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# GRATITUDE

Thankfulness is the tune of angels.—Spenser.

Gratitude is a soil on which joy thrives.—Auerbach.

O Lord, that lends me life, lend me a heart replete with thankfulness.—Shakespeare.

A single grateful thought toward heaven is the most perfect prayer.—Lessing.

My soul, o'erfraught with gratitude, rejects the aid of language. Lord, behold my heart.—Hannah More.

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.—Cicero.

Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul; and the heart of man knoweth none more fragrant.—Hosea Ballou.

Look over the whole creation, and you shall see that the band, or cement, that holds together all the parts of this great and glorious fabric is gratitude.—South.

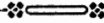
We can set our deeds to the music of a grateful heart, and seek to round our lives into a hymn—the melody of which will be recognized by all who come in contact with us, and the power of which shall not be evanescent, like the voice of the singer, but perennial, like the music of the spheres.—Wm. M. Taylor.

When gratitude o'erflows the swelling heart, and breathes in free and uncorrupted praise for benefits received, propitious heaven takes such acknowledgment as fragrant incense, and doubtless all its blessings.—Lillo.

As flowers carry dewdrops, trembling on the edges of the petals, and ready to fall at the first waft of wind or brush or bird, so the heart should carry its beaded words of thanksgiving; and at the first breath of heavenly flavor, let down the shower, perfumed with the heart's gratitude.—Beecher.

# The Current Outlook

FROM THE ROSICRUCIAN VIEWPOINT



## The Power of Constructive Thought

By KITTIE S. COWEN



It is now quite a generally accepted fact that our entire solar system including the globe which we call the earth, was brought into existence through the action of regular, rhythmic, cosmic vibrations set into motion by the great Being whom we, at the present time, designate by the holy name—God. And everything within our solar system, including mankind, is subject to the action of certain cosmic laws which are under the supervision and direction of great Beings who work unceasingly to develop the great cosmic plan of the divine Creator.

The rotation of the earth on its axis and its revolution around the sun as well as the action of each and every star in our solar system are all directed by, and work in conformance with certain cosmic laws designed to further the progress of all things evolving on each particular sphere.

Some of these laws pertaining to all planets are: attraction and repulsion, polarity, gravity, alternating cycles, periodicity, vibration, analogy, and balance, to name but a few. Should any one of these laws deviate in its prescribed activity there would immediately manifest a certain degree of chaos in the cosmos.

If man would live intelligently and purposefully, it is quite imperative that he acquaint himself with the basic laws of nature and learn to work in harmony with them. In order to do this, first of all, he must learn to control his thoughts and direct them along constructive lines. Every act is the outcome of a previous thought no matter how fleeting, and thought always works with perfect accuracy and precision with the cosmic Law of Attraction—like attracts like. When this law is once thoroughly understood and systematically and consciously obeyed, the individual can become a great force for good—yes, and for evil also. And it is this massed thought power—good or evil, as the case may be—that is shaping the immediate future of the world.

It is a deplorable fact that the titanic struggle which has been going on during the last few years has appallingly disturbed the equilibrium of the people of the entire world, and this to such an alarming extent that their emotions have become accelerated to a terrific degree such as has never before been known. This lamentable disturbance is expressing itself as hate, anger, hysteria, despondency, fear, rage, et cetera, according to the temperament of the various people. Hence,

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today we find unrest, suspicion, dissatisfaction, fear, and distrust manifesting everywhere both in individuals and in nations; and not one of these vibrations owing to its nature can possibly bring good to any one.

Real peace in the world has not been attained yet. Notwithstanding, however, in the newspapers, over the radios, and in group assemblies one constantly hears predictions of a third global war. And what is this constant dinning of a future war doing to the consciousness of the people? First of all it is exciting more fear; and this leads to some objective on which to center that fear; then certain individuals the world over decide on a prospective object, center their thoughts on it, proclaim these thoughts to the world, and war is again on its way.

When enough people think war, their mass thought will inevitably attract war if the thought is strong enough. The law works; but it depends on the power of mass thought and the nature of the thought to decide whether the result will be good or evil. Cosmic law of itself, never brings about evil. It is only the misuse of that power which brings the evil into being as evidenced on the physical plane.



In the past conditions were such that the inhabitants of the world were separated into different countries marked by sharp boundary lines and manners of living, each nationality clinging tenaciously to what it considered its own. But the time has come in our evolutionary process when we no longer live in isolation. Therefore we must now learn to know and understand each other, and each must work for the common good of the whole.

Without doubt the masses of the people in the world today want peace. But before we can actually accomplish this we must learn that we are all citizens of one great world and members of one common humanity; and this applies to the people of all nations. The God who created our world is a universalist even to the extent that not a sparrow falleth to the ground without His knowledge.

Being His children we are all truly Gods in the making, but far too many of us are a very long way from ultimate attainment. The great archangel, Christ, came to earth and pointed out the way by becoming a living example. He *lived* the way and a faithful record of His life has been preserved and handed down to humanity. Yet how few are willing to emulate His life example. And fear, more than any other emotion, is holding them back. Fear of want, fear of almost everything which the human mind is capable of conjuring up; and all this in a world overflowing with plenty. It is, however, within the power of mass thought to overcome this fear by devising ways and

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means of distributing justly the bountiful supply provided by the earth. Only the sick, the maimed, imbeciles, and the insane are unable to help themselves and there should be humane provisions made for them where they would receive the best of care. There is such a plenty to go around when it is wisely distributed.

To gain lasting peace in the world, we must as a people, discard all thoughts of fear, suspicion, and distrust and turn our attention to making the entire world a better place in which to live. What a changed world this would be if the mass thought of the people would adopt the sentiment expressed by that deep thinker, Thomas Paine: "The world is my country, and to do good is my religion."

We are now approaching the holy season of the year when almost all over the world the people of the various countries are garnering in the abundant supply which the good earth has provided for their sustenance; and so it is most fitting that we turn our thoughts and hearts to the Giver of all life and Source of all created things in grateful thanks for the many blessings received. Gratitude is a power of the Spirit which has the ability to attract all that the individual truly needs.

There is no season of the year that is more propitious for starting enterprises for the good of mankind than the fall; for at that time a high vibration descends upon the earth laden with spiritual impulses which tend to lift up the thoughts of man and enable him to contact the realm of spiritual verities from which he can bring down ideas and put them in concrete form which will benefit all mankind. The God of our solar system has blessed our land in so many different ways. He has helped His children to develop courageous hearts, strong bodies, and the power of thought to direct their energies along lines which will give them the ability to discover truth and work for its ultimate manifestation, bringing freedom from evil desires and practices which never result in human welfare.



These ideas are not the suggestions of idle imaginings. They are truths based on cosmic facts and are as eternal as God Himself. No really intelligent person can study the miracles performed by nature day by day and not discover that there is an orderly, sequential plan unfolded there that could only be devised by a God of infinite knowledge and understanding.

When humanity once realizes the orderly precision on which our solar system is built and functions, then it becomes evident to all how dangerous it is to try to interfere with the manifestation of nature's various processes. Furthermore, it can just as readily be seen that rapid progress can be made for good when once the masses align themselves with the cosmic intelligences which are working for the development of all created things.



## THANKSGIVING DAY

*We thank Thee, O Father, for all that is bright—  
The gleam of the day and the stars of the night,  
The flowers of our youth and the fruits of our prime,  
And the blessings that march down the pathway of time.*

*We thank Thee, O Father, for all that is dear—  
The sob of the tempest, the flow of the tear;  
For never in blindness, and never in vain,  
Thy mercy permitted a sorrow or pain.*

*We thank Thee, O Father of all, for the power  
Of aiding each other in life's darkest hour;  
The generous heart and the bountiful hand  
And all the soul-help that sad souls understand.*

*We thank Thee, O Father, for days yet to be;  
For hopes that our future will call us to Thee.  
Let all our eternity form, through Thy love,  
One Thanksgiving Day in the mansions above.*

—Will Carleton.





# THE MYSTIC LIGHT



## God--the Source of Our Supply

By DOROTHY JENNINGS

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."—*St. Luke, 6:38.*

"**P**ROVE Me now, saith the Lord," \* and because I have indeed proved Him in my own life and seen Him proved in the lives of others, I record some little incidents as a testimony to His ever present care—things so trifling that to some they would not be worth relating. But He is the Lord of little things as well as of great.

At my office one day, when my finances were at a low ebb, a girl came to see me. She had buried her mother the previous week and I gathered there had been a strain on her resources. I gave her a pound as a trifle towards her needs. A week later I myself was in need of a pound but I remembered that my sister owed me just that sum. At breakfast I reminded her, but to my surprise she said she had already paid me.

I was nonplussed. However, I dashed off to catch my bus to the office, thinking regretfully of my gift of the previous week. Then I pulled myself up. I must *never* regret such a gift. Had I not the richest of all Fathers—the owner

of heaven and earth—and to Him I lifted my need and so arrived serenely at the office. Whilst opening my mail, a friend (whom I had not seen for six months) walked in and laid one pound on my desk.

"I was impressed this morning when saying my prayers that you were in need of a pound, so here it is," she said.

I stood silent for a moment, then told her it was true. I needed just that amount. "At what time did you get this impression?" I asked.

She replied, "Seven o'clock."

Now I did not know my need till 8 o'clock, as I was quite confident of getting the money from my sister. Then the words flashed into my mind: "Before ye call I will answer." He knew of my need before I realized it myself, and in His loving kindness He had provided the means to meet it.

Such a very trifling thing, some will say, for the Lord of Life to trouble about—but is He not closer than breathing, closer than hands and feet? All He requires is our absolute *trust* to move mountains, much less to supply our daily needs.

Calling on an old lady—quite poor—

in a nearby village one day, I had a beautiful illustration of faith in God for supply. We had been talking for a little while when a tramp came to the door and begged for bread. I did not see what she gave him, but I heard her ask him if he would like some tea for his can. I also saw her empty her canister. After he had gone I said, "But you've no tea left for yourself."

She replied, "Oh, that will be all right. I ask God's blessing on all I give away and He always keeps me supplied."

She had scarcely finished speaking when a knock came at the door and a child's voice called out: "Mrs. S., Mummy has sent you these things, as it was baking day." My friend unloaded the basket and the last thing she took out was a packet of tea! I looked at her amazed.

"Now," she said with a smile, "we can have a cup of tea before you go."

Then there was Ernest, the gas man, who periodically called to read the meter. We never knew his real name, but the girls in the office bestowed this one upon him after meeting his steadfast gaze. He would sometimes unburden his heart to me over sundry matters, and one day he mentioned what he called "the law." He had noticed many times that when he had given away things, he would receive others in their place. He confided to me one day a happening of the previous week. Coming out from the works, he had seen a man selling matches and had given him a shilling.

"Don't think I am in the habit of paying this for a box of matches. One penny is about my price, but this man looked as though he wanted a meal," he said to me.

On reaching home Ernest found to his great pleasure that a friend had called and left him a basket of vegetables and fruit.

He added: "I've noticed this kind of thing happen before so I call it the *Law*."

Now for an experience of my own,

whose origin lay in a consciousness other than that of the physical. In a dream one night I was instructed to take another office in addition to the one I at that time rented. This new office was a room on the same floor in this building of offices and was just then tenanted by a minor Government official.

When I awoke I dismissed the matter as impossible. For one thing, I had no money to pay the rent of another room and could not afford to buy more furniture. Still, remembering that nothing is impossible with God, and, deep down, uneasy about rejecting such definite instructions, I went so far as to speak to the charwoman when passing her on the stairs next day.

"If at any time No. 14 is likely to be vacant, Mrs. Cox, you might let me know."

"Why, Miss, the people are leaving next week," she replied. "If you want the room I should see Mr. Spiers (the landlord) about it today."

I recognized my path. Even the charwoman was instructing me in the next move. Nevertheless, I put off the



irrevocable step of seeing the landlord, so the landlord was brought to me. We met, apparently accidentally, in the street doorway, so I remarked in passing: "What is the rent of No. 14, Mr. Spiers?"

He smiled sympathetically. "I'm afraid that is already taken," he said. "Mr. L. of No. 6 asked me for a larger office when one fell vacant, so I've given him the first refusal."

I was extremely grateful to Mr. L. I had done what I could, but, fortunately, the office was taken.

My relief, however, was short lived.



The following week, the Government official having departed, I heard the voices of Mr. L. and the landlord in the corridor outside my office. Came the voice of the former clearly through the fanlight over the door, "Well, Mr. Spiers, I think, on the whole, I prefer my present office."

My heart sank. Shortly after the landlord looked in and said: "No. 14 is yours, Miss, if you want it. Mr. L. has decided not to change."

The landlord and I walked over together to the other room; I, silently, through sheer inability to speak. But Mr. Spiers seemed to answer all the questions lying uneasily in my mind.

"Now, with regard to the rent, I think I can let you have this office for considerably less than your present one, as you are having the two," and then he named a price which was ridiculously low.

He probably saw my eyes thoughtfully surveying the room, while I calculated the cost of furniture. The outgoing tenant had kindly left the linoleum and the blind.

"And if you want some chairs, I can lend you those left behind by Mr. R. (a tenant who had departed the pre-

vious year without paying his rent). Yes, of course, I have also some two or three small office tables down in the basement; you can have any or all of them if you wish. They are simply lying idle."

So it came about. I found the office furnished without any effort on my part, even to the electric stove and two little filing cabinets, which friends kindly gave me. All I had to do was to move my desk from the typing office to the other.

Finally, a friend and her husband came up to see me.

"Tom and I have been talking things over," she said, "and we have decided that, as much of your time is given up to work which is unpaid, it is only fair we should pay the rent of this office."

They would take no refusal. Thus the instructions given me were carried out—in spite of myself.

*Give and it shall be given unto you—give of your strength, your time, your thought, your love, your possessions—they shall be given unto you again. God cannot pour His life and gifts into channels already congested, therefore look to see what you can give out and "prove Him now."*

## The Higher Way

By D. D. ARROYO

### PART I



HE old man folded the charts and shook his head gravely. The tall young man in front of him waited for his older friend Teriel to speak. "Cinara?" he finally questioned, as the other seemed unaware of the prolonged silence.

The old man nodded. His face was thin but unwrinkled, and from it radiated an expression of peace and poise

which bespoke years of earnest endeavor on the spiritual path. The inner light was well established. "Yes, Arioch, it is Cinara," he said. There was grave concern in his voice. The words were like thin echoes of foreboding.

"Perhaps it is not well she should leave the Garden for the outside world. She is young yet," said Arioch, pursuing his own thoughts. Then he, too, was silent. There would be many situations for Cinara to meet in the world

that lay beyond the place they had known as home—the acres which they and others who worked with them toward the same ideals called the Garden.

Teriel smiled and shook his head. “Not young in qualities of soul. It is her personality that is young in this life. It is the personality I am apprehensive about.”

“I cannot go with her?” Arioch asked.

Teriel shook his head again. “No, it is now she must stand alone and prove whether her higher self shall guide her personality until the two are one, or whether the personality shall slip away from its golden bindings and be lost in the glamor of the little self.”

The lights twinkling on the vast stretch of land began to disappear. The occupants of the small houses were going to bed. There were twenty-four families living in the Garden under the loving wise guidance of Teriel. It was the desire of each of these families to live the life of discipleship, to fit themselves for wider service, and attain initiated consciousness. For twenty-two years now, they had labored and dwelt in harmony. Their children would carry on their work for them when the time for laying aside the worn earthly body came.

Here Cinara had been born, and grown to womanhood among companions who were taught with a gentle wisdom which children in the outer world were denied. Her thoughts were never sullied by anger, cruelty, passion, or fear as were those of other children out in the world. Her body was not tainted with animal food. Only the pure vegetables and fruits grown on the carefully tended soil of the Garden farm had been her food. Her drink was the sweet milk of the dairy herd. So she had grown into a worthy vessel for the light of her soul to shine forth, but as all men and even those objects we call inanimate are governed by cycles, so now a new cycle was opening for the

inmates of the Garden. Cinara was to leave for an extended lecture tour of the larger cities of the United States and Canada, and she was to remain for a number of weeks in New York giving the message so that all who might be inclined to take up the pattern of life offered to those within the Garden might hear and follow.

For the first time in her twenty years Cinara must live among the vibrations of the earthly world. Her stainless soul must sustain the lowered vibrations, must witness the sordidness that breeds sorrow for those men who walk blindly through the world and will not open their eyes to be comforted, nor offer their hand in love to be led to the happiness that the Father intends for all children.

Teriel explained some of this to Arioch. The latter was well conditioned to the outer world, for it had been Teriel's wish that Arioch attend his last years of schooling at the State University. For Arioch it had not been difficult. In other lives he had learned well the lesson of living in the world but not of it. Now it was Cinara's destiny that she try her perception of truth against the standards of the world.

“It will not be so easy for her, Arioch,” Teriel said softly. “You are the companion of her inner self. The vibrations are harmonious between you on the higher plane, and it will be well indeed if this love is consummated in marriage as there is an advanced Ego of much wisdom who might make use of the vehicles your purified bodies could prepare for it. Alas, there is for Cinara an ancient karmic tie which cannot be negated. It is the test she will face when she leaves us.”

Arioch realized the meaning of Teriel's words. For himself also it would be a test, for he would have to prove to himself that his love for Cinara was without taint of selfishness, that it was deep enough to wait a whole lifetime if she did not pledge it willingly to him dur-

ing this one. Having learned to read a little of his past lives, he knew what Teriel referred to. He knew the life in which another had taken Cinara, who was then a slave, and given her a kingdom. Her higher self had slumbered through that life while her personality had been gratified and vain. Now, the wheel had turned and her awakened self must meet the same issues again, and he, Arioch must be silent until the decision was made. All of this he knew Cinara would face when she left the Garden. For a moment he had to struggle with the remnants of jealousy, which do not die easily in even the most pure souls, and then bowing his head he said, "I will try to make my own heart more pure so that my strength may be as strength for her."

Teriel nodded. "It is well. Cinara will have need of all the love and understanding our thoughts may be to her."

Later Arioch, leaving Teriel alone at prayer in the small beautiful temple where they worshiped, found Cinara by the pool of water lilies. It was their favorite spot; they often met there to talk, or to sit quietly in the happiness and peace they felt together. Her pale golden hair gleamed softly in the moonlight, her deep gray eyes filled with the light of the Spirit were now deepened with the brightness of tears.

"Tears?" Arioch asked as he clasped her hand in his.

"Yes, I am hurt inside and bewildered, Arioch. I know I must leave tomorrow, and I am glad for the good it can do others. Yet at night my dreams are twisted and bewildered. I no longer know peace nor where I walk in sleep. I am swept along, and always it brings pain to me and others. I know I am seeking your face, but it is the face of another man that blurs your features so I cannot find you."

"Cinara, you know the way ahead may be difficult. You know it is the time of testing. Our thoughts go with you, and love will shield you. It is wise

that for a time there should be another face beside mine. Your higher self will always know that which is best for you. Be strong in faith, and live as we have been taught to live. Tears will blind your inner vision, so do not take time for them."

Then he drew her close to him, and comforted her. In the morning she was gone. Only he and Teriel were fully aware of the trials before her. They prayed silently in the temple.

Her eyes gazing over the passing stretches of land, her throat burning with heavy smoke-laden air, Cinara thought of the Garden she had left, and of the family she was going to meet at her first stop. Interested and sympathetic supporters at her various lecturing stops had all offered their homes for her stay. She would not be left to the harsh, unfamiliar coldness of hotel rooms. The book she was holding in her hands, as she dreamed idly of those behind her and those whom she would



meet, slipped from her and clattered to the floor. Startled, she bent to pick it up, and felt a hand over hers.

Dark eyes from an attractive masculine face were smiling into hers, and she heard the question, "May I?" She looked at the young man who had returned her book and felt an electric shock go through her. For a moment her breath would not come, the face was so familiar. She saw the same magnetic reaction take place in the dark

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# Finding Beauty

By WESLEY D. JAMIESON



**I**N *The Book of Pymander*, Hermes writes: "The object of all Initiation is to bring the soul to see true beauty and to attain a knowledge of truth as far as we are permitted to do so." The candidate for Initiation is impassioned for the celestial Beauty, and recreates it upon the earth. He is ready to exclaim with Emerson, "Shall I not call God the Beautiful, who daily showeth Himself so to me in his gifts?" He knows the beauty of Holiness (the One).

The fine arts are by no means the only sphere where men show their susceptibility to beauty. In all products of human industry we note the keenness with which the eye is attracted to the mere appearance of things: great sacrifices of time and labor are made to it in the most common manufactures. Man nowadays selects his dwelling, his clothes, and even his companions only after considering their effect on his aesthetic senses.

Beauty is an inexhaustible well of happiness for those who discover its abode. It is hidden everywhere. It springs up from the hands which model or decorate homemade earthenware, which carve wood, which weave silk, which chisel marble, which open and repair human flesh. Yes, the late Dr. Carrel has said that it animates the bloody art of the surgeons, as well as that of the painters, the musicians, and the poets.

During the history of a civilization, the sense of beauty, like moral sense, grows, reaches its optimum, declines and disappears. Beauty, says Santayana, is pleasure objectified. It is value positive, intrinsic, and objectified. Beauty is pleasure regarded as the quality of a thing. Beauty is a value. That is, it is not a perception of a mat-

ter of fact or of a relation; it is an emotion, an affection of our volitional and appreciative nature. An object can be beautiful only if it gives pleasure.

Does the object itself actually please? That is the test. If it does, one's aesthetic taste is real. It may be different from that of others, but it is equally justified and grounded in human nature. If it does not, one's whole judgment is spurious, and he is guilty, not of heresy, which in aesthetics is orthodoxy itself, but of hypocrisy, which is self-excommunication from its sphere.

Consider auditory beauty. Music soothes us with its rhythm and lifts us on its lullaby to worlds less brutal than earth. It may relieve pain, improve digestion, stimulate love, and help to capture escaped lunatics. In medical clinics it has strikingly demonstrated its therapeutic value, but music may lull into passivity as well as stimulate. "Where you want to have slaves," said Tolstoi to Gorki, "there you should have as much music as possible." Music may influence the mind, but if the mind that comes to it is distracted, confused, making mistakes and creating trouble, this can be an advantage rather than a disadvantage.

Some boldly state that if we drive beauty to its hiding place we shall find it to be the creator of the universe. The world is not painted, or adorned, but was from the beginning beautiful. Beauty is eternity gazing at itself in a mirror, and we are eternity and we are the mirror. But too many of us are Cinderellas, hugging ashes and painful chores, when we could be beautiful and dancing with our Prince Charming, conscious only of the good, the true, and the beautiful. As the fairy godmother changed mice into handsome steeds, a pumpkin into a coach, and rags into

beautiful clothes, so by a change of mind we can transform homely and familiar things into objects of surpassing loveliness. By coming to ourselves we may leave the rays of carnal thoughts to accept from our Father-God the best robe made up of spiritual thoughts and aspirations. We may be broadminded and free from small prejudices. We may dwell in palaces instead of hovels.

No one can learn to distinguish right from wrong, and beauty from ugliness, by taking a course of lectures. Morality, art, and religion are not taught like grammar, mathematics, and history. Formal teaching reaches intelligence alone. Moral sense, beauty, and mysticism are learned only when present in our surroundings and part of our daily life, yes, and part of our very selves. The books on beauty are the dullest in the world because of this fact.

By dwelling on the idea of the beautiful we remove from ourselves all belittling influences and fill ourselves with what the best and finest of all ages have dreamed and accomplished. Nothing aids us more to do this than to preserve a state of wonder: wonder at the goodness of God and its manifold revelations in the universe.

The instability of our attention, the need of rest and repair in our organs, makes a round of objects necessary to our minds; but we turn from a beautiful thing, as from a truth or a friend, only to return incessantly and with increasing appreciation. Knowledge, love, religion, and beauty are not less constant influences in a man's life because his consciousness of them is intermittent. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." A great affection, a clear thought, a profound and well-tryed faith, are eternal possessions—and psychological necessities.

To most people the stars are beautiful, but if you ask why, they would be at a loss to reply, until they remembered what they had heard about astronomy, and the great size and distance and possible habitation of these orbs. Be-

fore the days of Kepler the heavens declared the glory of God; and we needed no calculation of stellar distances, no fancies about a plurality of worlds, to make the stars sublime. No, the infinity which moves us is the same of multiplicity in uniformity. Accordingly, things which have enough multiplicity, as the lights of a city seen across the water, have an effect similar to that of the stars although less intense. If we are astrologers we may see in planets and stars angelic messengers bringing wise counsel and high truths to mortals. We learn to identify ourselves with the stars in their ordained course, to become a part of every aspect of nature. We claim our divine heritage of sharing in the ecstasy of creation.

A story is told of a little girl who, walking with her father on a starry night, was awed into silence by the beauty above her. Her father asked her what she was thinking about. She said: "If the wrong side of heaven is so beautiful what must the right side be."

We want the true nectar of life. A great number of professional expressors of beauty, as painters, poets, musicians, and actors, have been wont to lead a life of pleasure and indulgence—all but the few who received the true nectar. The Spirit of the earth, the great calm presence of the Christ, the altogether lovely One, comes not forth to the sorceries of morphine or of wine.

Our habit of living should be so simple and plain that the common influences delight us. Our cheerfulness should be the gift of the sunlight; the air should suffice for our inspiration. We should be able to find a radiant wisdom in the whispered words of pine woods. Our ears should become attuned to the songs of birds, the laughter of children, the sound of the wind in the trees, the gentle fall of rain; every moment should yield its quota of joy to our senses.

If we attempt to remove from life all its evils, as popular imagination has done at times, we shall find little but

aesthetic pleasures to constitute unalloyed happiness.

Yet Keats speaks of the "beauty that must die." What though the blossom fall and die? The flower is not the root. What though we sin many a time and defile the beautiful garments of the Spirit? Underneath the inharmonious particulars of our life is a musical perfection, the Ideal journeying always with us, the heaven without rent or seam. An august magnificence can be opened to us, old with the love of the ages, young with the love of life. We may feel a new heart beating with the love of the new beauty. For it is not beauty that dies, it is we who die to beauty.

"'Tis we that wrapp'd in stormy visions  
keep  
With phantoms an unprofitable strife."

Humanity is like the lame man whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful. He is lame mentally and spiritually as well as physically. The existence of beauty makes the whole world rich: but here was this lame man asking alms, a little gold, a little silver. He was at the gate of a beautiful world because he could not enter into it, appreciate it, rejoice in it. He did not understand beauty because he did not understand truth and goodness. He was a pauper, but fortunately, he did not remain one. A divine strength entered into him. He walked. He leaped. He praised God. What need of a little handful of gold and silver then? He held the master key that opens all the fullness of God's great treasury—all things were his. Thus all things may yet be ours as we, too, learn to walk, leap, and praise God—to lay hold of that master key.

There is surpassing beauty in the things of democracy. The writings of Walt Whitman illustrate this. As in no others perhaps, is the charm of uniformity in multiplicity felt so completely. Everywhere it greets us with a passionate preference—not flowers but

leaves of grass; not music but drum taps; not composition but aggregation; not the hero but the average man; not the crisis but the unheralded moment. This profoundly stirs our imagination. Our aesthetic faculty can condemn no actual effect.

When explaining the physical universe we may leave God out, but then we must leave out, too, the beauty and majesty. By a prism of glass we may demonstrate the sunset and the rainbow, but not what they do to us. A poet may give us a great drama; an astronomer may find us new stars; but who without God can explain the poet or the astronomer?

What is more important for our day than to restore reverence? It would help mightily to keep our streets clean, conserve our resources, save lives upon



the highway and elsewhere. It would substitute beauty for ugliness in countryside and city. Better than all, it would restore to us and to our children the divine birthright.

A wise old sexton was often asked what it was that made his cathedral so impressive that even the most frivolous visitor was hushed into reverence. Was it the size? Was it the ornament or the lighting? The sexton's answer was always the same: "The men who built here stood in awe of God. They wanted to thank Him with the best they could do. The beautiful result is what you feel."

How can life be beautiful? It is full  
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# Wonders of the Mineral Kingdom

By IDA SMITH



**N** a square, flat case lies a collection of plain, common looking rocks. As I dust them carefully and cover them with their black, silk cloth I wonder what my grandmother would say if she were here and knew their secret.

If anyone had told our grandparents that rocks had something like an aura that sparkled and glowed in different, beautiful colors, they would have been very skeptical. Yet today, students of mineralogy accept this astonishing fact as another obvious discovery of science.

The first ray that was discovered that revealed the glowing colors in certain rocks was the long, ultra violet, sometimes called the black ray. Then a little later the short, ultra violet ray was discovered, which disclosed the beautiful colors of myriads of other rocks that did not respond to the black ray.

Of course there isn't anything mysterious about it when it is explained in the light of scientific knowledge. There isn't about any of life's mysteries, when the particular law pertaining to them is found out and understood.

Rocks, as well as all other material things are made up of atoms. Atoms are made up of different combinations of elements, of which there are some ninety odd known today. The minerals fluoresce, or shine, in their various colors under the ultra violet ray according to their elemental and molecular structures, and according to the kind of activating agent they contain. For instance, if calcite, a form of calcium carbonate, contains manganese as an activator it will fluoresce a brilliant red. If chalcedony, a compound of silicon dioxide contains a little uranium mineral as an activator it will fluoresce

a beautiful green, and so on. Some minerals will phosphoresce, or glow, for quite a while after the ultra violet ray is turned off. These are the ones whose motions are slower than others.

"The explanation of fluorescence and phosphorescence is technical and involves a high degree of mathematics," says a treatise on fluorescent lights. The laws of gravity, relativity, astronomy, and countless other sciences also involve high degrees of mathematics. A famous philosopher-teacher of ancient times had written above the door of his class room, "Let no one enter here who is not well versed in music and mathematics." This indicates that all of life, its known mysteries and its unknown, are regulated by scientific, mathematical laws.

However, the simple explanation of fluorescence in rocks is this: Each atom is composed of protons, electrons, neutrons, etc. The electrons revolve around a nucleus. When the ultra violet energy strikes the atom it is absorbed in the electron, causing it to change its orbit around the nucleus. Once it has changed its orbit it loses its energy and returns to its original orbit. This released energy glows in the color according to its wave length. Each color of the spectrum has a different wave length, and each mineral according to its elemental composition has its own individual wave length.

According to scientific research there are many instances where it is difficult to determine the cause of mineral fluorescence, as not all activators have been identified. The entire subject is so new that in only a few cases are the reasons fully understood for the fluorescent response to the ultra violet.

Miners use ultra violet lamps to pros-

pect for calcite, scheelite, and many other minerals. Some of these days no doubt a ray will be found that will disclose a great many other minerals that do not respond to this short ray. One can speculate pretty safely, too, about other rays that will be discovered as time goes on, revealing other unknown phases of life. In metaphysical literature we have read about the Kilner screen that discloses the human aura to ordinary physical sight.

Another beautiful and strange thing about minerals is their crystal formations. Each mineral grows its own crystal pattern according to a strict, mathematical law, governed again by its elemental and molecular structure. Some minerals grow clusters of six-sided prisms called hexagon. Others will have only five sides. The staurolite crystals are twined and form perfect little crosses, an unbelievable phenomenon to one not acquainted with the laws of mineralogy. However, this is not more strange than the patterns and colors in the flower kingdom, or other departments of life. Of course scientists have not been able to explain so far what causes the elements and molecules in the atoms to grow crystals—or seeds to grow into flowers.

A beautiful thought has been expressed by one famous mineralogist regarding crystal patterns: "They were formed at the beginning of time, by an Inscrutable Intellect."

Another strange thing which the human eye alone could never prove, is the fact that solid rocks are made up of atoms, and that the most of an atom is space. In the light of these discoveries it might seem that our firm beliefs in a material foundation were becoming shaky, were it not for the increasing knowledge that the greater part of life is spiritual instead of material.

With all of the marvelous discoveries of science each year it is becoming harder and harder to tell just where man's science leaves off and God's science begins, or more fittingly, vice versa.

It is unwise for anyone to be skeptical these days about those forces in nature that cannot be seen with the naked eye. Some day man will find out that it is God who is the Scientist. Man is just the discoverer.

In Max Heindel's writings we are told that our work with the mineral kingdom plays a definite part in its progress along the path of evolution. He says: "Our present humanity will have to work with the new life wave, which entered evolution in the Earth period and *now ensouls the minerals*. We are now working with it by means of the faculty of imagination, giving it form—building it into ships, bridges, railways, houses, etc." Rocks and minerals are evolving the same as our own life wave is. This, of course, means that the life which activates the mineral kingdom is the same spiritual life that is within all of creation.

The miner is doing his part when he mines the ore from the ground. The metallurgist does his part when he refines the different kinds of metals for service to humanity. The jewel cutter renders his service when he prepares the various stones for settings. It is only as we serve that we grow.



In the hobby of collecting rocks and studying mineralogy, in admiring each lovely crystal, each different color and formation, in loving them as a very definite part of "God's handiwork," I wonder if those hobbyists are not contributing a little bit, too, toward the evolution of one of the most important life waves of our time.



# Mystery Book

By PIERREPONT MARSHALL

(CONCLUSION)



OW we revert to the larger subject mentioned in Verse 26 of Genesis. It has been stated earlier in this article that what knowledge we get out of a book depends upon the basic knowledge we take to that book. Thus it will be well to review the necessary foundation for fully understanding what happened and how, in the aforementioned Verse twenty-six. We may seem to digress by getting better acquainted with the method used in Creation and the method used in the guidance of humanity after it was introduced. We must find out who were the "assistants" and just what functions they performed, all under God's supervision.

Catholics, Hebrews, and Protestants have at least one point of agreement: their Deity is called God. Several of the basic philosophies have a point of agreement: a Deity called the Supreme Being. Two of these philosophies have many points in common: Theosophy and the Rosicrucian Philosophy, the latter being esoteric Christianity.

The principal textbook of the Rosicrucian Philosophy is *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* which is made more valuable by the very comprehensive charts it contains. Reference will be made to a few of these charts later on. Another point of agreement in these philosophies is the existence of varying grades of Hierarchies between the Supreme Being and mankind or humanity. A study of the chart on page 178 in *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, with a little help, will make this clear.

"In the beginning (of Creation) God (Supreme Being) created the heaven

(heaved) and the earth." This sentence is really a chapter heading and the parentheses are added for clarification. "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God (Cosmic Energy) moved upon the face of the waters (mists, vapors, etc.)." This is a description of chaos or mixture of matter in space which the Supreme Being began to energize and thus separate into different grades. The finest grade was used for the creation of the Seven Logoi (like a Board of Directors), and out of the next grade was created seven helpers for each of the Seven Logoi; each helper had seven helpers of a lower grade, etc., thus making a wonderful expanding series of groups until the 7th grade or Plane was reached, making a total of many, many hundreds. Those on the 7th Plane became Gods of a star or solar system, and thus our God had charge of our solar system and the evolution of all matter within our solar system.

Man has copied this system of separating into grades by means of vibrations (heat), the different grades of ether, kerosene, gasoline, and various grades of oil, all from crude oil. In this respect crude oil resembles chaos. Some philosophies refer to the Supreme Being as the Cosmic Father, and matter in space as the Cosmic Mother. Thus we can see that *The Cosmo-Conception* is well named. The Cosmic Father (Supreme Being) energizes (with Cosmic Energy or electricity) the Cosmic Mother (matter) and creates evolution out of chaos.

"And God (Supreme Being) said, Let there be light; and there was light." The chaos of matter had now

been energized (heated) until it glowed. "And God (Supreme Being) saw the light and that it was good (moving according to plan) and God (Supreme Being) divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day (Day of Creation) and the darkness he called night." This was the separation of the glowing mists into separate groups, later to form stars or solar systems. That part of chaos or matter which had not responded as yet to the rate of vibration applied would be the matter for future evolution when the Gods of the seventh Plane were readied for their part in the Divine Plan.

Verses 5 to 8 refer to the gradual changes made in each grouping of mist. In verse 9 we find "And God said, Let the waters (clouds, fiery mists) be gathered together unto one place and let the dry land appear; and it was so." Some of the denser portions of matter had, through centrifugal force, worked to the outer rim of the whirling fiery mists, later to be thrown clear to form planets. In Verse 20 we find the last command of the Supreme Being. In Verse 21 we find a difference in that we see that God is actually doing the work instead of just saying "Let there be" this or that. The word of God now refers to the God of our solar system. For the moment we will skip over Verse 26 and look at Verse 27.

"So God created man in his own image, Male and female created he them." The philosophies seem agreed upon the creation of mankind (Adam) as a dense ethereal form, but not as dense as that of humanity today. The translation used in Verse 21 of Chapter 2 speaks of creating Eve from Adam's *rib*. The world originally used means "side" and not rib. Previously mankind had been hermaphroditic but "Jehovah caused one side or sex in each being to remain latent." Thus "male and female created he them."

Now we come to Verse 26. "And God said Let *us* make man in *our* image,

after our likeness——" The plural "us" indicates God's seven helpers or planetary spirits. The use of "our image" shows that God and His helpers had a common form. Opposite page 66 in *The Cosmo-Conception* we see a sketch of what man really looks like: his aura or so called desire body is oval or spherical, with the whirling vortices, each of a different color (Joseph's coat of many colors). The vibration of each of these colors corresponds to a planetary vibration or color. There are 7 vibratory colors or centers, visible to the true clairvoyant, to correspond with the visible bodies in our solar system. God is the center of a solar system and man is a potential God. The ONE FORM or "image" is a solar system, whether in the microcosm (an atom) or in the macrocosm of the Universe or Cosmos. Just as a reminder you must know that an atom consists of a central proton (Sun) with numerous electrons (planets) whirling around the center.

Know then that God is the All-Permeating-Spirit in our solar system with His central power-house for disseminating life located in the Sun with its electro-magnetic vibrations; and the Sun is the home of the archangels and their chief is Christ. The Moon, as a satellite of our planet Earth, is the home of the Angels, and their chief is Jehovah. Jehovah, through the Moon's vibrations, attends to the production of forms on Earth and the propagation of each specie, whether vegetable, animal, or man. Each planet has its own vibration and is in charge of a Planetary Spirit with certain duties and functions. The Sun, Moon, and 5 visible planets have individual vibrations or colors that are the 7 colors in a rainbow. All of these are operating within the electro-magnetic field emanating from the Sun.

Science confirms the following: the planet Earth has a north magnetic pole and also a south magnetic pole, with magnetic lines of force flowing on or near the earth's surface from the north

pole to the south pole. Earth is spinning on its axis as a gigantic armature in the Sun's electro-magnetic field and also in the field of Cosmic Energy or Millikan Rays. Earth thus is a motor generator and sends out its own vibrations and is kept spinning on its axis by power from the Sun. Each planet is doing the same thing of spinning on its own axis in this electro-magnetic field and sending out its own vibrations. Thus we find that the Sun, Moon, and the five planets are God's broadcasting stations, sending their individual vibrations to the "receiving sets"—the human beings—on earth.

Now we may read Verse 26 in Chapter 1 of Genesis: "And God said, Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness." God was telling His Planetary Spirits to make man in the image of a solar system. After the creation of Adam and Eve was accomplished by the united work of all seven, the job was only started, for there was also the command to reproduce and people the earth. Thus during the normal nine month's period of gestation, each one of the seven, under the Moon's vibration, added several parts in the formation of the child.

After the story of Creation the accounts are mostly in the realm of Jehovah's work. We find him to be a wrathful God, a vengeful God, a God of battle, one who rules through fear as witness (Deuteronomy, Chapters 27 and 28). Jehovah incited the slaughter of whole tribes and peoples who felt His displeasure. The earlier types of humanity did not respond to the finer and softer virtues. Few could understand a kindness done without a motive of personal gain. Hence the story of the Good Samaritan was viewed with suspicion. Almost the whole of humanity were selfish and hardened mentally and spiritually. As a race they were not evolving except physically. Their own emanations of greed, lust, and cruelty were poisoning the earth which in turn

emanated the same condition. This world was not going according to Plan—was headed for destruction and disintegration. If the Earth's inhabitants were to be saved a change was necessary.

We hear and read of Jesus, and of Christ, and Jesus Christ, as though they referred to one and the same thing. This one Being is spoken of as the "Sacrifice and Savior." What was the sacrifice and how made? Just what was the ancient meaning of the word sacrifice? We find it meant a sacred offering given to propitiate some wrathful being; the killing of some animal for sacrifice had more value than an offering of fruit or vegetables, and the killing of a human being as a sacrifice had the highest value. Today "sacrifice"



refers to doing without the use of some valuable thing or giving it to another.

According to occult philosophy we are individual Spirits or life sparks that, once differentiated in the all-pervading Spirit, remain individualities. This individual life-spark may function in this physical realm or in the finer spirit realms, and from time to time returns to physical form by rebirth. The Spirit we know as Jesus had a mission through many previous lives. He acquired each time a more perfect physical body by leading "an austere life and sacrificing the so-called pleasures of life, until he had a physical body capable of withstanding the extremely high vibrations of a Sun-Spirit, Christ. Christ had never previously entered human form until at the Baptism at the river Jordan. There Christ entered and operated the dense and vital bodies of

Jesus. From time to time after that it was necessary for a disappearance while the body of Jesus was rested and repaired by the Essenes. Christ functioned in the body of Jesus for about 3 years, performing many miracles, until the Crucifixion.

Mention has been previously made about the Vernal Equinox. It occurs each spring when the Sun apparently crosses the equator. This Vernal Equinox has been noted and still is, by astronomers who have seen that each year it occurs in a slightly different position in relation to the stars. Ancient astronomers with a vivid imagination for purposes of identification of the stars and their groupings, have called these constellations by names, many of which are animal names. Nearly all of these constellations overlap their neighboring constellations but may be approximately divided into 12 groups covering 30 degrees of the heavens. The backward movement through the stars or constellations is known as precession of the equinox and is uniformly at the rate of 2,160 years per 30 degrees of the heavens. We can use this backward movement of precession of the equinox as a timer in biblical history for mankind's changes in religion.

When the Vernal Equinox by precession entered the constellation Taurus (the Bull) we find man worshiping a bull or golden calf. When the Vernal Equinox entered Aries, the lamb or ram, we find man using a ram or lamb for sacrifice. After it entered Pisces, we find many references to the Fishes; fisherman as disciples, catching loads of fishes, the miracle of bread and fishes to feed the multitudes. Today, the Sun still in Pisces, we find fish prescribed as Friday food; and the bishop's headpiece or mitre is shaped like the head of a fish. Soon the Vernal Equinox will enter Aquarius when we are due for another religious change. The only religion that has not changed during all this time is the religion of the Hebrews.

In the New Testament story of the life of Jesus there is an omission of the 15 years of his life between 12 and 27. In other manuscripts, not included in the Bible, we find the story of those missing 15 years. Jesus was traveling through Egypt, Arabia, Persia, India, and Greece, visiting different monasteries and studying with the priests. The very fact that there is this omission of these 15 years shows that there were other accounts that for some reason were rejected. The Catholic Bible includes some stories not in the Protestant Bible. The selection of what to accept and what to reject was made several centuries after the time of Jesus, and by people not always capable of judging properly. Who is there to say now that many of the rejected manuscripts are not just as authentic as those which were accepted? Fortunately many of these rejected manuscripts were not destroyed, but are even now sometimes to be found in the hidden archives of various priesthoods. Much information of value to esoteric students is available in these hidden places, and tells of many things needed to understand fully the accepted manuscripts.

The Bible, with all its errors of translation, omissions, and revisions, still remains a book of esoteric knowledge and mystery. This article does not pretend to show the full glory of Christ as a Savior nor the Sacrifice of Jesus in its entirety. The Bible is many things to many men. It is a Book of Mystery.

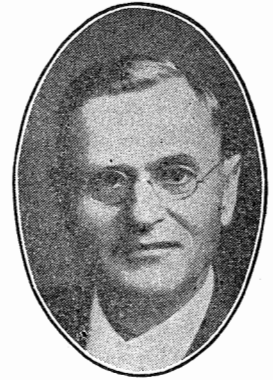
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Love is the weapon which Omnipotence reserved to conquer rebel man when all the rest had failed. Reason he parries; fear he answers blow for blow; future interest he meets with present pleasure; but love, that sun against whose melting beams the winter cannot stand—that soft subliming winter which wrestles down the giant, there is not one human being in a million, whose clay is hardened against love.—*Tupper.*

# MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

*Taken from His Writings*

## The Web of Destiny



(THIRD INSTALLMENT)

*The Christ Within—The Memory of  
Nature*



HERE are a great many people who associate spirituality with a great show of emotionalism, but as we saw in our last article, this idea has absolutely no foundation in fact; on the contrary, the kind of spirituality which is developed by and associated with the emotional nature of the desire body is unreliable in the extreme; this is the variety that is generated in revival meetings where emotionalism is brought up to a high pitch, causing a person to make a great splurge of religious fervor which soon spends itself and leaves him exactly as he was before much to the chagrin of the revivalists and other people who are engaged in evangelical work. But what else can they expect? They set out to save souls with drums and fifes, with rhythmic revival songs, with appeals made in a voice which is raised and lowered in harmonic waves, all of which are as powerfully effective on the desire body as storms which stir the sea to fury and then subside. The vital body is much more set, and it is only when conversion affects this vehicle that it sticks and stays with a man or woman for life.

Those who have the true spirituality do not feel saved one day, in the seventh heaven of ecstasy, and the next feel

themselves down in the dumps and miserable sinners that can never be forgiven; for their religion is not based upon the emotional nature which feeds these things, but is rooted in the vital body which is the vehicle of reason, set and persistent in the path it has once chosen. As new forms are propagated through the second ether of the vital body, so the Higher Self, the *Christ Within*, is formed through this same vehicle of generation, the vital body, in its higher aspects embodied in the two upper ethers.

But as a child that is born into the world requires nourishment, so also the Christ that is born *within*, is a babe and requires to be nourished to the full stature of manhood. And as the physical body grows by a continual assimilation of material from the chemical region, the solids, liquids, and gases, so also, as the Christ grows, will the two higher ethers grow in volume and form a luminous cloud around the man or woman sufficiently discerning to set his or her face heavenward; it will invest the pilgrim with light so brilliant that he "*walks in the light*," as a matter of actual fact. By the exercises given in the Western Mystery School of the Rosicrucians, it becomes possible in time to detach the two higher ethers, and the man may then step away from his physical body, leaving it for a time invested and vitalized only by the two lower

ethers; he is then what we call an Invisible Helper.

There are various grades of spiritual sight. One grade enables a man to see the ordinarily invisible ether with the myriads of beings that invest that realm. Other and higher variants give him the faculty to see the Desire World and even the World of Thought while remaining in the physical body. But these faculties, though valuable when exercised under full control of the human will, are not sufficient to read in the Memory of Nature with absolute accuracy. To do this and to make the necessary investigations in order that one may understand how "The Web of Destiny" is made and unmade, it is necessary to be able at will to step from the physical body and function outside in that soul body which we have spoken of as composed of the two higher ethers, this being also invested with the desire body and the mind. Thus the investigator is in full possession of all his faculties, he knows all that he knew in the physical world, and has the ability to bring back into the physical consciousness the things which he has learned without. When he has this ability he must also learn to balance himself, *to understand* the things which he sees outside, for mark this: It is not enough to be able to step outside the body into another world and to see things there; we do not by that fact become omniscient any more than we understand what everything is used for and how everything works here in this physical world because we live here from day to day and year to year. It requires study and application to become thoroughly familiar with the facts of the invisible world as it does with the facts of the world in which we are now living in our physical bodies. Therefore the book, the Memory of Nature, is not read easily at the first attempt or at the second either, for just as it takes a child time to learn how to read our ordinary books here, so, also, it requires

time and effort to decipher this wonderful scroll.

It is a familiar fact to students of science that the history of the earth is written in unmistakable characters upon the rocks and by the glaciers. Upon every stone there is found some sign which guides the trained investigator in deciphering its message concerning the development of the earth during past ages, and it is wonderful to read in the text books upon this subject how well the scientific investigators have been able to make a connected story out of these many clues. It is also well known that wherever we move individually, we leave behind us marks which may be traced though they are unseen even by ourselves. The wonderful ingenuity displayed by the Indians, as told by Fennimore Cooper and others, in tracing their friends or their foes through the virgin forest guided by broken twigs, etc., is far exceeded by scientists today, who trace the criminal by his finger prints. The seemingly fantastic exploits of Sherlock Holmes are duplicated by actual experience in criminal detection. The actions of men now living may be reproduced by the moving picture camera a hundred years hence when the real actors have long moldered in the grave; and so we can by the light of these later discoveries prepare our minds for the belief that there is an automatic record of every human life and of the lives of communities, kept in what we may call, for want of a better name, the Memory of Nature.

*(To be continued)*

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The clairvoyant must be trained before his faculty becomes of value, and it is invariably the case that the more proficient people become the more modest they are in their statements and the more willing to defer to the versions of others.—*Max Heindel*

# A ROSICRUCIAN CATECHISM

## The Sixteen Paths to Destruction

Q. What are the "Sixteen Paths to Destruction?"

A. The sixteen Races are called the "Sixteen Paths to Destruction" because there is always, in each Race, a danger that the Ego may become too much attached to the Race.

Q. How can this occur?

A. The Ego may become so enmeshed in Race characteristics that it cannot rise above the *race* idea and will therefore fail to advance.

Q. How does this lead to destruction?

A. The Ego may, so to speak, crystallize into that Race and consequently be confined to the Race bodies when they start to degenerate.

Q. Cannot such crystallization occur where there are no races?

A. In Periods, Revolutions, and Epochs where there are no Races there is much more time, and the likelihood of becoming fossilized is not so great nor so frequent.

Q. How does this compare with the life of Races?

A. The sixteen Races are born and die in such a relatively short time there is grave danger that the one who gets too much attached to conditions may be left behind.

Q. How does a Race gain such power over its adherents?

A. Through the domination of a great Being called a Race Spirit, each Race having its individual Race Spirit.

Q. What evidence would indicate this?

A. It is easy to see that the different nations have certain physical and other characteristics, which differ from those of other nations, thus indicating

that there must be a *Race Spirit* at the root of these peculiarities.

Q. Is the occultist certain of this?

A. The occultist who has developed spiritual sight knows that such is the case, and that each nation has a different Race Spirit which broods as a cloud over the whole country. In it the people live, move and have their being.

Q. What does a Race Spirit do for its particular nation?

A. It is their guardian and is constantly working for their development, building up their civilization and fostering ideals of the highest nature compatible with their capacity for progress.

Q. Did the Christ advocate detachment from the Race?

A. Christ is the great unifying Leader of the Sixth Epoch and He enunciated this Law when He uttered those little understood words: "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life, also, he cannot be my disciple."

Q. Ought we, then, to ignore family ties?

A. We are not to leave nor underestimate family ties but we are to rise above them. Father and mother are "bodies"; all relations are part of the Race—which belongs to Form.

Q. What must we realize in detaching ourselves from Form?

A. We must recognize that we are not Bodies, nor Races, but Egos striving for perfection. If a man forgets this and identifies himself with his Race—clinging to it with fanatical patriotism—he is likely to become enmeshed in and sink with it when his compeers have passed to greater heights on the Path of Attainment.

# WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

## Conversion of Saul



And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest.

And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven.

And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.—*The Acts*, 9-1-8; 18.

The life of Saul of Tarsus, including his latter years as St. Paul, is a mighty drama of the power of the Christ to transform and direct the nature of man.

Saul of Tarsus was among the most zealous of those who persecuted the Christians, even witnessing the stoning of the blessed St. Stephen, and "consenting unto his death." Blindly fanatical in his course against the followers of the crucified and risen Christ, Saul furiously refused the gently forgiving

admonitions of his best beloved friend, Barnabas, and of his revered teacher, Gamaliel, and pursued his misguided way.

So do many of those who have not yet "seen the light." The lives of such may be but narrow ruts, wherein they stumble along, oblivious to the tremendous abundance of life offered by the Christ Way of humble love and service. Creed may wall them in, and shut out the real significance of the Christian ideals of unity and brotherhood. Petty dogmas may bind the wings of the eternal Spirit, ever striving to unfold from out its prison house of flesh. Man-made conventions may bar the way to the free progress of the Spirit and invite the crystallizing forces of intolerance, pride, and selfishness.

Damascus represents a definite step on the Path of Initiation. Saul "was three days without sight," but he emerged from that period a new person. During those three days his consciousness was focused in the inner realms, and his spiritual powers were quickened. Truly, the scales fell from his eyes, and henceforth his extended powers were employed with a new zeal and selflessness in serving his fellow men. A new humility and compassion were his, and a burning love for *all* humanity became a characteristic of his new life in Christ, whom he resolutely heralded as "the Son of God."

In the life of every aspirant there must come the illumination signified by *Damascus*. At some point on his journey back to God each individual must orient his life so that he follows wholeheartedly the Path indicated by the greatest of all teachers. The powers of the Ego must become joyously dedicated to the Way of the Cross.



# Astrology Department

## Neptune--Symbol of the Divine

By EDWARD L. ADAMS

"Honor to the idealists, whether philosophers or poets. They have improved us by mingling with our daily pursuits great and transcendent conceptions. They have thrown around our sensual life the grandeur of a better, and drawn us up from contacts with the temporal and the selfish to communion with beauty and truth and goodness."—*Chapin*.

(CONCLUSION)



NEPTUNE rules a great variety of occupations, but we shall mention only a few. Wherever secrecy or illusion is involved there may Neptune be found. It rules all twelfth house occupations, such as those having to do with hospitals, prisons, institutions, and laboratories. It rules special investigators, such as the F.B.I. Since it has dominion over the sea, it affects all those whose occupations have to do with the ocean and rivers. Sailors, deep-sea fishers and divers, and aviators are included, as are chemists who work with liquids and oils, perfume manufacturers, drug dealers, and corporation executives.

Any occupation that is something other than it seems to be is dominated by Neptune. The movies and all individuals and branches of work connected with them are Neptunian. The old name of "silver screen" was a very apt title, for it is the magic screen that produces but shadows of people—not the people themselves. This is the illusion of Neptune, but it should be noted that this illusory invention is for the definite purpose of teaching humanity about Desire World vision—a faculty to be possessed by all some time in the future.

The horoscopes of the best actors and actresses will invariably be found to have a strong Neptune. It may be linked with the individuality by way of the Sun, or with the personality by way of the Moon or Ascendant. It may also appear in the house of entertainment (5th), the house of work (6th), the house of the public (7th), or the house of vocation (10th), or the ruler of the 5th, 6th, 7th, or 10th house will have an important Neptune aspect. The 10th house is especially important in connection with Neptune and its aspects for this house is the chief indicator of one's career, one's position before the public. Those who have Neptune near the Midheaven or ruling the Midheaven usually use an assumed name some time in life.

In a comprehensive analysis of Neptune's influence, one may profitably watch the various characterizations that actresses and actors register on the screen through their personality. Changes come over their features, denoting the various fine ranges of emotion. A subtle transforming alchemy is performed and Spirit shines through. Again, through Neptune's magical process, these performers temporarily become one with the character they depict. This is shown particularly in the psychological movies involving the fin-

est shadings of acting and emotional expression.

Neptune has a peculiar influence on the eyes, for it will be noted that those strongly under its favorable aspects have an arresting depth and shining quality to their eyes. There beams forth a subtle spiritual radiance that is soft and beautiful—it encompasses. Understanding and compassion lie mirrored in these eyes, bespeaking much soul growth through suffering. Under the adverse Neptunian aspects the eye may affect those observed very unpleasantly.

“Neptune may be said to represent the invisible worlds in more positive aspects and those who come under the evil rays of this planet are therefore brought in touch with the most undesirable occupants of the invisible worlds. Actual obsession whereby the owner of a body is deprived of his vehicle takes place under the ray of Neptune and no materializing seance could ever be held if it were not for this stellar vibration.” Thus we find the mediums, negative clairvoyants, and hypnotists all resulting

from the negative aspects of Neptune. It is extremely dangerous to delve into psychic phenomena, attend seances, or seek contact with spirit guides if one has this planet afflicted. The danger of obsession cannot be lightly dismissed. We should always try to remain positive and seek to lift ourselves up through our own efforts—not through the doubtful ministrations of the denizens of other worlds.

Those having negative aspects to Neptune are inclined to dabble in such negative practices as the ouija board, automatic writing, psychometry, and Eastern breathing exercises. These practices are all highly dangerous, and may lead to complete obsession—the

worst thing that can happen to an Ego. The bodies of Western people are more sensitive than those of the East, and therefore occult exercises suited for the Eastern people are likely to result in consumption or mental imbalance if indulged in by Western natives.

The nefarious practice of hypnotism is directly under the Neptunian Ray. This detestable and perverted use of the creative force on the mental plane seems to be going through a dangerous period of popularity at the present time. The movies, radio, and press are extolling the value of hypnotism in curing mental cases, drunkards, etc., giving the false impression that such practices are advisable. As a matter of fact, hypnotism is a phase of the “unpardonable sin,” and is not forgiven. That is, anyone who thus misuses the creative power on the mental plane will eventually have to pay a heavy price—a crippled and broken body, or even congenital idiocy. There is actually no cure for any disease through hypnotism, for ultimately the patient must use his

#### THE SPIRITUAL NATURE OF ASTROLOGY

The science of the stars is essentially a spiritual science. Its effects are the results of the emanations of mighty spiritual Beings acting upon the inherent spiritual principles of microcosmic man—a cell in the great body of God unfolding its latent potentialities into dynamic powers. To the spiritual astrologer there are three legitimate ways of using the message of the stars: to aid people in character analysis, diagnosis of disease, and vocational guidance.

own will power to effect a permanent adjustment—if not in this life then in a future one. Subjecting oneself to a hypnotist gives him power to influence one throughout the rest of the life—a willing tool for possible criminal purposes.

The negative side of Neptune manifests as lethargy, dissolution, a weakening of the will, a spinelessness, a I-don't-care attitude, a giving up of the fight. Oftentimes Neptune infiltrates into one's life a long delay or mysterious obstruction, which if carefully examined may be found to have a definite meaning in the spiritual growth. However, individuals with a strongly adverse Neptune must beware of becoming mere

driftwood upon the stream of life. They must keep their feet on the ground, even though their heads be in the clouds. They may catch a glimpse of the divine, but are unable to inject their vision into everyday life so as to uplift and stimulate for good.

All types of fraud and trickery come under the influence of Neptune. Many things in life are difficult to understand and penetrate when this mystery planet casts its peculiar spell. One whose Neptune is afflicted should always try to be and act the soul of honesty and straightforwardness, for the adverse aspects give the appearance of deceit, whether merited or not. Associates usually suspect and believe the worst, even without knowing logically why they feel that way. Strangely, too, the person himself may actually feel guilty of some misdoing and act accordingly, although he is entirely innocent.

Research reveals that the adverse aspects of Neptune to Mars are especially effective in attracting one to the insidious practices of the black art. Any aspect of Mars to Neptune seems to energize the channel from the seen into the unseen, but if the aspect is adverse, the forces are definitely of the undesirable kind.

Neptune rules alcoholics and drug addicts in all stages. The recent motion picture, "The Lost Weekend," depicted very clearly the negative Neptune-man who is a victim of his strong craving for liquor—a perfect picture of an afflicted Neptune person who weakly gives in to his lower desires. This movie teaches a lesson greatly needed by many people today. It shows the slow but sure deterioration of a man who yields to the insidious negative influence of Neptune. The soul destroying effect of his desire for intoxicants, the disintegration of character, is clearly enacted. Finally, however, through the help of *one who loves him*, he realizes that he can and will lift himself up, and he sets his feet on the upward path again. When the *will* becomes aroused, the higher Ones, who are ever about us, may

then come to our assistance and aid in the struggle for self-mastery.

Max Heindel points out a most important occult truth when he states that "Neptune dissolves and coagulates the thoughts, desires, and emotions, and they either brighten or dim the spinal Spirit Light. This is now alight in all men except black magicians, where it is dying. In others it is growing brighter. Conversion gives it a wonderful brilliancy. In the Christian (Moon) it is strongest, reflecting simple unreasoning faith in the white light, the diamond, including ALL the wisdom of the Deity comprehended in the White Stone. The Rosierucian combines the strong Mars-Mercury—desire and knowledge—in a red fire. This washes the body within, purges the dross, and finally makes the Ruby Soul."

Therefore, in a symbolic sense we can understand Neptune as the Philosopher's Stone—that precious extract of our daily deeds that is made more brilliant day by day as we tread the Path.

### Horoscopes for Subscribers' Children

If you would like to avail yourself of a possible opportunity to have your child's HOROSCOPE delineated in this department, subscribe to this Magazine for one year, and accompany your subscription with an application for a reading. RENEWALS count the same as a subscription. Readings are given for children up to 16 YEARS of age. They include a general character, health, and vocational analysis.

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NOTE: We neither set up nor read horoscopes anywhere EXCEPT in this Magazine.

Within the effects of the adverse Neptunian aspects lies the key to progress. The lesson to be learned will make possible much wisdom for the Spirit. Thus it behooves us to study Neptune closely to obtain this hidden clue to the growth of Spirit. All the chaos, confusion, and under currents of deception resulting from its negative vibrations are but testing points in spiritual endeavor. When we labor under Neptune's pressure we may well heed St. Paul's words: "None of these things move me." We are to move forward into Neptune's grander scale of consciousness, no matter how great the obstacles, no matter how long the soul-wearying delays, or how painful the subtle whiplash of events.

In *Faust*, Wagner has expressed this very aptly:

"Who never ate his bread in sorrow,  
Who never spent the midnight  
hours,  
Weeping, waiting for the morrow,  
He knows ye not, ye heavenly  
powers."

Thus Neptune is the Path. He symbolizes the ultimate goal of spiritualization and union with the Divine. All the other planets are significant stepping stones to the unfolding of Divinity. Therefore, they indicate various lessons to be learned, the unfolding and enlargement of the many qualities to be built into one's being, but all the various aspects and cycles of Neptune in our horoscopes help us fulfill the divine in our natures and lead us to cosmic consciousness.

Those who seek to tread the Path will find his meaning as soon as they dedicate themselves to loving service to others, and seek to become channels for the Father's will. Neptune's dissolving, interfiltrating, pervasive power will start to act as a leaven immediately. He will stir to the very depths all the dregs of the nature, and the highest that is there also. All that we have been and are will come to the surface and that

which is not good will present itself for liquidation. The aspirant must work to distill these qualities and obtain the essence of that which is good—this is the part that will be built into the Spirit as soul. He will see the work to be done by himself in this incarnation.

But we are never alone in our struggles. Neptune represents the spiritual powers and principalities of the White School which are active throughout the universe. Though we falter and often fail in our endeavors, the good in our natures receives much upliftment and stimulation from the Great Ones—ranging from the Initiates to our Father in heaven.

He who made the greatest sacrifice within our knowledge—He who exchanged His divine glory for the prison-house of the physical body, our Savior, Christ Jesus, left us these priceless truths: "He that loveth his life shall lose it, and he that holdeth his life in this world to be of no account shall keep it to the life of the ages. . . . Whosoever will save his life shall lose it, but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. . . . If anyone is desirous of following me, let him ignore self and take up his cross day by day and be my follower."

*Renunciation!* This is the fullest meaning of Neptune—a complete giving up to the Father's will. It is further signified by the sign Pisces, under which we are still evolving. Pisces, and its opposite, Virgo, have a deep significance, for the cosmic consciousness and divinity of Neptune are garnered through Virgo—"loving, self-forgetting service to others." Christ Jesus gave these words to His disciples, and they are contained in the Rosicrucian Temple Service, "He who would be the greatest among you, let him be the servant of all."

Through complete renunciation to the Father's will, we are enabled to *see* and *know* each other as children of the one God—as one formless mass of Spirits evolving upward and onward, each expressing the Godlike powers

within himself according to his inherent ability. Then we actually understand the meaning of the words: "The recognition of the fundamental unity of each with all, the fellowship of the spirit, is the realization of God. To reach that realization, let us endeavor each day to forget the often unprepossessing exteriors of our brothers and seek to serve the divine essence hidden within, which is the basis of fellowship."

This "recognition of the fundamental unity of each with all," is the real basis for democracy in the highest sense of the word. "Government of the people, by the people, and for the people" was envisioned by those under the influence of the Neptunian Ray, and under the same influence will be carried to consummation for the whole world. The nations of today, forging painfully toward a world government, are feeling not only the influence of the Aquarian vibrations, as the Sun by precession moves toward the cusp of Aquarius, but are being led by Neptunian individuals toward a manner of living which will embody the highest ideals of fellowship and unity. The enlightened Thomas Carlyle pointed out a century ago that: "Democracy will itself accomplish the salutary universal change from delusive to real, and make a new blessed world of us by and by." The "blessed new world" will come as we, "the people," learn to respond to the Neptunian faculty of recognizing the "divine essence hidden within" our fellow men, and direct our actions and lives accordingly.

So, O Fellow-Aspirant, let us forge ahead upon the Path by grasping the shining opportunities offered by Neptune's lofty vibrations. Let us respond to his call toward illumination, through loving service to others, so that we, too, may be privileged to knock at the door of the Temple—so that we, too, may enter therein, and be initiated into the mysteries of the divine and attain at-one-ment with God!

## FINDING BEAUTY

(Continued from page 494)

of trouble, ugly facts, you say. Granted; but forget it. Think of God and sing. There are reasons why we should, for this is God's world. Wicked and mistaken men may ravage and destroy, but the foundations of the world are safe in God's hands. God is more than Creator. He is our Shepherd who promises, "None shall pluck them out of my hand." God reigns, even the King in His beauty. Men may seize power and inflict cruel injustice, but God's Spirit will judge them and His truth shall prevail.

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,  
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and Moon, and stars of light,  
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight,  
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

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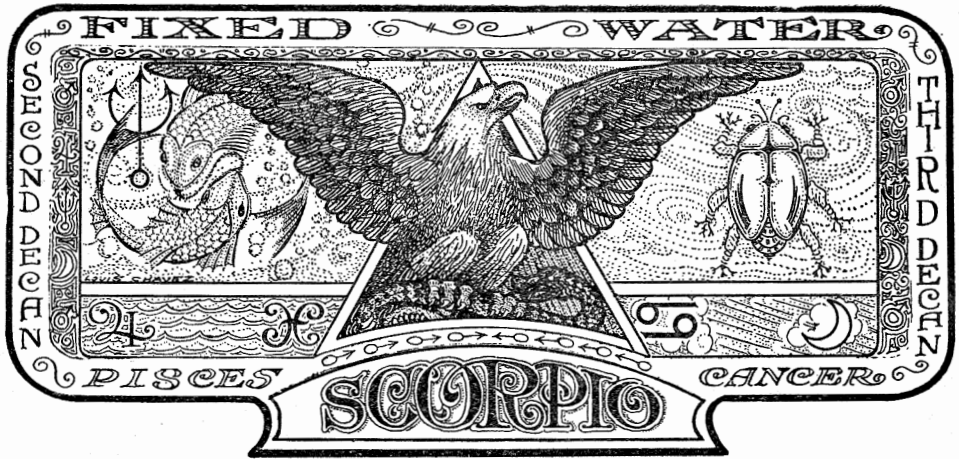
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### ERRATUM:

In our 1947 Ephemeris, page 26, it was stated that War Time was discontinued September 28, 1945. The correct date is September 30, 1945, 2:00 A.M.



## The Children of Scorpio, 1946

Birthdays: October 24 to November 22.



**S**ONLY Scorpio has two distinctly different symbols, the scorpion signifying its lower aspects, and the eagle its ability to attain great heights. Those having the Sun in this sign usually possess tremendous latent power with which they may become a force for either good or evil. They are capable of strong, unremitting desire, and are of an intense, inscrutable nature, given to deep, inflexible convictions. The mentality may be shrewd, piercing, determined, fond of penetrating into the unknown, seeking always to detect and overcome error.

The Scorpions are usually efficient and practical to a degree, but may show a lack of idealism and vision, of which they may even be proud. Resolute, implacable, they are always ready to contend with oppression, obstruction, injustice, and disagreeable conditions, and may excel as business men, chemists, law enforcers, surgeons, soldiers, researchers, seamen. Stressful activities are usually enjoyed, there being stamina and recuperative power to withstand much strenuous effort and strain.

The forceful, insatiable desires of Scorpio tolerate no half measures; its

natives stand definitely for one thing or the other. "Victory or death" might be their motto. There may be a need of becoming less demanding, less ready to criticize or condemn, and more generous and agreeable, more willing to forgive injustice. When lacking in self-restraint, perhaps due to lack of early training, the emotional power of Scorpio may manifest as envy, bitterness, sarcasm, passion, and other destructive traits. The blunt, skeptical Martian influence becomes a potent force for good once tempered with gentleness, sympathy, courtesy, and clean, upright living habits. If wisely and justly applied, strict discipline is respected and acceptable to the children of this sign. While the often brusque, caustic, and rather un-sentimental qualities of Scorpio may be somewhat trying at times, the directness, justice, and personal magnetism of the higher type of Scorpio natives usually wins them much respect.

From November 11th to 22nd the Sun and Venus are in conjunction, influencing those born during that time toward an easygoing, refined, affectionate, and agreeable way of life, and is conducive to happiness and material gain, but may incline to jealousy. Sun conjunc-

tion Mercury (November 17th to 22nd) denotes mental vigor and good spirits, although more receptivity, pliancy, tolerance, and humility may be needed to avoid errors resulting from prejudice, intellectual pride, self-will, and dogmatic thinking habits. Since it may tempt toward vindictive or harsh reactions, abuse of power, extreme forcefulness or other negative expressions of Scorpio, Sun square Pluto may prove rather difficult for those born October 27th to November 15th. Greater self-restraint, moderation, humility, and devotion to the welfare of others will enable these children to use this powerful influence for good rather than in misdirected action or in conflict.

The Sun-Jupiter conjunction of October 24th to November 13th is a fortunate, protective factor, stimulating the good will, optimism, humaneness, generosity, and other wholesome traits which are the true basis of so-called "good luck." However, since the Sun squares Saturn at about the same time, (October 24th - November 11th) fear, self-doubts, and uncertainties of fate or circumstances may occasionally hinder plans or actions. Further development of altruism, magnanimity, forgiveness, and trust should offset any leaning toward ill-feeling, avarice, harshness, etc., while a positive, wholesome attitude, a greater faith in God and man should largely counteract the Jupiter-Saturn square active all the solar month.

All those born after October 25th have a Mercury-Venus conjunction inclining to a moderate, cheerful, pleasing, and agreeable manner in speech and action. Mercury conjoins Mars and trines Saturn October 24th to November 19th, with an excellent stimulating and deepening effect upon the mentality. Methodically directed energies, practical enterprise, fondness of action and controversy, adroitness, skill, and ambition may be prominent traits in those born at this time. Mercury sextile Uranus (October 24th-31st) indicates con-

siderable originality, intuition, understanding of human nature, and interest in advanced subjects or movements. A similar aspect of Mercury to Neptune will be a sensitizing, idealistic, and inspiring influence in the lives of those born November 3rd to 17th; a subtle, imaginative, and persuasive quality may be apparent in their nature.

Venus conjunction Mars (November 1st-13th) may bestow a generous, warm-hearted disposition, a fondness for pleasure, good living, and worldly blessings. While fortunate in many ways, care may be necessary to prevent ardent, easily stirred emotions from leading to indulgence or license. Venus trines Saturn October 24th to November 6th, a wonderfully stabilizing and constructive influence, concentrating and wisely directing the affections and emotions, giving willingness to bear adversity cheerfully, devotion to duty, loyalty to the ideal, firmness in time of temptation.

For those born November 7th to 23rd, Mars trine Saturn indicates much patience, fortitude, practical abilities, an orderly, disciplined nature able to cope effectively with whatever problems life may bring. Mars sextile Neptune denotes ability to sublimate aims and desires, many charitable or occult activities, honorable conduct and moral strength for those born November 11th to 23rd.

With Jupiter square Pluto all solar month, these children may at times form extreme or distorted opinions, follow an ill-advised course of action, champion questionable causes, etc. Perhaps a broad and lenient outlook, a more humane and moderate approach, a realistic yet sympathetic interest in the welfare of others may prove desirable during the activities of adult life.

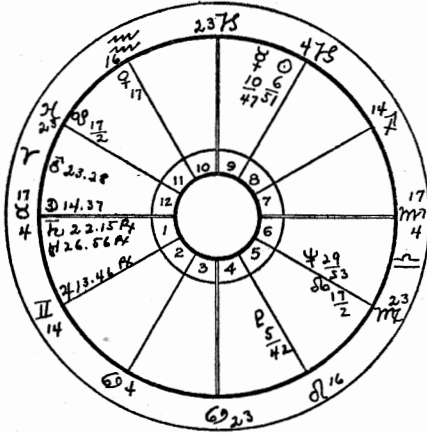
In the destiny of all these children, Saturn conjunction Pluto signifies a potent although not easily defined influence. Perhaps unnecessary severity, a rigid conscience, an unexpected cruelty, an ascetic contempt for pleasure or pain may manifest at times.

# Reading for a Subscriber's Child

FLORA F.

Born December 28, 1941, 1:29 P.M.

Latitude 48 N. Longitude 124 W.



In the native of this chart we find a very practical individual, indicated by the Sun and Mercury in Capricorn and the Moon in Taurus in conjunction to the Ascendant. This gives a strong influence of the earth signs. Taurus on the Ascendant gives a congenial personality until provoked, then there is a stubborn passive resistance which is not easily changed.

The Moon is exalted in Taurus. This position ordinarily gives full expression of the Venus qualities through the personality, as well as the love for art and music in its various phases. However, Saturn is in conjunction with the Ascendant which holds in abeyance or thwarts the expression considerably. Venus, which rules the Ascendant, is placed in the humanitarian sign Aquarius, blending the Uranian qualities of independence and originality with those of Venus, since it is in Taurus in the 1st house.

Uranus is decidedly held in check by the close conjunction of Saturn. This is especially in evidence in childhood due to the 1st house position. The Sun and Mercury in the sign Capricorn

also receive the saturnine effects of that sign, giving a practical and serious nature. In fact, one of the most important things which the parents should help their little daughter with is to teach her to look on the bright side of life as much as possible and give her every opportunity to express happiness. It is best not to reprimand her in the usual manner for she will respond much more readily to kindness.

Flora has a very good mind and can be reached through reasoning with her, and, given a kindly explanation of a situation, she will cooperate gladly. This will have a powerful effect upon her health, for "thoughts are things" and "like attracts like." Flora can control her destiny and health to a great extent by her mental attitude.

Virgo rules the 6th house and Mercury, the ruler, is in the 9th house, the house of the higher mind, and the Sun trines the Moon. This shows an inner harmony or a blending of the personality with the individuality. Mercury, the planet representative of the mind, rules the 6th house, which governs the health, indicating that the mind will have a great deal to do with the health of this child. Jupiter placed in the 1st house, although retrograde, is trine to Venus, which helps considerably in bringing happiness and success to Flora. With Venus in the house of friends, much enjoyment will come through this channel, but some disappointments, also, since the Dragon's Tail is also placed in the 11th house.

The position of Mars shows where the energy is expended. Mars in its own sign Aries puts enthusiasm into action, and being in the 12th house, the Moon's location, indicates that Flora will carry on her greatest activity behind the scenes away from the public, probably in some position as an investigator, or in public welfare work.



# VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE ADVICE

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

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

## **Interior Decorator. Florist**

**GERMAIN B.**—Born July 14, 1906, 5:15 P.M. Lat. 43 N. Long. 71 W. The activities of this individual are largely governed by circumstances, as most of the planets are located in the 7th and 8th houses, and Saturn is in Pisces. Consequently the vocation which he is the most qualified for would correspond with events of circumstances. Libra rules the Midheaven and Venus is placed in Leo in the 8th house sextile to Jupiter in the 7th. This gives an artistic trend. Mars shows energy expended and is in conjunction with the Sun in Cancer. The Moon is in Taurus in the 4th house, favoring artistic pursuits in connection with the home, such as interior decorating. The Cancer and Moon influence also indicates the ability to work with flowers, favoring the florist business, especially catering to funerals (8th house Venus).

## **Architect. Insurance Agent**

**ALICE B.**—Born June 23, 1911, 6:30 A.M. Lat. 47 N. Long. 95 W. While this chart is that of a woman, she is quite capable of carrying on work usually assigned to men. Capricorn on the Midheaven and Saturn in Taurus in the 1st house give a desire to attain position as the result of merit and practical ability. The Aries Ascendant, with Mars there and sextile to Mercury in Gemini and trine to Venus in Leo, indicates executive ability, and aptitude in the mechanical arts. This combination shows success as an architect. It gives remarkable dexterity and the ability to enthuse others and impress them with their views. Mercury in the 3rd house favors travel, and with the other capabilities, success as a traveling saleswoman or insurance agent would be

likely. Real estate business, dealing in homes and land, is favorable, since the Moon and Saturn are in Taurus and the Sun is in Cancer.

## **Chemist. Surveyor**

**CECIL J. W.**—Born December 23, 1909, 1:45 P.M. Lat. 55 N. Long. 7 W. This chart indicates one with original ideas in business, a pioneer, who originates new lines of activity, or a promoter, who likes to explore and investigate, perhaps in government work or public enterprises. Uranus in Capricorn in the 10th house, along with Mercury trine the Moon in Taurus, favors chemistry along the line of agriculture, as a soil analyst with new methods of improving the soil. Electro-therapy is another field, the science of the relation of electricity to chemical changes. The Capricorn influence also favors a business connected with chain stores dealing in electrical supplies or groceries. Real estate and surveying are also favored.

## **Chemist. Detective**

**JOHN M.**—Born January 1, 1929, 4:07 A.M. Lat. 41 N. Long. 74 W. This chart strongly favors a vocation of a scientific nature. The mental scientific sign Virgo is on the Midheaven, and Mercury is placed in Capricorn trine to the Moon in Virgo. Mercury in Capricorn gives a penetrating mind, and with Scorpio on the Ascendant, there is ability to ferret out secrets in the most uncanny manner. This indicates a successful detective. The scientific field, especially chemistry, is also indicated. There is a strong attraction to the occult. Mars as ruler of the Ascendant is placed in Gemini which gives a desire for educational attainment of a scientific nature, such as a technician, printer, or photographer.

# Monthly News Interpreted

## America--the Melting Pot

A few days before Congress adjourned, guards of the Senate and House public galleries noted the daily appearance of a bright, serious 12-year-old. He attended all proceedings and didn't miss a trick from the daily prayers of the chaplains to the fall of the adjournment gavels.

He was Bruce H. Akers of Shaker Heights, Ohio. Instead of a vacation trip to the mountains he chose "to go to Washington and see Congress in action."

His father, Kenneth Akers, head of a Cleveland advertising agency, got Bruce a room at a Washington hotel. Once in Washington, Bruce spent most of his time on Capitol Hill. The only other things he bothered with were the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials, a look through the iron fence around the White House and a trip to the Washington monument.

Two things impressed Bruce most about Congress. Both sides get up and talk; both sides are "good arguers."

From pictures he had seen, Bruce recognized every one of the many Senators who spoke during the OPA debates, and many others. He met none of them and, in fact, came to Washington with introductions to none.

*Strategist.* Bruce already has chosen public affairs as his life work and even now is no mean politician.

Back home at school, Bruce's sixth grade was getting set to elect class officers. Five boys and one girl had been nominated for president when someone added Bruce's name. He figured that the girls would vote for a girl while the boys would split between the six candidates. He had his backer withdraw his (Bruce's) name and put him up for vice president. He was sure the vice president nomination slate would be reversed—that there would be more girl than boy candidates.

It was. There were five girl candidates and one boy. A girl was elected president with the solid girl vote. Bruce won the vice presidency with the solid boy vote.—*Pathfinder News Magazine*, Aug. 25, 1946.

We have for sometime been calling the attention of our readers to the fact that quite a different class of Egos are beginning to be born among us and that from these advanced beings we may expect many progressed ideas to be presented and demonstrated for the benefit of mankind. In the near future we may expect many boys like Bruce H. Akers

to make their appearance, and their erudition and general wisdom will greatly astonish all those who contact them. This class of individuals will be doers as well as thinkers and their judgments will be based upon reason, understanding, and the will to install activities which will promote the welfare of all mankind.

We may expect the greater number if not all of these children to be born in America, for *America is the melting pot of the entire world*, and it is out of this melting pot that they will emerge. The intelligence of these new Egos will be phenomenal and their accomplishments will be still more so.

Be it noted that the children of the people of all nations born in America, take on a distinct contour of the head which is different from that of the parents and different from the nationality from which they have sprung. Thus it is even physically demonstrable that a new race is being born in America different from any on the old continent. A new class of Egos is coming into rebirth which have different traits of character and characteristics from those which exist among the older people. One may recognize these Egos to some extent by their long arms and lower limbs, their lithe body, their long and somewhat narrow head, high crown, and almost rectangular forehead. It would be well to be on the lookout for these children; there are probably more of them in the world today than the most of us realize.

## Correspondence Courses Introduced in Represa

Final revisions were made last week for the launching of the largest self-study program of correspondence courses in the history of California penology; plans were completed last week in the office of the Department of Education.

Here for the executive session of Department of Correction educational policy was Dr. Norman Fenton, chief of the Classification Bureau, who told the Observer: "This is destined to lead to the final goal in our program of rehabilitation—the scientific diagnosis and application of findings in our efforts to benefit the man."

According to Dr. Fenton, every man, upon classification through the Guidance Center, will receive recommendations for the improvement of his education during his term of imprisonment.

Through the self-study courses, the man will be enabled to follow a standardized program of education throughout his stay. Because the courses are standardized, it will be possible for each student to be transferred between the various institutions under the Department of Corrections, without interfering with his school program, or interrupting it in any way.

Attracted by the widest range of vocational and academic courses ever offered, a record 386 inmates will start the Fall semester of school Monday.—*Folsom Observer*.

It is certainly a step in the right direction when our institutions of confinement introduce courses of instruction intended to develop the minds of its inmates and direct them toward self-improvement and cultural attainment. Every individual placed in confinement should be given an opportunity to take up some line of work which will make him a useful citizen when he is returned to the outside world. There is so much good in the worst of us that if that good were cultivated and developed almost all people who have made grievous mistakes in life could be redeemed.

Reform is not accomplished through abuse, and the person who resorts to it shows that he is lacking in ability to handle the situation on a higher plane of action. There is a God spark in every individual which longs to manifest itself, and that spark can be reached and developed although it oftentimes requires much diligence and infinite patience. But it is well worth the effort. The Bible tells us that there is much rejoicing in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, showing quite unmistakably how precious every individual is to the the Father of us all.

## Audio-Visual Education

Use of movies, recordings and radio aids in education is receiving marked attention since the war. These aids were used by the Army and Navy and the Navy reports that students instructed with audio-visual aids learned 35 per cent more and remembered 55 per cent longer.

All types of visual aids are used in the visual education workshop in Cleveland. The Ohio Department of Education has concluded that, after experimenting on 25,000 pupils, those instructed with the aid of the moving pictures did 37 per cent better than those taught by words alone.

Movies and recordings are used mainly for instruction in social and natural sciences. According to the American Municipal Association, surplus military equipment being distributed to the school systems is adaptable to instruction in dramatics, speech and languages.—*Scottish Rite News Bulletin*, June 5, 1946.

The present Public School System of Education is due to a radical change in its manner of presenting information. Heretofore the textbook was practically the sole means used for this purpose and much time was required to impress the mind thoroughly with the contents of the lessons presented and often it seemed almost impossible to hold the interest of the student long enough to accomplish this.

Under the new system of education, how to arouse interest and hold concentration will no longer be a problem. Audio-visual pictures will attend to both processes, and lessons will become so fascinating that the student will regret when they are over. Furthermore, the fact that both the eye and the ear are intensely and enjoyably employed will not only make a deep impression on the mind, but it will stamp indelibly on it the meaning which the lesson is intended to convey.

Under the new system the length of time required to complete a school curriculum will be greatly lessened, giving more time to apply the knowledge gleaned in efficiently directing the activities pertaining to the daily life. School life under the new system will be a period of perpetual joy.

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## READERS' QUESTIONS

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### Grace at Meals

*Question:*

Do the Rosierucians believe in saying grace at meals?

*Answer:*

Yes, certainly. However, they emphasize the thought and feeling rather than the oral expression.

The occult student realizes the value of being grateful for all the blessings of life, and endeavors to live in an attitude of continual gratefulness. Thus he sits down to a meal and from his heart thanks his Creator and Benefactor, either orally or silently, for the food before him. This attitude of thankfulness not only tends to improve digestion and all other bodily functions, but establishes a vibration which attracts harmony into all other departments of the life. It opens the channel for receiving abundantly from the storehouse of Nature and at the same time spiritualizes the vehicles.

We should always keep in mind that conditions of life depend upon *vibration*, and we create the vibrations about us largely by *thought*. An attitude of gratitude and blessing in the home, or wherever one may be, attracts forces and vibrations of similar kind so that contentment and joy brighten the life. Angelic guests are invited to lend their gracious presence where such conditions exist.

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### INTERMARRIAGE BETWEEN RACES

*Question:*

Do you teach intermarriage among races as a means of dissolving racial barriers and bringing about universal brotherhood?

*Answer:*

Yes, but not as the *only* means of accomplishing these greatly to-be-desired objects.

“Christ came to prepare the way for the emancipation of humanity from the guidance of the differentiating Race and Family Spirits, and to unite the whole human family into one Universal Brotherhood.” Intertribal and international marriages were instituted and encouraged by the Leaders of humanity because the time had come when man had to be prepared for individualization. “The former ‘common’ consciousness, the involuntary clairvoyance or second-sight which constantly held before a tribesman the pictures of his ancestors’ lives and caused him to feel most closely identified with the tribe or family, was to be replaced for a time by a strictly individual consciousness confined to the material world, so as to break up the nations into individuals, that the Brotherhood of Man, regardless of exterior circumstances, may become a fact. This is on the same principle that if we have a number of buildings and wish to make them into one large structure, it is necessary to break them up into separate bricks.”

It is obvious that results are better in every way when intermarriage takes place between races near the same stage of evolution, rather than between those far apart. The progeny of parents belonging to widely differing races, such as the white and the black, are subject to invisible influences so at variance in nature that the lives of such Egos are made more difficult than if they were born to parents of more similar racial traits. Many abnormal conditions relative to races have been created by man

himself in the course of evolution, because of his innate selfishness, and he of course has to take the consequences until he learns to live more wisely and harmoniously.

Proper education is the key to furthering man's evolution, for as the Ego evolves here on this earth plane he prepares himself to be born to more evolved parents. Thus those at the lower stages of evolution should be assisted in every way possible by the more evolved races to unfold in a normal way and thus be reborn among better conditions. When the necessary progress is made, then the Ego is born into the next highest race. This does away with many of the difficult problems which come as a result of improper race mixtures, and enables people to live more harmoniously and progressively.

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THE STATUS OF MONKEYS

*Question:*

What status in evolution do the monkeys occupy, and what of their future development?

*Answer:*

On page 230 of *The Cosmo-Conception* you will find a diagram indicating that the anthropoids belong to the human life wave, being stragglers of the Saturn and Sun Periods. Although they are considerably behind ordinary humanity, they have a chance of catching up, if they pass the critical point which will come in the next Revolution of the Earth Period. Those who do not progress sufficiently to pass that point will be held over until some future evolution reaches a stage where they can drop in and proceed with their development in a new human period. They will be debarred from going forward with our humanity because it will be advanced so far beyond their status that it would prove a serious clog to our progress to drag them along. They will not be destroyed, of course, but simply held in

waiting for another period of evolution.

In this connection it is significant to note that the anthropoids can stand human blood inoculation, while the animals cannot.

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ADVISABILITY OF DANCING

*Question:*

Is dancing, as commonly practiced in Europe and America, good for the aspirant to the higher life?

*Answer:*

In general, we would say that most forms of ballroom dancing of today are hardly conducive to spirituality, as they arouse the desire nature abnormally. However, the effects of dancing depend largely, as do the effects of all other human activities, upon one's attitude of mind. There are those who pervert the beneficial aspect of the dance, but that does not need affect the pure in heart who wish to enjoy the esthetic appeal and physical benefit to be derived from such dances as the waltz.

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COULD JESUS HAVE SINNED?

*Question:*

Could the man Jesus have sinned? If not, why?

*Answer:*

Yes, being a human being, he could have. However, he was evolved so far beyond ordinary humanity that the temptations which might have appealed to most people would not have appeared as temptations to him.

By tests or temptations human beings are given the opportunity to indicate their strength and weakness, so that the Higher Ones may judge as to their fitness for further steps on the Path. As one advances, he naturally is faced by more and more subtle temptations, and as perfection is only relative, there is always a possibility of one's succumbing.

# NUTRITION AND HEALTH

## The Miracle of the Blood

By JAMES WEYLAND

"These limbs—whence had we them; this stormy force; this life-blood, with its burning passion? They are dust and shadow—a shadow system gathered round our me; wherein through some moments or years, the divine essence is to be revealed in the flesh."  
—*Carlyle.*

### Part I



O the majority of people the significance of the blood lies simply in the fact that it is the means by which the physical body is nourished and sustained. To the occult student, familiar with the spiritual laws governing life and being, it is doubly significant, because in addition to its physical function in the human being, it is also the laboratory wherein takes place the spiritual alchemy that results in the transmutation of the lower self into the higher self. Here is the crucible from which emerges the Philosopher's Stone, the priceless jewel for which every spiritual aspirant is consciously or unconsciously striving, and the extent to which this "pearl of great price" is attained is revealed by the blood.

Actually, to understand the mystery of the blood is to understand the mystery of life itself, for the blood is the home and direct vehicle of the indwelling Spirit, or Ego. The writer of the Book of Leviticus knew this, for he said: "The life of the flesh is in the blood." Occult philosophy gives further substantiation by pointing out that "when the blood is extracted from the human body and coagulates, every particle is of a peculiar form not duplicated by the particles of any other human being. Therefore, the one who has blood of a certain person has a connecting

link with the Spirit that built its particles. He has power over the person if he knows how to use this knowledge."

The initiate Goethe, well knowing these facts, in his drama *Faust*, has Mephistopheles request Faust to sign their compact with a drop of his blood. When Faust asks why, the cunning Mephistopheles tells the reckless Faust, "Blood is a most peculiar essence." Furthermore, it is easily proved that the life is in the blood, for when depleted of blood the body dies.

So it is that the material scientist, with all his marvelous array of information concerning the physical substance of the blood and its function in the body as observed from the material viewpoint, has at best but half the truth. The whole of the extremely intricate design can be viewed and comprehended only by beginning with the primary assumption that man is essentially a Spirit, and continuing with the logically consequent conclusions concerning the unfolding of his bodies and all pertaining to them as a result of Spirit in action.

The existence of warm blood such as prevails in the body of man today presupposes an incalculable period of involution and evolution, during which man changed from a Virgin Spirit, with bodies and powers entirely potential to an individualized Ego possessing several bodies and powers developed to a considerable degree. In the embryonic

stages of the human fetus, which recapitulates all the stages through which man has passed, it is found that blood is the latest factor to originate in an organism. The beginning of bone and muscle may be observed long before there appears an indication of blood formation. This late appearance of the basis for the formation of blood, with its accompanying system of blood vessels, has rightly caused the material scientist to conclude that the development of blood came late in man's evolution.

Occult philosophy designates man's present vehicles as the dense physical body, the vital body (composed of the four ethers), the desire body (composed of desire stuff), and the mind, which is as yet but an unformed cloud of mind-stuff. Through the ethers of the vital body the processes of assimilation, growth, excretion, propagation, etc., are effected, and thus inorganic substances are changed into vital fluids. Therefore, it is said that the blood is the highest product of the vital body. It is an expression of the vital body, brought about by the work of the indwelling Ego and the nature forces which aid in the carrying on of the bodily processes by way of the ethers. The blood vessels, along with the heart, may also be said to be expressions of the vital body.

The occult student realizes that the blood is the means by which the inner man, or Ego, is able to contact that which is exterior, and that in the accomplishment of this process oxygen is absorbed by the blood of man. This absorption of oxygen causes the blood to become renewed and purified. By a process of combustion it is transmuted from a poison-filled fluid into a red, life-giving essence, filled with the "very breath of life." This "life-giving essence" carries nourishment to every part of the body, from the time the seed atom is deposited in the ovum until the rupture of the silver cord ends material existence. At the same time it receives and eliminates the unused and poisonous substances. Thus "man's liquid

life" well describes the blood.

The nature and composition of the blood in past ages has corresponded to the stage of evolution through which man was passing, the first indication of anything even slightly resembling blood as we know it today being in the far distant Moon Period when currents of force flowed in and out among the humanity of that time. The Moon beings of that time appear in the Memory of Nature "suspended by strings in the atmosphere of the fire-fog, as the embryo hangs from the placenta by the umbilical cord. Currents (common to all of them) which provided some sort of nourishment, flowed in and out from the atmosphere through these cords."

By the time man had reached the stage of evolution known as the Lemurian Epoch in the Earth Period much progress in body building had been made, but "the bodies originally crystallized in the terrible temperature of Lemuria were too hot to contain sufficient moisture to allow the Spirit free and unrestricted access to all parts of the anatomy, as it has at the present by means of circulating blood.

"Later in early Atlantis they had, indeed, blood, but it moved only with difficulty and would have dried quickly because of the high internal temperature save for the fact that an abundance of moisture was supplied by the watery atmosphere which then prevailed. Inhalation of this solvent gradually lessened the heat and softened the body until a sufficient quantity of moisture could be retained within to allow of respiration in the comparatively dry atmosphere which later obtained. The earlier Atlantean bodies were of a grained and stringy substance, not unlike our present tendons and also resembling wood, but in time flesh eating enabled man to assimilate sufficient albumen to build elastic tissue necessary for the formation of lungs and arteries so as to allow unrestricted circulation of the blood, such as now obtains in the human system."

It is of significance in connection with the analysis of the blood to note that: "There was a time in the far, far past when we set out the concretions, as do the mollusks, leaving the body soft, flexible, and boneless, but at that time we had only the dull, glimmering consciousness the mollusks now have. Before we could advance, it became necessary to retain the concretions and it will be found that the stage of consciousness of any species is in proportion to the development of the bony framework *within*. The Ego must have the solid bones with the semi-fluid marrow, in order to be able to build the red corpuscles for its expression. That is the highest development of the dense body." Since the counterpart of the dense body is the Divine Spirit, which finds its material expression in the skeleton, and represents the Will Principle, it seems logical that the red blood corpuscles be related to the Will Principle in man.

In reaching the stage where it possessed warm, red blood, the evolving Spirit of the human life wave was substantially aided by the introduction of iron into the system by the Lucifer Spirits of Mars. During the Earth Period prior to the freeing of the earth from the Central Sun all creatures had cold blood. That is, the fluid parts of their bodies were only as warm as the surrounding atmosphere, due to the fact that the orbit of Mars was such that it prevented the use of iron by the inhabitants of the earth. Following the change of the orbit of Mars, and the withdrawal by its Planetary Spirit of all influence over the iron in the earth, iron became available for our use.

As pointed out in the Rosicrucian Philosophy, "Iron is in reality the basis of separate existence. Without iron the red, heat-giving blood would be an impossibility, and the Ego could have no hold in the body. When red blood developed—in the latter part of the Lemurian Epoch—the body became upright and the time had come when the

Ego could begin to dwell within the body and control it.

"When the earth was in the process of condensation the invisible aura surrounding Mars, Mercury, and Venus penetrated the earth and the Spirits of these planets were in a peculiar and close relation to humanity. Iron is a Mars metal, and by the admixture of iron with the blood, oxidation is made possible; thus the inner heat required for the manifestation of an indwelling Spirit was obtained through the agency of the Lucifer Spirits from Mars. They are therefore responsible for the conditions under which the Ego is immured in the physical body. From them comes the fiery red blood, the vehicle of passion which taints it and has caused it to flow until the earth is red.

In connection with the immediate effect of the Lucifer influence on man, it should be noted that the ultimate result of their interference in our original plan of life will be beneficial, an example of how the beneficent Ones guiding our evolution use all errors on the part of evolving beings as means of lifting them yet higher on the spiral ladder to God. "When we remember that the blood is the seat of the Ego, and that it clings to the flesh of a person who meets a sudden and untimely end with the same tenacity that the kernel adheres to the flesh of an unripe fruit, it is easy to see that there is considerable torture connected with such a death. The Lucifer Spirits revel in the intensity of feeling and evolve by it. The nature of an emotion is not so essential as the intensity, so far as the purpose is concerned. Therefore, they stir the human passions of the lower nature, which are more intense in our present stage of evolution than feelings of joy and love. As a result they incite to war and bloodshed, and appear evil now, but in reality they act as stepping-stones toward higher and nobler ideals, for through suffering and sorrow the Ego rises higher in the scale of evolution."

(To be continued)





## The Health-Spring of Gratitude

**H**IGH in importance among the occult laws that govern our spiritual and physical well-being is that of gratitude—giving thanks from the heart for all the blessings we continually receive from our God's bounty.

The doorway leading into the abundance of God's material and spiritual blessings is open wide to the humble and thankful of heart, and only they may know the true richness of the treasures there found. Physical health, spiritual illumination, and material sufficiency follow in the wake of those who "Enter into his gate with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise."

Opening the eyes in the morning with a giving of thanks paves the way for a day of joy, peace, helpfulness, and growth. The grateful attitude establishes a vibration which automatically attracts to us the attention and assistance of those shining ones on the invisible planes who are truly God's messengers.

Only the thankful of heart are spiritually fit, and therefore only those grateful ones are attuned to divine guidance—in regard to health or any other matter. The boundless strength of the Lord is ever available to those from whose hearts well silent songs of praise and thanksgiving, strength both physical and spiritual. Courage, inner poise and zest for life, enrich the lives

of those who live in appreciation of God's goodness.

"O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men."

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

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

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Canada, April 1, 1946

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am improving a little each day, especially in the amount and variety of food I am able to consume and digest. I am also making a little daily progress in controlling my emotions and directing my thoughts so as to overcome depression.

I find it difficult to express fully my gratitude to you at Mt. Ecclesia for all you have done for me and my husband.

—L.N.M.

Missouri, July 16, 1946

The Rosicrucian Fellowship

Dear Friends:

I am glad to report again that my condition shows continued improvement. My hips and back feel freer and easier, and have not slipped out of place since I applied for help in early June.

—B.D.

California, June 16, 1946

The Rosicrucian Fellowship

Oceanside, California

Dear Friends:

I am feeling fine now. My ears are better and also the gums. I have gained nearly thirteen pounds, and the doctor wants me to gain ten more.

I do want to thank you for your help, for I am most grateful. Please continue your prayers for me.

—S.F.

Oregon, August 24, 1946

The Rosicrucian Fellowship

Oceanside, California

Dear Friends:

It is two years now since I wrote my first letter to you from the hospital. I was in utter despair at that time. Your first letter was a God-send. I still have it. From then on I had new hope, and by November I was able to leave the hospital.

My new home here is as different from the old one as day is from night.

—H.J.

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# Children's Department



## Cornelia in Waterland

By HASMICK V. GOODELL AND EVERETT A. GOODELL



### PART I

**W**ITH her father and mother, Aunt Mabel and Uncle Jim, Cornelia was spending Sunday at Jade Canyon, a sheltered cove near the Pacific Ocean, whose thundering wave-music could be heard coming from the West.

After helping the grown-ups carry out packages and baskets of food from the car, Cornelia lay down, with chin on folded arms, in the warm sand a short distance from her elders. It was fun to watch a little rill which flowed through the middle of the canyon. This narrow, winding stream issued spring-like from a partly sunken pile of mossy rock, among which grew spicy mint and water-loving grasses. It was the prettiest little brooklet imaginable, rippling and singing over pebbled sand on its way to the ocean.

While picnic preparations were under way, Cornelia gazed blissfully at the water as it tumbled and gurgled around mossy rocks. All at once she heard tiny voices rising out of the water.

"Are you nature spirits at play?" asked Cornelia eagerly.

For answer came a little splash, followed by a bubbling gurgle. A shy little face peeped out from behind a spear of green mint.

Splash! and another little being joined the first one. Each was dressed

in shimmering green and had long, wavy reddish hair framing its pale oval face.

Cornelia was delighted.

"Who are you?" she inquired, remaining as still as possible in order not to frighten the little creatures away.

"We're water sprites who live in water," they said with one voice.

The undines, for that is what they were, darted about easily in their native water element. The swift, graceful swishing to and fro of their movements reminded Cornelia of goldfish. One of the little creatures paused a moment.

"I'm Wanda," she declared, "and this is my twin sister, Una."

"I'm Cornelia," responded the girl. "Could I be an undine and play with you?"

The twin undines consulted each other a moment.

"We will say the magic water-words," agreed Wanda, "and perhaps you can be an undine for a while. We are the only undines who can use the magic words, because we know when it is wise to do so."

Then clasping their hands, Una and Wanda chanted:

"Water, water, willing water,  
Make her like an undine daughter."

Suddenly Cornelia felt herself becoming the size of the undine sisters. Even her dress dwindled down to a thin, silvery-green garment of fine texture, like

Una's and Wanda's. Her hair, however, remained short and golden.

She did not feel wet, but rather pleasantly cool and light as a leaf, for the undine's magic had made her *one* with their water element.

Una and Wanda hastened to the top of the highest rock, mossy green from the ever-moving water.

"Come up here!" they said, motioning gracefully with both hands. "We want to show you something!"

Clambering up on the rock, Cornelia looked with enchanted eyes and saw that the water had carved out a smooth chute. Down it slid the twins, and soon she followed, joining in their peals of undine laughter as she splashed into the water. After some moments of this game, they floated about in a clear little pool farther down.

"It all seems so much bigger now since I became an undine for today," observed Cornelia.

"Yes," said Wanda. "You will notice that the wider your view, the smaller becomes the personal self, so that gives you a key to how we got you as small as we are. Just to open your eyes and look into things a bit will always reduce yourself enough so that you may have a bigger field of vision."

"I see, Wanda. To be little is to see big, and to be big is to see little."

"Why of course," asserted Wanda. "Everything looks little when you imagine yourself big, and everything looks big when you imagine yourself little. It all depends on your point of view."

"Why of course," echoed Una, "if you got too big you couldn't see over the tip of your nose!"

"Now that is settled, let us show you the wonders of Waterland."

"Yes, let's!" Una always followed her sister's words like an echo.

"Oh, goody, I'd like to see them!" exclaimed Cornelia.

"All right, hold on to our hair," sang out the pretty twins, "then you won't

be separated from us on the way down."

And thus they entered deeper into the dim, hidden outlet of Waterland. A "land" of water it was, for all water, no matter how wide or deep, rests upon land.

"We can talk this way," said Wanda.

"We like to talk about water."

"Water talks, too," added Cornelia.

"It babbles and burbles in my ears."

"Yes," agreed Wanda, smiling back at her companion, "it is telling of all the things it has seen and done on its journey to the sea. For water is a living thing whose nature is to cleanse and



purify whatever it touches, as well as to sustain life itself."

"Strong, too, isn't it? I'm glad I'm hanging onto your hair, Una and Wanda!"

Down, down, down they were sucked by the swift hidden river.

"I wonder how long it took this water to cut through so big a hole to get to the bottom of the ocean?" wondered Cornelia.

"It is slow work, for water runs millions of years like that, wearing away the hard rock and sculpturing them into

endless forms." Wanda liked to tell about it.

Una helped out with, "Yes, I call it 'wonder water' because it can do all that in the dark."

"It is only by our soul light we can see this at all," continued Wanda. "Partly chemical is the action of water in its dissolving of substance."

"Whee!" laughed Cornelia as they rushed along. "I like the speed; it goes up and down and side to side like a big wave, doesn't it?"

"Yes, in the beginning water was created from a great wave surge. I tasted the fruit of that idea from King Neptune's own truth tree at Life Water, Submarine Gardens."

In the distance Cornelia saw other undines, also going in the same direction with the rapid flow of fresh waters. Their hair was of a light fern color, which contrasted beautifully with the twins' auburn tresses.

"Tell her more about water," Una prompted.

"Oh, yes, many ancient writings refer to the great sparkling waters born of first a dark undulation or wave surge. In the beginning the worlds were plunged in the primeval waters."

"We know," Una chimed in, "be-

cause that's how we got our red hair. It turned color when we ate some sea tangerines from King Neptune's Truth Tree."

"That's right," agreed Wanda, "and the other undines haven't found the tree yet. Besides, they're afraid to look for it, because they think they won't be happy if they get to know too much."

"Well," said Cornelia, "I'm happy when I'm learning new things. I wish I could eat a truth tangerine, too."

"Maybe you will find the Truth Tree, who knows?" responded Wanda. "Each one must look for and find it from his own efforts. No one can find it for you but yourself."

"No one but yourself," echoed the other twin.

"Here's the opening," beamed Wanda at the abrupt change of underwater atmosphere now reached.

Greenish diffusion of light revealed a wide pathway of sparkling gold and silver sand.

"Salt water here—I can taste it." Cornelia smacked her lips.

"Just a few miles of ocean way now and we'll be at Shellwing Castle," smiled the undine twins. "We follow the gold and silver sand."

*(To be continued)*

## Undines

By PATSEY ELLIS

Did you ever see the undines  
Dance among the reeds and willows?  
Have you ever heard their laughter  
As they ride the foaming billows?

Some day you may find an undine,  
Hiding in a shower of rain—  
See one peeping from a bubble,  
If you look with might and main!



# MT. ECCLESIA NEWS



NE of the most colorful and beautiful parts of the grounds during the summer months has been the section near West Hall. The unusually large sunflowers grown by Mr. Ernest Shelley in the circle about the star pine in front of the building have attracted much interested comment, and the stately gladiolas, gaily-hued zinnias, magnificent African marigolds, and other summer favorites from the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Shelley (both workers at the mount) have helped to brighten Chapel, Library, and Dining Hall for a number of months. These lovely floral gifts have been greatly appreciated by both visitors and workers.

A number of bird-loving residents of Mt. Ecclesia have been enjoying a fascinating book by Virginia Holton, titled *THE BEEPS*, which has been graciously lent by one of our guests, Mrs. E. Bernardine Ludovici. The author relates in a most sympathetic and charming manner how some sparrows became attached to her and her husband, endeavored to guard them, and followed them (Mr. Holton was an officer in the U.S. Navy) to various parts of this country and on to China and other foreign ports. All lovers of "our younger brothers" should read this altogether delightful volume.

## IN MEMORIAM

*Peter Richards*, Probationer and worker at Mt. Ecclesia for many years, departed from this earthly existence September 15, 1946. He first came to Mt. Ecclesia in 1927, and stayed to work on the grounds until 1932. After an absence of several years, he returned to the Mount and has worked here most of the time since until about a year ago. The kindly presence of this loyal co-worker will be missed by his many friends at the Mount, but they lovingly bid him Godspeed on his way, knowing

that "shining ones" have welcomed him into his new home and assisted him in taking this further step toward the spiritual heights.

On the inside front of this month's cover is an announcement of the advance in price of *THE ROSICRUCIAN MAGAZINE* and *The Fellowship* books, due to the heavy increase in the cost of paper.

Since the *Cosmo-Conception* is our principal textbook, we have made no change in the price of the cloth-bound edition. It remains \$2.00. Below is a list of new prices, which will go into effect January 1, 1947.

The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception (paper covered) .....	\$1.00
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## Center and Study Group Activities Of The Rosicrucian Fellowship



*As we all aspire to evolve within ourselves the quality of love, we should look the matter squarely in the face and see what is our greatest hindrance, for surely there can be no question but that we are all lacking woefully in respect to love.*

*Thomas a Kempis says: "I would rather feel compunction than know how to define it"; and we may well substitute the word love for compunction. If we could only feel love rather than be able to define it! But love can be known now by us only in the measure that we cleanse ourselves from the great sin of selfishness.*

*In the measure, therefore, that we cultivate this virtue of unselfishness, we shall attain to love, for they are synonymous, as was shown by Paul in that inimitable thirteenth Chapter of 1st Corinthians. When a poor brother knocks at our doors, do we give him as little as we can? If so, we are selfish. Or do we help him only because our conscience will not allow us to let him go? Then also this is selfishness, for we do not want to feel the pangs of conscience. Even though we give our lives for a cause, is there not the thought that it is OUR work? . . . Let us fight the demon of selfishness and be ever watchful against its subtle onslaughts. . . . As a matter of actual fact, we keep only what we give; our bodies decay and our possessions are left behind, but our good*

*deeds remain ours for all eternity.—*  
MAX HEINDEL.

### ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

During the last week in July the Study Group of Rotterdam had its first annual meeting since the war, reports Mrs. Noppen van Duyn in a recent letter. The attendance was less than in 1940 when the group celebrated its twelfth year of existence, but the cause was not half-heartedness. Rather was it the difficulty of getting together in that city, of which the whole center has been damaged. There are no meeting rooms, and the members have to come together in a cellar. To be together only one hour, people have to make a four or five hour trip. "But," our correspondent adds cheerfully, "the friendly tie is true. We have harmony and peaceful cooperation, and the zeal for the work is very great."

Mrs. Noppen also reports that, "From New York and surrounding villages and towns we often get packets of clothing and fruit . . . and it is a very nice job for me to distribute this among ill or indigent persons. The fruit we were longing for so much in wartime and just couldn't get, is so expensive now that most of our people can't pay the high prices. . . . But zest for work returns . . . and, as Max Heindel tells us, in work we'll find our spiritual progress."

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## THE HIGHER WAY

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eyes still looking into hers. He had recognized her also. It was the face which had baffled her in recent dreams. Someone nudged him, and she heard a girl's voice say peevishly, "Well, Hal, are you coming?"

The young man started and said to Cinara, "I'll see you again." As he left, she felt a turmoil in her thoughts which she was unable to quiet. She tried to fix her gaze again on the scenery, but the face of the young man continued to intrude on her thoughts. His promise of seeing her again disturbed her strangely.

At the station Cinara was welcomed by the kindly, beaming Mrs. Alvin, who was to be her hostess. They were walking toward her waiting car when a young man approached them. "Hello, Auntie, how about an introduction?" he said.

Cinara gasped. He had kept his promise. Fate had crossed their paths. His aunt was her hostess.

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## Lists of Dealers and Centers

We publish in alternate issues of this Magazine complete lists of dealers carrying The Rosicrucian Fellowship publications; also lists of the Study Groups and Chartered Centers of the Fellowship, both in the United States and abroad. These lists are omitted in the intervening issue in order to make the space available for our articles and notices. This applies to the present issue. Anyone wishing to obtain the name and address of any Dealer or the address of any Center or Study Group will find these in the October issue. They will also be printed in the December number.