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# The Holy Hour

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So tenderly the earth was sprayed  
with sky-dust, soft and white,  
That it lies hushed, expectant of  
its miracle tonight.  
The stars are brought to blossom in  
their garden, one by one,  
While peacefully the moon rides up  
the trailway of the sun.  
In awe the winds drift out to sea  
to toy with voiceless tides  
While ever on that swift ascent  
the moon in splendor rides.  
Earth babies dream their pretty dreams  
while shining moments come  
As golden heralds rolling out  
their message on a drum.

. . .

The Christ has come unto His Birth!  
The Holy Hour is here.  
No crevice of the earth so small  
but what it holds Him dear.  
No heart but what it must rejoice:  
no lips too stern to say  
Peace on the earth, Goodwill to all  
on this our Christmas Day.





## History and Peace

DONALD W. IVERSON

*The world's history is the world's judgment.—Schiller.*

A great general stood at the helm of his army numbering in the hundreds of thousands, on the north Italian frontier—the last stronghold of the Roman Empire and the last hope for survival of the western civilization. He was prepared to invade the Italian boot and crush forever the last serious vestige of opposition to his world-conquering plans.

One of the general's scouts rode in from an outpost and announced that the enemy was advancing to give battle. The squat, yellow-skinned general smiled with glee as he rejoiced thinking it must be Ætius, the Roman general coming at last to give battle. However, as the *enemy* advanced, the invading and heretofore victorious general was confounded by the sight which met his eyes.

The advancing army consisted of a stately figure robed in white with a natural beard to match. Closely following this patriarch, all marching to the weird sound of Latin incantations, were a number of men clothed in golden robes. This strange procession halted at the banks of the stream, on the other side of which stood the general and his hordes.

After a few moments of studying each other, the general forded the stream alone and there followed a conference between him and the patriarch. History does not know what was said, but following the interview, the general recrossed the river, cried out a few crisp commands and his army turned and marched northward. Thus was saved Europe and perhaps the whole of civilization, for though it appeared that later this general was prepared to renew the war he died before his plans could be completed and his war machine crumbled upon his death. The general was Attila, the Hun, the Scourge of God, who boasted, "There where I have passed the grass will not grow again." And the man who was responsible for his failure was the cultured, saintly, and wise Leo, Pope of Rome.

Years earlier Attila had come out of the East from the Steppes, leading his army mounted on small sturdy horses, followed by their women and children, whose dank hair, flat chests, and hideousness were a match for

the ferocious appearance of the men. Though Attila was to a degree successful in his earlier attempts to conquer Europe, he soon learned that the bow and arrow were no match for the performance of the then machine-aged Roman and Germanic soldier. He then made a tactical withdrawal, hired some professional officer soldiers from the West and retrained his men.

When this training was complete, Attila had under his full command the greatest army in history. It was then only by the intervention of the Holy Father of Rome that this man was kept from overrunning the western civilization.

It must be remembered that this was the period of time after the Roman Empire was crumbling, just as Attila's star was rising.

It is a trite saying that history repeats itself. Nevertheless, this is a truth without parallel. Who with a discerning eye cannot see in our time the rebirth of those nations which fought under the Carthaginian general, Hannibal and the Romans of his day, the life and battles of Caesar? And is it more than speculation that we see in the present world conflict Attila's ambitions reborn in the Russian government, just as we see the Roman Empire reborn as a large part of this Western World? England, perhaps more than any other country, represents the old Roman Empire and we note that as she has declined as the mistress of the seas and as she has lost one country after another, Russia has just as fast gobbled up more and more.

As individuals we are born from age to age and, as the saying goes, we always carry ourselves with us. Our inhibitions and ambitions are reborn along with us and from the ashes out of the past are flamed anew the desires, both good and bad, and these must find expression in this world so that by the Law of Cause and Effect we are given the opportunity of seeing our wrong, correcting our ways and reaping a reward in life as the end result. Individually then we have contributed to the evolution of a race or nation, and by the law of attraction and mutual interest nations are reborn in another continent or another part of the world with the same ideas and desires that bound these peoples in one blood and bond and these desires will seek to express themselves.

In the days of Attila, the Roman Empire sat smugly in the mistaken belief that the Hun was backward and ignorant, therefore, his army could never be any real threat. The army was to a large extent demobilized and great emphasis was placed on cultural and material gain at the expense of military strength. And when the army of King Attila marched the second time a shocked world saw a superior force marching westward. Are we today seeing much of this same sort of thing? Have we not always thought of Russia as a backward unskilled peoples? And have we not as a country again and again demobilized our armed forces under the mistaken belief that we were always superior to the enemy? We thought Russia would get the A-bomb in about ten years after we developed it — they got it in something like three years later! We felt we were far ahead of them in developing the H-bomb, but they developed this bomb at approximately the same time we did! And now as this editorial goes to press, what are we saying about their satellite and the obvious great strides they have made in rocketry?

Again we see how the Russians have utilized the scientific and military

genious of the West, particularly of those German rocket and jet propulsion experts captured at the end of the last war. This is as stated earlier in this editorial but a repetition out of the past.

In some of his books, Max Heindel has something to say about Hannibal and the Germans, also England and the Romans of old, as this relates to World War I, and we can reason from this, I believe, and see a reflection of the past as it relates to the world of today.

However, the sincere student asks, "What does all this mean to me and what can we expect in the future?" During the First World War Max Heindel was asked if that would be the last war and he quite plainly stated that he did not think it would be. However, he did say that the time was not too far off when man would create such destructive means of war that fear of using them would alone outlaw war. We certainly are at this stage today and we can all hope and pray that this is true — that is, that man will not go to war, for certainly if he does he will use the atomic weapons.

Christ, whose birth we now celebrate, came into the world to bring peace and to establish goodwill among men. If we contrast His life, teachings, and earthly ministry, with the godless ideology which appears to be conquering more and more of the world today, we are given an opportunity of choosing wherein we should place our faith. In our individual lives we can put all our faith in our material possessions and yet when that time comes when we can no longer use these possessions, or when they leave us empty, we must have greater faith in more spiritual values if we are to find true peace and accomplishment. As individuals, in the world of today, we must express more and more faith in the spiritual values in life and less value in the material things.

In the writings of Max Heindel he has made it quite clear that it is every Rosicrucian Student's obligation to fight for and defend the country in which he lives when it is threatened by an aggressor; however, all of us have even a greater obligation which goes beyond the call of duty to country.

We know that pervading this earth sphere is a World of Thought. By our thoughts we have a very real effect upon this world of creative thought and from here all things come into existence in this world. If we think of war, talk war, and are warlike in our daily actions, we are to a degree helping to establish a warlike condition in this world. On the other hand when we think thoughts of peace and endeavor to make our daily lives one of peace, and express love to all, we are a strong force for establishing peace in this world.

The Rosicrucians teach that thought created this world; and therefore thought can also destroy it, more certainly than the atomic bomb. We must realize also that there are invisible, spiritual forces in this world which shape the destiny of peoples and races and sad though it may seem even warfare and hardship can be a sort of moral surgery for the betterment of the people. This, of course, doesn't mean that we should condone dictatorship and all that goes with it, but because of the simple fact that at this time there is little we can do *outwardly*, within ourselves, by our thoughts and prayers for these oppressed people, we can in a very real way be of positive value.

The very fact that there have been so many leaders in history who had all that appeared necessary to conquer and rule the world, and yet failed, should teach us that our faith in today and in the future should be placed in the spiritual values in life. If there is a war in the future, and God grant that there shall not be, it will be of such a nature that our utmost faith will, of necessity, have to be placed in our Divine Father. Let us then, *now*, ask His blessing upon this earth to establish peace and let us be centers of peace in our own lives.

Outwardly Attila the Hun had everything necessary to conquer the world, but in the final analysis, it was a spiritual force which turned the tide against him. God still rules the universe. Thought is still the greatest power and let each of us be cognizant of this as we live, and love each other more and more, each day.

If we do this we shall hear the same Angelic force which heralded the immaculate birth of Christ at Bethlehem singing praises to the birth of Christ in the Manger, which lies in the human heart.

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.—John 14:27.*



DEAR FRIENDS:

Over the past year the Editorial Office of the ROSICRUCIAN FELLOWSHIP MAGAZINE has received a number of gratifying letters from many of our readers and friends, expressing their appreciation for the practical help and inspiration they derive from this magazine. We have tried to answer most of these letters, but all of you may know that your letters and kind thoughts have received our attention and serve as an inspiration to greater efforts.

THE ENTIRE STAFF OF THIS MAGAZINE INFOLDS EACH OF YOU IN AN ARDENT WISH AND PRAYER THAT THIS CHRISTMAS MAY FIND YOUR LIFE EXPRESSING THE LIFE, LOVE, AND JOY OF THE CHRIST SPIRIT. AND MAY THE COMING NEW YEAR FULFILL YOUR HEART'S EVERY DESIRE.



# The Mystical Interpretation of Christmas

MAX HEINDEL

## THE COSMIC SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRISTMAS

ONCE more in the course of a year we are upon the eve of Christmas. The view which each of us takes of this festival is dissimilar to that of every one else. To the devout religionist it is a season hallowed, sacred, and fraught with mystery, none the less sublime because uncomprehended. To the atheist it is a silly superstition. To the purely intellectual it is a puzzle, for it is beyond reason.

In the churches the story is recited of how upon this, the holiest night of the year, our Lord and Saviour, immaculately conceived, was born of a virgin. No further explanation is made; the matter is left to acceptance or rejection by the hearer according to his temperament. If mind and reason dominate him to the exclusion of faith, if he can believe nothing which cannot be demonstrated to the senses at any moment, he is forced to reject the tale as absurd and out of consonance with various immutable laws of nature.

Various interpretations have been given to satisfy the mind, these principally of an astronomical nature. They have set forth how, on the night between the 24th and the 25th of December, the sun commences its journey from the south to the north. He is the "Light

of the World." Cold and famine would inevitably exterminate the human race if the sun remained always in the south. Therefore it is a cause for great rejoicing when he commences his northward journey. He is then hailed as "saviour," for he comes "to save the world," to give it "the bread of life," as he ripens grain and grape. Thus "he gives his life" upon the cross(ing) of the equator (at the spring equinox), and then commences his ascent into the (northern) heaven. On the night when he commences his northward journey the zodiacal sign Virgo, the celestial virgin, the "Queen of Heaven," stands upon the eastern horizon at midnight, and is therefore, astrologically speaking, his "rising sign." Thus he is "born of a virgin" without other intermediary, hence, "immaculately conceived."

This explanation may satisfy the mind regarding the *origin* of the supposed superstition, but the aching void which is in the heart of every skeptic, whether he is aware of the fact or not, must remain until the spiritual illumination is attained which shall furnish an explanation acceptable to both heart and mind. To shed such light upon this sublime mystery shall be our endeavor in the following pages. The immaculate conception will form the topic of a future lesson; just now we will show how the material and spiritual forces alternately

ebb and flow in the course of the year, and why Christmas is truly a "holy day."

Let us say that we subscribe to the astronomical interpretation as being as valid from its point of view as the following is true when viewing the mystery-birth from another angle. The sun is born from year to year in the darkest night. The world-saving Christs are also born when the spiritual darkness of mankind is the greatest. There is a third aspect of supreme importance, namely, that it is no mere idle foolishness when Paul speaks of Christ being "formed in you." It is a sublime fact that we are all Christs-in-the-making, and the sooner we realize that we must cultivate the Christ *within* before we can perceive the Christ without, the more we shall hasten the day of our spiritual illumination. In this connection we again quote our favorite aphorism from Angelus Silesius, whose sublime spiritual perception caused him to say:

"Though Christ a thousand times in  
Bethlehem be born,  
And not within thyself, thy soul will  
be forlorn;  
The Cross on Golgotha thou lookest to  
in vain,  
Unless within thyself it be set up again."

At the *summer solstice* in June the earth is farthest from the sun, but the solar ray strikes the earth at nearly *right angles* to its axis in the Northern Hemisphere, hence the high degree of *physical activity* resulting. Then the *spiritual radiations* from the sun are *oblique* to this part of the earth, and are as weak as the physical rays when they are oblique.

At the *winter solstice*, on the other hand, the earth is nearest the sun. The spiritual rays then fall at right angles to the earth's surface in the Northern Hemisphere, *promoting spirituality*, while physical activities are held in abeyance on account of the oblique angle at which the solar rays strike the **surface of the earth**. On this principle, the

physical activities are at their lowest ebb and the spiritual forces reach their highest tidal flow on the night between the 24th and 25th of December, which is therefore the most "holy night" of the year. Midsummer, on the other hand, is the sporting time of the earth-goblins and similar entities concerned in the material development of our planet, as shown by Shakespeare in his "*Midsummer Night's Dream*."

If we swim with the tide at the time when it is strongest, we shall cover a greater distance with less effort than at any other time. It is of great importance to the esoteric student to know and understand the particularly favorable conditions which prevail at Yule-tide. Let us follow Paul's exhortation in the 12th chapter of Hebrews and throw aside every hampering weight as do men who are running a race. Let us strike while the iron is hot; let us specially bend all our energies at this time to spiritual endeavor, and we shall reap a harvest such as we cannot obtain at any other time of the year.

Let us remember also that self-improvement is not our first consideration. We are disciples of Christ. If we aspire to distinction, let us remember that He said: "Let him who would be the greatest among you be THE SERVANT of all." There is much sorrow and suffering around us; there are many lonely and aching hearts in our circle of acquaintances. Let us seek them out in an unobtrusive manner. At no time of the year will they be more amenable to our advances than just now. Let us strive to spread sunshine in their path. Thus we shall earn their blessings and the blessings of our Elder Brothers. The resulting vibrations in turn will cause a spiritual growth not to be attained in any other way.

#### SPIRITUAL LIGHT—THE NEW ELEMENT AND THE NEW SUBSTANCE

The summer and winter solstices together with the vernal and fall equi-



noxes form turning points in the life of the Great Earth Spirit, as *conception* marks the commencement of the human spirit's descent into the earthly body, resulting in *birth*, which inaugurates the period of growth until *maturity* is reached. At that point an epoch of mellowing and ripening has its inception, together with a decline of the physical energies which terminates in *death*. That event frees man from the trammels of matter and ushers in the season of spiritual metabolism whereby our harvest of earthly experiences is transmuted to soul powers, talents, and tendencies, to be put to usury in future lives, that we may grow more abundantly rich in such treasures, and be found worthy as "faithful stewards" to fill greater and greater posts among the servants in the Father's House.

This illustration rests upon the secure foundation of the great law of analogy, so tersely expressed in the Hermetic axiom, "As above, so below." Upon this, the master-key to all spiritual problems, we shall also depend for an "open sesame" to our lesson on Christmas.

The bodies originally crystallized in the terrible temperature of Lemuria were too hot to contain sufficient moisture to allow the free and unrestricted access to all parts of the anatomy, as it has at 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 re-

sembling 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. By the time these changes within and without had taken place, the grand and glorious seven-colored bow appeared in the rain-laden sky to mark the advent of the *Kingdom of Men*, where conditions were to be as varied as the hues into which its atmosphere refracted the unicolored light of the sun. Thus the first appearance of the bow in the clouds marked the commencement of the Noachian age with its alternating seasons and periods of which Christmas is one.

The conditions prevailing in this age are not permanent, however, any more than those of previous ages. The process of condensation which transformed the fire fog of Lemuria into the dense moist atmosphere of Atlantis, and later liquefied it into the water which flooded the cavities of the earth and drove mankind into the highlands, is still going on. Both the atmosphere and our own physiological condition are changing, heralding to the seeing eye and the understanding mind the dawn of a new day upon the horizon of time, an age of unification called in the Bible, the *Kingdom of God*.

The Bible does not leave us in doubt concerning the changes. Christ said that as it was in the days of Noah so should it be in the coming day. Science and invention are both now finding conditions not previously met. It is a scientific fact that oxygen is being consumed at an alarming rate to feed the fires of industry; forest fires are also drawing enormously upon our stock of this important element, besides adding to the drying-up process which the atmosphere is naturally undergoing. Eminent scientists have pointed out that a day must come when the globe cannot sustain life depending upon water and air for ex-

istence. Their ideas have not excited much anxiety as the day they have named is so far in the future; but though the day be distant, the doom of Aryana is as inevitable as that of the flooded Atlantis.

Could an Atlantean be transferred to our atmosphere, he would be asphyxiated as are fish taken from their native element. Scenes viewed in the Memory of Nature prove that the pioneer aviators of that time actually did faint when they encountered one of the air streams which gradually descended upon the land which they inhabited, and their experience caused much comment and speculation. The aviators of today are already encountering the new element and experiencing asphyxia as did our Atlantean forbears, and for analogous reasons—they have encountered a *new element* descending from above, which will take the place of oxygen in our atmosphere. There is a *new substance* also entering the human frame which will supersede albumen. Moreover, as the aviators of ancient Atlantis fainted and were prevented by descending air currents from entering Aryana, the promised land, prematurely, so will the new element baffle present-day aviators as well as mankind in general until all have learned to assimilate its material aspects. And as the Atlanteans whose lungs were undeveloped perished in the flood, so will also the new age find some without the "wedding garment" and therefore unfit to enter until they shall have qualified at a later time. It is therefore of the greatest importance to all to know about the new element and the new substance. The Bible and science combined furnish ample information upon the subject.

We have stated before that in ancient Greece, religion and science were taught in the mystery temples, together with the fine arts and crafts, as one united doctrine of life and being, but that this condition is now temporarily abrogated to facilitate certain phases of develop-

ment. The unity of religious and scientific language in ancient Greece made these matters comparatively easy of comprehension, but today complications have set in owing to the fact that religion has *translated* and science merely *transferred* their terms from the original Greek, which has caused many seeming disagreements and a loss of the link between the discoveries of science and the teachings of religion.

To arrive at the desired knowledge concerning physiological changes now going on in our system, we may call to mind the teachings of science that the frontal lobes of the brain are among the most recent developments of the human structure, and make that organ in man enormously larger proportionately than in any other creature. Now let us ask ourselves: Is there in the brain any substance peculiar to that organ, and, if so, what may be its significance?

The first part of the question may be answered by reference to any scientific textbook bearing upon the subject, but *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* on page 452 gives more, and we quote from it as follows:

The brain . . . is built of the same substances as are all other parts of the body, with the addition of phosphorous, which is peculiar to the brain alone. The logical conclusion is that phosphorous is the particular element by means of which the Ego is able to express thought . . . The proportion and variation of this substance are found to correspond to the state and stage of intelligence of the individual. Idiots have very little phosphorus, shrewd thinkers have much. . . . It is therefore of great importance that the aspirant who is to use his body for mental and spiritual work should supply his brain with the substance necessary for that purpose.

The indisputable religiousness of Catholics is partly traceable to their practice of eating fish on Fridays and during Lent, which are rich in phosphorus. Though fish are a low order of life, *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* does not approve of killing them but refers the student to certain vegetables

as a means of *physically* obtaining an abundance of this desirable substance. There are other and better ways not mentioned in the *Cosmo-Conception*, as it would have been a digression there.

It was not by chance that teachers of the Grecian Mystery School thus named that luminous substance which we know as phosphorus. To them it was patent that "God is *Light*"—the Greek word is *phos*. They therefore most appropriately named the substance in the brain which is the avenue of ingress of the divine impulse, *phos-phorus*; literally "light bearer." In the measure that we are capable of assimilating that substance, we become filled with light and commence to shine from within, a halo surrounding us as a mark of sainthood. The phosphorus, however, is only a physical medium which enables the spiritual light to express through the physical brain, the light itself being the product of soul growth. But soul growth enables the brain to assimilate an increasing amount of phosphorus; hence the method of acquiring this substance in large quantity is not by chemical metabolism, but by an alchemical process of soul growth, thoroughly explained by Christ in His discourse to Nicodemus:

God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world. . . . He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already. . . . And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light. . . . For everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. (John 3:17-21.)

Christmas is the season of greatest spiritual light. During this age of alternating cycles there is an ebb and flow of the spiritual light as well as of the waters in the ocean. The early Christian church marked the conception in the fall of the year, and to this day the event is celebrated in the Catholic Church when the great wave of spiritual life

and light commences its descent into the earth. The flood tide is reached at Christmas, which is therefore truly the holy season of the year, the time when this spiritual light is most easily contacted and specialized by the aspirant through deeds of mercy, kindness, and love. Nor are opportunities lacking to even the poorest, for, as so often emphasized in the Rosierucian teachings, service counts more than financial assistance, which may be a detriment to the recipient. From those, however, to whom much is given, much will be required, and if anyone has been blessed with an abundance of the world's goods, *a careful dispensation of the same* would necessarily accompany whatever physical service he may render. Let us further remember the words of the Christ: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Thus we shall follow Him as burning and shining lights, showing the way to the New Era.



#### THE ANNUAL SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

Have you ever stood by the bedside of a friend or relative who was about to pass out of this world and into the beyond? Most of us have, for where is the house that has not been entered by Father Time? Neither is the following phase of the occurrence, to which we would particularly direct attention, uncommon. The person about to pass out very often falls into a stupor, then awakens and sees not only this world but the world into which he is about to enter; and it is very significant that then he sees people who were his friends or relatives during the earlier part of his life—sons, daughters, a wife, anyone in fact near and dear to him—standing around the bedside and awaiting his crossing over. The mother will fondly stretch out her arms: "Why, there is John, and how big he has grown! What

a splendid big boy he is!" And so she will recognize one after another of her children who have passed into the beyond. They are assembled at her bedside, waiting for her to join them, actuated by the same feeling that possesses people here when a child is about to be born into this world, making them rejoice at the new arrival because they feel instinctively that it is a friend who is coming to them.

So, also, the people who have gone before into the beyond gather when a friend is about to cross the border line and join them on the other side of the veil. Thus we see that the birth into one world is death from the viewpoint of another—the child that comes to us has died to the spiritual world, and the person who passes out of our ken into the beyond and dies here is born into a new world and joins his friends there.

As above, so below; the law of analogy, which is the same for microcosm and macrocosm, tells us that what befalls human beings under given conditions must also apply to the superhuman under analogous circumstances. We are now approaching the winter solstice, the darkest days of the year, the time when the light of the sun has almost faded, when our Northern Hemisphere is cold and drear. But on the longest and darkest night the sun turns on its upward path, the Christ light is born on the earth again, and all the world rejoices. By the terms of our analogy, however, when the Christ is born on earth He dies to heaven. As the free spirit is at the time of birth finally and firmly encased in the veil of flesh which fetters it all through life, so also the Christ Spirit is fettered and hampered each time He is born into the earth. This great Annual Sacrifice begins when our Christmas bells are ringing, when our joyful sounds of praise and thanksgiving are ascending to heaven. Christ is imprisoned in the most literal sense of the word from Christmas to Easter.

Men may scorn the idea that there is

an influx of spiritual life and light at this time of the year, nevertheless the fact remains whether we believe it or not. Everyone in the whole world at this time feels lighter, feels different, feels as if a load were lifted off his shoulders. The spirit of peace on earth and good will toward man prevails; the spirit that *we also would give* something expresses itself in Christmas gifts. This spirit is not to be denied, as is patent to anyone who is at all observant; and this is a reflex of the great divine wave of giving. God so loved the world that He gave His only or alone begotten Son. Christmas is the time of the giving, though it is not consummated until Easter; this is the crux, the turning point, the place where we feel that something has happened which ensures the prosperity and continuance of the world.

How different is the feeling at Christmas from the one that is manifest at Easter! At the latter there is an outgoing desire, an energy which expresses itself in sex love with desire for perpetuation of self as the keynote; how different this is from the love which expresses itself in the spirit of giving that we find at Christmas time rather than that of receiving.

And look now at the churches; never does the candle burn so brightly as upon this, the shortest and the darkest day of the year. Never do the bells sound so festive as when they ring out their message to the waiting world, "The Christ is born."

"God is Light," says the inspired apostle, and no other description is capable of conveying so much of the nature of God as those three little words. The invisible light that is clothed in the flame upon the altar is an apt representation of God, the Father. In the bells we have an apt symbol of Christ, the Word, for their metal tongues proclaim the gospel message of peace and good will, while the incense brings an added spiritual fervor, representing the power of the

Holy Spirit. The Trinity is thus symbolically part of the celebration which makes Christmas the most spiritually joyful time of the year from the standpoint of the human race which is now embodied and working in the physical world.

But it must not be forgotten, as was said in an opening paragraph of this lesson, that the birth of Christ upon earth is the death of Christ to the glory of heaven; that at the time when we rejoice at His annual coming, He is invested again with the heavy physical load which we have crystallized about ourselves and which is now our dwelling place—the earth. In this heavy body He is then encrusted, and anxiously He waits for the day of final liberation. You understand, of course, there are days and nights for the greater spirits as for the human beings; that as we live in our body during the daytime, work out the destiny which we have created for ourselves in the physical world, and are then liberated at night into the higher world to recuperate, so also there is this ebb and flow of the Christ Spirit. It dwells within our earth a part of the year and then withdraws into the higher worlds. Thus Christmas is for Christ the commencement of a day of physical life, the beginning of a period of restriction.

What then should be the aspiration of the devout and enlightened mystic who realizes the greatness of His sacrifice, the gift which is being bestowed upon mankind by God at this time of the year; who realizes this sacrifice of the Christ for our sake, this giving Himself, subjecting Himself to a virtual death that we may live, this wonderful love that is being poured out upon the earth at this time—what should be his aspiration? What but to imitate in however small a measure the wonderful works of God! He should aspire to make himself more the servant of the Cross than ever before, more closely to follow the Christ in everything by sacrificing himself for

his brothers and sisters, by uplifting humanity within his immediate sphere of work so as to hasten the day of liberation for which the Christ Spirit is waiting, groaning, and travailing. We mean the *permanent* liberation, the day and the coming of Christ.

To realize this aspiration in the fullest measure, let us go forth during the coming year with full self-reliance and faith. If we have heretofore despaired of our ability to work for Christ, then let this despair pass, for has He not said: "Greater works than these shall ye do"? Would He who was the Word of truth have said such things if it were not possible to realize them? All things are possible to them that love God. If we will really work in our own little sphere, not looking for the greater things until we have done the work close at hand, then we shall find that a wonderful soul growth may be attained, so that the people who are round about us shall see in us something which they may not be able to define but which will nevertheless be patent to them—they shall see that Christmas light, the light of the new-born Christ, shining within our sphere of action. It can be done; it only depends upon ourselves whether we will take Him at His word so as to realize this command: "Be ye therefore perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect." Perfection may seem a long way off; we may realize more acutely as we look upon Him how far we are from living up to our ideals. Nevertheless, it is by striving daily, hourly, that we finally attain, and every day some little progress can be made, something can be done, in some way we can let our light shine so that men shall see it as a beacon light in the darkness of the world. May God help us during the coming year to attain a greater measure of Christ-likeness than we have ever before attained. May we live such lives that when another year has rolled around and we again see the candle lights of Christmas and hear the bells that call us to the Holy Night

service, we shall then feel that we have not lived in vain.

*Each time we give ourselves* in service to others we add to the lustre of our soul bodies, which are built of ether. It is the Christ ether that now floats this sphere of ours, and let us remember that if we ever want to work for His liberation, we must in sufficient numbers evolve our own soul bodies to the point where they may float the earth. Thus we may take up His burden and save Him the pain of physical existence.



### THE MYSTIC MIDNIGHT SUN

Exoterically the sun has been worshipped as the giver of life from time immemorial, because the multitude was incapable of looking beyond the material symbol of a great spiritual truth. But besides those who adored the heavenly orb which is seen with the physical eye, there has always been and there is today a small but increasing minority, a priesthood consecrated by righteousness rather than by rites, who saw and see the eternal spiritual verities behind the temporal and evanescent forms which clothe these verities in changing raiment of ceremonial, according to the times and the people to whom they were originally given. For them the legendary Star of Bethlehem shines each year as a Mystic Midnight Sun, which enters our planet at the winter solstice and then commences to radiate from the center of our globe, Life, Light, and Love, the three divine attributes. These rays of spiritual splendor and power fill our globe with a supernal light that envelops everyone upon earth from the least to the greatest without respect of persons. But all cannot partake of this wonderful gift in the same measure; some get more, some less, and some, alas! seem to have no share in the great love offering which the Father has prepared for us in His only begotten Son, because they

have not yet developed the spiritual magnet, the *Christ child* within, which alone can guide us unto the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

What profits it the Sun doth shine,  
Had I not eyes to see?  
How shall I know the Christ is mine  
Save through the Christ in me?  
That soundless voice within my heart  
Is earnest of the pact  
'Twi'x Christ and me—it does impart  
To faith the force of Fact.

This is a mystic experience which will no doubt ring true to many among our students, for it is as literally true as that night follows day and winter follows summer. Unless we have the Christ within ourselves, unless that wonderful pact of blood brotherhood has been consummated, we can have no part in the Saviour, and so far as we are concerned it would not matter though the Christmas bells never ring. But when the Christ has been formed in ourselves, when the immaculate conception has become a reality in our own hearts, when we have stood there at the birth of the Christ child and offered our gifts, dedicating the lower nature to the service of the Higher Self, then and then only the Christmas feast is spread for us from year to year. And the harder we have toiled in the Master's vineyard, the more clearly and distinctly shall we hear that soundless voice within our hearts issue the invitation: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you . . . for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Then we shall hear a new note in the Christmas bells such as we have never heard before, for in all the years there is no day so glad as the day when the Christ is born anew into the earth, bringing with Him gifts to the children of men—gifts that mean the continuance of physical life; for without that vitalizing, energizing influence of the Christ Spirit the earth would remain cold and drear, there would be no new song of spring, no little wood-

land choristers to gladden our hearts at the approach of summer; the icy grip of Boreas would hold the earth fettered and mute forever, making it impossible for us to continue our material evolution which is so necessary to teach us to use the power of thought in the proper creative channels.

The Christmas spirit is thus a living reality to all who have evolved the Christ *within*. The average man or woman feels it only around the holidays, but the illumined mystic sees and feels it months before and months after the culminating point on Holy Night. In September there is a change in the earth's atmosphere; a light begins to glow in the heavens; it seems to pervade the whole solar universe; gradually it grows more intense and seems to envelop our globe; then it penetrates the surface of the planet and gradually concentrates itself in the center of the earth where the group spirits of the plants make their homes. On Holy Night it attains its minimum size and maximum brilliancy. Then it begins to radiate the light concentrated, and gives new life to the earth wherewith to carry on the activities of nature during the coming year.

This is the beginning of the great cosmic drama "*From the Cradle to the Cross*," which is enacted annually during the winter months.

Cosmically the sun is born on the longest and darkest night of the year when Virgo, the Celestial Virgin, stands upon the eastern horizon at midnight to bring forth the immaculate child. During the months next following, the sun passes through the violent sign of Capricorn where, mythically, all the powers of darkness are concentrated in a frantic endeavor to kill the Light-bearer, a phase of the solar drama which is mystically presented in the story of King Herod and the flight into Egypt to escape death.

When the sun enters the sign Aquarius, the waterman, in February, we

have the time of rain and storms; and as the baptism mystically consecrates the Saviour to his work of service, so also the floods of moisture that descend upon the earth soften and mellow it so that it may yield the fruits whereby the lives of those who dwell here are preserved.

Then comes the sun's passage through the sign Pisces, the fishes. At this time the stores of the preceding year have been almost consumed and man's food is scarce. Therefore we have the long fast of Lent which mystically represents for the aspirant the same ideal as that cosmically shown by the sun. There is at this time the *carne-vale*, the farewell to the flesh, for everyone who aspires to the higher life must at some time bid farewell to the lower nature with all its desires and prepare himself for the pass-over which is then near.

In April, when the sun *crosses* the equator and enters the sign Aries, the Lamb, the cross stands as a mystic symbol of the fact that the candidate to the higher life must learn to lay down the mortal coil and begin the ascent of Golgotha. *the place in the skull*; thence to cross the threshold into the invisible world. Finally, in imitation of the sun's ascent into the northern heavens, he must learn that his place is with the Father and that ultimately he is to ascend to that exalted place. Furthermore, as the sun does not stay in that high degree of declination but cyclically descends again toward the autumn equinox and winter solstice to complete the circle again and again for the benefit of humanity, so also everyone who aspires to become a Cosmic Character, a savior of mankind, must be prepared to offer himself as a sacrifice again and again for his fellow men.

This is the great destiny that is before every one of us; each one is a Christ-in-the-making, if he will be, for as Christ said to His disciples: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater." Moreover, ac-

ording to the maxim, "Man's necessity is God's opportunity," there never was so great an opportunity to imitate the Christ, to do the work that He did, as there is today when the whole continent of Europe is in the throes of a world-war and the grandest of all Christmas carols, "On earth peace, good will toward men," seems to be further than ever from its realization. We have the power within ourselves to hasten the day of peace, by talking, thinking, and living PEACE, for the concerted action of thousands of people does carry an impression to the Race Spirit when it is there directed, especially when the moon is in Cancer, Scorpio, or Pisces, which are the three great psychic signs best suited to occult work of this nature. Let us use the two and one-half days during which the moon is in each of these signs for the purpose of meditation upon peace—peace on earth and among men good will. But in so doing let us be sure that we *do not take sides* for or against any of the battling nations; let us remember at all times that every one of their members is our brother. One is entitled to our love as much as another. Let us hold the thought that what we want is to see *Universal Brotherhood* lived upon earth, namely, peace on earth and among men good will regardless of whether the combatants were born on one side or the other of an imaginary line drawn upon the map, regardless of whether they express themselves in this, that, or the other tongue. Let us pray that peace may come upon earth; everlasting peace, and good will among all men, irrespective of all differences of race, creed, or color, or religion. In the measure that we succeed in voicing *with our hearts*, not with our lips only, this impersonal prayer for peace, shall we further the Kingdom of Christ, for remember that eventually that is where we are all bound for—the *kingdom of the heavens* where the Christ is "King of kings and Lord of lords."

## ADORATION

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Had never a thornbush pierced my heart  
 Had never a stone cut through  
 the flesh of my feet, would I have come  
 as a child in search of you?  
 Had never a tempest raged within,  
 had never the dark fires burned,  
 Would I have heard Your promise, Lord,  
 Or the peace of Your teachings learned?  
 Had this long path been of velvet, Lord,  
 through the dawning's tenderest gleam  
 I would have gone as a blinded slave  
 chained to my own poor dream.  
 Had I not suffered this anguish, Lord,  
 and died in the throes of pain  
 I would have come this way once more  
 and suffered it over again.  
 Had I not found Thee, Lord, at last  
 and lifted the Christ-babe up  
 Mine would have been just a broken  
 heart  
 and my treasure an empty cup.



## ROSICRUCIAN PRINCIPLES

The Rosicrucians advocate a vegetarian diet as superior, physically and spiritually, to a diet containing meat. They regard alcohol, tobacco, and stimulants as injurious to the body and a detriment to the Spirit. They believe in the power of prayer and the creative power of thought through concentration in bringing about the healing of mind and body. They hold, however, that physical means can often be used to advantage to supplement spiritual and mental means.



# MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

## The Rosicrucian Christianity Lectures

### Spiritual Sight and the Spiritual Worlds



**I**N the first lecture we saw that the only theory of life which will bear the searchlight of reason is the theory that the human Ego is immortal, that earth-life is a school and that the Ego returns to that school, life after life, to learn its lessons under the twin Laws of Consequence and Rebirth, thus progressing steadily toward the goal of Perfection.

The foregoing solution to the riddle of life naturally elicits the question: But if those whom we call dead are really alive, why do we not see them and where are they? That question was answered in the second lecture where it was shown inductively, deductively, and by direct incontrovertible testimony that there is an invisible world about us inhabited by the so-called dead who are living there in full possession of their every faculty, and that the only reason why we do not ordinarily perceive them is because we lack the necessary sense. The blind fail to observe light and color because they lack physical sight. We are blind to the spiritual worlds because we lack spiritual sight. All have this "sixth" sense latent and it is capable of being awakened in all without exception by proper methods, as shown in Lecture No. 11 of this series.

In the present lecture we are to investigate the Inner Worlds and it may not be out of place to give a general

idea of how the clairvoyant knows about the invisible worlds and to show the scope and limitations of clairvoyance.

"Clairvoyant" is the name given to persons who see objects invisible to ordinary humanity. The name means simply "clear-sighted," and contrary to the generally accepted idea, there are different *kinds* of clairvoyants. Some are like a prisoner behind a barred window, who can see everything within his limited range of vision, and according to whether his window chances to face upon a narrow prisonyard or upon a wide expanse of country will be his scope of vision. If his view is further hampered by a shutter which he cannot control, which opens and shuts independently of his will, we shall understand that his observation is of little value to himself or others. Some clairvoyants are like this prisoner. When the shutter is opened they have a view of whatever happens to be going on in that part of the inner world which they chance to see at a given time and place. They cannot help seeing, whether the vision pleases them or not; they must endure it until it passes away of itself. Such people are called negative, involuntary clairvoyants.

Others again, while limited in the scope of their vision, have control of the shutter, which they open and shut at will, seeing anything which comes

within range. They are also negative, but are able to see "at will" and are called voluntary clairvoyants.

Then again others have a faculty which may be likened to the state of a prisoner whose prison is a glass house situated upon a hill and supplied with telescopes of the highest magnitude, shaded by blinds of such a construction that they would open as soon as he looked at them, and close as soon as he turned away. Thus he would have perfect control over his vision, being able to see or not and to turn his gaze to any subject he desired to investigate and would therefore be a voluntary, *trained* clairvoyant.

There is a higher stage where the prison doors are opened, and the man is able to leave the dense body at will, go into the invisible worlds and investigate at close range the things he wishes to know about, which the last named class could view only from a distance. Leaving the dense body at will is of course the ideal method—then the man is not only a clairvoyant, he is a citizen of two or more worlds. That stage is not generally reached by a mere investigator, but by such as have taken a vow to dedicate their lives to the service of humanity. They are then called *Invisible Helpers*, and work under the guidance of the great Leaders of Humanity—our Elder Brothers.

While many people make the mistake of being incredulous of the existence of supersensuous worlds, there are also people who go to the other extreme—when they have become convinced of the verity of the invisible world—and think that when anyone can "see" clairvoyantly all truth is open to his vision and he at once "knows all about" those higher worlds.

That is a great mistake—the fallacy of such an idea is readily understood by comparison with everyday affairs. We do not consider that because a man who was born blind has been made to see, he at once "knows all about" ev-

erything in the Physical World; nay, more, we know that even those of us who have had our eyesight all our lives are far from having a universal knowledge of the things about us. Logic and analogy are violated by applying such a supposition to the inner worlds. In fact, no clairvoyant, however accomplished, has a knowledge of everything there, *but only knows what he has investigated*. A blind person who has obtained sight must learn to use his eyes to gauge distances, etc.; so must the infant; and so 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, knowing how much is unknown and realizing how few of the many sides of a subject the single investigator can cover.

Besides, in the Physical World forms are stable and do not easily change, but in the inner worlds everything is in the most intense motion. Forms change in a way and with a facility that is but dimly pictured in our fairy tales. The wonder is not that involuntary or untrained clairvoyants often sadly mix things, but rather that they ever see anything right. The training consists in teaching the neophyte how to *look beyond the form* which is evanescent and illusory *to the life* which is the same no matter what "form" it may take. For only when the "life" can be seen is there safety from glamor.

Before proceeding to the investigation of the invisible worlds, we must first state the Rosicrucian conception of the Physical World, as it differs somewhat from the generally accepted views.

#### THE CHEMICAL REGION OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD

In everyday life we distinguish between solids, liquids, and gases. These are grouped by science into about seventy inorganic elements, such as hydro-

gen, nitrogen, oxygen and carbon. From these elements all *Forms* are built.

We also discriminate four kingdoms: mineral, plant, animal, and human, but that distinction has reference to four streams of evolving spirits at various states of development, manifesting as *Life*, which molds the chemical elements into the multitudinous *Forms* we see about us.

This fourfold stream of life is more or less firmly enmeshed in the forms it has built according to the stage of development reached by the various streams of spirits.

The spirits which compose the Mineral Life-Stream are so feeble, and hence so closely allied with the matter they shape into inorganic crystals, that they seem inseparable from it. This life-stream is known as a chemical force.

The spirits in the Plant Life-Stream assimilate the crystallized chemicals and modify the crystals into crystalloids when building their more complex bodies.

These plant-forms, when taken in turn by the Animal and Human Life-Streams, are grouped as cells and organs which collectively compose the more intricate vehicles of the two higher kingdoms.

While the three more evolved streams of life are working with the chemical matter, the mineral-life imbedded therein becomes inert, or, in a certain sense it dies; but the moment the plant-life, animal-life or human-life has departed from a *form*, which we then call "dead," the mineral-life native to the chemical matter is once more free to assert itself and manifest as the chemical forces which make for decay and resolve the form into its original constituents.

Some scientists attribute feeling to minerals, to "dead" plants and "dead" animal tissue. The observations of science are correct, but it is a serious misnomer to call that "feeling" which is merely a *response to impacts* of the mineral-life which ensouls the form when

not appropriated to the use of one of the higher life-streams. The mineral life-stream embodied in the tissue which the scientific experimenters use merely registers an impression; it is incapable of true feeling, such as pleasure and pain. These are soul qualities and predicate an "inner" consciousness capable of "working over" the impressions made upon it. This is as yet beyond the mineral-life, and therefore all forms *as such* are as devoid of feeling as the chemical elements of which they are composed. Science recognizes this when it states that there is no feeling in a finger which is hurt, but inconsistently relegates the feeling of pain to the brain. The occult scientist holds that *all form*, brain, brawn, or bone, equally lack feeling, for *feeling is a life process* neither inherent in the solids, liquids, or gases, nor acquired by them during the time they are appropriated by the evolving life-streams to furnish the substance for the various forms through which these life-streams express themselves in the dense Physical World.

Thus, if man possessed no more than the dense body he would be as incapable of manifesting life as are the chemical substances of which that body is composed, and if there were only this *visible* Physical World, there could never have been any other forms than the inert crystals. Plants, animals, and man would have been impossible achievements in Nature.

#### THE ETHERIC REGION OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD

The Rosicrucians, in harmony with other occult schools, divide each world into seven "regions" or states of matter: Our visible world comprises but three such regions, viz.: Solid, Liquid, and Gaseous. The invisible ether occupies the four remaining regions, and it is with the investigation of this fourfold ether that the research of occult science begins.

These four states of ether are called

the Etheric Region. Ether is the medium through which the solar energy flows into the dense bodies of plant, animal, and man, and thus it forms a basis for the manifestation of life and vitality. The names and specific functions of these four states of ether, counting from below, are as follows:

(1) The Chemical Ether is the medium of manifestation for the chemical forces which cause the formation of crystals, manifesting as the loves and hates of the atoms, the "elective affinity" spoken of by Goethe whereby alcohol and water readily mix, but oil and water refuse to commingle. Other forces manifest in this ether to promote assimilation, growth, and excretion as seen in the higher kingdoms of plant, animal, and man. The chemical ether alone is active in the mineral chemical elements in their native state.

(2) The Life Ether. A fish can live and move in water; animal and man cannot. They live in air which suffocates the fish. So each realm of Nature is the medium of manifestation for intelligences of diverse constitution, at varying stages of development and having different missions in the economy of Nature. While the forces operating in the chemical ether are solely concerned with the maintenance of the separate form, the life ether is the vantage ground for the propagative forces which have for their object the perpetuation of the species or race. It is thus active in plant, animal, and man.

(3) The Light Ether is the medium of manifestation of the forces which produce heat, motion, and the circulation of the blood in animal and man and of the sap in plants. Through it the green chlorophyll is deposited on the leaves, and so is the coloring on flowers, animal, and man. It is the avenue of ingress for the solar force which builds the eye and is the avenue of sight. The forces in this ether are only partially operative in the plant, fully in animal and man.

(4) The Reflecting Ether is the substance of the highest region of the Physical World, and the images or records of all that is or ever has been in the Physical World can be found there. Therefore we say that it contains the "Memory of Nature." Here the architect's idea for a building spoken of in the second essay is recoverable at any time, whether he is dead or living. But the Reflecting Ether deserves its name in more than one way, for the images found there, though reproducing objects found in the Physical World, are nevertheless but reflections of images in a much higher world, where the records are permanent, much clearer, and more definite. The record in the Reflecting Ether is only read by involuntary clairvoyants and psychometrists who have no choice, even though they may have heard of the existence of the higher records. Sometimes the occult pupil also reads the record in the Reflecting Ether when he first starts to investigate the invisible realms, but he is instructed as to its scope and does not deceive himself into thinking that it is the ultimate of perfection, and in time learns to use the higher record.

This ether is a most important realm in Nature; it is the avenue of ingress whereby the Ego manipulates the brain and the nervous system and controls its dense body; and in the Reflecting Ether the Ego in man makes the record of its experiences which we call memory.

Science teaches that alike in the densest solid and in the rarest gas no two atoms touch, but all float, as it were, in a sea of ether. That is true, but it is only part of the story; if that were all, it would be impossible to explain logically the difference between the four kingdoms.

We know that in order to function in the visible world it is necessary to have a dense body. Without such a body we would be "ghosts," invisible to other physical beings.

The same is true of the other worlds.

In order to function in them or express their peculiar qualities, we must first have a vehicle made of their materials; and as it is necessary to have a dense body before we can act in the Physical World, so we must have a vital body before we can show life, assimilate, grow, or propagate. The mineral stream of life at present embodied in the matter of the Chemical Region has no separate vital body. The plant, animal, and man have vital bodies, varying as to the quality, quantity, and organization of their component etheric matter.

Yet even the possession of a dense body and a vital body is not sufficient to account for all the facts of life. If there were no other realms in Nature, movable animal and human bodies would be impossibilities; and even if such had been created, having the *power* to move, the incentive to motion and action would be lacking. The occult scientist finds action has its inception in

#### THE DESIRE WORLD

Like the Physical World, this realm of Nature is also composed of seven regions which divide the matter according to relative density and other qualities.

When we speak of matter there, it is something very different from that of the Physical World. The difference is very hard to describe, because all our terms are coined with reference to the sense world, and the best that can be done is to give some faint idea of what it is or is not like.

In the first place, though desire matter is one degree less dense than physical matter, desire stuff is not by any means "finer" physical matter. It is true that the ultimate atom of all physical forms is the same; that the mountain, the mayflower, the mouse, and the man are all built of the same kind of atoms; yet we do not say that the mouse is a "finer" degree of mountain. A similar difference is embodied in the statement of the relative density of the two kinds of matter, which makes one

amenable to law inoperative in the other.

Desire matter is particularly characterized by the ease with which it is molded into different forms and is capable of changing from one form to another. Plasticity is far too poor a name for this quality; besides, desire matter is also an embodiment of light and color of such luminosity, such scintillating, iridescent hues as make our brightest colors and our most glorious sunsets seem dull and dead by comparison. It was this dazzling luminosity which caused the medieval alchemists to designate it "astral," "starry," though it has nothing to do with the stars. A faint conception of what it is like may be had by taking an abalone shell and watching the changing play of colors while moving it too and fro in the sunshine.

To obtain a reasonable understanding of the Desire World, we must realize that it is the world of feeling, desire, wishes, and emotions. As our bones, blood, and flesh are formed of chemical matter, so our desires and emotions are formed of the matter of the Desire World and as our dense bodies are subject to gravity and other physical laws, so our desires, etc., are dominated by Attraction and Repulsion, the two great forces in the Desire World.

Repulsion is the predominant force in the three lower or denser regions. Attraction alone holds sway in the three upper regions where matter is rarest, but is also present to some degree in the three lower regions, where it opposes the force of Repulsion.

The central region is the region of "Feeling." Here "*Interest in*" or "*Indifference to*" an object or idea sways the balance in favor of one or the other of the two forces, attraction or repulsion, thereby relegating the object or idea which engendered the feeling to the three higher or the three lower regions, or, as the case may be, expelling it from our lives. An illustration will show the

principle and show how these "twin feelings" are the mainsprings that move the world by means of the "twin forces."

Both animals and man have a desire body and are swayed by the twin feelings and the twin forces. A tigress in the jungle will pass a loaf of bread with indifference, but she will feel interested in the owner. Her interest will rouse the forces of attraction, yet she will endeavor to kill him. The destructive act is not the end and the aim, however, but only a necessary step toward assimilation. If she spies another beast of prey having designs on what she considers her booty, that also will cause her to feel interest. But in that case the feeling of interest will arouse the force of repulsion, and if a fight ensues, destruction of her adversary will be an end in



itself. In the above case and in cases where the animal desires of man are factors, the twin forces and twin feelings operate alike, but there is a difference in the composition of the desire body of man and animal.

The desire body of an animal is composed solely of matter from the four lower regions of the Desire World. Hence it is incapable of feeling any but the animal desires for food, shelter, and the like. A saint would feel the keenest remorse if he had inadvertently spoken a hasty word; the tigress remains undisturbed by any sense of wrong, though she kill daily. The reason is that man's desire body is composed of the matter of all the seven regions of the Desire World, so that he is capable of feeling in a higher sense than the animal. An-

other illustration will make the point clear:

Three men are walking along a road. They see a sick dog, covered with sores, evidently suffering intense pain, and famishing.

This much is evident to all three men; it is the testimony of their senses. Now comes the "feeling." One feels "indifferent" to the animal and passes on without another look, leaving the dog to its fate. Not so the others. They are both interested and remain; but this feeling of interest manifests differently in the two men.

The interest of one man is of a sympathetic, helpful nature, impelling him to care for the poor beast, to endeavor to assuage its pain and nurse it back to health. In him the "feeling" of "interest" has aroused the "forces" of "attraction."

The other man's interest is of an opposite nature. He sees only a loathsome object, which offends his esthetic sense, and he wishes to rid himself and the world of such a pest as quickly as possible; he is in favor of killing the animal outright, and burying it. In him the "feeling" of interest has generated the destructive "force," repulsion.

Thus we see that all action or refrainment from action (which is negative action) is due to the twin feelings: Interest, which starts the twin forces of Attraction and Repulsion; and Indifference, that simply cuts us off from the object or idea it is directed against. If our interest in an object or idea generates repulsion, that, of course, also causes us to endeavor to expurgate it from our lives, but, as shown by the illustrations, there is a great difference in the action of the force of repulsion and the feeling of indifference.

Thus we see that a dense body formed of the inert substance of the Chemical Region, quickened and vitalized by the vital body composed of the ethers of the Etheric Region, receives the incentive to action from the desire body, an

incentive which the animals follow absolutely, but which in man is checked by another factor—reason, which sometimes causes him to act contrary to desire. Were there no other realms in Nature but the Physical World and the Desire World, that factor would be non-existent. We could have mineral, plant, and animal, but man, a thinking, reasoning being, would be an impossibility in Nature.

#### THE WORLD OF THOUGHT

must be taken into consideration to account for man. For from its substance the mind is formed to act as a brake upon the impulses of the desire body, dictating action contrary to the urge of the twin feelings because of wider viewpoint arrived at by reason.

The World of Thought also consists of seven regions in which the matter is classified according to density and quality; besides, it is divided into two main sections: "The Region of 'Concrete' Thought" and "the Region of 'Abstract' Thought."

In the three lowest divisions of the Region of Concrete Thought are the archetypes of everything we see in the Physical World, as mineral, plant, animal, and man, of the continents, rivers and oceans; and here the trained clairvoyant whose faculty enables him to reach these high realms sees also the universal ocean of flowing life, in which all forms are immersed, sees the same vital impulse moving from form to form in rhythmic cycles, sustaining the form specialized by the Ego of man or the animal and plant Group Spirit.

These archetypes are not merely models in the sense we generally speak of models, as a thing in miniature, or in a finer material; they are creative archetypes, molding all the visible *Forms*, such as we see in the world, in their own likeness, or rather likenesses, for often many of the archetypes work together to form a certain species, each archetype giving part of itself to build

the required form. They are marshaled and directed by "The Archetypal Forces" which are found in the fourth division. From the substance of the four lower divisions our mind is formed, enabling man to also form thoughts and make images which he may afterwards reproduce in iron, stone, or wood, so that by means of the mind which he obtains from this world man becomes a creator in the Physical World like the archetypal forces.

But what is that which directs the mind as the Archetypal Forces guide the operations of the archetypes? It is the Ego, and it gathers its clothing or garment from the three highest sections, which are called the Region of Abstract Thought and Ideas.

Thus we see that man is a very complex being, and a citizen of three worlds



to which he is correlated by an unbroken chain of five vehicles, thereby giving him a full waking consciousness which enables him to see objects in space outside himself in clear and sharp contours.

The animal has no "individual" Spirit yet, but has a so-called "Group Spirit," which informs all the members of a species. The separate animals have three bodies—a dense, a vital, and a desire body—but lack one link in the chain: Mind. Hence animals do not ordinarily think, but as we "induce" electricity in a wire by bringing it close to another which is charged, so in a similar way by contact with man a semblance of thought has been "induced" in the higher domestic animals, such as

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# WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

## THE CREATION

### PART II

REFERENCES: Genesis, Chapter 1.

**H**AVING satisfied ourselves that the beginning of our System and the work of the creative Hierarchies, as described by occult science, harmonize with the teachings of the Bible, we will now examine the Bible account of the different "Days of Creation" and see how they agree with the occult teachings relative to the Saturn, Sun, and Moon Periods; the three and one-half Revolutions of the Earth Period; and the Polarian, Hyperborean, Lemurian, and Atlantean Epochs, which have preceded the present Aryan Epoch.\*

Naturally, a detailed account could not be given in a few lines like the first chapter of Genesis, but the main points are there in orderly succession, very much like an algebraical formula for Creation.

The second verse proceeds: "The Earth was waste and uninhabited, and darkness rested upon the face of the deep; and the Spirits of the Elohim floated above the deep." In the beginning of manifestation that which is now the Earth was in the Saturn Period, and in exactly the condition described. It was not "without form and void," as expressed in the King James version. It was hot, and thus well-defined and separate from the deep of space, which was cold. It is true that it was dark, but it could be dark and still be hot, for "dark" heat necessarily precedes glowing or visible heat. Above this dark Earth of the Saturn Period floated the creative Hierarchies. They worked upon it from the outside and molded it. The

Bible refers to them as the "Spirits of the Elohim."

The Sun Period is well described in the third verse, which says, "And the Elohim said, Let there be Light; and there was Light." This passage has been jeered at as the most ridiculous nonsense. The scornful query has been put, How could there be light upon the Earth when the Sun was not made until the fourth day? The Bible narrator, however, is not speaking of the Earth alone. He is speaking of the central "fire-mist," from which were formed the planets of our system, including the Earth. Thus when the nebula reached a state of glowing heat, which it did in the Sun Period, there was no necessity for an outside illuminant; the Light was within.

In the fourth verse we read: "The Elohim differentiated between the light and the darkness." Necessarily, for the outside space was dark, in contradistinction to the glowing nebula which existed during the Sun Period.

The Moon Period is described in the sixth verse, as follows: "And Elohim said, Let there be an *expansion* (translated "firmament" in other versions) in the waters, to divide the water from the water." This exactly describes conditions in the Moon Period, when the heat of the glowing fire-mist and the cold of outside space had formed a body of water around the fiery core. The contact of fire and water generated steam, which is water in expansion, as our verse describes. It was different from the comparatively cool water, which constantly gravitated toward the hot, fiery core, to replace the outrushing steam. Thus there was a

\*See page 27.



constant circulation of the water held in suspension, and also an expansion, as the steam, rushing outward from the fiery core, formed an atmosphere of "fire-fog" condensed by contact with outside space, returning again to the core to be reheated and perform another cycle. Thus there were two kinds of water, and a division between them, as stated in the Bible. The dense water was nearest the fiery core; the expanded water or steam was on the outside.

This also harmonizes with the scientific theory of modern times. First the dark heat; then the glowing nebula; later the outside moisture and inside heat; and, finally, incrustation.

The Earth Period is next described. Before we take up its description, however, we have to deal with the Recapitulations. The verses quoted and the descriptions given will also correspond to the recapitulatory Periods. Thus what is said of the Saturn Period describes also the condition of the System when it emerges from any of the rest Periods. The descriptions of the Saturn, Sun, and Moon Periods would therefore correspond to the first three Revolutions of our present Earth Period, and the following would correspond with conditions on Earth in the present Revolution.

In the ninth verse we read, "And Elohim said, Let the waters be divided from the dry land . . . and Elohim called the dry land Earth." This refers to the first firm incrustation. Heat and moisture had generated the solid body of our present Globe.

*The Polarian Epoch:* The ninth verse, which describes the Earth Period in this fourth Revolution (where the real Earth Period work commenced), also describes the formation of the mineral kingdom and the Recapitulation by man of the mineral stage in the Polarian Epoch. Each Epoch is also a Recapitulation of the previous stage. Just as there are Recapitulations of Globes, Revolutions, and Periods, so there are on each Globe,

recapitulations of all that has gone before. These Recapitulations are endless. There is always a spiral within a spiral—in the atom, in the Globe, and in all other phases of evolution.

Complicated and bewildering as this may appear at first, it is really not so difficult to understand. There is an orderly method running through it all and in time one is able to perceive and follow the workings of this method, as a clue leading through a maze. Analogy is one of the best helps to an understanding of evolution.



*The Hyperborean Epoch* is described in verses 11 to 19 as the work of the fourth day. It is here recorded that Elohim created the plant kingdom, the Sun, the Moon, and the stars.

The Bible agrees with the teachings of modern science that plants succeeded the mineral. The difference between the two teachings is in regard to the time when the Earth was thrown off from the central mass. Science asserts that it was before the formation of any incrustation which could be called mineral and plant. If we mean such mineral and plants as we have today, that assertion is correct. There was no dense material substance, but nevertheless the **first in-**

crustation that took place in the central Sun was mineral. The Bible narrator gives only the principal incidents. It is not recorded that the incrustation melted when it was thrown off from the central mass as a ring which broke, the fragments afterward coalescing. In a body as small as our Earth, the time required for recrystallization was so comparatively short that the historian does not mention it, nor the further subsidiary fact that the melting process took place once more when the Moon was thrown off from the Earth. He probably reasons that one who is entitled to occult information is already in possession of such minor details as those.

The plants of the incrustation of the central fire-mist were ethereal, therefore the melting processes did not destroy



them. As the lines of force along which the ice crystals form are present in the water, so when the Earth crystallized, were those ethereal plant-forms in it. They were the molds which drew to themselves the dense material forming the plant-bodies of the present day and also of the plant-forms of the past, which are embedded in the geological strata of our Earth globe.

These ethereal plant-forms were aided in their formation when the heat came from outside, after the separation of the Earth from Sun and Moon. That heat gave them the vital force to draw to themselves the denser substance.

*The Lemurian Epoch* is described in the work of the fifth day. This Epoch, being the third, is in a sense a Recapitulation of the Moon Period, and in the Biblical narrative we find described such conditions as obtained in the Moon Pe-

riod—water, fire-fog, and the first attempts at moving, breathing life.

Verses 20 and 21 tell us that “Elohim said, Let the waters bring forth life-breathing things . . . and fowl . . . ; and Elohim formed the great amphibians and all life-breathing things according to their species, and all fowl with wings.”

This also harmonizes with the teaching of material science that the amphibians preceded the birds.

The student is invited to note particularly that *the things that were formed were not Life*. It does not say that Life was created, but “things” that breathe or inhale life. . . . The Hebrew word for that which they inhaled is *nepshesh*, and it should be carefully noted, as we shall meet it in a new dress later.

*The Atlantean Epoch* is dealt with in the work of the sixth day. In verse 24 the creation of mammals is mentioned, and there the word *nepshesh* again occurs, explaining that the mammals “breathed life.” “Elohim said, Let the earth bring forth life-breathing things . . . mammals . . . ;” and in verse 27, “Elohim formed man in their likeness; male and female made they (Elohim) them.”

The Bible historian here omits the a-sexual and hermaphrodite human stages and comes to the two separate sexes, as we know them now. He could not do otherwise, as he is describing the Atlantean Epoch, and by the time that stage in evolution was reached there were neither sexless men nor hermaphrodites, the differentiation of the sexes having taken place earlier—in the Lemurian Epoch. That which afterward became man could hardly be spoken of as man in the earlier stages of its development, as it differed but little from the animals. Therefore the Bible narrator is doing no violence to facts when he states that man was formed in the Atlantean Epoch.

In verse 28 (all versions) will be found a very small prefix, with a very

great significance: "Elohim said, Be fruitful and RE-plenish the earth." This plainly shows that the scribe who wrote it was cognizant of the occult teaching that the life wave had evolved here, on Globe D of the Earth Period, in previous Revolutions.

*The Aryan Epoch* corresponds to the seventh day of Creation, when the Elohim rested from their labors as Creators and Guides, and humanity had been launched upon an independent career.

This ends the story of the manner in which Forms were produced. In the succeeding lessons the story is told from the point of view which deals a little more with the Life side.

\*Occult science teaches that the evolutionary scheme is carried through five Worlds (the Physical World, the Desire World, the World of Thought, the World of Life Spirit, and the World of Divine Spirit), or Cosmic Root-substance of varying rates of vibration, in seven great Periods of manifestation during which the virgin spirits, or evolving life, becomes first, man—then a God. The names of these seven Periods, or successive rebirths of the earth, are as follows: the Saturn Period, the Sun Period, the Moon Period, the Earth Period, the Jupiter Period, the Venus Period, and the Vulcan Period.

It must not be thought that the above-mentioned Periods have anything to do with the planets which move in their orbits around the sun in company with the earth. In fact, it cannot be too emphatically stated that there is no connection whatever between these planets and the Periods. The Periods are simply past, present, or future incarnations of our earth, "conditions" through which it has passed, is now passing, or will pass in the future.

The three first-mentioned Periods (the Saturn, Sun, and Moon Periods) have been passed through. We are now in the fourth, or Earth Period, which is divided into the Polarian, Hyperborean, Lemurian, Atlantean, Aryan, and two other Epochs which are unnamed. The three and one-half Periods already behind us have been spent in gaining our present vehicles and consciousness. The remaining three and one-half Periods will be devoted to perfecting these different vehicles and expanding our consciousness into something akin to omniscience.

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## SPIRITUAL SIGHT

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the dog, horse, and elephant. The other animals obey the prompting (which we call instinct) of the animal Group Spirit. They do not see objects in such clear outlines as does man; in the lower species the animal consciousness resolves itself more and more into an internal "picture-consciousness," resembling man's dream state, except that their pictures are not confused, but convey perfectly to the animal the promptings of the Group Spirit.

The plants have a dense body and a vital body; hence they can neither feel nor think. They lack desire body and mind, and therefore a greater gap exists between the plant and its Group Spirit; hence the consciousness of the plants is correspondingly dimmer, resembling our state of dreamless sleep.

The mineral has only a dense body. It lacks three links to connect it with its Group Spirit. It therefore is inert and its unconsciousness resembles that of the dense body in the "trance" state when the human Spirit, the Ego, has passed correspondingly beyond it.

In conclusion, let us note that the three worlds in which we live are not separated by space. They are all about us, as light and color, imbedded in the physical matter; as lines of cleavage in the mineral. If we let a dish of water freeze, and examine it under a microscope, we shall see the ice crystals divided off from one another by lines. These were present though unseen in the water as lines of force, invisible until the proper condition brought them out. So one world lies imbedded in the next above, unseen to us until we provide the proper conditions; but when we have fitted ourselves, Nature, who is ever ready to unfold to us her wonders, expresses ardent joy over everyone who as a helper in evolution thus attains to citizenship in the invisible realms.



## Daily Astral Thought and Guide

*We have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship him.*

—Matthew 2:2.

SUNDAY — December 1

*In Thy Presence, gracious Christ, abides peace, tranquility, and a right out-working of all problems. I rest in Thee.*

Start this month out on a spiritual basis; attend religious services and resolve early to get into the Spirit of this most holy season by expressing love to all. Love reigns.

MONDAY — December 2

*My mind is centered in the inner Christ; His hand guides me and I am constructive in all I think and do this day.*

Today you can be self-reliant, serious, sober, and systematic in the business and personal world. Be diplomatic in all transactions and dealings with others. Group work favored.

TUESDAY — December 3

*As I stir up the gifts of God within me, new avenues of service, and greater powers of accomplishment are mine.*

Inventive and creative powers of the mind are at high tide; utilize this in solving or bringing new ideas into fruition. Be original in thought, and kind in all action.

WEDNESDAY — December 4

*The Love of Christ shines in my heart, illumines my mind, and blesses all whom I contact this day. Christ rules.*

Guard against false attitude of being overbearing, conceited, or intolerant. Discharge all duties competently yet in an impersonal manner. Concentration overcomes mental fluctuations.

THURSDAY — December 5

*Heavenly Father, grant me the inner power which reveals Thy will and establishes harmony, perfection, and healing.*

An excellent time to bring into play new ideas of the mind. Authorities apt to be open to new ideas and theories. Be independent, but act kindly and sympathetically toward all.

FRIDAY — December 6

*I am one with the life of God. His law of peace, order, and true accomplishment rules supreme in my mind and heart.*

Good aspects of yesterday still in effect. Seek new ways to improve lot in life and to improve condition of health. All creative work greatly favored. Repay a past favor.

## SATURDAY — December 7

*The Light which shines from the Heart of the Father, is as a lamp unto my feet as I walk the pathway of life.*

Your disposition can be optimistic, noble, and generous. Your popularity is high and your thinking is clear. Make important decisions and act with confidence. Be alert.

## SUNDAY — December 8

*I devote this day to the worship and service of my Heavenly Father. In me is no room for thoughts of doubt and fear.*

The mind is not too stable. Keep active to overcome tendency to fret and worry over trivial things. Don't make important decisions, nor take chances. Keep a happy frame of mind.

## MONDAY — December 9

*The healing and creative power of the Holy Spirit radiates throughout my body temple and establishes health and wholeness.*

Power of endurance is increased. Seek help in problems related to health. The spirit is resolute, courageous, and energetic. Be resourceful and constructive in all you do.

## TUESDAY — December 10

*God is the only reality in my life. In Him is my complete trust and through Him all is well with me and my world.*

Be on guard against all negative influences. Don't gamble with your future. An idle mind, it is said, is the devil's workshop. Keep active in mind and noble in all actions.

## WEDNESDAY — December 11

*The Spirit of the living Christ floods my being and I am bathed in a realization of His power to accomplish all good.*

An all around good day. Work for and expect improvement in health and income. Superiors should be in a receptive mood for all constructive projects. Be optimistic.

## THURSDAY — December 12

*My soul is filled with the Life and love of the Father; I radiate His Presence in all I think and do this day.*

Faculty of imagination increased to a superlative degree. All creative and artistic pursuits are timely. Study in astrology and occult greatly favored. Infinite love rules.

## FRIDAY — December 13

*My mind is bathed in the crystal clear waters of Spirit; thoughts of fear, gloom, and doubt are now dissolved.*

Look beyond all experiences of pain and sorrow and see the Hand of God dissolving crystallized conditions, so that more of His Life may come into manifestation. Keep a firm faith.

## SATURDAY — December 14

*As I keep my mind poised on the inner presence, my thoughts are stabilized, and my life reflects peace and order.*

Review immediate objectives and map out plans for the future. Give much forethought before action. Guard against disputes in domestic matters. Keep personal relations on a high level.

## SUNDAY — December 15

*This is the Lord's day: I will rejoice and be glad in it. In His Presence do I dwell and on His Laws do I meditate.*

This day is filled with a spirit of love and well-being. Domestic matters rate improvement with constructive effort. Forget hurt feelings and work for good of others.

## MONDAY — December 16

*The Universal Spirit which sees through all differences and establishes peace, rules supreme in my mind and heart.*

The mind and constitution are strengthened. Fairness and friendliness in all transactions make for universal popularity. Work for and anticipate physical and spiritual success.

## TUESDAY — December 17

*When thoughts of fear assail, I retreat to the inner sanctuary of prayer and God's Spirit establishes harmony and healing.*

This day is filled with many moods and influences. Stay with the tried and proved path. Don't be extravagant, but be cautious and double check all work and plans.

## WEDNESDAY — December 18

*The Healing Light of the Father shines in my Soul; peace, goodwill, harmony, and wholeness abide. God is Light.*

An abundance of vitality assures victory over restricting conditions and improvement in health and general welfare. Start new projects with confidence. Wear a smile all day.

## THURSDAY — December 19

*My body is the Temple of God: In this Temple abides His Presence and I live eternally at His Altar. God is.*

Excellent aspects of yesterday continue. Inventive ability and new ideas dominate limelight. Guard against clandestine affairs. Nobility and superior conduct receive rich reward.

## FRIDAY — December 20

*Gracious Father, grant me the privilege of serving Thee by keeping a clear mind and expressing Thy Love to all.*

Open-hearted honesty and genuine friendship expressed toward all persons assures success in all ventures. Finances rate improvement. All physical and spiritual endeavors are favored.

## SATURDAY — December 21

*I thank God that I am endowed with His Spirit of love and creativeness. I serve Him in all I do and think.*

Mental and spiritual powers at high tide. Start new projects and plan new ventures which will be put into effect within next few days. Any new venture receives added impetus.

## SUNDAY — December 22

*As I keep my mind filled with thoughts of love and service, Divine harmony and order rule supreme in me and my world.*

Continue routine of a normal Sunday. Plan next week's work. Be attentive to needs of family and friends. Resolve to give aid to some religious organization of your liking. Be kind.

## MONDAY — December 23

*By the power of God's Life and Love within me, I can accomplish every worthy endeavor. In Him I live and move.*

If the emotions can be brought under control the mind may be depended upon. Greater power to overcome restrictions and illness is at hand. You have the confidence of others.

## TUESDAY — December 24

*At the dawn of this Most Holy Eve, I prepare the manger of the heart to receive the new born Christ. Love is a Light.*

Express in all you think and do, what you believe to be the qualities of Christ. Spend some time in prayer and give thanks to Him for His Gift of Life and Salvation. Christ reigns!

## CHRISTMAS DAY

*CHRIST IS BORN IN ME THIS DAY: HALLOWED BE HIS PRESENCE. I THANK GOD FOR THE GIFT OF HIS SON AND ABIDE IN HIM ALWAYS.*

Today let us meditate on the inner Christmas message:

*Unto us a child is born . . . and his name shall be called wonderful. She brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger.*

## THURSDAY — December 26

*In the wake of Christmastide, my life is warmed in the Light of Christ—peace and wholeness are established.*

Spiritually prepared can expect great spiritual boon. Spiritual faculties heightened and all music and arts rate participation or appreciation. Review objectives of life.

FRIDAY — December 27

*Through the message, life, and victory of Christ, my Soul sees through all trials and reveals God's plan.*

Rise above disappointment, sorrow, and all problems by seeking for good which exists in all things and genuinely blessing those who may be concerned. Love frees and sees beyond.

SATURDAY — December 28

*I am strengthened by the Hand of God as I work to fulfill His will, and healed by His Presence as I live His Life.*

Every constructive endeavor now endowed with renewed vigor and life. Take steps to improve health and increase income. Be economical. Be resolute and courageous.

SUNDAY — December 29

*I sing praises unto the Lord in the Tabernacle of His Presence. I remember also that He abides in my heart.*

When thoughts of gloom, doubt, and negation assail, or when adverse experiences come into your life, remember that through faith in God we raise our thoughts and find Him.

MONDAY — December 30

*What I see in my mind, that I become. I see only good and express only thoughts of cheer and happiness to all.*

The public and superiors apt to be receptive and open-hearted. The reasoning faculties and constitution are much strengthened today. Health and general welfare improving.

TUESDAY — December 31

*God is the only source of life: Through obedience to Him and His Laws my mind is at peace and health of body is assured.*

In retrospect, review past year's major accomplishments and shortcomings. After this write out objectives and resolutions for the coming year. Be sure to include spiritual aims.

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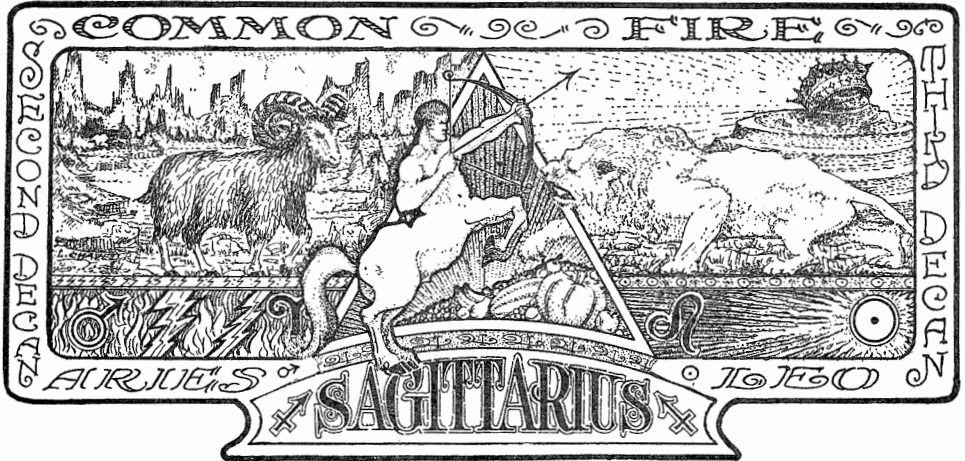
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## The Children of Sagittarius, 1957

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*Birthdays: November 22 to December 22*

**A**T 1:45 P.M. on November 22, 1957, the Sun enters the common fiery sign of Sagittarius where it remains until 2:49 A.M. December 22, G.M.T. Sagittarius is the third of the fiery triplicity; it is the mutable fire sign and may be likened to a log fire in an open fireplace for Sagittarius gives off a comfortable glow. Its natives are direct, friendly, and jovial. They are the happy-go-lucky members of the zodiac, "the hail fellow well met" type; naturally genial, hearty, and optimistic, they make good friends and successful politicians for they create hope and faith in others.

All children born under this sign have a leaning toward philosophy; they are never satisfied until they have delved into the underlying reasons which prompt situations and the conduct of those about them. They are unusually interested in law or religion, long distance travel, foreign lands and foreign affairs.

Sagittarians are high-minded, law abiding, just and fair; they are capable of seeing both sides of a question

and have excellent oratorical ability, qualities which enable them to become successful lawyers, judges, philosophers, or clergymen.

The symbol for Sagittarius is a centaur, a singularly dual type of creature, half horse and half man, with a bow whose arrow is aimed toward the stars. In keeping with the duality of this symbol, there are two distinct classes born under this sign. One class is more likely to react to the negative qualities of the sign as suggested by the animal part of the symbol. This class is somewhat lacking in spirituality and respect for the law. They are lax in morals and sporty in nature. They are fond of horses and ever ready to gamble on them at long odds. They will take a chance on anything and stake their last dollar on a card game. As these children are ever in search of a good time they may at times be unscrupulous in the indulgence of their appetites.

The other group of Sagittarians react to the human side of the symbol and are as different from the former as day is from night. They are extremely idealistic, moral, law abiding and noble in character. They aim their bow of aspi-



rations toward unlimited goals. This type of Sagittarian native has the respect of the general public; in time they become recognized pillars of society and frequently arise to positions of honor and preferment in the State or Church.

Sagittarians are not progressive; they are more inclined to be orthodox and conservative in their opinions, observing the customs and traditions of their times. They value the opinions of their contemporaries. They are charitable, benevolent, tender, and sympathetic, quick to flare up but as quick to cool down. They will avoid quarrels in their own behalf, but will fight valiantly for those in whose behalf their sympathies have been aroused.

Sagittarians are excellent conversationalists and orators with quick ready wit, ever optimistic, self-confident, and proud.

Sagittarius is the 9th sign of the zodiac and rules the ninth house of the horoscope. It is the sign of the higher mind and ideals; also the house of higher education, long journeys, and foreign travel. Its natives love to roam the world of thought as well as the physical world.

The planetary ruler for Sagittarius is the great benefic Jupiter; for this reason it is considered the luckiest sign of the zodiac and its natives are more expansive in all things. In the physical body, Sagittarius rules the hips and thighs. Although normally healthy these natives must guard against nervous exhaustion and circulatory ailments; due to the reflex action of its opposite sign Gemini there is an inclination to chest colds and lung ailments.

The keynote of Sagittarius is *wisdom*; the watchword, *freedom*; the keyword, *I see*. Sagittarius is prophetic; his intellect, broad and logical; his speech, fluent and blunt; his temperament is independent, ambitious, active, and inspiring.

When favorably aspected, the Sagit-

tarian will be foresighted, jovial, generous, sincere and comprehensive; but when afflicted the native may be more inclined to be sportive, boastful, restless, impatient, and defiant. The Sagittarian principle is spiritual and he is always benevolent even though he appears boastful, overconfident, changeable or rash.

The flower allotted to Sagittarius is the gladiolus. The gem is the turquoise; the metal is tin; the color is royal blue; the day of the week is Thursday.

From November 22 to November 25, Mercury makes a series of favorable aspects parallel Venus, conjunct Saturn, and trine Uranus. Children born during this period will have exceptional mental qualities. Many will bear the mark of genius. Their ideas and ideals will be exceedingly lofty and inspirational. Some of them may present the world with inventions of value in the advancement of aviation or electronics; others will have talent for art, or literature. All of these children will be sociably inclined, cheerful, and good-natured in disposition. They will be loved by everyone, make many friends, and be respected for their honesty and sincerity. Most of these children will have forethought, depth of mind and power of concentration. They will be mentally independent, broad and original in their views, but must cultivate patience and learn to overcome tendencies toward eccentric or unconventional opinions or mannerisms.

Mercury is also sextile Jupiter until December 2. This is one of the finest influences as it gives favor in all departments of life. It is fortunate for professional achievement or for travel. Many of these children will become successful in the legal or literary field.

From November 23 to December 2, the Sun is square Pluto which is unfavorable for group activities or in association with large corporations. Great care must be given to speculations for some born under this aspect may be forced to suffer financial reverses for the

sake of their spiritual development. These children should be taught early in life to consider spiritual values as well as material.

From November 22 to December 5, Mars is square Uranus, the Sun parallel both Saturn and Pluto, and Venus square Jupiter until December 9th. Such aspects can bring out negative qualities difficult to overcome. They give unreasonable or stubborn qualities to the disposition. Natives will be to some extent resentful against restraint and need kind, patient but firm discipline so that they may become self-controlled, kind and considerate of others. Some of these natives may suffer constitutional weaknesses, while others will have prolific energy and will to accomplish an ideal regardless of obstacles. All children born during this solar month are destined to fulfill a mission, great or small, as they are born with Saturn parallel Pluto which is in effect from November 22 to December 22.

Venus square Jupiter from November 22 to December 9 gives a love of luxury and self-indulgence without the ambition and business ability to provide for it. There is more likely to be disappointment in love and in finances. These children must learn to earn and to share and not impose upon the generosity of others.

From December 5 to December 9, the Sun and Venus are parallel. This calls out the idealistic and artistic side of the nature; gives the native charm and makes him socially popular.

From November 29 to December 10, Mercury is trine Pluto and sextile Neptune, and the Sun is trine Uranus. This bestows a definite mark of genius with humanitarian impulses which may be developed and manifested by any child born during this period. It gives original, independent ideas; an interest in astrology and other occult studies. Some may have psychic or clairvoyant power. Influential friends are attracted to them. These children may be of a nervous,

high-strung temperament and should avoid undue excitement. Some of the children born between November 30 and December 18 while the Sun is in conjunction with Saturn may have some health problems as this to some extent lowers resistance to illness. Care must be given them to avoid chest colds and lung ailments.

From December 2 to December 20, Venus is square Neptune. These children may suffer some losses and sorrows through misplaced trust; they should be particularly careful to avoid the element of chance.

From December 7 to December 22, the Sun sextile Jupiter offsets all unfavorable influences in life. It is the most favorable of all planetary aspects. It gives protection and denotes general good fortune; health, wealth, and happiness are indicated for all those born during this period. This is an aspect of opportunity and "good luck."

From December 10 through December 12, Venus will be parallel both Saturn and Pluto. These children must guard against overtaxing their vitality and must develop emotional stability.

Mars is parallel Uranus December 11th, causing ill temper and resentment, making the native erratic, eccentric, and destructive. These children need patient, loving but firm discipline and should be taught the Law of Cause and Effect as explained in The Rosicrucian Philosophy.

From December 15 to December 22, the Sun is trine Pluto which unfolds innate spiritual qualities and brings opportunity for vast service of world dimension.

From December 17 to December 22, Mars is square Pluto. This gives an inclination to force destiny; rash impulses must be curbed; patience and good judgment must be cultivated.

From December 19 to December 22, the Sun is conjunct Mercury and both are sextile to Neptune. This influence

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# Readings for Subscribers' Children

DENISE J. W.

Born July 30, 1948, 7:42 P.M.  
Latitude 42 N., Longitude 88 W.

Cusps of houses: 10th, Sagittarius 8; 11th, Sagittarius 29; 12th, Capricorn 20; Ascendant, Aquarius 20:03; Pisces intercepted in 1st; 2nd, Aries 8; 3rd, Taurus 14.

Position of the planets: Dragon's Head, Taurus 9:34; Moon, Taurus 29:20; Venus, Gemini 28:27; Uranus, Gemini 28:47; Mercury, Cancer 25:04; Sun, Leo 7:45; Pluto, Leo 14:18; Saturn, Leo 23:47; Mars, Libra 8:12; Neptune, Libra 10:38; Dragon's Tail, Scorpio 9:34; Part of Fortune, Sagittarius 11:39; Jupiter, Sagittarius 19:28.

This is a strong and fortunate horoscope as indicated by the sign positions and aspects of the planets. Five planets—Moon, Venus, Uranus, Mercury, and Saturn—all in late degrees of their signs; the Moon exalted, decreasing and leaving the sign; Saturn, the planet of Destiny and ruler of the 12th house of the past, now posited in the Sun's sign; and the majority of the planets setting in the West show this individual to be an Ego, old in experience, who has worked faithfully in previous incarnations in the service of humanity. In so doing, considerable power has been generated and she returns now to utilize this power, complete her undertakings, and reap the harvest of her efforts.

Denise was born with the Sun in Leo conjunct Pluto, sextile Moon, Mars, and Neptune and trine to Jupiter, Part of Fortune, and the Midheaven, Jupiter most highly elevated of the planets strong in its own sign Sagittarius, conjunct Part of Fortune and trine Saturn. Good fortune overshadows the entire life and guarantees general and permanent

success and recognition. This is amplified by the presence of three of the greatest of the fixed stars whose influence intensifies all aspects between the planets and the Midheaven. This should elevate her above the ordinary walks of life so that her importance in the world will be recognized afar. She should hold a position of authority for she is well qualified to preside over affairs of State or Church. She is reverent and law-abiding and would make an excellent judge, lawyer, foreign diplomat, spiritual leader, minister. Denise could be an extensive traveler and receive much pleasure from foreign contacts. It is possible that great fortune lies in store for her in foreign lands.

The favorable aspects in this girl's horoscope will bring out and enable her to express the finest qualities of the planets and the signs they occupy. Her life is objective and she will be aided and favored by the public. She will have many opportunities to utilize her power in a constructive way.

Denise has initiative, fixity of purpose, and adaptability. She has executive ability and a quality for leadership. She is a regal type, noble, ambitious, and dignified. She has a warm heart and a strong will. She is proud, loyal, honest and true, idealistic, benevolent, and generous.

Jupiter in Sagittarius trine Pluto and Saturn in Leo; Venus conjunct Uranus, ruler of the Ascendant, sextile Saturn; Mars ruler of the 9th house of the higher mind conjoined with the divine Neptune sextile the Sun, Midheaven, Pluto, and Part of Fortune show that this girl is very spiritual, profoundly philosophical with deep rooted faith and an inclination to be religious. Her aspirations are of the highest. She has strong desires and the necessary determination to carry them out.

Denise was born with the sign Aqua-

rius rising on the eastern horizon. This gives her a comely appearance, tall and well-built, with a friendly, fixed, intellectual, humanitarian, and scientific outlook on life. She should have talent, and interest in the occult, and some clairvoyant power. She should make use of astrology as a guide.

The Moon exalted in Taurus in the 3rd house, sextile Mercury in Cancer rising ahead of the Sun, and Uranus ruler of the Ascendant conjunct Venus in Gemini give this girl exceptionally good intellect, a vivid imagination, and foresight. She will have inspirational ideals, and altruistic impulses with ingenious ideas and many opportunities to express them.

This girl has a strong constitution and should have good health. She is not materialistic but should enjoy prosperity. The position and aspects of Jupiter in this chart denote fortunate marriage, health, wealth, and happiness throughout life.



### ELI O.

Born July 21, 1946, 8:00 P.M.  
Latitude 16 N., Longitude 120 E.

Cusps of houses: 10th, Sagittarius 1; 11th, Sagittarius 27; 12th, Capricorn 22; Ascendant, Aquarius 22:03; 2nd, Pisces 29; Aries intercepted in 2nd; 3rd, Taurus 2.

Position of the planets Moon, Aries 23:52; Dragon's Head, Gemini 18:48; Uranus, Gemini 19:57; Sun, Cancer 28:06; Saturn, Cancer 28:27; Pluto, Leo 10:57; Mercury, Leo 16:14; Venus, Virgo 8:50; Mars, Virgo 18:16; Neptune, Libra 6:09; Jupiter, Libra 19:23; Part of Fortune, Scorpio 16:49; Dragon's Tail, Sagittarius 18:48.

This girl was born with the Sun closely conjoined Saturn in and near the

end of Cancer in square aspect with the Moon in Aries and Jupiter in Libra thus forming a T square in cardinal signs (Neptune included) which indicates an overly impulsive emotional and sensitive nature. Eli feels rather than reasons, and is likely to act before she thinks; this she must learn to overcome.

Eli is fundamentally supersensitive, and timid; inclined, perhaps, to cling too much to the home and parents for security; she must develop self-confidence. Her Moon in Aries opposite Jupiter, and Mars in Virgo square Uranus give her an independent type of mind.

Eli is ambitious and aggressive. Her Moon in Aries and the various square aspects in the chart drive her on toward her goal and give her courage to surmount defeat and overcome her weaknesses. She will never "give up."

Due to the distribution of her planets in the signs, Eli has well-balanced qualities. She has initiative, fixity of purpose, and adaptability. She also has spiritual and intellectual qualities as well as the emotional, all of which she can put into practical use. With the majority of her planets setting in the West and beneath the horizon her life is more subjective than objective and cooperation with others is essential for accomplishment.

Eli has Aquarius rising on the Ascendant of her horoscope. This is a fixed mental sign; her outlook on life is intellectual, scientific, and humanitarian. Uranus, the ruler of Aquarius, is angular and well-aspected by Mercury, Moon, Jupiter, and the Ascendant but square to Mars. This gives her an excellent mind, personal magnetism, some beauty, and literary talent. Eli has a vivid imagination and ingenious inspirational ideas which she can express in writing (literature always opens a channel for the constructive release of otherwise negative qualities).

This girl will attract many friends who will be helpful to her. She wants  
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## A Christmas Message

*And ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.*

**R**IGHTLY understood the life of Christ is the life of each one of us. Every event in His life symbolizes the experiences that shall come to every person who desires to experience the mystic birth of the Christ child, and walk the path of palms which leads to Golgotha, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection.

Who can read the life of Christ in Holy Writ—the majestic setting of His birth, the Angelic Hosts, and the scene in the manger—without feeling a flame in the breast which responds to every word and act and intuitively knowing that contained in this Man's birth is revealed to each of us the mystery of life itself!

The life of Christ starts out in a most soul-stirring setting with the Angelic greeting to the Virgin Mary, the immaculate conception, and the birth of the Christ-child in the humble manger. This soul-stirring story portrays the great spiritual truth that every Ego, each person, was immaculately conceived in the body of God, and the birth of the Christ-child represents the birth of the Christ consciousness which lies sleeping in the manger—which is the human heart in each of us.

The birth and life of Christ repre-

sent the growth of the Christ-idea in the human consciousness, and the growth and trials of this spiritual realization as it seeks to gain ascendancy over the more human part and consciousness of each of us. You will recall that the scene in the manger reveals that the animals are peaceful and quiet. This reveals to the heart that as man quiets his outer, more materialistic self, and tames the animalistic nature, then the spiritual self—the Christ in the manger—is born and from this conception continues to grow until it becomes the dominant force in the individual life.

As there is a mighty outpouring of the Healing Life of Christ during this sacred season, it is an especially opportune time to get in harmony with this healing force. It is a power which establishes peace and harmony in the home as well as establishing health and wholeness in the body temple.

The Invisible Helpers of The Rosicrucian Order are especially imbued with this healing force during the Christmas season and send forth a healing blessing and season greeting to all friends and patients and urge that they study anew the biblical account of the birth and early life of the Christ-child.

For just as it was necessary to nur-

ture and protect the Infant from those who would destroy Him, so too is it necessary that we first of all value ourselves as spiritual beings and then nurture and protect this realization as we live each day. Let each of us express a little more each day these Christ-like qualities of the soul: Love, compassion, forgiveness, self-forgetting service, and work to establish His Kingdom on earth.

We are then becoming channels for His expression and we are preparing our heart and mind to receive His immaculate birth. In this realization all wounds of the mind, heart, and body are healed and we are steeped in His Light.

### CHILDREN OF SAGITTARIUS

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intensifies the higher vibrations arousing the highest ideals. This gives extra-sensory perception and magnetic healing power. It makes the native successful in occult matters as it bestows prophetic vision or clairvoyance. It also denotes artistic ability.

### ELI O.

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and needs friends and their sympathy but she must remember that to have friends one must be a friend and must curb her occasional impatient, belligerent, or domineering attitudes. She can be very critical and exacting with others and must guard against outbursts of temper and destructive tendencies.

### HEALING DATES

Visible Helpers are just as necessary as Invisible Helpers, and our friends and patients may share in a high privilege, as well as add much to the power of liberated healing force, by joining us in prayer for the sick. Our Healing Service is held 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:

November . . . .	3—11—17—23
December . . . . .	1—8—14—21—28
January . . . . .	4—11—17—24

Between December 12 and December 22, Venus is opposite Uranus. These children must be taught to observe the conventions, especially in regard to their relations with the opposite sex. The development of self-control and fine morals is essential for these children.

Eli is interested in mythical and occult subjects. She has a talented mind with original, ingenious ideas of an inspirational and creative nature. She has the ability to express them in writing. Success is indicated for this girl in the literary world.

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Invisible Helpers are Probationers of the Rosicrucian Order who, by virtue of living a pure life, work under the guidance of the Elder Brothers and other Probationers who are physicians. They work in bands and do most of their work at night while their physical bodies are asleep. These bands are formed all over the globe, therefore this ministry is perpetual.

The Invisible Helpers will help any person under fourteen when asked to do so by the parent, but each person after this age must make his own request for help. Almost without exception the person who has asked for help will receive immediate relief—that very night. However, the actual healing will be accomplished in accordance with Nature's laws and this time varies with the condition and cooperation of the person in need. While the Invisible Helpers are giving help from the invisible realm, we request each person to seek within himself the cause of his problem and endeavor to apply the ounce of prevention where possible. Also, we request that the person cooperate in every way with our Healing Department and whether

the letter is immediately answered—which usually it is—or not, a weekly, brief report be sent to Headquarters on the progress made.

Diet should always be changed slowly. However, a vegetarian diet should be undertaken with accent on fresh fruits and vegetables.

This healing work is completely spiritual and even before your request reaches Headquarters, the Invisible Helpers, operating under the command of Christ to, "Heal the sick" are drawn to the person and must in accordance with absolute law, render all possible aid; "ask and ye shall receive."

Occasionally we refer those who have asked for help to a doctor of their choice to augment the healing. However, even if this is done, the Invisible Helpers continue their work from the inner realm—this is true even in cases of surgery.

We do not pray for anyone's prosperity, success, etc.; however, by request sent to Headquarters the Invisible Helpers may help with personal problems of home, children, etc., where the need is based on one's spiritual welfare and harmonious home life.

Everyone is invited to join us in prayer for the sick at any time of the day or night, but especially at 6:30 P.M., your time, when possible. Close your eyes, relax, and envision the Rosicrucian Emblem with a pure white rose in the center and silently meditate upon the words, "Divine Love and Healing." You thus become a channel for releasing the healing balm which comes direct from the Father and this becomes the spiritual panacea which the Invisible Helpers use in their healing ministry. At various times of the day and night, prayers are said for the sick at Headquarters and everyone is given individual attention.

Send your request to The Rosicrucian Fellowship, Oceanside, California.

## HOW YOU MAY BECOME A MEMBER OR A STUDENT OF THE ROSICRUCIAN FELLOWSHIP

### CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP—

Membership is open to every person, provided he does not commercialize spiritual science, after completing the Preliminary Philosophy Correspondence Course consisting of 12 lessons, which can be completed easily in a few months' time.

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