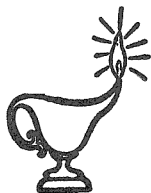


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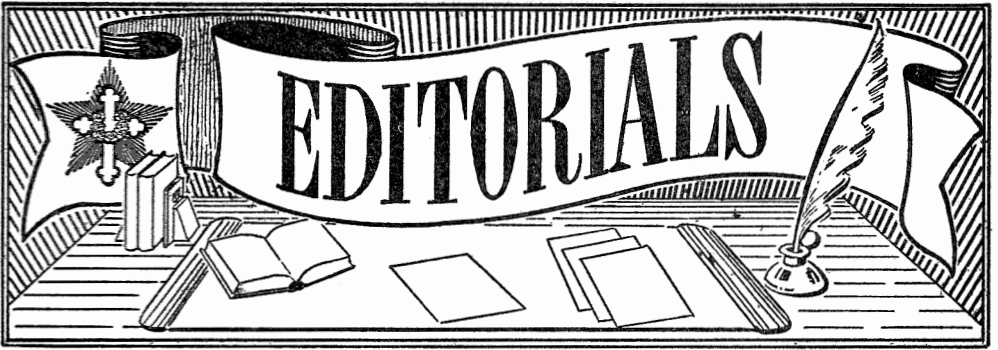
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Fragrance

BESSIE BOYLE CAMPBELL

I fell heir to an old rose garden,
I sank my nose in a large soft rose ;
 its perfume refreshed my soul.
Then a tall lilac bush I stopped to see,
 its blooms nodding at me
And its perfume and blooms seemed even finer
And a wild rose bush covered with roses ;
 as I drank of its perfume sweet
I dropped to my knees
 and noticed some wild violets around a
 mossy rock at my feet.
Who could choose of these perfumes rare
That hallowed the air ?
Why these lasted so short a while—
 like a smile from God
Or the happy laugh of a happy child.
Can we not see that in the present climb
Now is the all important time ?



LET THERE BE LIGHT

IRENE MURRAY

FROM Columbia University comparatively recently, there has come an epochal announcement which may well have a more important bearing on the future status of humanity than all of the H-Bombs which will ever be made.

When the first atom bombs were rained on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which ended World War II, men everywhere were appalled and fascinated by the immensity or power which mere man had brought under his control. Since that time the perfection of the H-Bomb has unleashed forces which make the A-Bomb seem a child's toy in comparison. Large islands even, have been vaporized before the eyes of onlookers in tests conducted with the hydrogen atoms when their inherent power was released, and always accompanied by a tremendous outpouring of light. Man's attention having been for so long engrossed with each new weapon of an ever increasing magnitude, he has completely overlooked the basic discovery which has made this utilization of Power possible and which points the way out of his present dilemma.

As a result of the development of atomic power, with its most recent offshoot, the missile, and the consequent race for supremacy on land, in sea, air and space, by nations of contrary ideologies, humanity has become consumed with fear, doubt and uncertainty concerning the future. Man seems to have lost his perspective and to have placed his faith in the hands of human agencies. Everywhere there is an overwhelming need for reappraisal of our sense of values based on the new concept of matter, for science has become mystical, it has, in reality, confirmed religion, and so, by the same token, religion has become scientific.

It has been known that matter consists of atoms, each an exact replica of the solar system, with a central sun, (or proton of positive electricity), revolving around it. It was known that the proton had a temperature similar to the sun at it's surface, of 10,000 degrees centigrade; this temperature carefully insulated within the atom itself. It was known, also, that the electrons revolve around the proton at a speed of more than 6200 miles a second and that the number of electrons varies according to the atomic element; that of the hydrogen atom, the lowest in the scale, having two.

As has been previously mentioned, scientists from Columbia University have now measured this proton, or core of the atom, and found it to be one 500 billionth of an inch in thickness. It stands on end, spinning like a top, with a speed of millions of rotations per second, and, of tremendous significance, *it is a blaze of white hot light*. Every atom of matter has this same whirling white hot fire at its heart. These atomic centers or protons constitute 99 per cent of all the matter in the Universe. Is it not being proven with each new discovery of science that all creation is our neighbor and our brother? By this revelation does not matter become spiritualized and can we not see that the good of one is the good of all and the hurt of one the hurt of all?

This is why the new concept of matter is so important. Because our Bible can now become a living reality to us; just as were the whirling wheels of living fire to Ezekial; and the burning bush to Moses, as they looked into the mystery of matter and beheld God made manifest, the One Substance—white whirling fire, light without heat.

We have not seen, in our blindness, that the whole world is afire. That fire is in the water, that it burns continually in the rock, in plant, animal, and man. Yes, there is nothing in the world which is not ensouled by fire. And now, science confirms this very fact.

The reason why we do not perceive this great truth is that we have not learned the difference between fire and flame, but as a matter of fact, fire bears the same relation to flame as spirit does to the body. Fire is the unseen but potent power in manifestation. True fire is invisible to the physical sight.

Fire is *clothed* in flame only when it is consuming physical matter. Fire will leap out of the flint when struck, and a wire carrying electricity may be perfectly cold, yet it will emit a flame if certain of its laws are violated.

And so, everywhere we turn, we find a corroboration of the sublime words in the Gospel according to St. John that "God is Light." Even the greatest of modern telescopes have failed to find the borders of light, though they penetrate space for millions upon millions of light years.

Science tells us that we have the manifestation of form only because a form of fire, an electrical energy, holds these atoms in their places in relation to one another. Life and light are known to be synonymous terms because wherever we look we find life and wherever we find life there we find light. This is incredible to our dense human consciousness, yet it has now been proven to be true. To him who has eyes to see, each manifestation of life is as a gleam of immortal splendor. Lights of a thousand rainbow hues, lights a thousand times more varied than our spectrum—undreamed of color. And man himself has taken music (sound), and stepped up its vibration, producing light and colors of indescribable beauty.

Everything, everywhere is afire with God. Outward from the center of man, from the center of the earth, from all manifestation, radiates light; even the "empty" air is alive with light—this universal living splendor, the perfect symbol of God. Are we not told that God said: "Let there be light and there was light," the primary manifestation of the Absolute, the Unmanifested One? Earth literally filled with Heaven. It was Pythagoras who said: "The Body of God is composed of the sub-

stance of light." No more apt symbol of the Universal Father is conceivable than this living, radiating, pulsating glory we call fire. Small wonder that the Ancients accepted fire, or light, as the most sacred of the elements, their supreme symbol of universal, all-pervading Power.

Blood has been referred to by the alchemists of old as crystallized light, and the magicians of the middle ages had the power of controlling any person by first securing a small portion of his blood.

If a glass of water be left overnight in a room where someone is sleeping, in the morning the water will be impregnated with the psychic radiations of that person to such a degree that anyone able to do so will find therein a complete record of the life and character of the one who occupied the room, due to the all-pervading light or fire in which these records are transmitted and preserved.

It is known that priests in the ancient temples were able to manufacture lamps which would burn for centuries without replenishment. Hargrave Jennings writes concerning these lamps: "The ancient Romans are said to have preserved lights in their sepulchres many ages by the *oilness of Gold* (steps in the art of the Rosicrucians), resolved by hermetic methods into a liquid substance; and it is reported that at the dissolution of monasteries, in the time of Henry the VIIIth, there was found a lamp which had then burned in a tomb from about 300 years after Christ, nearly twelve hundred years."

According to the mysteries, there comes a time in the spiritual unfoldment of man when the *mysterious oil*, which has been moving slowly up the spinal column, finally enters the third ventricle of the brain, where it becomes beautifully golden in color and radiates in all directions. Christ Jesus knew the ultimate destiny of man, ". . . Ye cannot follow Me now, but ye shall follow Me later."

And now, it has been amply demonstrated by our men of science that stupendous power lies hidden in the white hot heat of this tiny atom of physical matter which no human eye has ever seen; yet the physical atom has the slowest vibration of any the human spirit cognizes on its journey back to its Source.

That there are various levels in our manifestation is no longer in doubt. The substance of each plane above the physical becomes increasingly more subtle with a consequent increase in power. If then, the power within an atom of physical matter is almost beyond the comprehension of most of us what of the power, inherent in the substance of the World of Thought, which is the highest of the four planes upon which our present evolution is being carried on? Does not this give us pause when we consider the utter lack of direction in most of our thinking?

We can easily see how inability to exercise control over the thought processes results so often in attracting into our lives and our environments the very experiences we pray from which to be delivered—ill health, lack of success, disloyal friends, inharmony. We need not blame an unkind fate; we need only to direct this most potent force into constructive channels to change our destiny.

By analogy it becomes more and more apparent that the world of science, in its latest findings on the structure of the atom, substantiates

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LATENT POWER

L. H. EARLE

IF we look up the meaning of the word latent, we find that it is an adjective describing an invisible and dormant state (of force), the potentialities of which are not apparent. The definition also states that to be latent the force must exist, and the implication is that such existence is a state of suspensibility until loosed by some act of will and wisdom.

That which is latent in man must therefore be a fundamental of the foundation on which human development depends: for when such a state of latency is loosed it manifests itself as the activity here in earth which unfolds all hidden and unsuspected capabilities which seemingly have awaited their opportunity for expression. From the spiritual point of view, it would follow that the responsibility is ours to afford the human spirit every opportunity to express its latent qualities and powers.

Latency must also be timeless, for it existed in the beginning with God. Had this latency not existed in the beginning, St. John could never have written "In the beginning WAS the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. THE SAME WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH GOD."

This must mean that, like latency,

the Word is the product of an activity (lives of God) previously expressed on lines somewhat similar to all that is now seen as the handiwork of God; that the Word embraces all the wisdom garnered from such activity, and that divine Will preceded both the wisdom and the activity. Therefore until our Creator was ready to re-express himself, the will, the wisdom and the activity by which the Word was, or became, were latent powers in a state of suspensibility. And our conclusion is that the same will be in the end with God as well as with man.

As a consequence of our reasoning, and maybe by unusual actual experience but certainly by our observation of the details which require more than superficial explanation, we also conclude that our Creator is now reproducing a system of expression by which his latent powers may unfold and give birth to something more profound in the way of consciousness and potentialities—greater omniscience.

The media through which God acquires greater omniscience are the four kingdoms, because these comprise the states of separateness through which spirit is expressed. But man alone is the self-conscious medium in a position

to become a conscious co-worker with the Almighty. Man alone is free to exercise the prerogatives of an embryonic god. Through human experience and the God-given means to transmute human experience into spiritual science, each transmutation becomes the source of latent qualities which are to be expressed at some future time.

That there is to be a future time during which latent qualities and powers are to be expressed; that the time must be within the continuity of human memory (assuming that in our future and more evolved state we shall be able to relate effect to cause here in this plane, instead of waiting for the post mortem consciousness and the aid given us by our Elder Brothers by their projections of the pictures of our past actions), and that the place must be the Physical World is, seemingly, a sequential matter because it is here where we see that our latent powers are related to human experience. And because the effects of such experience are cumulative, each successive increase in latency is an epigenesis which must always be the basis of man's development. Therefore it is natural for us to conclude that our development could only be the result of cyclic changes in the focus of our consciousness which permit the experience, then the assimilation, then the consolidation or massing of all the knowledge gained during all previous incarnations. If this were to be accepted as the perfected state we could understand why Eternity in the invisible worlds would be sequential. But we are not perfect and therefore we must return to our physical world school until we have mastered the science it has to teach us, and mastered ourselves as stewards of that science.

If greater potentialities were not possible at the end of each life-cycle, we could only consider latency in terms of mere life as is the case in the plant kingdom seed. But because there is improvement, latent power is a powerful

proof of the evolution of man through the cyclic changes embraced by the spirits rebirth into all the planes of its life-cycle.

That which is latent in the plant kingdom is concealed in its seed, it is true, but the seed of the plant never leaves the Physical World to unfold its latency. On the other hand the seed of man must leave this world before it can further its evolving state of incorruptibility. (The sudden acquisition through death of a perfected state of incorruptibility is hardly reasonable.) During our life here in earth as self-conscious beings, we are in the state of corruptibility. Nevertheless, because of the latent good, an incorruptible essence, which we have brought over from past lives, we are in a position whereby we may consciously re-exercise an inherent virtue. And because of the interpenetrating nature of all worlds, this exercise of virtue sets up an oscillation which affects the archetypal region of incorruptibility just as one tuning fork, when struck, sets up vibration in another of the same pitch. It is our release from the corruptible state that enables us to work on this effect and to incorporate it into our being—to "put it on," as stated in the New Testament. This is the way by which God makes man in His own image: gradually, patiently and persistently through an evolution of incorruptibility. And were it not for latency—the way of rebirth—and the unfoldment of our latent tendencies and powers incorruptibility would be beyond our individualized spiritual prerogatives.

According to the Scriptures we are gods in the making and co-workers with our Creator. The question must eventually arise: How can we become creators of this or any crystallized substance without having a science of physical matter? That question poses a second concerning time: how long will it take?

A full science of physical matter must embrace all that a chemist knows,

all that a physicist knows, all that an astronomer knows, all that a mathematician knows—as a specialist. It has taken each of such masters a lifetime of devotion to their special subject. Is it possible for one to be accomplished in all subjects? It must be if we are to become gods in our own right and do the things which have been done by Christ . . . and greater things. It is His promise! The idea would never have occurred to us had He not assured us of our latent powers.

Consider the achievement of such an extraordinary man as Dr. Thomas T. Young who was born 1773. At the age of two he read with ease. At six he learned by heart the whole of Goldsmith's "Deserted Village." Before he reached the age of four it is said that he had read the Bible twice and began taking an interest in languages. Dr. Young not only became an excellent physician, a mathematician, botanist, philosopher, musician and actuary but also played a prominent part in the arrangement of a nautical almanac. An explanation for such outstanding achievements in one life that is based solely on genes and chromosomes is difficult to accept. The more logical explanation is that deduced from considering pre-existence and the results obtained because of intense zeal to excel. Perhaps Dr. Young lived before as Aristotle. At any rate he was one with great zeal. He lived. He did not dawdle.

A lengthy dissertation to support rebirth should not be necessary. Instead, we should be asking for reasons to justify a contrary conviction, and the reasons offered must stand the test of the obvious.

We may picture man as an automaton or picture him as an experimenter in the exercising of his free will. As an automaton, man appears as a subject of haphazard design and such an idea has little appeal. But if we think of ourselves as conscious investigators

searching for a science of matter and the self-control that such a science demands we find ourselves wondering about God's purpose. If our Creator has already known all there is to know about this particular state of density we call physical matter, one of two reasons might justify him in the creation of this globe. Either God made this planet to give man the same opportunity to learn about it as God once had, or that God lacked a science of this particular density and differentiated man within Himself to be an observer: and as an observer to have the means by which our Creator could assimilate the added consciousness of this physical state that He required. But in either case a single life in earth will not suffice to inform us about all the aspects of living with which we are concerned. The over-all science that the Spirit seeks must therefore result from a long series of rebirths into the physical world, for it is in this realm containing the differing forms of the four kingdoms that we have the means—the solids, liquids and gases with which to experiment. Another reason why we must return to this physical plane is that it is here alone where we can APPLY our science of it. For it is evident that if in the realm of thought we learn how to harden copper to have the same tensile strength of steel, we must have a world of the character which will test our knowledge of copper. An eternity in the invisible realms cannot possibly afford us an opportunity to expand and develop a science of matter or to expand our awareness of the scope of life here in earth. A further reason is that in a state of separateness such as ours we look outward on a manifestation of what was once a latent quality or condition. And when it is the case that factors of life are hidden from us, the object of any investigation could be to bring within the scope of understanding all the characteristics which were veiled. It is there-

fore reasonable to assume that it was to encourage us in this pursuit that Christ came with his doctrine of faith in the power of the invisible Spirit to lift us out of this state of separateness into an awareness of the source of all life. "Know the truth and the truth shall set you free."

So we are justified in assuming that if man is diligent throughout his life here in earth, he will die to this plane for the express purpose of assimilating the good of his experience, and that the process of assimilation will reach a culminating point in the realm of Abstract Thought where that good is amalgamated to form a greater thought power than before. This accumulation must exist as a latent foundation or archetype for the next dip into the physical world of opportunity for further understanding and spiritual growth. But the law works both ways: self-indulgence, and indifference to constructive thought and action combined with a lack of compassion bring about their own reward. The Bible confirms this philosophy by the statement in Galatians: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

In the foregoing discussion we have assumed that the reader is a student of our philosophy, and that he has been able to fill in the details of our outline which are necessary to describe the source of human latency. In fairness to a stranger we will now explain the all-important sequence of events which follow the change in the focus of our consciousness once the time comes to leave this physical plane.

In the preceding paragraph we stated that if a man worked diligently throughout his life he would assimilate the good of his experience. But we all know that our lives are packed with wide variations in our thoughts and emotions, and that we are angels one minute and devils the next. How then can the effects of such a jumble of conflicting

thoughts and emotions be sifted or threshed out so that good may be incorporated into our spiritual being and the bad used to exercise any power for self-redemption which we may possess?

For the explanation we may turn to II Corinthians 5, one and ten: "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." and ten . . . "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ: that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

The first verse is frequently used at funeral services and it is unquestionably appropriate. But there is a much wider meaning and it fits perfectly into the philosophy of rebirth and latency.

In the verse quoted above we note the word HAVE (present tense) and that it relates to a building of God. All religious teaching admits the presence of the Spirit. But if we teach that any building within which is of the spirit is done by God, we are in danger of believing that God is responsible for human failure concerning both the building of physical form and the invisible vehicles which inter-penetrate it. On the other hand, if we accept the deduction that the words "We have a building of God," were intended to mean that we already possess a building of (*i.e.*, proceeding from and/or belonging to) spirit, the invisible substance responsible for all animation, we are on safe ground, for unquestionably spirit is of God. The point is that God, the Creator of all substance, is NOT shaping or building any particular portion of spirit substance which constitutes our being. We do that: for we are Sparks of the divine Flame, and we are individualizing our own worlds of existence according to our thoughts, feelings and actions. We do not now actually create
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MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

The Rosicrucian Christianity Lectures

The Coming Force--Vril or What



SO much is written and spoken of the inner Worlds from the occult point of view, so much stress is laid upon the fact that we possess higher vehicles, are capable of developing them and functioning consciously in them, that it seems needful to emphasize at times the enormous value of the dense body and of the visible World to which it correlates us, to counteract as far as may be done the disdain with which some people regard the World in which we now live.

Let us rest assured, that there are Great and Exalted Intelligences behind evolution who order all things with a wisdom which neglects no factor, and let us try to understand the aim and the object of our present mode of existence. Then we shall soon see that all is well, that there are good and sufficient reasons for our placement in the present phase of concrete existence and for the limitations which result in consequence. We see that at the present time the Western World is going through a phase of material development and many among us who are grappling with the things of the spirit are prone to look down upon the activities of the ordinary man with a feeling of "thank God that I am holier than you" which is entirely gratuitous.

The much despised "Ordinary Person" on his side looks askance at us who talk with glib familiarity of both heaven and hell, but are not very up

to date in our knowledge of material affairs. He has a very strong feeling that it is our first and foremost duty to know something about the material World, to do our duty *here* to the best of our ability before we aim to soar into the clouds. To emphasize his argument he will point to India where the people suffer death by famine yet are too indolent to work; they think of "nirvana" and forget present conditions. The Ordinary Person will bid us look at the backward condition of these orientals and attribute it to their belief in the doctrine of rebirth, which inculcates habitual disregard for the present phase of existence in them. He will then contend that spiritual development, particularly outside the methods of the recognized churches, is detrimental in the highest degree, and he is largely right in his assertion, but there is a deeper view to be dealt with later.

To develop in a safe and a sane manner we must positively have a correct appreciation of the mission of this World in the divine plan of unfoldment which we call evolution, and we must do our full share of the World's work. On the other hand it may also be said that the occult viewpoint gives a deeper insight and a wider scope for usefulness than the mere surface view. Let us therefore examine the path of advancement in the material World from both viewpoints.

It has been stated in lecture No. 2

that all things in this visible material World are crystallized thought-forms and an illustration was given of how an architect forms a house in his mind, of how from that thought-form he draws the plans and the workmen build the house. Graham Bell's imagination crystallized into the telephone, Fulton's to a steamboat, etc. But of course those ideas were not perfect at once; a great deal of experimental work was necessary before the inventions cited were brought to sufficient efficiency to become useful in life.

If we imagine this World in which we live to be a World of Thought wherein we might form *images* like mental pictures, but which would provide no way of concreting our images in metal or wood such as we now use, what would have happened in the cases of the telephone or the steamboat? The inventor would have been through with his invention in a trice, there would be no material condition to show the imperfections in his thought and consequently he would not have learned to *think right*.

It is the mission of the concrete material World to make our mistakes manifest. We are developing an enormous power within ourselves and we have in the dense Physical World the most ideal condition for developing the requisite ability to use it properly. Apart from such ability, and given subtler conditions of matter it would work immense harm. What is that coming force which will be seen when a backward glance at the past development has given us the gauge of true perspective.

In the earliest dawn of man's existence he dealt principally with the *solids*; his first implements were such stones, sharp or blunt, as he found ready at hand. Later he commenced to trust himself to the *liquids* when propelling his first crude craft on water or to turn the primitive water mill. Still later he learned to use a *gas*—wind as a force of propulsion for ships and mills.

That was an immense advancement; it brought the most distant parts of the World into communication, and widened the scope of man's knowledge immeasurably, but even the progress attained by the use of air power fades into insignificance before the strides we have made since we started to use the more ethereal gas—steam power. That has turned the wheels of progress at a rate which leaves us dumb with astonishment. Yet even the wonders accomplished by steam are as nothing when compared to the thousand and one improvements in communication and knowledge developed by the utilization of that still finer force—electricity, which circles the globe with a message in fewer seconds than the years it would have required by earlier means of propulsion.

Thus we see that human progress has been accomplished by the use of finer and finer forces and that each time we have learned to utilize a subtler energy than heretofore used we have made a wonderful stride in civilization.

This view is one we have not usually accustomed ourselves to take; we usually associate solidity and strength as if they were synonymous terms, but a little observation will readily show us the fallacy of that idea.

The waves of the sea, which are fluid, will raze the decks of a ship in a few moments, twist and bend the strongest iron stanchions as if they were but wires. The winds may blow the masts of a ship overboard in the twinkle of an eye, yet winds are but air, a gas. Water, a fluid, is tearing down the hills of Seattle, Wash., and making the city level at a rate impossible to the solid pick and shovel. When we look at the great locomotives with their extremely heavily built train and we admire their ponderous bulk, do we ever realize that the reason why they have to be so solidly built is because they are to be acted upon by an invisible elastic gas—steam?

The waterwheel was of no use as a power producer except when in direct

contact with a stationary source of energy, a waterfall. Windpower was better, it could be used as a force of propulsion all over the world, but was fickle and uncertain. Steam was more nearly ideal, as it is procurable *at will* almost *anywhere*, but required ponderous machinery to be moved around wherever the force is to be used, as best illustrated by the locomotive, which is such a movable power plant. Electricity may be transmitted for many miles by means of a little wire and can be used anywhere along that line; it may be stored, bottled in fact, and taken along; it may even be transmitted from place to place without wires along the all-pervading ether.

We have now shown that man's progress in the past has been accomplished by the utilization of forces of increasing subtlety—water, air, steam, electricity—and that the increasing utility of each of these forces is further enhanced by the facility with which it may be transmitted and utilized at various places. The latest advancement being the transmission of energy from a central source to various points without visible material connection as in wireless telegraphy.

Having reviewed past accomplishments, it must be evident that *the further progress of the human race depends upon the discovery and utilization of a yet finer energy transmissible with still greater facility than either of the forces yet known.*

What is that new force—what will it accomplish in the advancement of the human race—and along what lines are we to look for its discovery? Such is the natural threefold question, and we shall attempt to answer it.

In his "Coming Race" Bulwer Lytton gave us an inkling of what that coming force will be. Like all other such stories it has never been taken seriously, but regarded only as the phantastic imagination of a clever writer. Jules Verne's stories met with a like attitude of admiration for his vivid fancy (?) upon the part of the public, yet how much

in them has already been realized? "Around the World in Eighty Days" is too slow for the twentieth century globe trotter. Submarine navigation and bird-like flights are facts today. In truth, *the human mind is incapable of imagining anything that cannot be achieved.* That seems an extravagant statement, but is it not justifiable in view of what has been done? And reverting to our main line of argument, something akin to the Vril of Bulwer must be discovered before man can take the next great step in advancement. True, great and marvelous discoveries lie ahead of us in the further exploitation of the forces we already possess, but the next *Great Step* depends upon the discovery of and preparation for the use of the coming force. Attempts at making the steam engine were made many centuries ago by the ancients before we succeeded in the latter days. Electricity was known in a very small way also by them, but it took a long time to ripen these ideas sufficiently to make them directly available for use; similarly, while we go ahead and exploit the forces we know we must also prepare for the coming force and if we can find it we may be able to find the means of using it the quicker. Let us look a little closer at Bulwer Lytton's Vril, it may be that beneath the phantastic garb a valuable clue is hidden.

Vril was a force generated *within* each of the beings of our story; it did not depend upon outside machinery which cost money and could be had by a favored exclusive few but not by the majority; all without exception possessed this power from birth to death.

That is certainly a yet higher ideal than even a central power station. No need for elevators when everybody levitates at will. No need of street cars or railways when everybody can move swiftly and easily by his own inherent force, no need of ships when a man can move through the air without such cumbersome contrivances as those which

move upon the surface of earth and water, and see how much less resistance he will have to overcome who flies through the air as the bird does than if forced to depend upon an aeroplane or similar contrivance.

Like all other forces Vril could be used as a means of destruction; it was swift in that also, so exceeding care would naturally be required of one who used it. He must have self-control in highest degree, for if he were to give way to temper dire disaster would surely happen. If ever we are to use such a force as that we can see how absolutely essential it will be that we be good and kind and make no enemies. Our lives would be in the hands of others to an extent undreamt of now.

When we look within ourselves to see if it is possible that an energy of that description be incipiently growing, we cannot look very far before we are forced to recognize the fact that a power having vast possibilities is there—Thought-power. Our ideas take shape as mental pictures which we form with great facility and afterwards crystallize into material things in an exceedingly slow and laborious manner as cities, houses, furniture, etc. All that is made by the hand of man is crystallized thought.

Nor should we regard its present slow mode of manifestation from thought to thing as an indication of its possibilities, or allow the fact that it escapes and eludes us to cause dismay. It has been the same way with the other forces we have already harnessed to our wheels of progress. For countless ages the waves of the ocean have wasted energy in beating upon the seashore, but now inventors are beginning to harness them as they have coupled the waterfall to the electric dynamo. For a like period the winds swept land and sea before man learned to use them as carriers of the commerce of the world by appropriate sailing vessels. For ages steam escaped into the air from the camp kettles of primitive humanity before they learned

to concentrate its power and use it in the various industries. In like manner as the steam escaped uselessly from the kettles of olden time does the radiant energy of thought escape from humanity of today and as the steam was utilized by concentrating it, so may also this subtler but enormously more potent thought-power be concentrated and used to do the work of man with a facility impossible of imagination even by comparison with the present forces, for they are merely utilitarian, working in, with and upon already existing things, but *Thought-power is a creative force.*

We know how dangerous the other forces are when harnessed and concentrated. While the steam is escaping from the camper's kettle it can do no serious hurt. Electricity generated by the friction of a belt or by rubbing a piece of amber is no danger to anyone, but when steam is generated in quantities and confined in a steam boiler it may burst its bonds in the hands of an incompetent workman and so may electricity under pressure in a wire kill the one who ignorantly meddles with it. Similarly we may infer that thought-power misdirected or ignorantly used would have a much more disastrous effect, because it is a much subtler force. Therefore it is necessary that man should be placed in a school where he may learn to use this enormous force in a safe and efficient manner, and whether we realize it or not, the wise teachers who work unseen but potently with humanity have already provided us with such a schooling when they placed us in this concrete existence, the Physical World. Whether we know it or not, every hour we are here learning the lesson of *Right Thought* and as we learn it more and more we shall become creatures like our Father in Heaven.

Thus we see what a great mistake it is to despise this concrete existence and live in the clouds of hopes and aspirations which have to do with the higher

life and the higher Worlds to the neglect of our duties in the present concrete material life.

It should be equally plain, however, that it is also wrong to confine ourself to the purely material phase of life to the exclusion of the spiritual side of our nature. Extremes are dangerous. If we recognize the two poles of our being, and endeavor to guide our material existence by the light of our spiritual perception we shall learn the lessons so wonderfully provided for us in the school of experience in a far shorter time than required if we go to either of the extremes.

What are the results of following one or the other of the extremes may be seen by a comparison, from the occult viewpoint, of the Hindus with the Western World.

As stated before, people of a materialistic tendency in order to justify their aloofness from spiritual affairs point to countries and peoples which are going in that direction, particularly to India, bid us note the backward state of the Hindus, the indolence of the oriental and attribute it to their religious trend. Others have tried to defend them on the grounds that they are massed together in an arid mountainous country that is unable to feed the millions that populate it and hence disease and famine are inevitable. They point to the scorching sun and the devastating floods of India and contrast them with our own fertile, thinly populated land where abundance is the portion of all, and they almost imply that it is an injustice on the part of God to give to one what he denies to another who is more worthy in the opinion of such critics.

That the condition of the Hindus is such as depicted, and even worse than we ever get to know, is a safe assertion. Looking at life from the ordinary western standpoint of one life only, those people are really to be pitied as victims of the caprice of an unjust God, but

when we understand the Law of Consequence and Re-birth and the activities carried on in the second heaven, we shall readily comprehend the spiritual reason for the different conditions of nations as well as of individuals.

The scorching sun, the arid condition of the soil of India and the destructive flood are only effects produced in the material world by causes in the spiritual realms as all other acts of nature and man; there is a spiritual explanation to every phenomenon that goes deeper to the roots than the material facts; there is a spiritual reason for the poverty and the climatic conditions which cause them in India as well as there is a deep purpose in our prosperity. To get at that reason it is necessary to keep clearly in mind the distinction between the body and the spirit that inhabits it. All Spirits are alike except that some have developed faster than others. The Races are only bodies created by the spirits and as a class of spirits evolves it goes from race to race. The most accomplished do the pioneer work and bring the race to its highest perfection. When that is attained they form a new race and the race bodies which have been discarded are taken in turn by the less developed spirits and therefore commence to degenerate. When thus, these become useless to them also, they advance and turn the race-bodies over to another and still lower class of spirits. Under their influence the race degenerates still further and at last, when there is no spirit so backward that it can gain experience by using the degenerate form any more, the women become sterile and the race dies out. It has served its purpose.

We of the Western nations at one time inhabited Hindu bodies; that was the time when India was in its glory, when the race was evolving both physically and spiritually. That was in the so-called *Golden Age*, when the sacred writings came into existence, when the great temples were built, when the spiritual

and material evolution of India was at its height.

But man was destined to master the material world to the full; while he thought of himself as a spirit principally and had an absolute and unswerving faith in the continuity of life; while he knew positively that birth follows death as surely as death follows birth, he also felt that there was endless time to progress in, and therefore made only indifferent efforts to develop the resources of the material world.

Therefore it was necessary that he should forget for a time the doctrine of Re-birth and think of the life he was living as the only one so that he might concentrate all his efforts on making the most of his opportunities for material advancement. The way that was accomplished has been described in the earlier lectures and more fully in *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*.

Thus we (the spirits now inhabiting the Western race-bodies) left the Hindu bodies and built in turn the bodies of the succeeding races, gradually attaining higher and higher levels of material development, during Earth-life, and as the life in heaven between incarnations is an outcome of the previous life and a preparation for the next, where we build our future bodies and our future country under the direction of the great creative hierarchies as described in lecture No. 6, we have gradually built our present highly organized bodies; our rich and beautiful country with all its magnificent natural resources, its propitious climate, etc., and are thus enjoying the fruits of our work in previous existences in heaven and on Earth.

The Hindu race was the first in the Aryan epoch; it has been degenerating ever since we left it, is now inhabited by the most backward spirits ever born into Aryan bodies, and as we implanted such strong spiritual tendencies in them, heredity has yet preserved that trait in the Hindu bodies so that they are

more amenable to spiritual impacts than the more material bodies of the later races, yet it is not as high an order of spirituality as expressed when we were in the Hindu bodies; the bodies have degenerated and the spirits are less evolved than we, so that the race distinguishes itself more by a highly analytical mind than by true spirituality.

Having retained a full realization of, and an implicit faith in the doctrine of Re-birth which the Westerner has lost temporarily, and being backward, the Hindus are naturally indolent and do not seek to improve their physical conditions in Earth-life or between incarnations. As a consequence the country also has degenerated with the bodies and the resulting suffering has for its purpose to awaken them to the necessity of concentrating on material things that they may learn to conquer the Earth as we are doing; they are to follow in our footsteps and forget for a time their spiritual being, in order to master the important lessons of this material World. Lack of worldly goods is to drive them to abandon the spiritual side of their development and take up the material phase. Our plenitude and material prosperity has the opposite end in view; it is destined to cause in us the nausea of satiety, to drive us to a realization of the worthlessness of material things, to cause us to turn anew to the spiritual and in the degree that new inventions and better means of distribution make life easier, will the desire for the higher life overrule the desire for worldly success.

Our concentration upon material things, and our consequent worldly success, has gradually given us such an impetus in the material direction that we are forgetting our spiritual nature as a superstitious fallacy exploded by scientific facts.

Our "scientific," ultra-materialistic attitude is the very opposite to the attitude of the Hindus and as extremes meet, the ultra-materialism of Western

thought works destructively on Western lands as oriental indolence has laid waste the East Indies. There is a connection between materialism and seismic and other disturbances.

In the Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception a chapter has been devoted to the description of the different layers of the Earth, so far as that is allowed and possible without Initiation. Suffice it here to say that there are nine such layers of different thicknesses and that the core forms a tenth part. This is the seat of the consciousness of the Earth-Spirit.

It is a fact that is patent to the occult investigator that this Earth-Spirit feels all we do. When in the autumn the harvester mows down the ripened grain, there is a feeling of pleasure, of joy in having brought forth, a feeling akin to that felt by the cow when milk is taken from its bursting udder by its offspring. When flowers are plucked it is the same, but when trees or plants are pulled out by the roots the Earth-Spirit experiences pain, for the plant kingdom is to it what the hair is to our body.

The Earth-Spirit is not affected by our acts alone, however; it feels our mental attitude as well. There is one particular layer in the Earth that reflects our passions, feelings and emotions in a most startling manner, and causes them to react upon us, as storm, flood and earthquake.

Materialism causes volcanic eruptions, and the more spiritual conditions prevail, the more such cataclysmic events will cease to startle the World.

That is a statement hard to verify by the ordinary man, and would not have been made, were it not possible to give at least circumstantial evidence of its verity. This evidence is derived from a study of the trend of thought at the times when the eruptions of Vesuvius have occurred. The list of the cataclysms which have taken place in our era begin with the eruption which

destroyed Herculaneum and Pompeii, where Pliny the elder perished A.D. 79; then, 203, 472, 512, 652, 982, 1036, 1158, 1500, 1631, 1737, 1794, 1822, 1855, 1872, 1885, 1891, 1906.

There have been 18 eruptions in 1900 years. The first half (nine) occurred in 1600 years, during the time of the so-called "dark ages," when man was ignorant and superstitious enough to believe in God and even in elves, fairies, and such foolishness.

Since the advent of modern science brought enlightenment into the Western World, demonstrated the superfluity of God, and taught us that we are the highest intelligence in the cosmos, "that the brain is a gland which secretes thought as the liver secretes bile," "that we walk with the same force that we use to think" and much more of the same nature, these cataclysmic reactions have been correspondingly numerous. There have been nine eruptions during the 300 years since modern science has labored for our enlightenment as against the other nine catastrophes which occurred in the "dark ages" in 1600 years. The first six occurred in the first thousand years of our era, the last five within a period of 51 years. If we number the strides taken by science in the last century, and particularly in the last sixty years, the inference is obvious that as materialism increases the volcanic eruptions become more numerous, the more it spreads the more points on the Earth will become affected.

The above is not to be understood to mean that science is detrimental in the eyes of the occultist; it has its legitimate place as an educator of the human race, but where it divorces itself from religion and becomes materialistic, as has been the case in modern times, it becomes a menace to humanity. There was a time when religion, art and science were united and taught in the mystery-temples, even so late as in Greece, but as this is the plane of sepa-

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WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Miscellaneous Interpretations

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PART IV

REFERENCES: Luke 24:36-43; Matthew 14:15-21; John 6:1-13; Luke 15:11-24; Matthew 9:24; John 11:11; Acts 9:36-42.

"**A**nd they gave him a piece of broiled fish, and of a honeycomb." After the Resurrection the Christ at one time appeared among His disciples while they were in a locked room. They did not recognize Him at once and did not believe that His body was a material body. But the vehicle in which He appeared was the vital body of Jesus, and it was possible for Him, as for anyone else capable of functioning in that vehicle, to draw matter of the chemical region around Himself and build a perfectly tangible, dense body in a moment. In order to convince them that He was as usual, He asked for something to eat and was given a piece of honeycomb and some fish. It was stated that He ate, but not that He ate the fish, and one who had been brought up among strict vegetarians like the Essenes would not have eaten the fish any more than he would have eaten flesh if it had been set before him.

It is also related of the Buddha that he died after gorging himself upon boar's flesh, which is highly ridiculous to anyone aware of the fact that he taught his disciples the simple and harmless life—to sustain the body upon the purest and best foods as they come directly from the ground—and was moved to the greatest pity at the sight

of suffering on the part of man or beast. The esoteric student understands that in olden times the boar was a symbol of esoteric knowledge. One may give of his knowledge; the more we give the more we have—at least, the same amount of knowledge remains. The Buddha in his earth life had gorged himself upon this sacred knowledge, and when he died he was full thereof.

Not everyone should be a vegetarian *at once*. The vegetarian diet generates an abundance of energy, much more than flesh foods. This energy is not only physical but spiritual, so that if a man leads a sedentary life and is of a material disposition, engaged, perhaps, in sordid business transactions or in other lines of strictly material endeavor, this spiritual energy can find no vent and is apt to cause systemic disturbances. Only those who lead an active, outdoor life, where the abundance of energy generated by the vegetarian food can be thrown off, or who transmute that energy into spiritual endeavor, can thrive on the vegetarian diet. Besides, we recognize that the heredity of many generations has made man partly carnivorous, so that in the case of most people the change from a mixed diet to vegetables should be gradual. The diet which suits one man is not fitted for another, as indicated in the old proverb that "one man's meat is another man's poison," and no hard and fast rules can be laid down which will apply equally to all people. Therefore, everything

that we eat as well as everything else connected with our personality should be determined by ourselves individually.

The Bible says truly that it is not that which goeth into the mouth that defileth us. If we crave and support ourselves upon loathsome food, *it is the craving that is the sin* and not the food itself. If a man is in a place where he cannot obtain the pure foods which he desires and craves, he ought to take food which is obtainable, even flesh food, just as thankfully as he takes the pure food. It will not defile him because of his attitude of mind.

“And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.”—It is the nature of a beast of prey to eat any animal that comes in its path, and its organs are such that it must have that kind of a diet to exist, but *everything is in a stage of becoming*; it is always changing to something higher. Man, in his earlier stages of unfoldment, was also like the beasts of prey in certain respects. However, he is to become God-like and thus he must cease to destroy at some time in order that he may commence to create.

We have been taught that there is no life in the universe but the life of God, that “in Him we live and move and have our being.” His life animates everything that is and therefore we naturally understand that as soon as we take *life* we are destroying the *form* built by God for His manifestation. The lower animals are evolving spirits and have sensibilities. It is their desire for experience that causes them to build their various forms, and when we take their forms away from them we deprive them of their opportunity for gaining experience. We hinder their evolution instead of helping them. It is excusable in the cannibal, who knows no better, when he eats his fellow men. We now

regard cannibalism with horror, and the day will also come when we shall feel a like disgust at the thought of making our stomachs the burying ground of the carcasses of murdered animals.

It is natural that we should desire the very best of food, but every animal has in it the poison of decay. The venous blood is filled with carbon dioxide and other noxious products on their way to the kidneys or the pores of the skin to be expelled as urine or perspiration. These loathsome substances are in every part of the flesh and when we eat such food we are filling our own bodies with toxic poisons. Much sickness is due to our use of flesh foods.

In a great many places where the Bible speaks of “meat” it is very plain that flesh food is not meant. The chapter in Genesis where man’s food is first allotted to him says that he should eat of every tree and herb bearing seed, “and to you it shall be *for meat*.” The most evolved people at all times have abstained from flesh foods. We see, for instance, Daniel, who was a holy man and a wise man, beg that he might not be forced to eat meat but that he and his companions be given pulse. The children of Israel in the wilderness are spoken of as “*lusting after flesh*,” and their God is angry with them in consequence.

There is an esoteric meaning to the feeding of the multitude where fish was used as food, but looking to the purely material aspect we may sum up the points made by reiterating that we shall some time outgrow flesh and fish eating as we have risen above cannibalism. Whatever license may have been given in the barbaric past will disappear in the altruistic future, when more refined sensibilities shall have awakened us to a fuller sense of the horrors involved in the gratification of a carnivorous taste.

“And he said. A certain man had two sons.”—The story of the prodigal son was a parable whereby the Christ in-

tended to teach a lesson and not an actual fact. It is a story which tells of the spirit's pilgrimage through matter. There are different classes of spirits. Some, but not all, have gone into the school of experience, the world. They have descended from their high estate in the World of God gradually deeper and deeper into the sea of matter which blinds them. At last they find themselves enmeshed in the dense matter of the Physical World. That is the turning point where they wake up; where the unconscious path of involution ends; where self-consciousness is attained plus a consciousness of the world without. But the spirit within is not content to remain in this world. Reawakened to a sense of its inherent divinity it feels drawn anew to its highest spheres, and says "I will arise and go to my Father."

Then comes the toil of stripping off the various vehicles in which it has become enmeshed and of raising itself once more to the conscious communion with God. While engaged in this arduous task "the Father meets it a long way off," the still small voice from within begins to speak and tell of heavenly glories and, at last, when either the evolution of humanity has been completed or the single spirit has taken *the short cut of Initiation*, there is a reunion with God and the other brothers who have not yet gone out into the school of experience. Naturally there is more rejoicing over the return of one who has fought the good fight and has come back to his heavenly home, than over the one who has not yet sought to improve his opportunities.

Raising the Dead.—Peter did not raise Dorcas from the dead, neither did the Christ raise Lazarus or anyone else, nor did he so claim. He said "He is not dead, he sleepeth."

In order that this matter may be understood, we will explain what takes place at death and wherein death is different from the state of trance, for the persons mentioned were entranced

at the time the supposed miracles took place.

During the waking state, when the Ego is functioning consciously in the Physical World, its various vehicles are concentric—they occupy the same space—but at night, when the body is laid down to sleep, a separation takes place. The Ego, clothed in the mind and desire body, extricates itself from the dense body and the vital body, which are left upon the bed. The higher vehicles hover above or near. They are connected to the denser vehicles by the *silver cord*, a thin glistening thread which takes the shape of two figure sixes, one end being attached to the seed atom in the heart and the other to the central vortex of the desire body.

At the moment of death, this thread is ruptured at the seed atom in the heart and the forces of this atom pass along the pneumogastric nerve, through the third ventricle of the brain, and thence outward through the suture between the occipital and parietal bones of the skull, along the silver cord and into the higher vehicles. Simultaneously with this rupture, the vital body is also disengaged and joins the higher vehicles which are hovering above the dead body. There it remains for about three and one-half days. Then the higher vehicles disengage themselves from the vital body, which disintegrates synchronously with the dense body, in ordinary cases.

At the time of this last separation, the silver cord also breaks in the middle, and the Ego is freed from contact with the material world.

During sleep the Ego also withdraws from the dense body, but the vital body remains with the dense body and the silver cord is left intact.

It sometimes happens that the Ego does not enter the body in the morning to awaken it as usual, but remains outside for a time varying from one to an indefinite number of days. Then we say that the body is in a natural trance.

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Daily Thought and Guide

These daily meditations are based partly on the planetary hours of the day, daily aspects and vibrations.

WEDNESDAY — April 1

Today the planets are busy in the heavens—much can be accomplished, as we give thanks to the Giver of all good.

THURSDAY — April 2

Winter is past; the heart of nature warms

Beneath the wrecks of unresisted storms
Doubtful at first, suspected more than
seen,

The southern slopes are fringed with
tender green.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Our minds will be thinking of the days ahead when we can enjoy nature in all her glory.

FRIDAY — April 3

Today is the day of Venus and we give a little more thought to the needs of our fellowmen. God has been so good to us.

SATURDAY — April 4

All we accomplish today can be done with a thought for the deeper things of life. As we look within we will find the reflection of our creator.

SUNDAY — April 5

And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

MONDAY — April 6

Today's conflicting thoughts can be united in the spirit of beneficence, fam-

ily and friends will benefit by our thoughtfulness.

TUESDAY — April 7

All we accomplish today can be done with a thought for the deeper things of life. As we look within we will find reflection of our creator.

WEDNESDAY — April 8

Experience gives us precious understanding, and as we are our brothers keeper we ask with Solomon, "Give us, Oh Lord, an understanding heart."

THURSDAY — April 9

"God's in his heaven all's right with the world," and this Thursday the day of Jupiter, he helps us to make it a happy day.

FRIDAY — April 10

Prayer is not eloquence, but earnestness; not the definition of helplessness, but the feeling of it; not figures of speech, but compunction of soul.

—Hannah More.

SATURDAY — April 11

This Saturn day is the day of work and recreation, when we can find within that which will help us in our work and play.

SUNDAY — April 12

O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. For Thy mercy is great above the heavens; and Thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

MONDAY — April 13

The promise of the stars today is fair. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O God."

TUESDAY — April 14

Action and reaction mark this day of Mars. The good to lift us and the not so good to steady us. Dear God let it be for the good of all.

WEDNESDAY — April 15

In thoughtfulness for others lies our strength. Human sympathy and love heals all woes, and leads us all to Heaven above.

THURSDAY — April 16

Today the stars help us!
"Chance cannot touch me! Time cannot hush me!

Fear, hope, and longing, at strife,
Sink as I rise, on, on, upward forever,
Gathering strength, gaining breath—
naught can sever
Me from the Spirit of Life!"
—Margaret Witter Fuller.

FRIDAY — April 17

"The stars incline, but do not compel." With the help of Uranus, the planet of compassion, we will make the work of this day count.

SATURDAY — April 18

A good day to remember that wise are we if we learn to use temperance in all things.

SUNDAY — April 19

This is a day for quiet meditation on the worth while things of life. Let us say with Peter, "Silver and gold have I none, but that which I have I give unto Thee."

MONDAY — April 20

Today Mars and Neptune encourage us to live to our highest. "Unselfish and noble acts are the most radiant epochs in the biography of souls."

TUESDAY — April 21

"Lord, for tomorrow and its needs

I do not pray. Keep me, my God, from stain of sin just for today."

WEDNESDAY — April 22

Mars and Saturn are ready today to teach us to learn the lesson that Jupiter beams our way. Be Kind."

THURSDAY — April 23

A day to be up and doing. "It is good policy to strike while the iron is hot; the master spirit who rules can rule the storm, he is great, but he is much greater who can both raise and rule it."

FRIDAY — April 24

Today, if we seek to shirk, Saturn may lay a heavy hand on us—"Every branch in me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit He purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit."

SATURDAY — April 25

A wonderfully constructive day. Let us go forward in confidence and in strength.

SUNDAY — April 26

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Today is a wonderful day to practice the presence of God.

MONDAY — April 27

Neptune, the Awakener, tells us of "how beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings."

TUESDAY — April 27

A good day to practice the admonition that "a soft answer turneth away wrath," for tests will be ours on this day.

WEDNESDAY — April 29

"All things work together for good," should be our motif for this day. Let us do our duty leaving to the Lord the rest.

THURSDAY — April 30

The beautiful Venus ray tells us today that we must all love one another. Then shall we not see the mote in our brother's eye.



The Children of Aries, 1959

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Birthdays: March 21 to April 20

AT 8:55 A.M. March 21, 1959, the Sun enters the sign Aries and begins his annual journey through the Zodiac as he crosses the celestial equator into North latitude, he brings new life and hope with him. This is called the Vernal Equinox, the most important season of the year. All ancient people celebrated this triumphal celestial accomplishment, with religious ceremonies, elaborate festivals and rejoicing. We still celebrate this occasion in the Christian world as Easter which is dedicated to the resurrection of the Sun. The Sun remains in Aries the sign of its exaltation until 8:17 P.M. April 20th. All children born during this period are known as Arians and all will, to some extent, bear the general characteristics of this sign.

Arians are extroverts, the sign is ruled by Mars, the planet of dynamic energy. In Ancient Mythology Aries or Mars was known as the God of war, consequently all Aries children are full of energy and ever ready to fight. Aries children will fight at the drop of the hat, they love a fight for fight's sake,

and care little what prompts it or whether the outcome be defeat or victory. Aries fights for love of conquest in behalf of another as quickly as for himself; he goes out of his way to meet a challenge.

The armed forces come under the rule of this sign and more often than any other Aries natives are found in military service, and most likely to become Army officers or military leaders.

Aries is the sign of Cardinal (active) fire. It is symbolized as a Ram, forging ahead, leader of the flock, he never looks back for followers and seldom looks ahead for obstacles. This is typical of the Aries native who follows the example of the Ram and as a consequence gets many a bump on the head, that part of the body which is ruled by Aries.

Aries is a pioneer who loves to explore and start on new projects. Aries is likely to act on impulse before he looks and without thought of the consequences. Arians are impetuous, courageous, often reckless and foolhardy. Aries people, enthusiastic and vivacious are the most stirring and inspiring people of the Zodiac. Eager, zestful,

active and ardent, ever on the go mentally and physically, they live in a state of anticipation, like human dynamos, they are the personification of perpetual motion.

The Aries spirit is fiery and dauntless, no problem is too difficult for an Aries native, he will attempt the most ambitious projects fearlessly; unless he can find an outlet for his excessive energy his life seems empty and boresome.

The Aries native is self willed, imperious and rash. His passions, his loves and his hates are powerful, but he never holds a grudge. His fiery nature is quick to flare up and produces a great flame and momentary heat but like a paper bonfire quickly dies out and is soon forgotten. There is nothing petty about the Arian native.

Aries is fundamentally absorbed in self. He is extremely self-centered and for this reason he has acquired an undeserved reputation of selfishness. The Arian native is not selfish and when conscious of another's need he will work tirelessly to render assistance. Confinement and domination irk these courageous freedom loving people.

Aries is an extrovert, through and through, he makes a splendid soldier, martial music and uniforms have an especial appeal to Aries of all the Zodiac, the Aries native is most likely to become a military man, he is primarily interested in self accomplishment, action and progressiveness. His best quality is enthusiasm. His worst faults are impatience and rashness. The Aries intellect is quick; his speech daring; his color is red. The diamond is his gem; the daffodil his flower and Tuesday is his day.

When the Sun in Aries is well aspected, positive Aries qualities are brought out and such a child will have dignity, authority and respect. His temperament will be ambitious and enterprising. He will have self esteem and executive ability; he will make a good promoter or director, but if the Sun in

Aries is ill aspected by the planets the negative qualities are likely to predominate and the child will be aggressive, quarrelsome, defiant and foolhardy. He may be ill tempered, intolerant and indulge in tantrums or brain storms or be otherwise destructive. "I am" is the keyword for Aries.

MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

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rateness and specialization, they have been purposely separated for a time, in order that they might attain a greater perfection than would have been possible if they had remained united. In due time they will all three be united again; and then, and only then, will we get perfect satisfaction through the heart, the intellect and the senses. The heart will enjoy the religious ceremonial aspect, the intellect will be satisfied by the scientific side and the esthetic side of man's nature will be catered to by the various arts as they will be employed in the temple-service of the future.

When man has spiritualized his being under the influence of the scientific and artistic religion of a future day he will have learned self-control and have become unselfishly helpful to his fellow-beings; he will then be a safe guardian of the *Thought-Power*, whereby he will be able to form accurate ideas which will be immediately fit to crystallize into useful *things*. This will be accomplished by means of the larynx, which will speak the creative *Word*.

All things in nature were spoken into existence by the *Word* which was made flesh (John I). Sound or spoken Thought will be our next force in manifestation, a force that will make us creative God-men when through our present schooling we have fitted ourselves to use such an enormous power for the good of all, regardless of self-interest.

Reading for a Subscriber's Child

DANIELE M.

Born in Tunis, June 7, 1951, 3:11 P.M.

Latitude 37 N., Longitude 11 E.

Cusps of houses: 10th, Leo 1; 11th, Virgo 4; 12th, Libra 3; Ascendant, Libra 27:10; 2nd, Scorpio 25; 3rd, Sagittarius 27; Capricorn intercepted in 3rd house.

Position of planets: Jupiter, Aries 9:11; Mercury, Taurus 26:58; Mars, Gemini 11:54; Sun, Gemini 16:02; Uranus, Cancer 8:12; Moon, Cancer 17:45; Venus, Leo 0:14; Pluto, Leo 17:24; Dragon's Tail, Virgo 14:26; Saturn, Virgo 25:36; Neptune, Libra 16:53; retrograde. Part of Fortune, Scorpio 28:53; Dragon's Head, Pisces 14:26.

This little girl has an objective life, and although she may have many difficulties (due to Neptune, Saturn, Dragon's Tail and Pluto, four so-called malefics rising) and obstacles to overcome before she accomplishes her goal, the sun ruler of the 10th house with Mars in Gemini, both sextile Jupiter, guarantees success.

The Sun sextile Jupiter, the great benefic, is the most favorable of all planetary aspects. It indicates general success, health, wealth and happiness through life. It favors travel, marriage and public relations. This aspect makes Daniele broad-minded, religious, philosophical and law abiding. She will be highly esteemed in her community for her fine qualities.

This girl's greatest success will come after midlife. She will eventually and inevitably arrive at a position which will afford her opportunities to render service of world-wide dimensions and, as the Sun, ruler of the 10th is in the 8th house and favorably aspected, her

accomplishments will live after she has gone.

Pluto's highly elevated position in the 10th house in close sextile to both Neptune and the Sun (ruler of the 10th), gives fire to her inspirations. It provides a medium for Cosmic translations and carries power beyond mundane life. Daniele will be able to unfold great spiritual revelations. She has the ability to develop extra sensory perception, which will enable her to tap the archetypal regions and receive first hand knowledge which she can reproduce in more than one way.

This girl has creative ability, great literary and artistic talent. She should be prepared in early life to specialize in some profession where she can make use of her great gifts of inspiration and imagination which will allow her to penetrate into vast and as yet unexplored fields of her chosen career.

Daniele not only has talent, she also has psychic ability and occult knowledge. The Sun in the 8th house, the Moon conjunct Uranus in Cancer, and Pluto sextile Neptune, gives her a natural inclination for research into the mysteries of life and death. Daniele is an eternal seeker for truth. The Sun trine Neptune intensifies the vibrations of her aura and makes it easy for her to develop such spiritual faculties as clairvoyance and clairaudience. She may be able to hear the music of the spheres and produce inspirational music, or writings.

Daniele has an excellent mind, a fertile imagination and many opportunities for self expression.

Libra rising on the ascendant gives her a rosy outlook on life, a keen sense of justice, and talent. Venus is ruler of the ascendant highly elevated in Leo and trine to Jupiter. The Sun also well aspected by Jupiter indicates a

charmed life and great protection. Mercury ahead of the Sun with Neptune in the ascendant makes Daniele visionary and intuitive.

Daniele should be a beautiful girl, vivacious, physically and mentally alert, cheerful, witty, personally magnetic and charming. She attracts many friends and should be the life of any party. While Daniele is not inquisitive she has considerable intellectual curiosity and is interested in everything, consequently she quickly acquires a smattering of knowledge on many subjects and is a good conversationalist. She likes to be in the lead and "at the top" of things. Daniele sparkles!

Mars rules the 2nd house of finances, and the 6th house of service. Mars is conjunct Sun; sextile Jupiter and Pluto and trine Neptune. This gives her a super-abundance of vitality, courage and a strong desire nature. It intensifies the emotional nature, helps her to penetrate the "invisible worlds" in a conscious way and makes her a good money maker, noble, sincere, generous and philanthropic in the use of her money.

Jupiter in the 6th house trine Venus ruler of the ascendant, both in fire signs and sextile Mars, conjunct the Sun gives courage, vitality, excellent recuperative power and the best of care in case of poor health.

Daniele has an exceptionally good horoscope, more good aspects than the average and a great deal of invisible help, but life is a school of experience. No Ego comes to rebirth unless there are lessons to be learned. Consequently, no chart is free from so-called bad aspects (squares or oppositions) for they represent challenge. Facing and conquering them helps to strengthen character and promotes soul growth.

Daniele has one very bad aspect, difficult to transmute. This is the Sun square Saturn. This aspect altho wide by orb is strong in effect because the Sun is applying to it, that is, the Sun, the faster moving, is going toward the

square of Saturn. This will cause suffering and sorrow in the life and tends to thwart desires. The most potent effect of the Sun square to Saturn is upon the health for it tends to weaken the constitution, lower vitality, and may subject this girl to chronic ailments of the lungs, or bowels. There is danger here of poor elimination, a lack of oxygen and acute inflammatory ailments of the lungs and respiratory system.

The less important squares between Jupiter, Moon and Uranus create an over-indulgent appetite for rich and unusual foods, which is likely to overload the blood stream. All this can be corrected by proper habits. The Stars impel, but do not compel. One can learn to "rule his stars" through self control and right living. The "bad" aspects, however, are not without value, for the hardships they render promotes Soul Growth.

Horoscopes for Subscribers' Children

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VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE ADVICE

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

ROBERT S.

Born August 7, 1942, 10:53 P.M.,
D.S.T.

Latitude 37 N 47, Longitude 122 W
26.

Cusps of Houses: 10th Capricorn 11;
11th Aquarius 4; 12th Pisces 5; As-
cendant Aries 19:28; 2nd Taurus 24;
3rd Gemini 19.

Positions of the planets: Uranus, Gem-
ini 4:7; Saturn, Gemini 10:29; Moon,
Gemini 26:51; Jupiter, Cancer 12:59;
Venus, Cancer 18:56; Pluto, Leo 5:40;
Sun, Leo 14:37; Mercury, Leo 20:15;
Mars, Virgo 4:12; Dragon's Head, Virgo
5:16; Neptune, Virgo 28:01; Part of
Fortune, Pisces 1:42; Dragon's Tail,
Pisces 5:16.

For vocational guidance special con-
sideration must be given to the 6th
house (service), 10th house (accom-
plishment and recognition), and the 2nd
house (financial remuneration), but we
must always consider the Sun, its sign,
house position and aspects, for the Sun
is the symbol of the individual and
indicates his basic nature and general
characteristics.

Robert was born with the proud and
loyal sign of Leo, with Pluto and Mer-
cury all in his 5th house, the sign and
house of pleasure, entertainment and
creative ability. Robert is a child of
the "Sun," vital, high minded and
magnanimous with natural ability for
organization and leadership. His nature
is fixed and fiery. He is strong willed
and honorable. Sun, Mercury, Pluto sex-
tile Saturn ruler of the 10th; with

Uranus in the 2nd house, indicates good
mentality and power of concentration,
prolific energy and ingenious money
making ability.

The majority of the planets below
the horizon and in the west, suggest
a life and profession more subjective
than objective and good fortune comes
through partnership, cooperation and
adaptability. He may have some diffi-
culty in obtaining a position or in re-
taining it. His best success comes in
later life.

Mars, ruler of the Ascendant, placed
in Virgo on cusp of the 6th house, in-
dicates a hard worker; its squares to
Uranus and Saturn bring out the nega-
tive qualities of those planets. This
could hamper successful progress for
they are destructive in nature, giving
Robert a violent temper and an un-
usual resentment of even the slightest
restraint. He is too independent and
inclined to be irritable and critical.
These squares suggest a cruel destruc-
tive side to his nature which he could
transmute by releasing it in fictional
creative writing, for Robert is talented
in this field. He has an excellent mind,
vivid fertile imagination and ingenious
ideas. He has artistic literary talent
and great creative ability. As Saturn,
the ruler of the 10th house (with Ura-
nus and the Moon) in Gemini, a dual
sign, he will not be satisfied to pursue
any one occupation. Gemini always sug-
gests literature or clerical expression,
and this boy's basic education should
be supervised with that in view.

Robert is well qualified to begin a
career as clerk, stenographer, secretary,
bookkeeper, journalist, etc. Such ex-
perience is always valuable as a foun-

dition for creative writing later on. Before Robert can be successful in any department of life, he must learn self control and respect for those in authority over him. He could excel as a dramatic critic but must "watch his language" else he might get into serious trouble of libel suits and such.

Robert will want to make practical use of all his talents due to his earth signs on the cusps of the three essential houses. On account of the duality of the sign occupied by the ruler of the 10th house, Uranus and the Moon with their sextiles to Sun, Pluto and Mercury, he will have many opportunities.

The Moon's position in Gemini in the 3rd house in square aspect to Neptune, inflates the imagination, gives him a sense of apprehension and causes him to worry unduly. With the additional influence of the common signs it will not always be easy for him to arrive at decisions and abide by them, although this may be overcome by the sextile of the Moon to Mercury in the fixed sign Leo and the Sun's sextile to Saturn.

Capricorn on the 10th house cusp suggests government position. Civil service, possibly in the Agriculture Department, for the earth signs also suggest real estate, land in general, farming and produce. The position of Pluto indicates successful reforms or leadership with large corporations where Robert could become an executive, organizer and leader.

The most potent influence in this boy's chart is indicated by the well aspected Leo planets and their 5th house positions which focuses his interests in the field of entertainment. The theatrical world offers him unlimited opportunities in any branch he might prefer, such as actor, playwright, talent scout, director, producer, critic, costume designer, etc. Robert can make a successful vocation of any of these, although the most outstanding and most promising is literary.

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I have gathered about me heaven's golden alphabet of other men's minds. Only the silken cord that binds the characters belongs to me. Poetical writers of all ages of the world's history are represented in this collection of poetry. It is the testimony of the ages to the story of the stars.

We welcome truth though it comes from unexpected sources. Like the golden light of the rising sun that comes up out of the darkness of the night is the modern revival of ancient astrology. I have found more than twenty astrological references in the works of Shakespeare.

My list of the world's great poets, both ancient and modern, who colored their poetry with the shades and shadows of astrological teachings is as follows:

Byron, Babbauld, Beattie, Campbell, Chaucer, Congreve, Dante, Dryden, Emerson, Fairfax, Graves, Goethe, Horace, Longfellow, Milton, Scott, Schiller, Shakespeare, Shelley, Thomson, Virgil, Wilcox, Young.

The following are extracts from the writings of some of these poets:

"Our hope is in heroic men, Starled, to build the world again."

—*Edwin Markham.*

"I find my Zenith doth depend upon a most auspicious star."

—*Shakespeare.*

"Wondrous truths and manifold as wondrous. Hath God written in these stars above."

—*Longfellow.*

"Tis Jove's world-wandering herald, Mercury."

—*Shelley.*

"The sun by his magnetic beams gently warms

The universe, and to each inward part, With gentle penetration, though unseen, Shoots genial virtue even to the deep."

—*Milton.*

"Day and night are weighed in Libra's scales, Equal awhile; at last the night prevails."

—*Manilius.*

"The empire of Saturnus is gone by; Lord of the secret birth of things is he; Within the lap of earth, and in the depths

Of the imagination dominates; And his are all things that eschew the light."

—*Schiller.*

"Full often learn the art to know Of future weal, or future woe, By word, or sign, or star."

—*Scott.*

"Ye stars, which are the poetry of Heaven,

If in your bright leaves we would read the fate

Of men and empires—'tis to be forgiven."

—*Byron.*

"If fear of this, observe the starry signs,

Where Saturn's houses and where Hermes join

The sovereign of the heav'ns has set on high

The moon, to mark the changes of the sky,

When southern blasts should cease."

—*Virgil.*

"The starry Centaur still bends the bow below."

—*Mackey.*

“Mars, the fierce god of war, of discord dire, and slaughter
Bellora’s aid, the scourge of Providence;
Lord of the fiery steed,
Hastening to death, to desolation fell.
Pompous and proud,
And in the hour of glory where death shafts thicken —
Where life’s crimson stream ebbs fastest.”

—*Congreve*.

“And as sages wise of old, from the stars did fate unfold;
Thy bright eyes, my fortune told, lady,
lady, mine.”

—*Lever*.

“I’ll not believe that the Arch-Architect
With all these fires the heavenly arches deck’d
Only for show; and with these glittering shields
To amaze poor shepherds watching in the fields.
I’ll not believe that the least flower which pranks
Our garden borders or our common banks,
And the least stone that in her warning lap
Our mother earth doth covetously wrap,
Hath some peculiar virtue of its own,
And that the stars of heaven hath none.”

—*DuBartas*.

“Men and women, earth and sun,
Stars and planets, all are one.”

—*Graves*.

“Fair Venus shines
Even in the eye of day, with sweetest beams
Propitious shines, and shakes a trembling flood
Of softening radiance from her dewy locks—
Fair morning star, that leads to dawning day.”

—*Babbauld*.

“If fortune will, she may a rhetorician make
Into a Consul; and she may the same man take
And bring him down again unto his former state.
And the stars above may tell thee this;
They doom to misery, or they give thee bliss.”

—*Juvenal*.

“The stars o’er man’s poor, trivial body ride,
And raise or lower it easier than a tide.”

—*The Achilleid*.

“Yonder they move in yon visible sky,
Shoot influences down; and even at this day
’Tis Jupiter brings everything that’s fair.”

—*Guy Mannering*.

THE HUMAN SEASONS

Four seasons fill the measure of the year:
There are four seasons in the mind of man;
He has his lusty Spring, when fancy clear
Takes in all beauty with an easy span:
He has his Summer, when luxuriously
Spring’s honied eud of youthful thought he loves
To ruminate, and by such dreaming nigh
His nearest unto heaven; quiet coves
His soul has in its Autumn, when his wings
He furlth close; contented so to look
On mists in idleness—to let fair things
Pass by unheeded as a threshold brook.
He has his Winter, too, of pale misfeature,
Or else he would forego his mortal nature.

—*John Keats*.



Overweight and Nutrition for Taurians

A. J. HAWORTH, D.C.

IN the last issue of this magazine we discussed nutrition for people born under the sign Aries and gave suggestions for a general "spring cleaning" of the body tissues. This article will deal with suggestions for the Taurean diet and give some ideas on weight control which seems to be a problem to so many Taurus natives as well as to many others.

Generally speaking, overweight plays an important part in general health. High blood pressure has some of its cause in adipose tissue and excess fat contributes to heart conditions. If a body has even twenty pounds of excess weight it means that the heart must pump blood and nourishment to this extra flesh and the energy needed to carry this weight can be better understood if one were asked to carry that many grocery items around all day in a shopping bag, even though the fat was distributed over the entire body. Blood infections are more common and liver trouble is quite common in overweight conditions, to say nothing of how one may become ill-poised and self-conscious about abnormal avoirdupoise.

Many people go to a great deal of expense and effort to correct this and

unfortunately many use some type of thyroid concentration or drug to cut down weight. The health in general suffers, of course, and when the severe measures are curtailed the weight goes back up unless a change of diet and thinking is instituted. Let us beware of quick "cure" methods and short cuts to streamlining the body.

Two factors are involved in weight control. The body must receive the proper amount of the right food elements, for daily metabolism, in order that it may work, exercise, and serve its owner, and it must be able to assimilate the nourishment it needs, as well as eliminate the waste matter. Many think that a meal of meat, potatoes, desserts, etc., will do this, but the energy required to digest and assimilate it and carry the waste through the colon, kidneys, pores, etc., is often much more than the energy which is obtained from the food intake, besides, digestive soda and pills are often needed to combat the excess gases, and give the person a measure of comfort.

Once a morsel of food enters the body our conscious control stops, the digestive juices, the involuntary nerves and muscles go into action, the liver and other organs go to work and it is truly

wonderful how these intelligences strive to fit the food to the needs of the body. They struggle with the problem for hours, some people eat too often during a day and this gives these organs and tissues practically no rest. We would not and even could not put a load such as many do, on the voluntary muscles of the limbs. They would stop of fatigue poison. That is what these overworked inner organs do eventually, and we wonder why "something goes wrong" with them.

Can we not safely say that the first rule of reducing is cutting down the amount of food taken daily? At first the stomach will feel empty for it has been stretched for years with big banquets of many courses. But in a short time it will start to shrink and get some much needed rest and the whole being will begin to sing a more pleasant song. The taste buds will find that the pleasures of eating wholesome fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products, etc., are equal to if not greater than the heavy starches, acid meats, loaded with condiments and the white sugar pastries. The appetite will need no cocktail before meals. The elimination will need no carthartics; the heart will become normalized and naturally the weight will drop gradually and safely.

No overall rule can be given but the suggestions given are sure to bring results in a measure to anyone regardless of inherent tendencies as shown in the chart. Generally speaking, the planets, Jupiter and Venus afflicted in the water signs and near the ascendant, predispose to overweight, and in some cases, where the appetite has been catered to for years, it may be wise to fast for a few days under a doctor's care, and go for a month or two on a very light diet, one diet which has been used this way is to eat nothing but canned tomatoes and grapefruit; we can see that the tomatoes will alkalize the body, while fresh grapefruit acting as an antiseptic and energizer, by virtue of its

sugar content, will also give a lot of vitamins, mainly C complex. Still we have no fatty foods no waste to speak of and no starch to putrify and no excess of protein to contribute to intestinal gases. This takes off about a pound a day and what a feeling of general health follows!

One does not see overweight very often among vegetarians, even though they consume quite sizable meals at times and do a pretty good day's work without much fatigue, which is so common today among the workers, even office workers have to take a couple of coffee breaks a day to get soft drinks or a sandwich.

Taurus rules the neck, throat and palate, larynx, tonsils, lower jaw, ears and occipital area. Also the cerebellum, the atlas, cervicle vertebrae, caratid arteries, jugular veins and some blood vessels. Thus we see that pathology in this area will cause goiter, diphtheria, croup and apoplexy, and by reflex from Scorpio, may give venereal trouble, constipation, irregular menses and painful menopause.

Now we can see, if the palate is pleased and constipation is present, we get into the overweight class very soon and later pathology, as stated above, is just the natural result of indulging the appetite. In nearly all cases we find the thyroid gland, ruled by Mercury, showing pathogenic tendencies, depending on the individual chart. Uranus, ruler of the pituitary gland and controller of growth and assimilation, is almost certain to be involved.

Anyone beginning an exercise routine, aimed at reducing, would do well to get some professional help to avoid overstraining the heart and musculature, and to regulate the amount of energy expended. Very active people like to exercise, but ordinarily exercise that has some special interest, such as games or efforts to perfect some physical skill, even dancing, walking and bicycle rid-

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INNER STRENGTH

IT is well to realize that our power of receiving, containing, or absorbing ideas is a spiritual gift from our Father and any increase in that power must contain more of God. Only as our awareness of God grows and expands are we capable of deeper understanding and greater deeds.

We believe you will agree with us the above statement deserves serious and impartial attention. We can state with truth that it is a "signpost" pointing the way to spiritual advancement through the development of goodness, kindness and morality within ourselves. We thus advance above, and beyond, theory and join those who look upon life as a scientific experience governed by just and immutable laws. We no longer doubt that the substances of life put together in a certain way will yield a certain result.

Now, what are the steps we must take to free ourselves from discord, and its resultant illnesses of the body? First, we must realize where we stand in our relationship with our Creator. We who are fortunate enough to have studied the Rosicrucian Philosophy know that all individualized life, from the lowest to the highest manifestation, is indissolubly joined with God through the Divine Essence hidden within each living thing. Accordingly, our successful progress through life depends upon our inner expansion and the opening up of avenues from within for the free-

flowing currents of energy and intelligence to go forth and join the splendid stream of life in outer manifestation. In this way, we give release to the glorious healing force we possess. Knowing this, we may well be undisturbed, and serene, when called upon to meet a problem, for now we know we are working with a dependable Law of God. Rest assured, there is no situation that will not, in the end, yield to spiritual vision and its resultant healing of the sick.

It has been said by a very wise person that what we do for others we do for ourselves; that we are akin to all other men, for the life within them is the life within us. With this statement we heartily concur. For, although we have free will to act as individuals, humanity must progress as a great whole. It is a mark of spiritual development when we accept this fact and mentally free ourselves to rise above our herd instincts, and seek the benefit of all living men. How true the statement, "The chain of human progress is no stronger than its weakest link."

We are not permitted, however, to enjoy the comfort of spirituality until we have merited, or earned it, but our way is smoothed and made easier when we have learned to turn to the Christ Spirit within ourselves seeking our answers there. Thus we save ourselves much suffering and struggle by living in harmony with natural law. But just

to know about a thing is not enough. We must make it a part of ourselves. An intellectual concept is interesting to play with in our minds but if it goes no further than that, it will not help us along the evolutionary path.

When we have an idea which will make our lives nearer that which we want them to be, we must treat it with respect and give it our attention. We must work with it through self-preparation and self-regulation for such action will bring rich rewards. We must decide what our principles are and use them every day—not just sometimes. The effort and attention necessary to lift oneself into fine and full dominion over one's life is very small in comparison with the benefits reaped. For when we have risen high enough in spiritual understanding of life, circumstances lose their power to shape us. When this is so, we have won a great freedom. When we can meet any unpleasantness, or sickness, in a relaxed and serene manner, sure of our power to dissolve it and reshape it into something more harmonious through God's Love for us, we have learned not to bow our spiritual heads under the lash of discord. We earn this "pearl beyond price" by learning self-control; by looking within ourselves for causes and for answers, and by making our inner peace with our environment, for we have learned that unless we do just that we can never completely escape it. We are, of course, affected by environment to a great extent, but that extent is definitely limited by one thing—man's acceptance, or rejection, of its influence.

As children of God, we have a great heritage in spiritual potential power within ourselves. Let us work to express the beauties of the creative God hidden within us and thus ready ourselves to come into our "inheritance." We will then "walk in the Light as He is in the Light" and be conscious of our divinity.

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:

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LATENT POWER

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anything, but being evolving intelligences using the powers of vibration, we do mold the spirit-substances in which we live.

The scientist of physical matter has learned that all such substance FLOATS in an envelope of ether. The word Ether is not now used. This substance is now referred to as electro-magnetism. The occultist has always known of this etheric envelope but instead of regarding it as a substance in which physical atoms float, they knew that the etheric force INTERPENETRATED the visible matter. Not only did it interpenetrate, but that it extended slightly beyond the periphery of the physical. To the clairvoyant person the physical body appears to be within the etheric double. And if the scientist holds his instrument an inch or so away from the flesh, by the mechanical reaction obtained which he can measure, he is justified in assuming that the flesh, or other substance, floats in the electro-magnetism.

Dr. Walter J. Kilner, late electrician to St. Thomas' Hospital, London, England, describes this aura in his book "The Human Atmosphere." His book was first published in 1920. By using glass screens coated with collodion or gelatine and stained with dye he was able to see the aura to a limited extent. His chapter on the Outer Aura in Disease contains many diagrams of the varying types of affliction and his descriptions tally with those usually given by clairvoyants when they see a diseased vital body.

Ether is not a force of a single vibration, it has a range of four rates. And it was undoubtedly because the scientist of matter became aware of these differing rates (whereas he had previously thought of it as mere substance) that he likened it to electro-magnetism.

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NUTRITION AND HEALTH

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ing can keep one on a systematic program.

Let us remember that common sense is the only sure guide, and magic formulas, when one does not even know what is in the pills or powders, may be harmful. Low caloric foods are found in the fruit and vegetable kingdom, such as lettuce, spinach, tomatoes, greens, mushrooms, celery, asparagus, sprouts, melons, nearly all fruits, especially the citrus, and pineapple and papaya.

 MISCELLANEOUS INTER-
PRETATIONS
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But the silver cord is not ruptured in either of the two places mentioned. Where these ruptures have once taken place no restoration is possible. The Christ and the apostle were clairvoyants; they saw that no rupture had taken place in the cases mentioned, hence the saying, "He is not dead, he sleepeth." They also possessed the power to force the Ego into its body and restore the normal condition. Thus so-called miracles were performed by them.

The quality of mercy is not strained;
It droppeth as the gentle rain from
heaven

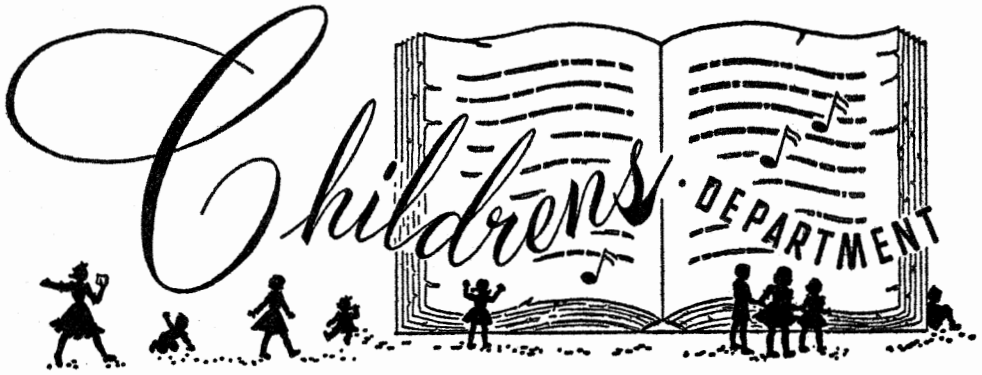
Upon the place beneath; it is twice
bless'd;

It blesseth him that gives, and him that
takes;

'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it be-
comes

The throned monarch better than his
crown.

—Shakespeare.



The Wise Giant

ANNA HUNT PLUMMER

WAY up in the sky lives a great wise giant. He is so wise that to him alone has been trusted the secret of how the world was made. He is so large that he can easily lift the earth in his right hand, yet so gentle that he calls every sparrow by name.

Besides being a wonderful giant, he has more children than the old woman who lived in the shoe. His greatest joy is to make beautiful homes for them. He lets them go almost wherever they wish, even sometimes to the moon. He is always patient and kind to them if they happen to lose their way or come home soiled or ragged.

Now, one of the Giant's children is called Angella. She never cared to go on long journeys as do most of her brothers and sisters. She preferred to stay close to her father. One day he said to her, "Angella, do you see that the violets in the bed are growing too close together? Go, take every third plant and plant it in the garden yonder."

"Yes, father," returned the little girl, and she set about her task. Very carefully she took up every third plant. She replanted them in dry soil among the rocks so that the little flowers

dropped their heads, let fall their leaves, and died.

Angella in sorrow, returned to her father. "My child," said the good Giant, "do you not know that violets must have moist damp ground?" "Oh father," answered Angella, "let me become a flower so that I will understand. Then I can help you keep a perfect garden." "Very good, my Angella," said the wise Giant. "This day you will enter the heart of a violet."

The Giant called to him a messenger, Mercury, and, giving Angella into his care, bade him carry her to the violets. And so Angella was changed into a tiny purple violet, and was happy.

One day, glancing up at the hilltop, she spied a bright goldenrod who called to her, "Violet, dear, come up here and live with me where the warm sun plays and the east wind blows." But Angella answered, "Violets need soft, moist soil in which to grow. If I should come up to you, other violets would follow me and die. So, I must stay where I am." When the wise Giant heard this, he said, "It is well done," and he sent his messenger to bring her home.

Now, for a long time Angella stayed in her father's house, taking loving care of the violets. She watered the plants, transplanted them, and loved them so that they grew as never before. The wise Giant trusted her with the secret of color so that she could have white violets, or purple violets, as she pleased.

One day it happened that as Angella walked, she walked far into the woods where the birds lived. Delighted, she grasped two of the feathered beauties, tucked them into her basket, covered them with a kerchief, and hurried home. When she reached home, the birds were dead, and Angella cried as though her heart would break. "My child, you have another lesson to learn," said her father, and immediately she was changed into a bird. She soared high and swept low, over the lakes and valleys. She learned to love the freedom of the air. One day she came upon a cage in which young birds were imprisoned. They were terrified and so unhappy. They were sure to pine and die. Angella, with her strong bill, pulled apart the bars of the cage letting the young birds free. When the Giant saw this he said, "It is well done," and called Angella home once more.

Many years passed. Angella was able to care for the birds as well as the flowers. The wise Giant, knew that she still had much to learn. He was about to send her to a great school, when one day she said to him, "Father, let me go to live as earth children do. Let me go to a splendid home where I will have riches, jewels, and everything I wish."

So once more Mercury carried his precious burden far down to earth and laid her in a soft warm bed that a mother had prepared. Here Angella was born and grew amid luxury and wealth. One day, dressed in lace and bright ribbons, she went to walk with her nurse. They chanced to pass a child with tangled hair and ragged dress. The child looked longingly at

Angella and smiled. Angella, forgetful of her father, strutted like a peacock, haughty and with a look of disdain on her face. The poor child's chin quivered and the tears fell on her cheeks. The good Giant saw and said, "It is enough." That night Angella was again called home.

Once more in her father's house, Angella grieved over her thoughtless action. She would not rest until her father would allow her to go back to earth to seek out the one she had scorned and to make her happy.

This time Mercury carried her to the very house in which the poor child lived, and into the body of a tiny baby boy. The poor child looked at the baby very sweetly and said, "My brother." Here Angella in her new body lived for many years trying every day to bring a bit of joy into the poor child's life. At last came the supreme chance. The two were walking across a crowded street. Suddenly Angella threw herself in front of the poor child saving her life, and Angella was instantly trampled down by two large running horses. The wise Giant looked down in loving tenderness and said, "It is well, my child, come home."

Angella was back at home with her father. He was pleased with Angella. She had learned her lessons well. She had learned lessons of loving care, and kindness, and thoughtfulness.

Many years passed. Again Angella wished to return to the earth world to learn other lessons. So again Mercury carried Angella back to earth, and Angella is again an earth child. She is living somewhere here on earth. She is a very sweet little girl. I am sure you will meet her sometime. When you do, tell her this story as I have told it to you for she may not remember. Some little folks do not remember even when they were babies. So do not be surprised to find that Angella has forgotten some things. I promise you that what I have told you is really true because a fairy told me.

Wild Animal Pets

By N. L.

WHO has tamed wild animals for pets? Some have done so, and found they were most interesting. Away back in the early part of 1860 a boy caught a little striped squirrel and tamed it. When the war of 1861 broke out, he was among the first to enlist, and he determined to take the squirrel with him. It was a great pet in camp, and when the soldiers went into battle, the little fellow crawled inside his master's shirt and stayed there until the fight was over.

No doubt many girls and boys will remember the eagle, "Old Abe," who went to the same war with some of the Wisconsin boys. During the battles she (for "Old Abe" was a hen bird) flew high in the sky until they were over, and then came back to her company.

Others have tamed coons, prairie dogs, wolves, deer, rabbits, skunks, bears, coyotes, rats, mice, and in fact almost everything, even snakes.

Who has seen how the animals, birds, bugs, etc., are watched over and guided? Who has seen the Group Spirit which has charge of them and has seen how it is done?

Some nice day sit and watch a swarm of bees or a nest of ants and see if you can discover the shining white thread that connects them with their Group Spirit. We will try to draw a mental picture of it so you will know how it looks. Imagine that you see a large, white, fleecy cloud. Call that the Group Spirit. Then from it imagine that you can see shining silvery threads running to the species it has in its charge. Whether you look at birds, animals, bees, or ants, you will see that each is connected with a Group Spirit

by means of a thread, if you are able to see clairvoyantly.

This thread is like a telephone wire and through it the Group Spirit controls its charges by suggestion. It thus guides them to where they can get water, and tells them when they are in danger so that they can run or fly away, and so on, just as your parents would speak to you and tell you what is best for you until you are old enough to take care of yourself. But the animal, bird, bee, or ant is never free from its Group Spirit. It could not take care of itself alone, as it has no Spirit within as we have to tell it what is best to do.

We do not always listen to what the Spirit within tells us to do, but we know well enough. The first thought is usually a good one, and if we would follow its suggestion, we should have a much easier and happier time than we sometimes do. But when the Spirit within tells us to do a good deed, we sometimes think of something we want to do for ourselves, refusing to listen to the good advice, and get into lots of trouble for our selfishness.

There are a lot of other little beings called nature spirits. These work with the trees and flowers and with all the plant kingdom. If you are near when a large tree is being cut down and look closely, you may perhaps see a large swarm of them filling the air around the tree and flying in all directions in great excitement. When the tree falls, if you will listen closely, you will hear a wail of sorrow because it has been killed after all the many years of hard work they have spent in helping it to grow and become so beautiful by mak-

ing the green chlorophyl to color its leaves.

Did you ever plant a garden of flowers, and did you notice how happy it made you and what lovely thoughts you had from it? That was because the angels work with the flowers, and it makes them happy when we love to do this work. The nature spirits also help with it. Caring for the plants, flowers, and trees, is much the same to them as if these things were their babies, and it pleases them if we take good care of them.

An explorer once went away up north to a remote part of Greenland where no one had ever been before. The Group Spirits there hung over a large mountain like a great white cloud. The animals and birds were so tame they could be handled. They did not know fear because none of them had ever been caught or hurt or killed.

Would it not be lovely to have every wild creature unafraid of us? Then they would not harm us. If you will notice you will see that many wild animals will stop and look at us to see what we are going to do. If we are thinking of hurting or killing them, they will try to get away; but if we watch them calmly, they know that we have no designs against them and will not run.

What a happy world this would be if everything were tame and unafraid like our own cats, dogs, and birds. Let us try to have them that way around our own place at least. Put up poles with boards on top and there put feed and water for the birds. Put tin around the pole for a few feet so that the cats cannot get up. Then see what a pleasure it is to watch the birds eat and drink and bathe. Little houses and cans for nests put on poles the same way, tinned to keep the cats and snakes from getting the eggs or young birds, will attract some of the lovelier song birds and add much to your pleasure and happiness. Try it.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

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the miracles of the Bible. From these same men of science we learn further that, not only is this infinitesimal mite of matter ablaze with light and heat, and with electrons revolving around their center at fantastic speed, but that the distances within this tiny universe are comparable to those in the starry vault of the heavens.

Do you recall the biblical story of the feeding of the five thousand? Simple and understandable now, isn't it, in the light of the new revelation concerning nature of all things? Christ Jesus, Who knew all form to be of one Substance—crystallized Spirit—had dominion over all things according to God's holy purpose.

We can understand better now why the face of Moses shone as he came down from the mountain so that the people fell on their faces in awe before him, and how the face of Jesus shone; also; how Elijah was caught up in living light and was translated from the visible to the invisible by means of this whirling fire which never consumes, and which protected the three Hebrews in the fiery furnace. This is the heritage of each child of God as he comes to a realization of his Divinity.

Our comprehension of the gloriously vital message of the Holy Easter season in our own experience, increases a thousandfold as we contemplate the inner meaning of the resurrection and the ascension in terms of this incredible, inexhaustible, ceaseless energy we call light. How simple, then for One of the spiritual stature of the Christ to step from one body of light into another in the next phase of existence—this is the resurrection—and, when the vibrations became even higher, to ascend from the sight of mortal men. For is not the Christ the Wayshower for all humanity and was it not said of Him, "In Him was Life and the Life was the Light of men?"

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