report, to have been making satisfactory progress during the past year. The secretary writes:

“Election of new officers during the past year was not altogether possible, and it was necessary that the old officers should continue in office. As our number has increased now we hope to carry out the election for the ensuing year.

“I am glad to report that this year we have been able to place on record a

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number of new members. These are very enthusiastic and show great love for the Fellowship Teachings. Some of the older members have since completed the Preliminary Philosophy Course and now receive the monthly lessons from Headquarters.

"A number of distant members still continue to show healthy interest in our Center, notwithstanding the fact that they are so many miles away from us. We appreciate this a great deal and owe them much for their kindly words of advice.

"We have this year again to report the good work of our benefactress, Miss A. L. Dolley. As in past years, many books have been received at this Center from her. It must be borne in mind that but for her great help and that of the Headquarters, it would have been impossible for us to have had many of the Fellowship books in this part of the world. Immediately we are free to do so, we shall have a well furnished library."

THE CALCIUM CYCLE

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let us as physicians and laymen take this advice under fair consideration and strive to get into stride with the fast unfolding methods of better and better ways to alleviate human suffering. Scientists and metaphysicians are at this very hour meeting on a common ground. The field is fertile and the search for the elusive vitamins in the chemical and life ethers is gripping men of the laboratory. Only last year another vitamin factor was isolated and identified. Scientists working with atomic power are shaking hands with metaphysicians. Let us grasp this opportunity to cooperate one with another, to equip ourselves better to serve this panicky, sick, and starving world. There is no better way to *self-realization* for, in the words from the Rosicrucian Devotional Service: "Loving, self-forgetting service to others is the shortest, the safest, and the most joyful road to God."

MYSTERY BOOK

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this remark. One way is: "Ruler of the Heavens, Sustainer of Life, why hast Thou forsaken me?" At first glance this seems to be just flowery language meaning the same thing. Anyone who has been outdoors during a full eclipse of the Sun has experienced a severe let-down in spirit and physical well being. But one who has recently experienced the physical torture of a scourging, forced march carrying a heavy cross, crucifixion, and the agony of hanging on that cross, will experience a terrible withdrawing of the sustaining life influence derived from the Sun's rays.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: *The Christ, by His sacrifice on the Cross, was initiated into the great Initiations belonging to the kingdom of the Father. In His ecstasy of spirit He cried: "My God, my God how hast Thou glorified me," not "Why hast Thou forsaken me" as has been mis-translated*).

Then we have the matter of interpretation given in Matt. 19:24: "And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." Attention is called to the original Greek wherein "kamel" and "kamil" have been confused. The word used meant a rope and not camel. This makes more sense as it would be possible to pass a rope through the eye of a needle if first the rope was separated into its individual threads. The combined bulk of the threads (wealth) are impassable, and so it is easy to see how the rich man has his course outlined for salvation.

Possibly enough examples have been given to show how some inconsistencies and errors have crept into the text through translations, and the possibility of some errors of a similar nature are untraceable due to revisions. Nevertheless, the earnest student will do well to make an intensive study of each sentence and paragraph of the Bible.

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